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Monaco America News

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If you missed the Spring Rally at Rayne, La... You missed a fantastic time!

Of course there were rain showers! This is Monaco America! However, only a few and with the lovely indoor facilities, it sure didn't put a damper on any of the activities! As mentioned, "taking MA to Rayne? Think about it?

What did you miss if you did not attend? Great Cajun food and less spicy food for those of us intimidated by spice from International Catering! A frog jumping contest by the Rayne Lions Club that was definitely unique and a lot of fun! A Cajun comedian Tuesday evening and Bobby & The Rockers Thursday evening were great fun! We even had a "Congo" line going that had almost every person in attendance participating! A fabulous auction!

Our pet show off was attended by over 40 pets, great ice cream social and our ice cream guy was a show by himself! Classes on everything from your convection oven, group touring in your coach, cleaning your coach, to your Pak Brake and more! New coach display! We had three different craft classes, after sale vendors, morning devotions lead by Dick Lennox, and our annual Election of Officers

We all felt that little flutter of joy in our hearts at the site of the Monaco Parts truck! We had five techs there and are very grate-



ful to Monaco Coach Corporation for their continued support! We were very happy to have in attendance Page Robertson and Lisa Pocholec from Monaco and the Mayor of the City of Rayne! You missed Al Fetch (you know, the Ohio Buckeyes fan) flying the Maryland Terrapins Flag on his coach for 3 days before he noticed!

Mark your calendars for October 15th—19th 2007!

Congratulations to Richard and Grace Schmaling of Rockford, Il. They are the lucky winners of a FREE Monaco America RALLY in Urbana Virginia in October of 2007! .

Many of our members that will be attending the MA Rally in October are then planning to attend the Monaco Coach Corporation's Combined Rally (Come Home

Rally) as a group representing MA. The club decided to draw a second name for a FREE ride to this rally as well from those registered to attend both rallies. The lucky winners for the FREE Monaco Rally are Foy and Helen Varner who are full timers!

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

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Special points of interest:

- Fall Rally in Urbana, Va!
- Register for the October Rally!
- 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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Hello Monaco America friends, after our Rayne Rally we traveled to Purcell Oklahoma and visited Bill and Nancy Stone, then to Penelosa Kansas to visit old friends. We arrived back in sunny California on June 5, 2007.



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Rayne, what a neat rally and a terrific host city. Many highlights; the Ladies' Tea and their collection of 75 back packs, the Wednesday auction, together these events collected over \$5000 in cash and back packs for the A & O 21st Century Club for their support efforts. We as members of Monaco America are truly proud of this type of giving back to our host communities. Bobby & the Rockers, Thursday, weren't they great and didn't we have fun. How about the ice cream guy, the frog jumping contest and frog race.

Now we look forward to Urbanna, Virginia and Amana, Iowa.

By Rich Cotterall, Monaco America President

Let me first thank the membership for your support, voting me in as your president of one of the best motor home clubs in the country.

As your new President, let me first introduce myself and my family. My full name is Richard Alden Cotterall, I just turned 63 years old in May. My wife is Linda Kay Cotterall, we have three children, 40, 39 and 37. We also have seven grandchildren, 16, 15, 12, 8, 7, 4 and 4 years of age. Linda and I have been married for 41 years and I have just recently retired from the Los Angeles City Fire Department after 40 years of service. Oh yes, we have a beagle named Rusty.

I want to personally thank Al Fetch for all he has done for this club and for his assistance helping me get up to speed with the many duties he was responsible for.

I would also like to thank the Officers who have agreed to run again and to all the Committee Chairs for their hard work. Remember, our club is successful because of the many volunteers.

Well, what a great rally we had in Rayne. Several of us stayed for a few days after the rally and took in some of the sights.

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From The Wagon Master

By Gary Granat, Monaco America
 First Vice President

Our Rally Masters for Urbanna, Richard and Susan Pellitier, are already developing and gathering some local information and ideas. The Ladies' Tea planners, under the direction of Jan Aiken, have their plan of attack started and have chosen a worthy local charity for their support. We are going to have a great time at the Bethpage Camp-Resort. If you haven't done so, why not join the 43 who have already signed-up? Plus, don't forget, Monaco Coach Corporation's Combined Rally is the following week in Greensboro, NC. This is your great chance for a "tufer".

We had several "member vendors" participating at the Rayne rally and would like to see even more at future rallies. To encourage this we now have a special member booth rate. If you have any interest in being a vendor at any of our rallies, please get in contact with me. In the same vein, if you have some expertise and/or

knowledge you would like to share with our members via a seminar, also let me know. We would love to have even more participation in these areas by our members.

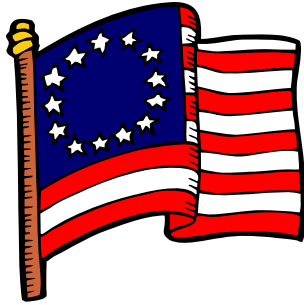
". . . we now have a special member booth rate . . . "

For now, make certain you have your calendars noted for Urbanna and Amana...

See you in Urbanna and down the road.

Gary Granat

Your friendly wagon master



History and History Making On the Bay!

Monaco America 2007 Fall Rally Application

Jamestown 400 Yrs.
Colonial Williamsburg
200 yrs.

Bethpage Camp-Resort, Urbanna, Virginia
National Park of the Year 2005-2006 Season!

Monday evening, October 15th through Thursday, October 18th, 2007

Please circle all items that apply:

COST: 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
ALL sites FULL hook-up	Included
Other brand coach fee***	50.00
Total _____	

Make check payable to Monaco America
Mail to:
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Dover, PA 17315
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Questions about the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master:

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Registration deadline: October 1, 2007.
Cancellations request must be received by October 1, 2007 for a full refund.

Golf!
Information on local golf courses will be available!

First Name: _____
Second Name: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
Phone: _____ Coach Number: _____ FMCA Number: _____
Coach Model: _____ _Handicapped? Yes ___ No ___ First Timer? Yes ___ No ___

Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu) camping with FULL hookups, 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. (Anyone planning to arrive prior to Monday, October 15, or stay past Thursday, October 18, must make reservations for those days directly with and pay Bethpage Camp-Resort upon arrival. Bethpage's telephone no: 804-758-4349

Handicapped: 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 first years membership dues. Persons owning any other Monaco Coach model may attend by paying the \$25.00 non-member fee.
*** Persons owning any brand of motor coach, 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.

Monaco America membership is open to owners of Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight & Diplomat Motor Coaches.





Oh boy! We get treats when they're done showing us off!



See all our rally photos at www.photobucket.com.

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

Letter to the Editor on tech issue

“Upon arrival at the Rayne rally our generator quit working and the interior temperature was 86 degrees in the coach.

Monaco Techs, due to RVIA regulations, were not permitted to splice together burned wires that had dropped down onto the muffler. So David Cormier and Dick Lennox undertook the problem, as I am not an electrical person. They found the problem and fixed it and I became

the parts runner. I would like to thank my fellow Monaco America members for their valuable help. That's what Monaco America is all about!!!

Bill Henestofel”

Another outstanding example of Monaco America members helping other members! At Rayne our members also provided several excellent seminars from your microwave/convection oven to fuel economy!

We would like to add our thanks for everyone who contributed. We would like to hear from you on what topics, seminars, etc you would like to see in the future.

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President's Coach . . . Continued

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The Granat's, Stone's, Stone's and Cotterall's went on a swamp tour with a real Cajun swamp dweller. Although we thought we might have to swim back to shore a few times, we didn't and we all had a good time.

One of our members had a medical problem a few days after the rally but I am happy to say he is doing much better thanks to the Fetch's. FMCA took care of getting his coach home and we hope we will see them at a future rally.

Thanks again to all of you that made the auction and backpack donations so successful. It is amazing that we had an opportunity to give a charity organization \$5,000 to help children. Remember, they said it would have taken them at least three years to raise that much money. Can you imagine if every club did that, places would be calling, begging us to come to their town.

Thanks again for your confidence. I will do my best to fill those size 13's Al left me and we are looking for-

ward to seeing you at the Monaco America rally in Urbanna, Virginia and then again at the Come Home rally in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Rich and Linda Cotterall
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**Monaco America
elects new officers
and nominating
committee at Annual
Spring Rally**

Monaco America Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting was held at Monaco America's spring rally in Rayne.

Elected to a one year term were the following officers.

President Richard Cotterall, *1st Vice President/ Wagon Master* Gary Granat, *2nd Vice President/Security* Dave Cormier, *3rd Vice President/ Membership* Bill Henestofel, *Secretary* Peggy Morris, *Treasurer* Diane



Pictured above is the Board of Directors for the 2007 –2008 Term.

Baker, *Nat FMCA Dir* Carrol Henestofel and *Alt FMCA Dir* Linda Cotterall. As per our bylaws, *Past Presidents* Al Fetch and Bill Stone complete the make up of our Board.

Also elected at the business meeting was the nominating committee for

Next year's election. Elected to serve are *Chairman* Bill Stone, Cam Bonner, and Nancy Cormier

Ladies Tea and Monaco America Auction are Huge Success!

The ladies tea was well attended as usual and a great success!

The A&O 21st Century Club in Rayne sponsors a "Back to School Program" for needy children in grades 1 through 12. The ladies collected over 75 back packs for the program.

While enjoying their treats and tea, the ladies enjoyed a presentation by Ms. Cheryl McCarty, The Cultural Director of the City of Rayne.

The Laurel Shelter in Gloucester, VA has been adopted as our "give back to the community" project for Urbanna. As promised, I spoke to them and got a list of items they have on their "wish list".

More needs information will be in the next newsletter and the information packet you receive about a month before the rally.

Carole Granat

Wish List

Twin sheets, porta crib sheets, not regular crib sheets

Powered milk

vegetable oil, and all types of canned foods

Trash bags and any size plastic bags

Laundry detergent

paper towels and Kleenex type tissues

For babies: any size diapers, shampoo, powder, sippy cups, wipes

For ladies: shampoo, conditioner, and all types of feminine products

For children: games, puzzles, books and appropriate DVD's (no violence)

Auction is HUGE Success!

What can we say about the Auction! Hats off to Joanne Stone and all who helped put this together!

What a fantastic event this turned out to be! Our members donated so many items, we had a silent auction as well in order to get everything on the program.

Our members donated everything from soup to nuts, literally, Offered were baskets full of local goodies, hand made items from afghans to tea towels, art work,, games, clothing, and more. Name it and it was there!

Between the Ladies Tea and the Auction, Monaco America raised a new record in our donations back to our host communities! The total, over \$5000 was presented to the A&O 21st Century Club in cash and back packs!

Not bad for a "small" club! Just shows how big our member's hearts are!

Everyone has fun at a Monaco America Rally!



Scary group



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Rally!



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www.groups.yahoo.com/group/monaco-america

Questions on Club Membership?

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Annual Dues Only \$15

\$10 Initiation fee

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

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| Fall 2007 | Bethpage Camp-Resort in Urbanna, Virginia
Dates: October 15 th thru October 18 th , 2007 |
| Spring 2008 | Amana Colonies RV Park in Amana, Iowa
Dates: June 8 th thru June 11 th , 2008 |
| Fall 2008 | Not Confirmed at time of publication |
| Spring 2009 | Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana
Dates: May 12 th thru May 15 th , 2009 |

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



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The drums are calling you
to Urbanna Virginia !
Sign up now!!

