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Monaco America News

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The Amana Colonies—Fun was had by all!

This was a true Monaco America Rally! Yes of course it rained! However the weather cooperated for the most part leaving us with sunny warm days to enjoy sight seeing and our activities including our ice cream social.

The campground did their best to provide us with “wooden decks” to our coaches which was greatly appreciated! You know this group doesn’t let a little rain bother them. We had approximately 90 coaches in attendance!

Smith Motors provided a lovely display of new coaches. They brought the whole family! Jodi and Kory

Smith along with their girls Olivia and Avery. We certainly appreciate their participation. If you’re near Okoboji Iowa, stop in if you’re looking for a new coach, are in need of a repair, or to have your service work performed. (800-433-1861)

The Monaco Techs were of course working like crazy! Thanks to the Techs and Monaco Coach Corporation.

We had an outstanding number of great classes on everything from using your convection oven to renovating your coach!

Dave Getz of Cummins Engine provided



a seminar on your diesel engine and also offered to install 2-speed fan kits for a great show price!

The ladies enjoyed several different craft classes from making jewelry to applying appliques and studs to everything including T-shirts!

Our Pet Show-off drew nearly 50 pets!

The entertainment was great and the Ladies Tea provided donations to the local food bank!

Where were you? We had a great time!

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- Monaco America lost a true friend
- 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,

Amana Colonies was another successful Monaco America rally. We had lots of excitement watching for tornadoes, had plenty of water, ate good food, enjoyed great entertainment and had wonderful interaction with our many friends across the Country. Although Linda and I had to

By Rich Cotterall, Monaco America President

fly because of commitments at home, we still had a good time but, we really missed our motorhome. We were reminded how nice it is to belong to a club like Monaco America and to have the ability to drive our beautiful coach to these rallies. God Bless America! Another awesome showing by our Ladies at the Ladies Tea, there were tables piled high with food and personal items for a local food bank. All of you who participated should be proud of yourselves for the great work you do.

Thanks again to Cookie Baker for her tireless work as Treasurer and Bill Henestofel for his work as VP of Membership. Thank you outgoing committee chairs, J.P. McVicker, diesel tech writer, Neil Aiken, parking, Joy Fetch, information and registration, and Carole Granat, decorations. Also thank you to the many

volunteers that assisted these committee chairs. Volunteers are why our club is so successful. Thanks to the outgoing Nominating Committee, Chairman Bill Stone, Nancy Cormier and Cam Bonner. Thank you to all the new officers and committee chairs, your service is appreciated.

It's unfortunate but we had to cancel Lodi because we were unable to get enough members to sign up. For the 41 coaches that did sign up, you will receive a letter asking what you would like us to do with your check. We are hoping you will put that money toward Goshen where we plan on a large attendance and a great time.

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Gary and Carole Granat
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Hey guys and gals, in spite of some very "unusual" weather, we sure had a great time in the Amana Colonies. We had 92 member and guest coaches signed on for the rally, with a couple choosing at the last minute not to attend (weather concerns, we assume). The feed-back received on the entertainment and catering was all positive. The Rivoli's were terrific, as always and Sarah Getto was outstanding. Three superb evenings of entertainment. Our members, especially our Ladies' Tea, sure make us proud. There was an unbelievable amount of food stuffs collected and donated to the Iowa County Food Bank. Good work as usual, Ladies.

From The Wagon Master

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

Now for the Fall 2008 Rally planned for October in Lodi, California. In an effort to save this rally (due to high fuel costs concerns), we had a special mailing of 300+ letters to our western states members. We had decided that a minimum of 80 commitments by July 7th would be required before we could commit club funds. Even after numerous follow-up telephone calls, we were only able to make about half. Therefore, we have been forced to cancel the Lodi Rally. It is with deep regret that I must report this cancellation.

As a substitute for the Fall 2008 Rally, we may put together a "camp-out" gathering for about the same time period at a to be determined location. If we are able to do so, we will have its particulars posted on the web site, please check it periodically. The information would also be in the Fall Newsletter.

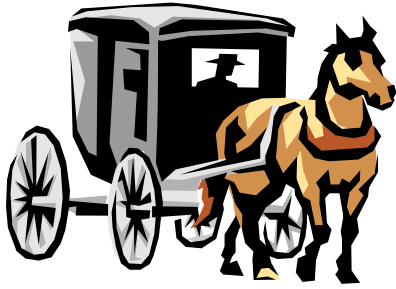
Our next scheduled rally is our Spring 2009 Rally to take place May 11th through May 14th in Goshen, Indiana. We last had a rally in Goshen during May 2006. It was truly a super rally, great attendance, many vendors and simply outstanding catering. We plan to do many of the same things in 2009, such as the Amish home dinner, Amish bake sale and hopefully a pre-rally dinner theater.

Again, we are very disappointed that the Lodi Rally had to be cancelled.

We hope to see you all, perhaps someplace this fall and definitely, next spring in Goshen.

Travel Safe,

Gary & Carole Granat



Back Home in Indiana's Amish Country



Monaco America 2009
Spring Rally Application

Elkhart County 4h Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana

Monday evening, May 11th through Thursday, May 14th, 2009

Please circle all items that apply:

COST: Coach and 2 persons	345.00
Coach and 1 person	295.00
Extra person in coach (age 12 & above)	100.00
Extra person in coach (under age 12)	80.00
Passport for 2 persons*	275.00
Non-member fee**	25.00
ALL sites water & 50 amp service	Included
Other brand coach fee***	50.00
Total _____	

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

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granat@worldnet.att.net

Registration deadline: April 20, 2009.
Cancellations request must be received by April 20, 2009 for a full refund.

Golf!
 Information on local golf courses will be available at the information center!

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

Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs) camping with full hookups (50 amp site assigned as paid reservation is received), 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 May 11th will need to dry camp at gate 4 & 5 at \$10/night plus tax; Stay past Thursday you must pay the park direct their customary rate.. Early arrivals and late departures CALL the park for reservations at 574-533-3247 . DO NOT arrive early and park in a 50 amp site unless directed by the MA parking committee, you will have to relocate.

***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.





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



Tech Topic

Title: 2-Speed Fan Clutch for Rear Fan Diesel Coaches

All of us would like to improve the fuel economy of our coaches. If your Monaco coach has a rear-facing engine cooling fan, you can minimize the power-robbing effect of that direct-drive fan and improve your fuel economy by installing a 2-speed fan clutch. Cummins Crosspoint, the Indianapolis-based Cummins distributor that supports Monaco's Indiana factory operations and also supports most Monaco America rallies, offers a 2-speed fan clutch kit currently priced at \$800

including installation. Some of you have already had this fan clutch installed, and with the increased cost for diesel fuel, many other owners may want to consider this item to help improve fuel economy. If you want a quote or wish to arrange for an installation (possibly at a Monaco America club rally), contact Dave Getz at Crosspoint Cummins, cell phone 317-319-9327, or email him at dave.w.getz@cummins.com.

To assist owners in making decisions regarding the installation of a 2-speed fan clutch, I have prepared a comprehensive

By Ed Proctor, Diesel Coach Tech Advisor

document that explains how it works, provides data to help you determine your payback period, and also offers suggestions for additional features to enhance your fan clutch installation (which can also be considered by those of you who have already had the fan clutch installed). Please consult the PDF file entitled **2-Speed Fan Clutch for Rear Fan Diesel Coaches**, which can be found on the Club website, www.groups.yahoo.com/group/monaco-america, under "Files."

Questions on this article may be directed to me at ed.proctor@att.net.

President's Coach . . . Continued

Now for a sad note, as many of you know, our Monaco America 2nd VP and dear friend, Dave Cormier, unexpectedly passed away on the 5th of July. For those that didn't have the opportunity to get to know Dave, he was a kind and generous man who, along with his wife Nancy, worked tirelessly for the betterment of our club. They always arrived early, many times the first ones, and stayed several days afterward. As 2nd VP, Dave was in charge of Security. He took this job seriously and was always working to make our time at the rallies safe and enjoyable. He would go around the buildings we used, to make sure the exits were clear, there weren't any hazards present, make

sure the police and fire department numbers were known, trams were safe and were properly staffed and made sure you had your pin or you didn't eat! However, Dave didn't just worry about his duties, he actively was involved in helping Gary put on rallies. He would do anything that needed to be done, and do it with that special smirk on his face. He was always there to assist me and emailed me regularly. It wasn't unusual to see him helping the parking committee or setting up a room for a seminar. It was Dave who spent hours calling and organizing the golf tournaments and would run around collecting prizes for all those duffers even if it meant he couldn't play. Dave Cormier

will be sorely missed and hard to replace. Please keep Nancy in your prayers and thoughts as she goes through this difficult time of grieving and handling all the family affairs.

If you are interested in carrying on his legacy as 2nd VP, please contact me at cotterall@earthlink.net.

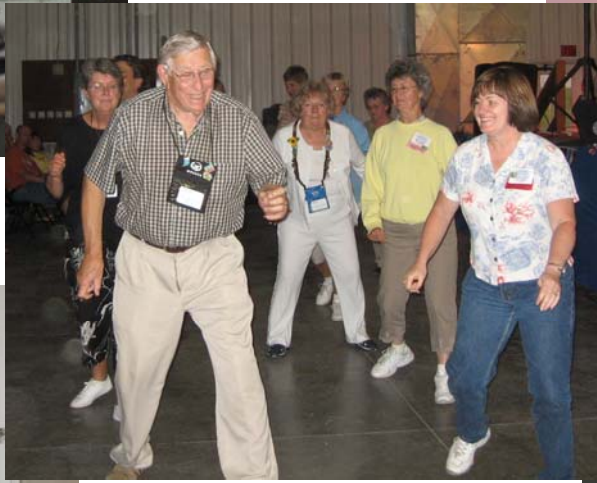
Thank you Nancy for sharing your husband with us, I know he made me a better officer and was truly a friend.

Rich and Linda Cotterall
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Ready for a MA Rally!



Ladies Tea

Hello Ladies

Thank You Ladies:

Once again you have proven that your generosity knows no bounds. The Iowa County Food Bank was very happy with all the goodies we collected for them. I believe that under the flooding conditions that occurred while we were there the items were very timely.

I would also like to thank all the ladies that helped me put our Tea together. Without all of you we wouldn't be able to get together and have such a gabfest, eats and good time.

Since we will not be going to Lodi our next Tea will be in Goshen with Marianne Ball and Pam Franklin being the hostesses.

See you all soon,

Carole Granat

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



Monaco America has lost a true friend and charter member...



Dave Cormier
2nd Vice President / Security

On July 5th Monaco America lost a true friend and charter member. Dave Cormier passed away quite suddenly and unexpectedly.

Dave and his wife, Nancy of 40+ years (MA's "Pet Lady") have attended every Monaco America rally and both have always been very involved volunteers in behalf of our club. Dave has been Monaco America's 2nd VP for a number of years, a responsibility taken very seriously. His help and

consul helped in so many ways in insuring the smooth running of our rallies.

Dave was a retired Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force and a degreed engineer.

Our prayers and thoughts go to Nancy and the Cormier family. He will be missed greatly by his many Monaco America friends.

By, Gary Granat

Elections held at the Spring Rally

Our annual election was held at the Spring Rally. Here are your 2008-2009 officers:

President: Richard Cotterall

1st VP/Wagon Master: Gary Granat

2nd VP: Dave Cormier

3rd VP: Carrol Henestofel

Secretary: Peggy Morris

Treasurer: Rick Stone

Nat FMCA Dir: Richard Pelletier

Alt FMCA Dir: Linda Cotterall

Email addresses for each officer are listed on page 7.

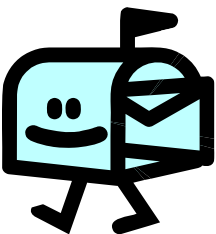
Our Nominating Committee:

Gary Cummins

Pam Franklin

Ruth Parker

We thank our outgoing and newly elected officers, and committee chairpersons for their service.



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Did you pay your MA dues?



Please be sure to send Rick Stone 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 ?!

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Mark your calendars now
For the following Monaco America Rally!

Spring 2009 Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana

Dates: May 11th thru May 14th, 2009

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



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***If you missed the last rally,
you should be sorry!
Don't miss the next one!***