

To Monaco America Members and Guest,

We want to take this opportunity to thank those who attended the 2017 Spring rally in Dothan AL and to update all Monaco America members on the rally statistic and some happenings at the rally.

First, we want to welcome the following people to the Monaco America Family:

Terry & Deborah Benn	Pensacola, FL	John & Judy LeGrand	Elgin, SC
Buck & Suzanne Emerson	Gulf Breeze, FL	Mickey & Jean Merchant	Gulf Breeze, FL
Ward & Jill Johnson	Simpsonville, SC	Barbara Brand	Huntsville, TX

We had 39 coaches registered for the rally with a total of 34 coaches in attendance plus one non-coach member. The coaches that were unable to attend included: 1 storm damage (totaled), 1 fire damage, 1 mechanical issue and 2 health issues. Of the 34 coaches 6 were first timers.

Everyone made the rally a success, but it would have been more successful with a larger number of Monaco America members in attendance. To be financially successful, the rally needed approximately 75 coaches. We would like to think that we continue to pull 6–10 new coaches at each rally with our membership making up more than 85% of those in attendance (i.e., approximately 60 coaches). Any ideas on how we might achieve this would be greatly appreciated.

As always, the Ladies' Tea along with the support of the ROMEO contribution was very successful. The complete details will be in the next newsletter.

A couple items discussed at the rally were the term "wagon master" and the implementation of a "Rally Planning Committee." When Allen mentions "wagon master" to other RV'ers, they think caravans. As a result, he must explain that he oversees a rally not a caravan. Going forward, he will be using the term "rally master" when referring to his position and the current documented rally master will be referred to as the "local rally master."

The board has formed a committee to plan future rallies. In addition to the Rally Master, who will be the chairman, the committee will consist of the President and 3 to 4 non-board Monaco America members. At the rally, Patty Buck, Neil Morris and Ron Jackson volunteered for the committee. Thank You! The Monaco America Planning Committee's Vision statement, Mission statement and Charter will be posted on the website.

We want to congratulate Herman and Betty Jones on winning the \$500 certificate from Adventure Caravan and Ron Jackson and Barbara Brand on winning the free ride to Branson.

The Branson rally is coming together with the help of Michelle Ward at America's Best Campground. All registrations for this rally must be received no later than September 17th. The rally flyer is posted on the Monaco America website. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

The Monaco America Board