



MONACO ROMERS E - NEWSLETTER

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MONACO ROMERS RALLY

JANUARY 8 THRU 14, 2017

INDIO FAIRGROUNDS WITH WESTERN AREA FMCA

THE MONACO ROMERS' 2ND RALLY AT THE WESTERN AREA FMCA RALLY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. THERE WERE 21 COACHES ATTENDING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SUSAN & JIM LEWIS WITH HELP FROM ROB & DIANNE WILSON.

WE WERE PARKED ON THE ASPHALT CLOSE TO THE EXHIBITS AND CLOSE TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTERS RV CLUB. BOTH CLUBS VOLUNTEER TO DRIVE THE EXPRESS GOLF CARTS TO HELP FMCA RALLY PARTICIPANTS TO AND AROUND THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR VARIOUS SEMINARS AND TO VISIT THE SHOW VENDORS WITH RV PRODUCTS, ETC.

WE DID HAVE 30AMP SPLIT SERVICE AND HAD TO BE CAREFUL WITH OUR WATER USAGE. EVERYONE DID VERY WELL CONSERVING.

WE HAD A LITTLE RAIN (NOTHING LIKE THE LAKE WE HAD LAST YEAR), IT DIDN'T HAMPER OUR ROMERS' SPIRIT. AFTER THE RAIN, THE MOUNTAINS WERE WHITE TIPPED WITH SNOW AND WERE SO BEAUTIFUL! CATERERS WERE FOUND THAT WERE EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR'S AND WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP THE FOOD WARM IN THE EVENING CHILL. THE RALLY WAS BUDGETED SO WELL THAT WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE A FULL BAR FOR THE NIGHTS WE ATE IN OUR PARTY AREA. EVERYONE LIKED THAT!

WE EVEN HAD A PRE-PARADE MARGARITA HAPPY HOUR ON THURSDAY.

WE WERE EXCITED TO HAVE SOME NEW MEMBERS JOIN US FOR THE RALLY AND THEY HELPED TEND BAR, SET UP AND TEAR DOWN THE PARTY AREA, HELP SERVE THE FOOD AND ALSO TOOK THEIR TURNS DRIVING THE CARTS. THEY ARE GREAT MEMBERS TO HAVE: JAMES & CONNIE VIOLA, AND DAVE & BEV MILLER. IT IS A VERY DIFFERENT AND FUN RALLY, PLEASE THINK ABOUT JOINING US NEXT YEAR FOR THE FMCA RALLY IN JANUARY?

YOUR RALLY HOSTS: SUSAN & JIM LEWIS, AND ROB & DIANNE WILSON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



THE INDIO RALLY WAS A SUCCESS AS YOU HAVE READ OUR RALLY MASTERS REPORT. A BIG THANKS TO JIM & SUSAN LEWIS & ROB & DIANNE WILSON FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK, ESPECIALLY WITH THE SOMEWHAT INCLEMENT AND COOLISH WEATHER!

NOW IS THE TIME FOR US ALL TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THE 2018 RALLY SCHEDULE. THE RALLIES ARE THE REAL FUNCTION OF THE CLUB TO CREATE CAMARADERIE WITH THE MEMBERS AND KEEP THE RIGS ROLLING. THE 2017 RALLY SCHEDULE IS SET AND PLANNING IS MOVING FORWARD.

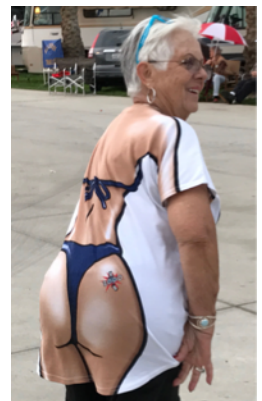
TIMES ARE CHANGING AND THE CLUB IS ALSO CHANGING. CHANGE IS GOOD AND AS A CLUB WE MUST ADAPT TO CHANGING SITUATIONS.

AT THE LAST MEETING, IN PETALUMA, THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT STANDING RULE 1. I ASKED VP, STEVE HOBBS, TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE RULE AND PUT TOGETHER A RECOMMENDATION FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE RULE. THE COMMITTEE MET SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE INDIO RALLY AND DID GIVE RECOMMENDATIONS. I WILL FORWARD THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP IN A SEPARATE E-MAIL.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THE RED ROCKS & APACHE DRUMS RALLY IN MARCH.

KNUD BJORNESTAD

PS. THE CLUB BY-LAWS WITH STANDING RULES ARE POSTED ON THE MONACO ROMER WEBSITE UNDER THE BY-LAWS TAB. WWW.MONACOROMERS.COM



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



WHAT A GREAT ROMERS RALLY WE HAD IN INDIO, CA JAN 8 - 15, 2017 THANKS TO JIM & SUSAN LEWIS AND ROB & DIANNE WILSON WHO HOSTED THE RALLY WHICH WAS COMBINED WITH THE WESTERN AREA FMCA RALLY HELD AT THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS IN INDIO, CA. THANK YOU SUSAN AND DIANNE FOR THE WONDERFUL FOOD THAT WAS CATERED BY VARIOUS CATERERS.

THINK EVERY ONE ENJOYED VOLUNTEERING AND DRIVING HANDICAP GOLF CARTS FOR THE FMCA RALLY, (ALTHOUGH THAT 6:30 AM SHIFT WAS A BIT CHILLY). I ALSO ENJOYED SEEING ALL THE VENDORS AND THEIR GADGETS AND SPENDING MONEY ON MOTORHOME STUFF, IT GOT A BIT EXPENSIVE BEFORE WE LEFT THOUGH!

WE HAVE TWO MORE RALLIES SCHEDULED FOR 2017, HOSTING THE SPRING RALLY WILL BE RICH & RAYLENE BEEBER, NANCY & JIM LANE AND LEAH & JOE DINGMAN "RED ROCKS AND APACHE DRUMS" IN CAMP VERDE, AZ, MARCH 27 - 31, 2017. CAMP VERDE IS ABOUT 30 MILES SOUTH OF SEDONA WITH SO MANY THINGS TO DO - COME EARLY AND STAY LATE, WHAT A GREAT PLACE. DON'T BE LATE, DEAD LINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND FEES IS FEB 28, 2017.

OUR THIRD RALLY FOR 2017 IS HOSTED BY DEBBIE SMITH & JANET REAM AND WILL BE ON THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AT THE DURANGO RV RESORT IN RED BLUFF CA. SEPTEMBER 25 - 29, 2017 MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

WE HAVE NO RALLIES SCHEDULED FOR 2018 WHICH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, RESERVING AN RV PARK & PLANNING CAN TAKE 9 MO. TO A YEAR, SO PLEASE THINK HARD AND LETS COME UP WITH SOME GREAT IDEAS AND PLACES TO HAVE FUN. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF COUPLES THAT HAVEN'T PUT ON A RALLY AND I THINK YOU WOULD ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE. TALK TO ONE OR TWO MORE COUPLES YOU GOTTEN TO KNOW IN THE ROMERS & GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT - WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME.

THANK YOU

STEPHEN HOBBS



A BIG THANKS TO THE MONACO ROMER VOLUNTEER EXPRESS TRAM DRIVERS

RANDY GIBBS AND I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING COMPLIMENTARY EMAILS FROM FRED WELLS, THE CENTRAL AREA VP OF THE WESTERN AREA MOTOR HOME ASSOCIATION, AND LON CROSS, PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN MOTOR HOME ASSOCIATION, AND WE WOULD LIKE ALL OF THE MONACO ROMER VOLUNTEER DRIVERS TO KNOW THAT RANDY AND I AND THE TWO HIGHEST EXECUTIVES OF THE WESTERN AREA OF THE FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION ALL APPRECIATED THEIR HARD WORK AS VOLUNTEER TRAM DRIVERS UNDER DIFFICULT WEATHER CONDITIONS.

SINCERELY,
GEORGE BRODT AND RANDY GIBBS
INDIO RALLY CO-CAPTAINS - EXPRESS TRAMS

EXPRESS TRAM VOLUNTEERS,
I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND YOUR VOLUNTEERS. THE EXPRESS TRAMS CREW WEATHERED THE INCLEMENT WEATHER AND PREFORMED AS IF THEY WERE THE US POSTAL SERVICE. I RECEIVED NUMEROUS POSITIVE COMMENTS FROM YOUR RIDERS.

YOU ARE ALL A PART OF THE GREAT VOLUNTEER FORCE THAT MAKE THE INDIO RALLY ONE OF THE BEST.

THANK YOU ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE.
FRED WELLS
CENTRAL AREA VP, WESTERN AREA

I TOO WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO YOU AND YOUR VOLUNTEERS OF THE EXPRESS TRAMS CREW THAT PERFORMED SO ADMIRABLY THROUGH OUT THE ENTIRE RALLY, DURING GOOD & BAD WEATHER. AND TO QUOTE REGIONAL VP FRED WELLS "YOU ARE ALL A PART OF THE GREAT VOLUNTEER FORCE THAT MAKES THE INDIO RALLY ONE OF THE BEST."

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

SINCERELY,
LON CROSS F233066
PRESIDENT WESTERN MOTOR HOME ASSOC.
FMCA NATIONAL VP, WESTERN AREA

Welcome New Members



Dave & Bev Miller - Visalia, CA



Connie & James Viola - Palmdale, CA



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monaco Romer Rallies

Spring 2017

Arizona - Rally Hosts
Rich & Raylene Beeber

Fall 2017

Northern California - Rally Hosts
Debbie Smith & Janet Ream

Monaco International Rallies

May 7 - 14, 2017 Branson, Missouri
October 11 - 15, 2017 Albuquerque, NM

FMCA Rallies

March 7-10, 2017 FMCA 95th

International Convention in Chandler, AZ

July 11-15, 2017 FMCA 96th

International Convention in Indianapolis, IN

Winter 2018 Perry, GA

Summer 2018 Gillette, WY

Winter 2019 Chandler AZ or Tucson, AZ

Summer 2019 St. Paul, MN

Winter 2020 Perry, GA

Summer 2020 Redmond, OR

Note: Winter Conventions are usually scheduled
for March or April

Summer Conventions are usually scheduled
for July or August



MONACO ROMER RALLY ATTENDEES

DON & NANCY BAUMGART
 KNUD & DARLENE BJORNSTAD
 DENNIS & GERI DEE
 BILL & G'NELL DELACK
 JOE & LEAH DINGMAN
 TOM & LOIS GETZFRID
 HOWARD & JUDY HAYS
 STEPHEN & DONNIS HOBBS
 DUNCAN & NANCY HOLT
 LARRY & ELLEN JOHNSON
 PAUL & PAT KLEMPNER
 JIM & SUSAN LEWIS
 ALBERT & ROSE McDONALD
 DAVE & BEV MILLER - NEW MEMBERS
 JEFF PREACH
 JOHN ROAN
 KEN STENDER
 DON & LAYNE STRELIC
 DAVE & MARSHA TAYLOR
 JIM & CONNIE VIOLA - NEW MEMBERS
 ROB & DIANNE WILSON

WALK INS (STAYING IN THE AREA):
 DEBBIE SMITH & JANET REAM
 CURT & JOANNE CURTIS
 TOM & SHERYL COSTA
 BOB & CAROLYN BULOT
 JERRY & INGE PLIER



Look how much fun we
 had!! Hope to see
 many more of the
 Romers in Arizona in
 March. You are why
 we have Rallies!!!

Be sure to visit
monacoromers.com

Marsha Taylor
 Newsletter Editor

HISTORY LESSON FOR TODAY

*MONACO COACH CORPORATION

MONACO IS A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) BRAND, MANUFACTURED IN DECATUR, INDIANA, BY ALLIED RECREATION GROUP. MONACO HOLDS AN ICONIC PORTFOLIO OF POPULAR CLASS A DIESEL MOTORHOMES, INCLUDING DIPLOMAT AND DYNASTY. MONACO IS LED BY MONACO PRESIDENT, MIKE SNELL, AND ALLIED RECREATION GROUP PRESIDENT, JIM JACOBS. ALLIED RECREATION GROUP IS A SUBSIDIARY OF ALLIED SPECIALTY VEHICLES.

ALLIED RECREATION GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2013 FOLLOWING THE ACQUISITION OF MONACO AND HOLIDAY RAMBLER. ALLIED RECREATION GROUP IS ONE OF THE LEADING MANUFACTURERS OF CLASS A GAS, CLASS A DIESEL, AND CLASS C GAS PRODUCTS FOR FLEETWOOD RV, AMERICAN COACH, HOLIDAY RAMBLER, MONACO, AND TREK. ALLIED RECREATION GROUP MAINTAINS SIGNIFICANT MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS, INCLUDING A STATE-OF-THE-ART ARG FACTORY SERVICE CENTER IN DECATUR, INDIANA, AND COBURG, OREGON; AND A NATIONAL OEM RETAIL PARTS STORE.

HISTORY

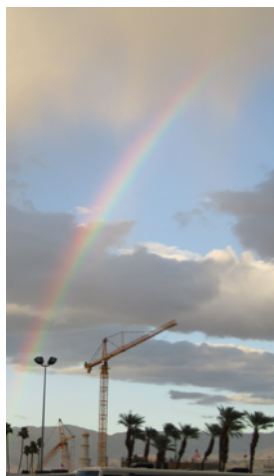
MONACO WAS INCORPORATED IN 1968 AS THE CARIBOU MANUFACTURING COMPANY. THEY BEGAN BUILDING PICKUP CAMPERS. THE MOST POPULAR LINE WAS NAMED "MONACO." IN 1977 THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO MONACO COACH CORPORATION. IT ACQUIRED THE ROADMASTER CHASSIS DIVISION OF CHRYSLER CORPORATION IN 1984 AND THE HOLIDAY RAMBLER DIVISION OF HARLEY-DAVIDSON IN 1996. IN 1987 KAY TOOLSON WAS APPOINTED PRESIDENT. MONACO MANUFACTURED SEVEN BRANDS OF MOTORHOMES AND RVs, INCLUDING MONACO, BEAVER MOTORCOACH CORPORATION, SAFARI MOTORCOACH CORPORATION, MCKENZIE, HOLIDAY RAMBLER, R-VISION, AND ROADMASTER CHASSIS. IN 1994 MONACO PRESIDENT KAY TOOLSON ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD MOVE THEIR JUNCTION CITY OPERATIONS TO THE COBURG INDUSTRIAL PARK IN EUGENE, OREGON.

ON MARCH 4, 1996, THE MONACO COACH CORPORATION ACQUIRED FROM HARLEY-DAVIDSON, INC. CERTAIN ASSETS OF HOLIDAY RAMBLER (THE "HOLIDAY ACQUISITION") IN EXCHANGE FOR \$21.5 MILLION IN CASH, 65,217 SHARES OF REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK (WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONVERTED INTO 230,767 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK), AND THE ASSUMPTION OF MOST OF THE LIABILITIES OF HOLIDAY RAMBLER. CONCURRENTLY, THE COMPANY ACQUIRED TEN HOLIDAY WORLD DEALERSHIPS FOR \$13.0 MILLION, INCLUDING A \$12.0 MILLION SUBORDINATED. IN 2005, THE COMPANY HAD SALES OF APPROXIMATELY US\$1.2 BILLION, AND EMPLOYED NEARLY 5,400 PEOPLE.

ON MARCH 5, 2009 THE COMPANY FILED FOR CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY. ON APRIL 24, 2009 IN U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT IN DELAWARE, AN ATTORNEY FOR MONACO SAID THE COMPANY HAD SIGNED AN ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH WORKHORSE INTERNATIONAL HOLDING CO., A NAVISTAR INTERNATIONAL SUBSIDIARY. MONACO'S CEO WAS KAY TOOLSON. ON JUNE 23, 2009, JUDGE KEVIN CAREY AGREED TO THE COMPANY'S REQUEST TO CONVERT ITS CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY FILING TO A CHAPTER 7 CASE SO IT COULD LIQUIDATE ITS REMAINING ASSETS WHICH INCLUDED SEVEN PROPERTIES IN OREGON, INDIANA AND FLORIDA AS WELL AS RV RESORT PROPERTIES IN CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, FLORIDA AND MICHIGAN WERE SOLD TO MULTIPLE BUYERS. THE ORDER CONVERTING THE CASE TO CHAPTER 7 WAS EFFECTIVE JUNE 30. NAVISTAR INTERNATIONAL CORP PURCHASED THE CORE ASSETS OF MONACO COACH CORPORATION'S FACTORIES, INVENTORY, BRANDS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN JUNE 2009 FOR \$47 MILLION AND THE COMPANY'S NEW NAME BECAME MONACO RV LLC. UPON THE SALE OF ITS REMAINING ASSETS LIQUIDATED UNDER CHAPTER 7, "THE ENTITY CEASES TO EXIST," SAID ANDREA COLES-BJERRE, AN ASSISTANT LAW PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON AND A FORMER BANKRUPTCY LAWYER IN NEW YORK.

IN 2013 AS PART OF NAVISTAR INTERNATIONAL CORP. RESTRUCTURING MONACO RV LLC WAS SOLD TO ALLIED SPECIALTY VEHICLES

*[HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/MONACO_COACH_CORPORATION](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monaco_Coach_Corporation)





MONACO ROMERS Red Rocks & Apache Drums

Distant Drums RV Resort

583 West Middle Verde Road; Camp Verde, Arizona 86322

Arrive after 1 PM Monday, March 27, 2017

Depart NLT 11AM Friday, March 31, 2017

Early arrival and/or late departure rate is \$35.00,
including tax. Please advise when making reservations

Raylene & Rich Beeber, Nancy & Jim Lane & Leah & Joe Dingman extend a warm invitation for you to join us in relaxation in Camp Verde, Arizona. Explore the indian ruins @ Montezuma Castle National Monument. Explore beautiful Sedona, ~20 miles from your campsite. On Wednesday, get ready to take the optional 2 hour tour of Sedona in a Pink Jeep! Historical Jerome is only 25 miles away & why not stop at the Grand Canyon (135 miles north) before or after our rally? For you gamblers the Cliff Castle Casino is just down the road from the campground.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____ Email: _____
Guest Name(s) _____ Romer Sponsor Name _____
Handicapped? _____ Dietary Restrictions: _____ First Romer Rally: Yes _____ No _____
Coach Info: Model _____ Length: _____ No. Slides: _____
Planned Arrival Date: _____ Planned Departure Date: _____
Proximity Preference: _____
(if desired, include the name of the person(s) you'd like to park near- If possible- arrive together)

Rally Fees:

Coach – 2 people:	\$375.00	_____
Coach – 1 person:	\$275.00	_____
Extra Person:	\$125.00	_____
Non-Romer – Add:	\$25.00	_____
Pink Jeep Tour # _____ X	\$75.00	_____
Extra Nights: # _____ X	\$35.00	_____
Golf/Box Lunch # _____ X	\$70.00	_____
@ Sedona Golf Resort. Includes range balls, cart, box lunch & prize, Golf Handicap? = _____ & _____		
Total Amount Submitted		_____

Make checks payable to:

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Tucson, AZ

Application & Fees Deadline:
February 28, 2017

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