



# THE NEWSLETTER OF MONACO AMERICA

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Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight and  
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## Fall Monaco America Rally Avi Resort and Casino Laughlin, Nevada

The fall rally will be held October 19, 20 and 21, 2004, at the Avi Resort and Casino. Whether your idea of relaxation is to play golf on a championship course, lie on a sandy beach, gamble in a casino or cruise along a river, Avi Resort and Casino offers something for you.

The resort, which includes a hotel and RV park, is just ten miles south of Laughlin, Nevada and 14 miles north of Needles, California, on the banks of the Colorado River. It is one of the few Nevada gaming resorts with its own private beach and a boat launch ramp.

The resort is owned by the Mojave Indians, the Pipa Aha Macav, whose reservation spans land in Arizona and Nevada. In the Pipa Aha Macav language, Avi means money, and the resort is billed as a true desert oasis in a land of riches.

The RV Park has 300 spaces, and more than 80 percent of them are pull through with water, electric, cable and sewer hookups. Internet access is also available. Guests at the RV park have the use of a swimming pool, fitness room, picnic area, laundry and shower facilities, beach and boat launch.

The white sand beach at Avi is the largest on the Colorado River. It is lined by towering palm trees, and has the appearance of a Caribbean resort. The Avi Beach Club, a small building on the beach and lagoon, offers refreshments, picnic supplies and ice for coolers.

The water sports center includes a marina with a boat launch, fuel dock and watercraft rentals. For fishermen, the major attraction in the river is an abundance of striped bass. For sightseers, there is an opportunity to take the Watercraft Adventure Tour, cruising the Colorado River from Avi to London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, about 60 miles away.

There is a spacious casino at the resort with all the usual gaming options. Also, Avi visitors have an abundance of dining options that include six different dining venues. These include casual dining in the Moonshadow Grille, buffet in the Native Harvest Buffet, 99-cent ham and eggs at Feathers Café, the Casino Deli Snack Bar, the RoadRunner Bar and the ArrowWeed Lounge. The ArrowWeed features entertainment by well-known bands.

The resort hotel has 300 newly redecorated rooms, including 29 spa suites. Rates vary with the season and the day of the week.

Planned entertainment for the rally include a musical revue, karaoke, and a luau. Tuesday night will be The Rivoli RV Revue featuring Ron and Kay Rivoli. Members who were at CERAland this past May will remember Ron and Kay's great performance.

Wednesday night has Ron and Kay back with their karaoke program. Come ready to either sing or root on your fellow members as they show off their singing talent.

Thursday night will be a luau out on the beach by the river. Every one is encouraged to wear their best Hawaiian attire.

For more information about Avi Resort and Casino call (800) AVI-2WIN or go online to [www.avicasino.com](http://www.avicasino.com).

***Additionally, Monaco has informed the board that we will have full technician support at this rally as we have been accustomed to in the past.***



## From the President's Coach

By Bill Stone  
Monaco America  
President

Dear Friends,

As this newsletter goes to press, Nancy and I are on the road. We left home July 30<sup>th</sup> and will return sometime after September 1<sup>st</sup>.

We met Gary and Carole Granat at Avi resort In Laughlin NV. Gary is completing all the plans for the fall rally. There seems to be a lot of interest in the Avi rally. We hope to see many of you there. We are hoping for a good turnout of first timers to a Monaco America Rally.

We have gone on from Laughlin to Salem, OR, to attend the Come Home Rally that is sponsored by Monaco Corp. They have two of these each year, one on the east coast and one on the west coast. The eastern rally will be held in Florida, in November, which will give the east coast members a chance to enjoy a large rally and to be treated to the hospitality of Monaco Corp. Anyone attending a Come Home Rally will be glad they did.

We have several members meeting us in Salem to go into the rally as a group so we may park together. We are looking forward to seeing and spending time with other Monaco America Members.

After the Salem rally we are going to the FMCA convention at Redmond, OR. The FMCA rally's are truly large, with more than 4000 coaches in attendance.

As I noted in the last edition of the newsletter fuel prices have decreased. Probably not as much as most of us would like, but it is a start in the right direction.

The next newsletter will have a report on the above mentioned rallies. In the meantime everyone try to stay cool and enjoy the summer. Nancy and I are looking forward to our next meeting with each of you, either at Avi or on the road.

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## Notes from the Wagon Master

The time for our Fall Rally is rapidly approaching. Please do not delay getting your application and payment sent to Diane Baker, our treasurer. We are going to be limited to 150 coaches. If your application should be number 151 or above, I'm afraid the best we can do is to put you on a waiting list for possible cancellations.

Avi is going to be a wonderful place for our rally. The RV Park is right across the street from the hotel/casino and all the other fun stuff. We will have the Tuesday and Wednesday evening meals and entertainment in Avi's Ranch Garden Pavilion. Some of our other gatherings and seminars will also be held in the pavilion. In the south parking lot there will be a large tent for our vendors plus an additional seminar area. If need dictates, we may also have a smaller tent in this area.

Display coaches will be in this parking lot too. Thursday we'll have a luau on the beach. Remember to bring your Hawaiian dresses and shirts, or if you prefer, a grass skirt and coconut bra. Avi has a large pool and spa plus a beautiful sandy beach on the Colorado River. The area offers a wide variety of other activities. We look forward to seeing you at Avi.....

Your Wagon Master, Gary Granat

### FOR THE LADIES OF MONACO AMERICA

We're planning to have a "Monaco America Hatters' Tea" at the Avi Rally. Bring your hat, any kind will do, all decorated in red, white and blue. If you are in the Red Hat Society, we'd love to have you join us. We will have a short meeting to seek your opinions on whether to continue our group as is, or to do something else. We look forward to enjoying time with you at this first "Monaco America Hatters' Tea".

Carole Granat Nancy Stone Linda Cotterall

### Future rallies in the planning

Our Wagon Master, Gary Granat, is working diligently in planning our 2005 rallies. Tentative plans take us to Kerrville, Texas in the Spring. For the fall we are planning to return east at York, Pennsylvania. Dates and more information will be furnished as soon as the plans are firmed up.

#### Questions about Monaco America

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# Monaco America Fall Rally Avi Resort, Laughlin, Nevada Rally Application Form



**WHERE:** Avi Resort, Laughlin, Nevada  
**WHEN:** 19, 20, 21 October 2004

Please circle all items that apply:

|                                  | Early<br>Bird | After<br>9/1/04 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>COST:</b> Coach and 2 persons | \$265.00      | \$295.00        |
| Coach and 1 person               | 215.00        | 245.00          |
| Extra person in coach            | 125.00        | 125.00          |
| Passport for 2 persons^          | 195.00        | 225.00          |
| Craft project (Per Person) # ___ | 5.00          | 5.00            |
| Non-member fee**                 | 25.00         | 25.00           |
| Other brand coach fee***         | 50.00         | 50.00           |
| Golf Package (Per Person) # ___  | 55.00         | 55.00           |

Make check payable to  
Monaco America

Mail to:  
Diane Baker  
2061 Palomino Rd  
Dover, PA 17315  
(717) 292-5196

Registration deadline: 9/15/04

Cancellations request must be received by 9/15/04 for a full refund.

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Questions about the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master:  
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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped?\* Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ First Timer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu) camping with full hookups, including cable TV, 3 Breakfasts, 3 Evening meals, entertainment, vendors, seminars, social/cocktail hour and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (An \$18.00 per night charge will be required of those arriving prior to Monday, 18 October 2004, to cover those nights camping. This fee will be collected at the gate.)**

\*Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.

\*\*Persons owning a Monaco 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 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. Passport attendees who desire to stay at the Avi Resort Hotel should make arrangements directly with the hotel.

Rally is open to owners of Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight & Diplomat Motor Coaches.

## Tech Topics by J. P. McVicker and Larry Leadbetter

### Fire Protection

Fire in a motor coach is a terrible thing. Most of our coaches come from the factory with one small fire extinguisher installed. This extinguisher is usually installed in the front of the coach near the entrance stairway. While better than nothing, most RV experts agree that this is not an adequate fire protection scheme for your coach. In our coach, we carry 3 fire extinguishers. The 10BC rated original equipment extinguisher up front, another 10BC in the rear bedroom and a larger 240 ABC in the outside forward driver's side compartment.

These 3 fire extinguishers provide a means to suppress an internal fire in order to safely exit the coach, and possibly extinguish a larger fire from the outside of the coach. It is also a good idea for everyone in the coach to know where the fire extinguishers are, how to operate them, and where the emergency exit(s) are and how to actually open them!

Another suggestion is to have another fire extinguisher located in your towed vehicle in the event you cannot reach one of the extinguishers located in your coach.

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