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Fall Monaco America Rally is one of the best we've had!

Have you ever attended a rally wrap-up with no complaints? That's what happened at Beth-Page.

We enjoyed spacious sites and the facilities for our meals, entertainment and classes were wonderful. The food was out of this world and plenty of it! If you left hungry, it was your own fault! Our breakfast menu included eggs, pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, fruit and more! Our dinner menus in-

cluded BBQ chicken and ribs, corn on the cob, roast beef, pork, chicken, pasta with seafood and a lot more! The entertainment was fantastic! This group has turned into dancing fools! The Monaco Techs were there doing a great job as usual and we had two dealers with new coaches on display!

Carefree of Colorado and Cummins Power Systems attended and provide seminars as well as many others!



Our members love their four legged family members as well. There were 53 dogs and 4 cats that attended the pet show off!

Last but certainly not least, if you can believe it, we only had one day with a short rain shower! I

What a great time!

Mark your calendars for June 8th—11th 2008!

Our next rally is in the works! We will be meeting at the Amana Colonies in Iowa. The application for this event is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Congratulations to Dale and Ann Lemons who were our lucky winners! They will be attending the June 08 Rally FREE!

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 then 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,

Another year has past and aren't we fortunate we live in a Country where we can travel throughout the United States in beautiful coaches and visit with good friends. God bless our Veterans and our Military for all they have done and are

By Rich Cotterall, Monaco America President

doing to keep us free.

Our trip and rally to the Beth-Page resort in Urbanna, Virginia was one of our best. Beth-Page resort has a beautiful facility and the accommodations were superb. Even though the management and staff were excellent and did everything they could to make our stay enjoyable, our rallies would not be the success they are if it were not for all our great people working behind the scenes as officers, rally masters, committee heads and volunteers.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of you who volunteer for the many tasks performed that make our rally experiences ones to remember. The parking committee who spend many, many hours waiting for us to arrive so

they can tell us where to go. The bartender committee and the time and effort spent going to the store and buying the appropriate liquid enjoyment so some can barley remember what happened the night before. There's the decorating committee who make our dinning halls, meeting rooms, vendor areas and welcome center visual eye candy. There is the welcoming committee who make sure you get the information necessary to make the rally fun and informative and don't forget all the people who arrive early to the rally and stuff the packets, make lunches for the workers, run around making sure all the last minute "things" get done. There are people helping you get your RV repaired, people who provide for security, making sure the

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Gary and Carole Granat
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Bethpage Camp-Resort in October, one word describes our Fall 2007 Rally; Great. The facility, the resort's support, the food, our vendors, Monaco Reps and of course our members, all great. Carole & I hope that all of the attendees enjoyed the rally and the area as much as we did.

Now the planning begins for our Spring 2008 Rally scheduled for Sunday, June 8th thru Wednesday, June 13th at the Amana Colonies RV Park in Amana, Iowa. Please plan to attend, this is a neat area. One unique Roundtable we're planning; is the sharing of coach modifications and enhancements. I think we have all

From The Wagon Master

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

made some changes and improvements on or in our coaches to better meet our individual desires.

Our own, Al Fetch, will moderate this fun session. See details under the Tech Topic on page 4 of this newsletter.

You can now mark your calendars for Monaco America's Fall 2008 Rally, it is scheduled as follows:

Monday, October 13th thru
 Thursday, October 16th

Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair, Lodi, California, 50 Amp Electric and water hook-ups, dump station on site.

If you're interested, their web site is:
www.grapefestival.com

This is another great place for a rally and we thank Monaco America friends, Walt & Darci Luihn for their time and effort in visiting and gathering information on the facility and area.

Many details to follow on both 2008 rallies.

See you in Amana,
 Iowa & Lodi, California

Gary and Carole Granat



The Handcrafted Escape

Fun Times in the Colonies!

Monaco America 2008 Spring Rally Application

Verpflichten Sie sich jetzt!

Sign up now!

Lassen Sie nicht aus!

Don't miss out!

Amana Colonies RV Park, Amana, Iowa
From I-80 take exit 225 North approximately 15 minutes

Sunday evening, June 8th through Wednesday, June 11th, 2008

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:

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

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: May 20, 2008.

Cancellations request must be received by May 20, 2008 for a full refund.

Golf!

Information on local golf courses will be available!

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 (Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed) 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 Sunday June 8th, or stay past Wednesday June 11th, 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 telephone no: 800-471-7616

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.





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

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



Tech Topic

Show us your modifications!

OK... we've all gone out and spent far more than we wanted to for a new coach. Then, we get it home and immediately look for ways to make modifications to customize it to fit our every need.

And, it's those modifications that we're looking for.

We're putting a seminar together for the Amana rally that will highlight all of those nifty upgrades. Please take pictures and write stories about the changes you've made to your coach and e-mail them to me at alfetch1@gmail.com. I'll put them all together and will present them at the Spring Rally in Amana. In addition, I'll post

everything on the website AFTER the presentation at the rally.

Please don't wait.... It's going to be a project getting this presentation organized, so the sooner you can e-mail your pictures and stories, the sooner I'll be able to get started.

Thanks, Al Fetch

President's Coach . . . Continued

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sound systems are working, taking pictures for the evening slide show, and putting on seminars. There are folks working well before the rally making sure we get new members, monitor our web site, deal with Monaco America Corporate regarding Tech's at the rallies, people who provide this news letter, those who attend FMCA rallies on our behalf, those who work full time handling the banking needs for the club that include receiving money, paying bills, corresponding with new and old members, those who keep the club minutes and meetings in order. I want to thank the present and past Officers for all

the have done and are currently doing to make this club successful. Last but not least if I have forgotten anyone for their service to this club, thank you for all you do. Having given a blanket thank you to everyone, it is always difficult to thank any one or two individuals in a group of people because you are always afraid you forget to thank someone by mistake or someone might get their feelings hurt because they feel like they did as much as the people being thanked however, sometimes you have to take the chance and thank certain people who are truly the backbone of an organization because of the sacrifices they make for the betterment of the group. Not only do they do

the majority of the work to arrange for our rallies, they usually travel to the site several times, make a multitude of phone calls year around to potential rally sites, vendors, managers of campgrounds, dealers, caterers, entertainers and who knows what else.

They make and receive hundreds of e-mails on our behalf, so I find it appropriate to say a personal thanks to Gary and Carole Granat for their sacrifice and dedication to our Club. They are truly what makes Monaco America the club it is today. THANK YOU!

Rich and Linda Cotterall

Does this group always have this much fun?



Ladies Tea

We had lots of fun with the fashion(?) show, that Jan Aiken put together for the Tea. The ladies also enjoyed door prizes, lovely scones, fresh fruit, and cheeses along with their tea. Once again you all out did yourselves in donations. The ladies from the Laurel Shelter were completely overwhelmed with all we had collected for them. So give yourself a big hug for kindness.

Now for the Amanas, I have contacted Laura Sue Woods, at the RV Park. She was most helpful and after talking to several agencies in the area, at the Bethpage Tea it was

decided to support The Iowa County Food Bank as our give back project.

I spoke to LaNae, of the food bank, their greatest needs are: cereal, peanut butter, juices, pastas, tuna, can chicken, hand soap, shampoo and toothpaste. I'm sure anything that is collected will be put to good use. The food bank normally helps around 100 families each month.



I will be contacting LaNae again and list any updates on their needs in the Spring Newsletter.

See you all in the Amanas.....Carole Granat

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



Membership Dues

In December you should have received your membership renewal for 2008.

If you have not already done so, please be sure to get your renewal in the mail as soon as

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

Questions? Contact Diane Baker at: cookiebaker3@comcast.net or Bill Henestofel at billhenes@copper.net



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Recipes collected at our rallies!

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Questions on Club Membership?

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Annual Dues Only \$15

\$10 Initiation fee

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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 **Lordi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair, Lordi, 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



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