



MONACO AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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Why should I attend a Monaco America Rally?

Many people have ask what makes attending a Monaco America Rally different than going out camping with their friends or attending a rally sponsored by another club. Because of this we felt a need to provide a little information for those of you who have not previously attended a Rally.

1. What makes a Monaco rally different?

A rally officially runs from Tuesday morning through Thursday night.

Each day all participants are provided with meals (breakfast and dinner) prepared by our own gourmet caterer. Each evening, prior to dinner, is a social/cocktail hour.

During the rally seminars are presented on diverse topic's from how to maintain your coach to how to use a convection oven. Additionally, craft seminars are usually offered.

Service technicians from the Monaco factory are on site to make needed repairs on the members coaches. These repairs are offered to all attendees regardless of the age of your coach at no cost to the coach owner.

Many Monaco suppliers and aftermarket vendors are at the rally to offer, at discounted rally prices, that little extra you have been wanting to make your coach just that much more special.

New Monaco coaches are usually displayed by local dealers for your inspection, and offered for purchase at "Rally Prices".

World class entertainment is provided each night following the dinner hour.

During the rally you will meet many people and make new lifelong friends.

2. How do we select the locations for our rallies?

Suggestions come from our members and from the experiences of other camping clubs.

Places that have an "I want to go there" attraction.

Places that have hookups for our coaches and that have buildings available for our meals, vendors and seminars or space to set up a large tent for our purposes.

State and local laws are looked at for restrictions placed on dealers displaying the new coaches.

3. Where do we plan to hold the rallies?

Two Monaco America rallies are planned per year. These are in addition to two Come Home Rallies Monaco Corporation presents. Each spring a rally in the central part of the United States is planned. In the fall the location is rotated between the eastern and western part of the country.

Hopefully, this will give some insight to those of you who have not attended a rally and will encourage you to join us at Ceraland in May.



From the President's Coach

By Bill Stone
Monaco America
President

Monaco America members:

As many of you know Dick Lennox resigned as President of the club during the rally in Rayne, LA. The nominating committee, in accordance with our by-laws, appointed me to complete his term of office. This left a vacancy in the office of Second Vice-President. Rick Stone, our newsletter editor, was appointed to fill the unexpired term in that position. These terms run until our spring rally which will be held at Ceraland in Columbus, IN, in May 2004.

Again in accordance with our by-laws, I have appointed committee chairpersons and alternates. These people are listed in another section of this newsletter. If any one is willing to serve on these committees please let the chairperson or alternate know. It is very important that we all pitch in and help at the rally. I can tell you from personal experience that getting involved is very rewarding and allows you to make good friends that can last for a lifetime.

Bill Henestofel has been attempting to call new coach owners to encourage them to return the club applications that were sent to them in their new owners packet from Monaco. He has been overwhelmed by the number of motorhomes that Monaco has been selling. If anyone would be willing to assist Bill with this project please let him know. His contact information is listed with the committee listings.

It would be a great help to the officers and the newsletter editor if we had the e-mail addresses on everybody who has one. Please send an E-mail to oldchief1@aol.com with your full name, address and e-mail. (Remember to put Monaco America in the subject line of your e-mail.)

The annual election of officers will be held at the Ceraland rally. All the officers positions will be up for election. Please think about serving your club as an officer or nominating someone that you think would like to serve. Nominations must be presented to the Nominating Committee.

Nancy and I are looking forward to serving you and we will do all in our power to make this club experience a good one for all the members.

The Final Rally

Do you know of a member who has passed on during this past year. If you do please send their names to the newsletter editor so we can include them in the next issue.

It is always sad to lose any of our members and we want to insure we recognize those who have made that trip to "the final rally".



Monaco America members greet each other at the November 2003 rally in Rayne, LA.

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Racing to Ceraland Monaco America Spring Rally-2004 Rally Application Form

WHERE: Ceraland Campground, Columbus, Indiana
WHEN: 25, 26, 27 May 2004
COST: Coach and 2 persons.....\$300.00
 Extra person in coach..... 125.00
 Craft project..... 5.00
 Non-member fee**..... 35.00
 Other brand coach fee***..... 50.00
 Sewer hookups..... 8.00

Make check payable to:
 Monaco America

Mail to:
 Diane Baker
 2061 Palomino Rd
 Dover, PA 17315

Total: _____

First Name: _____
Second Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Coach Number:** _____
Coach Model: _____ **Handicapped?*** Yes ___ No ___ **First Timer?** Yes ___ No ___

Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thru) camping with water and electric. (Sewer-\$2.00 per day extra.) 3 Breakfasts, 3 Evening Meals, entertainment, vendors, seminars, social/cocktail hour and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (A \$10.00 charge will be required of those arriving on Sunday to cover that nights camping. This fee will be collected at the gate.) No arrivals allowed prior to 12:00 noon on Sunday, 23 May 2004.

*Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.
 **Persons owning a Monaco Knight, Cayman, LaPalma or Monarch coach who are not members of Monaco America will be charged \$35.00 for first years membership dues.
 ***Persons owning another brand of motorhome may attend as the guest of a member but will be charged an additional \$50.00.

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Spring Rally 2004

Ceraland Park, Columbus, Indiana

Now is the time to start planning for the Spring 2004 Monaco America Rally. This Rally is scheduled for May 25, 26, and 27, 2004 at Ceraland Park, 3989 S 525 E, Columbus, Indiana 47203.

Ceraland is a semi-private park open to members of FMCA and Good Sam Club. The park consists of 346 acres for recreation, 84 sites with sewer hook-ups, 324 sites with water and 50 amp electric hook-ups. There are several lake sites, three bath houses, mini golf, 12 acre stocked lake, boat rentals, driving range, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, picnic area, indoor fitness facility and much, much more.

We are in the process of working out the details of this Rally along with scheduling entertainment and seminars. This should be a large rally for our club due to the central location of the site. An application for this Rally is included in this newsletter.

In addition to the Rally there are many activities in the area. For you racing fans now would be the time to order your tickets for the Indianapolis 500 race. Our Rally will take place the week just proceeding the race. In addition to the race itself, you may want to watch qualification rounds prior to the race. You could make your own arrangements with Ceraland to stay at the park, following the Rally for this purpose.

Also in the area is the Cummins Diesel Testing Facility in Columbus and the Diesel Assembly Facility nearby. You may want to call the Monaco factory in Wakarusa to schedule a tour. Another side trip either before or after the Rally would be a tour of Amish Country, a historic part of Indiana.

For informative facts about Indiana and the Columbus area contact the Indiana Department of Tourism by going on line to: www.in.gov/enjoyindiana/ or by calling 1-888-Enjoy-IN (1-888-365-6946).

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