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Monaco America News

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Wow! Attend the Fall Monaco America Rally at an award winning campground!

Right around the corner is our fall rally and you don't want to miss our history making on the bay!

BethPage Camp-Resort (National Park of the Year 2005-2006) is located on the Rappahannock River near the Chesapeake Bay.

Are you a history buff? Jamestown, celebrating their 400th anniversary and Colonial Williamsburg celebrating their 200th anniversary, are both about 45 minutes from the rally

site with historic areas and lots to see and do! You can even visit a colonial village!

What about a cruise to a quaint fishing village? There is a cruise to Tangier Island, "the Nations Soft Crab Capital", aboard the Chesapeake Breeze. Tangier Island is a quaint fishing village with shops and restaurants and site seeing. (Contact Tangier & Chesapeake Cruises, Inc 804-453-2628 for more information.)

The town of Urbanna



where our campground is located was formerly a tobacco port, established in 1680. The town has numerous historic sites, restaurants and shops. Enjoy a round of golf or a charter fishing trip!

Join Us!

Mark your calendars for October 15th—19th 2007!

Many of our members that will be attending the MA Rally in October are then planning to attend the Monaco Coach Corporation's Combined Rally (Come Home Rally) as a group representing MA.

As those of you who have attended the MA rallies know, 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:

- Fall Rally in Urbanna, VA!
- 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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Hello Monaco America friends,

Linda and I have been very busy since our rally in Rayne, Louisiana. We are getting ready for my retirement dinner on August 10, 2007 and putting in place all the things necessary for retirement. I didn't realize



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If you haven't done so, you'll want to send your application now for Monaco America's Fall 2007 Rally. This rally takes place from Monday, October 15th through Thursday, October 18th. The site for the Fall Rally is the beautiful Bethpage Camp-Resort in Urbanna, Virginia. You really don't want to miss this event.

We will have Monaco Coach Corporation Techs in attendance! Upon arrival you will receive your "Service Request Order" form. You may request two items to be repaired, and the techs will do their best to get to everyone. Of course, safety and drivability issues are addressed first.

By Rich Cotterall, Monaco America President

how much work there is to stop working. Had to go do some maintenance at our vacation house in Bullhead City Arizona but, unfortunately it was between 119 and 126 degrees for the entire two weeks we were there and so I had to get up early in the morning or work late at night because it was the only time it cooled down to the low 100's.

We have been trying to arrange things at home so when we leave at the end of August, we will not have to worry about bills, lawns, pool and garden, if we are not home until the first part of November. In the midst of all of this, a dear friend in Kansas who had ALS, died. We found out

on a Thursday night that the funeral was on the next Monday morning. We checked around for plane tickets and the best we could do was \$650 each plus \$300 for a car. We were also going to take Linda's parents so that was going to be over \$3,000 dollars for just 4 days. So, I told everyone to be ready to go by 3:30 AM on Saturday and we drove it in my Excursion. First day we drove 830 miles to Albuquerque New Mexico and then the next day 570 miles to Hutchinson Kansas. Arrived Sunday night, went to the funeral Monday morning, visited on Tuesday & tried to get some rest, left Wednesday

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From The Wagon Master

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

We will also have new Monaco coaches from one or two dealers. We, also have a good mix of seminars planned, many by Monaco America members, and several craft classes.

The Tuesday afternoon Ladies' Tea, which is always a huge success along with their effort to give back to our host community, is a must for all the Monaco America ladies.

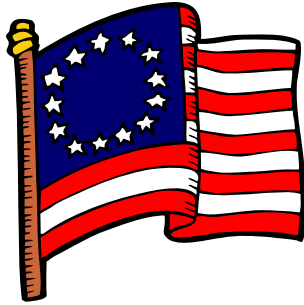
The Information Center will have information on an excellent golf course in the area and Bethpage does have tennis courts, a small cruise boat for hire, miniature golf and golf carts for rent. for those interested in these activities. When you receive your confirmation letter, take time to look over the Bethpage brochure for all its amenities available to us.

The Bethpage Camp-Resort web site is: www.bethpagecamp.com

Now, our Spring 2008 Rally will be held at the Amana Colonies RV Park in Amana, Iowa. If you haven't been through the Amanas, you'll find this a real treat. So mark your calendars now, this rally runs from Sunday, June 8th through Wednesday June 11th, 2008. If you would like to check the park out, their web site is: www.amanarvpark.com

We hope to see you in Urbanna and in Amana, travel safe,

Gary and Carole Granat



History and History Making On the Bay!

Monaco America 2007 Fall Rally Application

Jamestown 400 Yrs.

Colonial Williamsburg

200 yrs.

Bethpage Camp-Resort, Urbanna, Virginia
National Park of the Year 2005-2006 Season!

Monday evening, October 15th through Thursday, October 18th, 2007

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:

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

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Registration deadline: October 1, 2007.
Cancellations request must be received by October 1, 2007 for a full refund.

Golf!

Information on local golf courses will be available!

First Name: _____

Second Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Coach Number: _____ FMCA Number: _____

Coach Model: _____ _Handicapped? Yes ___ No ___ First Timer? Yes ___ No ___

Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu) 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 Monday, October 15, or stay past Thursday, October 18, must make reservations for those days directly with and pay Bethpage Camp-Resort upon arrival. Bethpage's telephone no: 804-758-4349

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.

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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

All of our coaches have two air conditioning systems. A house air conditioning system powered by 120 volt AC power (shore power or generator) and a chassis air conditioning system powered by the coach engine. The engine must be running to operate the chassis air conditioning system, so we just turn on the dash heat/AC switch as we travel down the road. A critical component of the chassis air conditioning system is the electrically driven condenser fan, which, on diesels, can be difficult to check with the engine running.

An easy way to check this fan operation, on diesel coaches, is to turn the ignition key to the ON position and turn the dash heat/AC switch to the AC position, and then go to the rear of the coach and at the lower side air intake, listen for the fan to be running. Also, if you place your hand on the **FRONT** (outside) of this air intake, you can feel air being drawn from the outside of the coach into the chassis area and this confirms proper condenser fan operation. **DO NOT** put your hand on the inner side of this air intake! Even though the condenser fan has a guard

on the blades, don't put your hand there to find out! On the gas coaches, the chassis air conditioning condenser fans) are also electrically driven and supplement the engine driven radiator cooling fan. These can be visually observed for proper operation but the engine must be running to do this.

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President's Coach . . . *Continued*

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morning, pooped out and couldn't get further than Santa Rosa New Mexico, next day to Kingman Arizona and home by noon on Friday. Able to make the round trip of 2,986 miles for \$637.42 in diesel, \$432.82 for lodging for a total of \$1,070.24 and divide that by 2 for two couples we have a grand total of \$535.12 each to make the trip. Not included was food which we have to eat where ever we are and the lodging Sunday, Monday and Tuesday because we would have had

to do that even if we had flown.

When we leave August 24, 2007, Linda and I are going to Texas to get some work done on our shades, then up to Pennsylvania, then down to Virginia. Might try to get there a week or so early to view the sights. Hope some of you are there early too.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Virginia and am amazed how many of us are going on to North Carolina to the International rally. We are going to have a ball.

Still looks good for Techs according to Page, and that's a good thing.

Hope everyone has a safe trip and maybe we will see you along the highway.

God's speed to all,

Rich and Linda Cotterall

Where to stay...

Where to eat...

What to do....

On the road with Monaco America members

For those of you who attended the Rayne rally, thanks for

writing down places to visit, campgrounds that members recommend, restaurants, tours or any other travel information that you would like to share with other RVers.

If you didn't have the opportu-

nity to let us know your favorites or if you couldn't attend the rally, please take a moment to email me with information. Patcollie@verizon.net and *please put Monaco America in the subject line.*

This information will be compiled and posted on the Monaco America website for all to access.

Thanks for your help, I hope you're travels are happy and safe.

Pat Helm

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Ladies Tea

The Laurel Shelter in Gloucester, VA has been adopted as our "give back to the community" project for Urbanna.

As promised, I spoke to the Ladies at the Laurel Shelter. They said the list we had last time is an ongoing list and are things that are always needed.

However, they also can use some frou-frou items (their words, not mine), such as *make-up, fingernail polish, lipstick, nice lotions, shower gel or body lotion, things that are not necessities, but nice to have.* They have a meeting once a week and give the ladies who have accomplished something, a little treat bag

The Director of the Laurel Shelter will attend our Tea and tell us a little about the shelter and its work. As in the past, I know all the Monaco America ladies will give above and beyond.

Carole Granat

Wish List

Twin sheets, porta crib sheets, not regular crib sheets

Powered milk

vegetable oil, and all types of canned foods

Trash bags and any size plastic bags

Laundry detergent

paper towels and Kleenex type tissues

For children: games, puzzles, books and appropriate DVD's (no violence)

For babies: any size diapers, shampoo, powder, sippy cups, wipes

For ladies: shampoo, conditioner, and all types of feminine products.



What can MEDEX Do For You!

After the Rayne Rally Al and I took a few days to finish checking out the area. We were going to the Tabasco factory with Jack and Lois Sanders. As we were on our way there Jack had a stroke while driving. We were able to get him to a hospital and to make a very long story short he is home in Florida and, thank goodness, doing well.

I made sure the family knew

to contact MEDEX to help them when making their plans to return to Florida. MEDEX paid for Jack and Lois to fly home to Florida and also took care of getting someone to bring their coach home. In Jack's words "I can't believe how much they helped".

MEDEX is just one of the benefits we all enjoy as part of our FMCA membership. If anyone has any questions regarding

this service contact Carrol Henestofel, our National Director, or FMCA Member Benefits, 1-800-543-3622, or www.fmca.com. You can download a membership card after you log-in, click forms. Please make sure you always have your MEDEX card with you! Hopefully, you'll never need it, but, if you ever do, you'll be thankful you have it.

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An International club for the owners of Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight and Diplomat Coaches

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/monaco-america

Questions on Club Membership?

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Annual Dues Only \$15

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