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Monaco America News

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“Voyage to the Desert” a Success!! Tucson, Arizona

Our 2006 Fall Rally held in Tucson Arizona was a true success!

101 Coaches attended this rally which was held at the Voyager Resort to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Monaco America!

This was the tenth rally for our club. Those who arrived early awoke on Monday morning to a thunderstorm and pea-sized hail! By mid-morning the sun was shining and stayed for the rest of the rally.

We had 29 first-timers! Welcome and we

hope to see you at future rallies!

The food was good, the entertainment provided by Ron and Kay Rivoli was outstanding, and the fellowship was out of this world! The Voyager’s Ballroom and meeting facilities were superb!

Beaudry’s of Tucson did a tremendous job showing off the show coaches with a stunning line-up of new Monaco’s and first class sales staff! Monaco Tech support provided their outstanding work !



We had 41 members sign up while in Tucson putting us well on our way to another successful rally in Rayne.

When you sign up for the next rally at the current rally, we have a drawing for a free rally! Congratulations to Walt and Darci Luihn of Oakdale California! The Luihn’s were guests at our Tucson Rally and signed up for Rayne while there!

Mark your calendars for May 2007!

As you know, the spring rally will be held in Cajun Country, Rayne, Louisiana, the frog capitol of the world. This is scheduled for **May 14 thru 17, 2007.**

Don’t miss out on this rally! Sign up now! Includes 4 nights camping! Application for Rayne is included in this issue as well as online at our website.

Want to learn a little something about Rayne, LA? Visit their site:

<http://www.rayne.org/index.htm>

This site provides information or things to see and do in Rayne and the surrounding area!

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Special points of interest:

- Fall Rally in Tucson Arizona is huge success
- Spring Rally in Rayne, LA
- Register for May Rally!
- Ladies are “giving back to the community” again!
- T-Shirts and Cookbooks available!
- See Mexico

From the President's Coach



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Greetings,

And Happy Holidays as the year 2007 is ushered in. Is it just me, or does it seem as if it was only yesterday that we were all concerned about the computers mess-

By Al Fetch, Monaco America President

ing everything up because we were soon to be moving from the 1900's to the year 2000? As we RV'ers know, time flies when you're having fun! Joy and I hope you had a Merry and Blessed Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year in 2007!

101 coaches and over 200 people had a wonderful time at the Tucson rally in October. The weather even cooperated, except for that little bit of pea-sized hail and rain that messed with our minds on Monday morning. Other than that, we couldn't have asked for better weather. As many of you know we celebrated our 5th anniversary as a club, and certainly kicked up our heels in true Monaco America fashion to mark the occasion. We don't usually need a special reason to enjoy each others company, but given

the opportunity, we seized the moment to make it an extra special rally. Thanks to Richard Pelletier, we may have even started a new tradition..... we'll call it the "Passing of the 'Shine'". If you need an explanation, I'll happily provide one at the next rally, coming up in May in Rayne, LA.

We were fortunate to have Monaco Tech support in Tucson. We probably won't be so fortunate in Rayne. Monaco, like the entire RV industry, is coming off of a couple of all-time bad quarters and, in reaction, has cut back expenses in all areas possible. However, I'd be remiss if I didn't point out that tech support will still

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Gary and Carole Granat

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There will be a change starting with the Rayne rally. Monaco Coach Corporation has advised us that until their earnings improve, they are suspending Tech support for all rallies, except for their Come Home Rallies.

This certainly doesn't mean that we will not have a great rally! We will definitely enjoy some good Cajun food and entertainment! The City of Rayne and its surrounding area has a great deal to offer, and we're looking at some neat possibilities! More details to follow!

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From The Wagon Master

Regarding RV parking at Rayne, we all should expect a site with 30 amp electric, water and no sewer hook-up. The RV park has some sewer hook-ups, but these sites can not be guaranteed for anyone in particular. Also, those who desire to park together will need to arrive together. All of the handicap sites will be on a hard surface with 50 amp service.

Wednesday, after our dinner, we'll have an auction for items we members will bring from our respective locales (please use your imagination). The proceeds will go to the "A & O 21st Century Club" which collects and provides school supplies to needy children.

FALL RALLY: Our Fall 2007 Rally will be held during the week of October 14, 2007 at the Bethpage Camp-Resort in Urbanna, Virginia. Much more information will follow as it is developed!

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

Safe travels and we'll see you in Rayne and on down the road!

Gary & Carole Granat

"We will definitely enjoy some good Cajun food and entertainment!"





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Extra person in coach (age 12 & above)	100.00
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Non-member fee**	25.00
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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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 2061 Pelorosso Rd.
 Dover, PA 17315
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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RALLY

should be addressed to the undersigned:
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE 5/1/07: Cancellation request must be received by 5/1/07 for a full refund.

RALLY PRICE INCLUDES: 4 nights (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) camping with full hookups, 3 breakfasts, 5 evening meals, amusements, vendors, seminars, social/cocktail hour and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (Anyone planning to arrive prior to Monday, May 14 or any past Thursday, May 17 will be charged \$12.00 per night. This fee will be collected at the Monaco America Information Center.)

GOLF EQUIPMENT: A golf outing is being scheduled for Monday, May 14. Sign-up and pay upon arrival at the rally site. Soft spikes only.

- * Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.
- ** Passes owing a Monaco Empire, Monaco, LaPalma, Cypress, Knight or Diplomat coach who are not members of Monaco America will be charged \$25.00 for first year's membership dues. Passes owing any other Monaco Coach model may attend by paying the \$25.00 non-member fee.
- *** Passes owing 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 included in this package.**

Rally is open to owners of Empire, Monaco, LaPalma, Cypress, Knight & Diplomat motorcoaches.





See all 429 pictures at www.photobucket.com. Type "monacoamerica" in the "Search Images" box".

Ladies Tea

Once again the ladies came through on "giving back to the community" at our rally in Tucson! The ladies donated literally a truck load of needed items to the Ronald McDonald House, overwhelming their representative.

As discussed in Tucson, the ladies want to continue their direct involvement in giving to a local group in the community we visit.

In Rayne, the ladies will be collecting

back packs for needy school children and they will be donated to the "A&O 21st Century Club" in Rayne.

More details and information will follow in our next newsletter!

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President's Coach

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be provided at the two annual Monaco Come Home rallies, which are open to anyone who owns a Monaco coach; and at the two annual Monaco International pre-rallies, which are open to members of Monaco International and immediately precede the big FMCA rallies. We'll continue to plead with Monaco to get the techs back at our rallies, but, as of now, we won't have them. Please feel free to e-mail Monaco to express your opinion on this matter. Here are a few addresses:
 Page Robertson:
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John Nepute:
john.nepute@monacocoach.com and
 Kay Toolson:
kay.toolson@monacocoach.com.

Page is in charge of Customer Events, John is the President, and Kay is the CEO. Perhaps if a thousand or so e-mails found their way to their "In-Boxes" they'd reconsider.

In the meantime, Gary and Carole Granat, our world class Wagon Masters are planning another show stopper for Rayne, LA in May. Please take the time right now to fill out the application in this newsletter and pop it in the mail. A good time will be had by all. I mean, how can

we go wrong in the "Frog Capital of the World"?

Joy and I hope to see you in May.

Travel safely.

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Have you paid your 2007 membership dues yet?

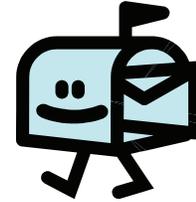
Monaco America Membership Dues

The beginning of December you should have received your membership renewal for 2007.

The holidays are a busy time, and many of us are also traveling! If you have not already done so, please be sure to get your renewal in the mail as soon as possible.

If you can't find your notice please use the form below!

Dues are due January 1st and considered past due by March 31st!



Mail Today!



DUES RENEWAL

Monaco America 2007 dues are now due.

Dues are on a calendar year basis due by Jan 1 — dues are past due after Mar 31st

Please fill out the form below and mail with a check for \$15. Payable to:

Monaco America
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2061 Palomino Rd, Dover, PA 17315

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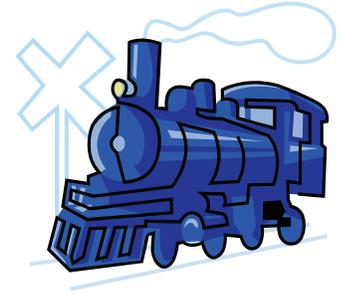
This trip begins Feb 19, 2008 and travels 23 days from Las Cruces, NM thru the awesome Copper Canyon via piggyback rail car. It visits Mazatlan, lovely west coast beaches, quaint and historical Alamos and much, much more.

Fantasy offers this trip date exclusively to Monaco America members until July 31, 2007. This outstanding tour package is

\$6995 and is limited to the first 22 coaches registered.

Call Linda or Paul Rook at (206) 940-6551 or Fantasy RV Tours at (800) 952-8496 for more details and booking information.

Please note, this is not a trip being arranged by Monaco America as a rally or group trip. Fantasy RV Tour's is offering this trip at a special price and holding it for MA members. Please be sure to contact Linda or Paul at the numbers listed above for details and to make arrangements.



Monaco America's annual elections to be held at our May 2007 Rally in Rayne

Elections to be held in May at Rayne

Every year at our annual May Rally, it is election time.

Our nominating committee is interested in

hearing from anyone that would like to participate in the club leadership.

Don't be scared off if you've never served as an officer of a club before! This club is your club, and the more folks that volunteer and get involved, the easier it is on everyone. Without the officers and all of our volunteers, our club could not exist. Being involved is a great way to meet people and actually have a great time!

If you would be interested in running, or want more information, please feel free

to contact members of our nominating committee.

Rich Cotterall, Chairman at:

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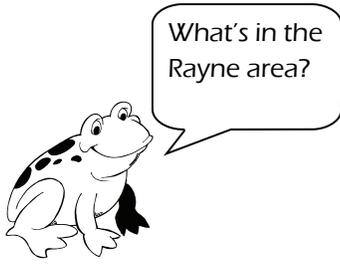
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- “City of Murals” displayed throughout Rayne
 - Rayne Cemetery—Listed in Ripley’s Believe It or Not as the only cemetery where the graves face North and South
 - Roberts Cove—A German settlement where German customs and holidays are observed—Waldfohrtshappelle—A pilgrimage chapel built in 1890. Visit the German Museum
 - Esterwood Elementary—built in 1908—a six room schoolhouse, original bell on display
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- Evangeline Oil Field—Site of first oil discovery in Louisiana, 1901
 - Farms and fields of crawfish, soybeans, sweet potatoes, catfish, cotton, wheat, livestock and oil.
 - Rice Mills—Acadia Parish has 11 rice mills which produce 163.— tons of rice yearly
 - Cajun restaurants and Cajun dancing—where more musicians are produced than any other area!

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