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Monaco America News

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Brrrrrrrrrrrr!

While some of you may have relocated to a warm and sunny location either permanently or for the winter, your newsletter editor who doesn't have that luxury spends her winters at home in Maryland except for a one month long vacation to the south! However, after watching the national weather map, I don't feel too bad. We had temperatures in the 20's in November which we usually don't see until late December and January and further North over a foot of snow! Tom & I are going to have to figure a way to get out of town earlier, and stay longer! We're jealous of those of you that are sitting outside in your 70 degree weather while we're trying to find our gloves!

Which of course brings us to one of the reasons we all love our coaches! Don't like where you are for whatever reason, move on!

Our first "Mini-Rally" was

held in Claremore. A great time was had by all.

With just 17 coaches, what was lacked in quantity we sure made up in quality. As usual this group ate well. Our Oklahoma members provided a terrific meal Sunday evening, There was a breakfast pot-luck on Tuesday and a Halloween Party/pot-luck Wednesday. This is in addition to the two dinners handled by the Will Rogers Downs. A number of our daring members visited the Cherokee casino. There were no formal seminars scheduled, but there was a discussion on the installation of DTV converter boxes in our coaches and were able to answer many questions. Then a general discussion on coach related topics and any problems or suggestions anyone may have had. Some of our ladies did a whole lot of beading and they held a roundtable discussion on general ideas for their

coaches and how they solved some of their problems or concerns. The Ladies also had an informal tea and gathered to work on various projects they brought and conversation.

Betty Hamilton won for the best costume at the Halloween Party and Tom & Betty also won the best decorated coach award.

There were several highly contested bingo games and exciting washer toss tournaments. Again fantastic prizes were awarded. Peggy Hancock was getting a little upset with Gary's bingo calling, but he was able to appease her by allowing her to win the grand prize of \$17.00. Two movie nights, "Wild Hogs" & "The Bucket List" along with popcorn & goodies were well attended and enjoyed.

There was a little rain on Monday, but what would you expect, this was a Monaco America gathering. Except for that bit of rain, the weather was perfect.

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Special points of interest:

- 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,

Hope this letter finds you healthy and not too bad off in this poor economy. Our last Rally in Clairmore, Oklahoma, although not very big, was a real blast and for those of you that could not make it, you missed a fun time. Those folks from Oklahoma were great hosts.



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Goshen Rally, May 2009: plans for your **Spring 2009 Rally** are well underway, some of the highlights so far are: 1) we have a superb caterer signed on, **Das Dutchman Essenhouse**, 2) Wednesday of the rally we'll dine at an Amish home hosted by the family, 3) An Amish bake sale—order your items on Tuesday then pick them up Thursday morning, 4) **Turning Wheel RV Center** will on site with several new Monaco coaches on display, 5) Turning Wheel now operates the Monaco Service Center in Elkhart. With the re-opening of the Service Center, this could afford you the opportunity to have some work done at the Service Center prior to or after our rally, **Turning Wheel RV's** telephone number is: **877-666-**

By Rich Cotterall, Monaco America President

In these trying times, you probably have heard that Monaco Corporation has made additional cuts to trim expenses. It will be interesting to see how many members of our great club, continue to attend the Monaco America Rallies with less and less support from Monaco. Goshen will be a good indicator of just how many coaches we can expect to attend our functions and how much Monaco Corporation will support us. Your Board of Directors will take that information and use it when scheduling future Rallies. Even if we have to go to smaller rallies, we will do everything possible to continue the high standards of camping with full hookups, great food and good entertainment.

Linda and I had a very nice Thanksgiving, as bad as things are, there are so many things we as Americans should be thankful for. I am writing this in December and as we get ready to celebrate Christmas and prepare for the New Year, we wish our American soldiers who are protecting our right to worship how ever we wish, along with you and your families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy New Year.

Rich and Linda Cotterall
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From The Wagon Master

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

2262. Their Techs are former Monaco employees. 6) We have a rally rate for any members who would like to visit the **RV Hall of Fame** in Elkhart, you only need to wear your Monaco America nametag to get this reduced rate. 7) If you plan to arrive early, you must enter the **Elkhart County 4H Fairground** through gate 4 or 5, and dry camp until our final sites are available and then relocate **only** at the direction of Monaco America's Parking Committee. 8) All sites will be full hook-up with the 50amp sites being assigned base upon the **receipt date** of your Rally Application & check. It pays to get your application in early.

For our early arrivals we have a dinner/theater planned to take place Saturday evening, May 9th (extra fee) at **Amish Acres** in Nappanee, an application for this optional activity appears in this Newsletter.

We guarantee this will be a great rally, we already have several vendors committed, and a number of Member conducted seminars planned in addition to those by some of our Vendors & Suppliers.

When you receive your **Confirmation Letter**, please read it carefully it will contain additional important information.

Hoping to see you 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 full hook-up	Included
Other brand coach***	50.00
Total _____	

Make check payable to Monaco America
 Mail to:
 Monaco America
 C/O Rick Stone
 5830 NW Expressway,
 Box 117
 Oklahoma City, OK 73132

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

Gary Granat
Home (219) 462-8795
Cell (219) 921-6694
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 ___
 Mail rally package _____ or Hold rally package at will call: _____

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

Monaco America's Spring 2009 Rally - Visit Amish Country!

We've got some fun activities planned for you - don't miss out, sign up today!

Amish Acres Thresher Dinner and Theater Saturday, May 9th, 6:30pm



A Nappanee landmark, Amish Acres is a "must see" during your stay. Start with the famous Thresher's Dinner served up in the century old barn restaurant. Enjoy overflowing bowls and platters of homemade noodles, mashed potatoes, meats and dessert! Then, a talented cast offers professional Broadway musicals in the restored Round Barn Theatre. Come root for the Little Sisters of Hoboken who will try anything to save

the Order in *Nunsense II*. Depart on your own at 6pm. Dinner at 6:30pm, theatre at 8pm. Maps provided.

Amish Country Bake Sale Thursday, May 14th, 11am-2pm

Local Amish bakerys bring their home-based shops to you! Fresh, homemade sweet rolls, cookies, pies, breads and cakes will be available at the rally site for pick-up and purchase. Advance orders recommended, but some items will be available for last minute decisions. Find order forms in your goodie bag upon arrival or visit the Information Center. Return order form to the Information Center by Tuesday, May 12th at Noon.

AmishCountry.org

NORTHERN INDIANA

Sign Up Today! Space is limited!
Deadline May 1, 2009

Amish Acres Dinner and Theatre
Saturday, May 9th, 6:30pm - *Nunsense II*

_____ @ \$42.²⁵ per person = \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to **Monaco America** and send to: **Gary Granat, 764 Verbana Court, Valparaiso, IN, 46385**
For more information, call **219.462.8795** or email **Granat@worldnet.att.net**



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

*Monaco America membership is open to owners of the following Monaco coaches:
Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight or Diplomat.*

Please fill in the following information (Print clearly, or type)

Name (Member & Spouse) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

Coach Year & Model _____

Coach Number (Last six digits of Unit Serial #, NOT VIN #) _____

FMCA Membership Number _____

Annual Membership Dues* **\$15.00** (**CURRENT members total due Jan. 1, 2009**)

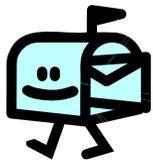
Initiation Fee (New applications only!) **\$10.00**

Total First Year Membership: **\$25.00**

*Membership year is from January through December. First year dues paid after October 1 will also cover the following calendar year.

Please make checks payable to: Monaco America

Mail to: Monaco America, 5830 NW Expressway, Box 117, Oklahoma City, OK 73132



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Oklahoma City, OK 73132

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Contact :Carole Granat

Email: Granat@worldnet.att.net

Phone: (219) 462- 8795

Tech Topic

Some of you may have read my tech article in the Summer 2008 issue regarding the 2-speed fan clutch for Monaco coaches that have a rear-facing radiator and engine cooling fan. Cummins Crosspoint, the Indianapolis-based Cummins distributor who has supported most of our Monaco America rallies in the past, offers this 2-speed fan clutch kit as an aftermarket product. At the time of my initial Newsletter article, I also wrote a more comprehensive article that is listed as **2-spdpd_Fan.pdf** under "Files" on our Club website www.groups.yahoo.com/group/monaco-america.

. After my initial articles were published, I discovered a previously unknown but very important operational characteristic of the fan clutch that significantly affects the fuel economy improvement you will experience with this product. It relates to how the fan clutch responds to commands from the engine ECM to operate in the "idle-speed" mode. It also elevates the benefit of having an indicator light to alert you whenever the engine ECM calls for the fan clutch to engage the fan in the "high-speed" operating mode. Accordingly, I have updated the web-

By Ed Proctor, Diesel Coach Tech Advisor

site file **2-spdpd_Fan.pdf** extensively to fully explain this operational characteristic and to describe specific driving techniques that will ensure you get the maximum fuel economy benefit from the fan clutch. I encourage all of you who have the 2-speed fan clutch on your coach, as well as those of you who may be considering having the fan clutch installed on your coach, to read the revised and updated file **2-spdpd_Fan.pdf** posted on the club website.

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

Ladies Tea

The Monaco America Rally Ladies Tea will be in Goshen. It will be **Christmas Blessings in May**. We will be blessing the Bashor Children's Home in Goshen. This home has boys and girls from 8 to 18 years of age. We can bless them with sport items and games.

The home can also use all types of games, such as board games but all games have to be NON-violent. Also they have all kinds of computer game systems and would appreciate non-violent games. They have requested sport themed games for the computer systems.

The ladies of Monaco America have always been so generous in the past and I know this will be the same.

Any questions please contact Pam Franklin at pfrank@ameritech.net

Modifications Seminar #2

We're going to be holding another modifications seminar at the Goshen rally in the Spring, so... it's time to put your thinking caps on and share any cool modifications you've done to your coach. My plan is to incorporate new ideas into the presentation we made at the Amana rally, so there'll be plenty of "projects" for you to tackle after you attend the seminar.

Please e-mail pictures and descriptions of your favorite modifications to me at alfetch1@gmail.com. Also, be sure to include the source and cost of any items you had to purchase to complete your project so that information can also be passed along to the next do-it-yourselfer.

Thanks, .Al Fetch

Elections to be held at our Spring Rally in Goshen.

Just a reminder that our annual elections will be held at the Goshen Rally in May.

Any one interest in holding an office or becoming the Newsletter Editor may submit their names, or the name of another member to the nominating committee.

You can email your nominations to:

Pam Franklin at:

pfrank@ameritech.net

Or

Gary Cummings at:

simplysue@cableone.net

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Questions on Club Membership?

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\$10 Initiation fee

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Mark your calendars now
For the following Monaco America Rally!



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Goshen, Indiana

May 11th through May 14th, 2009

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



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