



# MONACO AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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## Monaco Eastern Come Home Rally November 11, 12, 13, 2003

It is coming up on rally time. Monaco America will have it's next meeting during the Monaco Eastern Come Home Rally in Rayne, Louisiana, November 11, 12, and 13, 2003.

This should be a large rally so you will want to get your reservations in as soon as possible. You can get your application from the latest issue of Lifestyles Magazine or you can go to the Monaco Website and print out a copy.

Although the Come Home Rally includes all owners, both members of Monaco International and Monaco America, we are working with Monaco in an attempt to park the Monaco America coaches together.

Rayne, Louisiana should be an interesting place to visit. The following is repeated from the cities website: "...a treasure of rural Americana spiced with Cajun charm - not to mention cuisine. The Frog Capital of the World and The Louisiana City of Murals welcomes every traveler with warm hospitality, from the restless R.V. owner who wants to see America first to the foreigner who wants a dash of Old World elan in his or her travels. Rayne is home to one of Ripley's oddities, a state-of-the-art R.V. Park, mesmerizing murals, Cajun cuisine, an antique mall with fabulous treasures at reasonable prices, local festivals (including the annual Frog Festival), and an old-fashioned five-and-dime where a nickel

might not buy much today, but what is in store will whisk you away to another world ... the world of Rayne, Louisiana." For more information about Rayne please see their website:

[www.rayne.org/index.htm](http://www.rayne.org/index.htm).

In addition to the sites in Rayne there is plenty to do in Southern Louisiana. Rayne is between Lafayette and Lake Charles. Also for those traveling from the east a side trip to Baton Rouge or New Orleans could easily be included either before or after the rally.

Registration deadline for the Eastern Come Home Rally is October 20, 2003. Camping will be with electric and water at each site. A dump station will be available on premises. Included in the cost of the rally is the camping fee for Monday through Thursday nights. No arrivals allowed before Sunday, November 9. Sunday night parking will be \$10.00, collectable on arrival.

Additionally, the rally fee covers all the entertainment, six meals, all the seminars and the factory technicians that will be available to make repairs on your coaches.

Other features being offered are a golf tournament and a ladies driving class. The driving class will be limited to the first 175 ladies to register.

Get your application, send it in and lets get ready to Rally in Rayne.

## From the President's Coach

Hello to everyone from HOT Wyoming! By the time you might be reading this Bobbie and I will be participating at the Monaco Come Home Rally in Salem, Oregon. We will be working on the Parking Committee. We are looking forward to seeing old friends from past rallies as well as meeting some new ones.

Let me take the opportunity to thank everyone that responded to the last newsletter and sent in his or her dues, Thank you, thank you. It was interesting to hear from all that got in contact with me and hopefully will meet in person down the road.

Well, since the Claremore Rally, Bobbie and I visited our property in Jordan Valley, Oregon. (If you don't know where it is, I challenge you to try to find it; Hint: its in the middle of nowhere.) We also entertained several friends from both Monaco America and Monaco International who stopped by the house in Cheyenne. We got to try out our new "Visitors Pad" which comes complete with 50-amp service. If you are ever in the Cheyenne area and need a place to park give us a call. We have plans to go on several weekend camp outs with some other FMCA Chapters before the Come Home Rally in September. Then we will head towards Rayne, LA for the Monaco Come Home Rally and the Monaco America meeting this November. Again hope to see many of you at these events.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the May 2004 Monaco America Rally at Ceraland Park, Columbus, IN. It is being held May 25 through 27, the week prior to the Indianapolis 500 weekend. Here's your chance to combine a great rally with the opportunity to participate in the 500 activities. Remember to plan ahead and keep watching for further news about the May rally.

Once again if you have never been to a Come Home Rally I highly recommend it. You will meet all sorts of people; have the chance to speak first hand with reps from

every manufacture that helps build your coach and the items in it. You will also have the opportunity to see the latest and greatest things that you might absolutely need for your coach. For the ladies that don't drive the coach on a regular basis, they even have a driving school where you get to take a Monaco owned coach out on the road to practice. Bobbie loved it but I still haven't gotten her to drive on any of our trips. It is nice to know she can if necessary.

See you all soon,

Dick and Bobbie Lennox



The Fall 2001 Monaco America Rally at Lake Havasu, AZ in October 2001.

## Monaco America Newsletter

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# **Spring Rally 2004**

## **Cereland 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 Cereland Park, 3989 S 525 E, Columbus, Indiana 47203.

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

Mac McClure is 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.

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 Cereland to stay at the park, following the Rally for this purpose.

Also in the area is the Cummings Diesel Testing Facility in Columbus and the Diesel Assembly Facility nearby. You also 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/](http://www.in.gov/enjoyindiana/) or by calling 1-888-Enjoy-IN (1-888-365-6946).

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## Tech Topics by Larry Leadbetter

### Onan 7500 Generator

When I was at a Monaco Rally I attended a seminar on the Onan Generator. It was very informative. During this seminar the Tech expert explained what happens if you overfill the crankcase. The Onan only takes 3 ½ quarts of oil when changing the oil and filter. When you run a generator with ½ quart too much, the oil will foam and cause the generator to shut down due to low oil pressure. I had this problem just before this rally and was amazed when I checked the oil and it was over full. I ran the diagnostics using the Onan manual and it registered the shut down occurred due to low oil pressure. So make sure the oil level is right and don't over fill. I had my oil changed at a certified shop but apparently they hadn't heard about this potential problem.

To trouble shoot the generator you can follow the instructions in the manual and read out the fault by counting the blinking light on your dash. If you don't have a manual you can email me and I will copy the instructions for troubleshooting.

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