



Bonelli Bluffs, 2021

Monaco Romers E-Newsletter

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Bonelli Bluffs Rally

The Bonelli Bluffs Romer rally was a reunion to remember. Our last official rally was January, 2020 in Indio, so this new event brought us back together for several days of fun, food and friendship.

Bonelli Bluffs campground is a hidden gem. The RV park is located on the bluffs in San Dimas, overlooking the hills and a small recreational lake. The sites are spacious with green lawns and paved parking. Our thanks to rally masters Jim & Joanne McPheters for selecting the site.

Arrival day always brings warm greetings and happy faces, but especially this year after so many months apart. Our evening Romer bar and hors d'oeuvres were a hit, as always, but the crowd favorite was the dessert provided by Debbie Smith and Janet Ream. They brought out a freshly baked, hot-from-the-oven apple dessert with generous scoops of vanilla ice cream. Thank you both for such a special treat!

Our first full rally day began with assorted quiches and fresh fruit from a local caterer, one who earned lots of compliments from the group. Again, our thanks to Jim and Joanne for selecting our menus and the husband-and-wife chef team. In the afternoon, the group gathered in the shade for a competitive cornhole tournament with 28 participants. The winning team after several rounds of play was Kathy Coleman and Dave Peterson. Congratulations!

The members' meeting on Saturday morning was lively with discussions described in the minutes found on pages 11-12. We discussed opening the club further to include all diesel motorhomes. The membership will vote at the rally



Bonelli Bluff Rally Hosts Jim & Joanne McPheters with Duncan & Nancy Holt.

in Emerald Desert in January. Those not attending that rally will have the chance to vote by email. A club name change was also proposed in order to incorporate other RV brands. Afterwards, Tom Getzfrid presented the new slate of officers which were unanimously approved. Tom later led the Tech Talk discussion following the meeting.

Our final night's auction was wildly popular with Rob Wilson and Janet Ream extracting dollars from wallets throughout the room. Ralph Davis brought hoots of laughter when he purchased an industrial strength pancake syrup by mistake. As he said "what's a guy from Vermont gonna do with this stuff?"

Thanks to all who participated and led our evening games. JoAnn Bush introduced several of us to the game Left, Right and Center, and Susan Lewis led the group in two nights of Card Bingo. See you all at Emerald Desert in January and Tucson in March.



Don & Judi Pagano, Joann Bush & Bill Beckley enjoy the views at this amazing Southern CA campground..

**Tucson Rally
Voyager RV Park
March 27-31, 2022**

Join us in Tucson, AZ for our rally immediately following the FMCA Tucson rally.

Contact Joe Dingman at jdjefe.jwd@verizon.net if you're interested in playing golf one day of the rally. Course is a challenging 9-hole Par 3 nestled around a lake at the RV Park. It's an easy course to walk. Handicap carts are allowed.

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Monaco Romers & Friends



Thanks to our bartenders!





President's Report

Well, this will be my second and last report as your President. We had some good rallies planned that had to be cancelled over the past 19 months due to the COVID Pandemic. But we are now back in the saddle, so to speak, with the excellent rally we just finished up at Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort. As Nancy and I arrived at the park we couldn't help but notice all of the green grass. Up in our area lots of people are forgoing watering their lawns. It is good to see that our water is being put to good use down south. Seriously, the facilities couldn't have been better. I want to thank Jim and Joanne McPheters for all of their hard work.

It was great to see all of the familiar faces, along with 3 first timers and one a new member. They had a good time and are looking forward to more Romer Rallies.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, there was quite a discussion about the future of the club. Like other clubs, FMCA included, membership has been dwindling. At our last rally in Indio, January 2020, it was reported that we had 83 current members. As of this meeting, our membership is down to 64 with only 48 members with dues paid. Because of this, the board recommended that the club be opened up to **all diesel motorhomes**. There was a vote and it was felt that this sort of change should be brought before the entire club. Think about this, and in the near future we will be sending out a survey to the membership.

Along with this change, there was much discussion about our club name. Some ideas that came up were: "Monaco Romers and Friends", keep our name, just "Romers", or how about "Western Romers". Send me any name change ideas (if you think we need one).

And with that, I look forward to seeing everyone in Indio at Emerald Desert next January

Duncan Holt, President



Vice Presidents Report

Interestingly enough, after serving nearly two years in this position, this is only my second (and final) Vice President Report. We just completed our first rally since January 2020. It was a great rally hosted by Duncan and Nancy Holt and Joanne and me. Marsha Taylor came by for a visit, and Rob and Dianne Wilson were active participants, although staying in a nearby hotel. Juan Marquez and Debbie Holt's rig broke down near Needles while traveling from Albuquerque to the rally and they missed all the fun at Bonelli Bluffs. Debbie came for the Board meeting and membership meeting, and Juan attended the membership meeting on Saturday.

Afternoon and evening games were a hit with the rally crowd. Thanks to Steve & Donnis for sharing their Cornhole Game, Joann Bush for teaching us how to play Left, Right, Center, and to Susan Lewis for leading the Playing Card Bingo Game two nights in a row.

Our bar crew also deserves a big round of applause. Larry Johnson and Paul Klempner work each and every rally, buying the bar supplies, recruiting volunteer bartenders and loading it all up at the end of the night. Thanks so much for your dedication and spirit.

There are two rallies planned for next year: Indio in January and Tucson in March. Please check the Monaco Romer website for dates and applications to attend. A third rally is in the works for the fall 2022.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Duncan for his leadership, guidance, feedback and support for the last 19 months. It has truly been a pleasure and wonderful learning experience for me. I would also like to welcome John Van Doren as our next Vice President starting January 1, 2022.

Jim McPheters, Vice President

Save the date

January 16-20 , 2022 Indio, CA

The rally sites are full, but if you'd like to join the group for dinner or the membership meeting, please contact Susan Lewis at gizmo4wine@yahoo.com or 805/350-1035.

March 27-31, 2022

Voyager RV Park, Tucson, AZ



Highlights of FMCA's Governing Board Mtg 7/7/21

Norma Preston represented the Romers at the FMCA Board Meeting in July.



FMCA renewal dues will be \$50/family and commercial memberships and \$60 for first year members until 2025. Executive Board quorum is 60% of the voting members.

The Investment Policy Objectives are to achieve a moderate growth for 5 years of 7% or better. Since the investment account is a taxable account, tax sensitivity should be a consideration in the management of the portfolio and selection of investment managers. Any decision to sell a security should take into consideration the investment merits of the decision and the tax ramifications. Managers will issue quarterly reports.

The average age of FMCA members is 72, with over two-thirds of the membership 65 or older. With a vote of 118 for and 80 against, issues regarding recruitment and retention were postponed to the New Executive Board.

Membership Services Committee actions included: continuing Your Best Address and American Mailbox; Mobile App provider: Togo RV; BigBattery.com has rates for batteries and accessories; to include Membership Club pins for only 10, 20, 50, 100 & 200 members recruited and give a \$100 certificate for FMCA merchandise or towards dues or convention registration; adopt a Memorial Brick program for the FMCA Campground at \$50 per brick; keep Proteng Fire Protection benefits pending negotiations.

FMCAssist is now provided by Chubb. Put their phone number 877-352-0785 into the ICE (In Case of Emergency) section of your cell phone along with your FMCA member number. Chubb applies if you are 75 miles from home (your driver's license address) and need

hospitalization. Special phone #'s for Canada and overseas. Read the policy online at FMCAssist.

There will be FMCA Driving School Basics I and II at Tucson prior to the March 23 Convention.

Newly elected National Officers: President – “Rett” Porter; Senior VP – Garry Millner; Secretary – Kathie Balogh; Treasurer: Barbara Smith.

Norma Preston

Welcome New and Recent Members



Sharon & Gary Cowan
Corona, CA



Gene & Susan Soda
Glendora, CA



Ralph & Doris Davis
Walnut Creek, CA

FMCA Rallies

**March 23-26, 2022
Tucson, AZ**

**August 24-27, 2022
Lincoln, NE**

**May 23-28, 2022
Lebanon, TN**

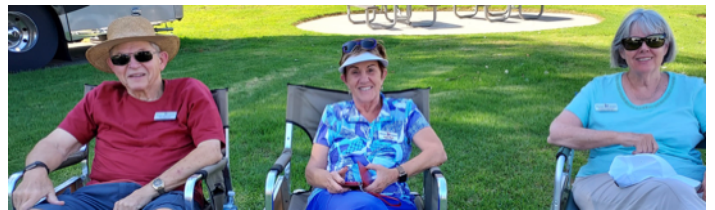
**March 12-18, 2023
Perry, GA**

**Rallies for 2024 and later will be held in
Arizona, Nebraska, Georgia and Wyoming.**

Rally Memories



Bonelli Bluffs attendees in alphabetical order: Bill Beckley & Joann Bush, Dan Chrismer & Elon McLaughlin, Pat & Kathy Coleman, Gary & Sharon Cowan, Ralph & Doris Davis, Tom & Lois Getzfrid, Steve & Donnis Hobbs, Duncan & Nancy Holt, Larry & Ellen Johnson, Paul & Pat Klempner, Jim & Susan Lewis, Juan Marquez & Debbie Holt, Jim & Joanne McPheters, Dominic & Jessie Oliveira, Don & Judi Pagano, Dave & Bobbi Peterson, Don & Norma Preston, Debbie Smith & Janet Ream, Gene & Susan Soda, and Rob & Dianne Wilson.



Thank you to our first-time newsletter photographer Elon McLaughlin. What a great job! Thanks also to Pat Coleman for the group and new member photos.



More Rally Photos



Romers at play!



Tech Talk with Tom Getzfrid



Bed Slide

Pat Coleman, 2000 Diplomat. Bed slide makes about 3 noises when extending. Sounds like it may be missing a tooth in the gear. The rack teeth are fine. How do you get into the box where the gear drive resides? No help other than cutting a hole in the box.

Road Service

PAT also had starter problem while in Stockton. Called road service and had 3 service vehicles show up (from same source) before a large tow truck came. Towed him backwards creating many problems. After much discussion, there are about equal number of good and bad reviews for the same company.

Shocks and Radiators

Radiator Supply, OR recommended for Radiator repair.

Konig shocks wearing out too quickly. No answer as to what to buy.

Flex Hose

Jim McPheters Flex hose has a crack and he can't get into it for repair. Answer: had to have 2 little people get in and make repair on another coach.

Dashboard Issues

Don Pagano. Re Strellic's Newmar New Aire electronic dash acting up. Been in the shop for over a month.

Pat Coleman recommended using Blue Fire LLC dash rather than Silver Leaf.

Dash air not switching from cool to hot or visa-versa. Possible vacuum switch needs replacement.

Inverter

Larry Johnson, 1996 Dynasty. Inverter shuts off when coffee pot turns on or Microwave starts. Possible cut off setting adjustment.



Thanks Tom!

Pat's Membership Update

Membership and Webmaster comments October 25, 2021

Membership

Monaco Romers Membership as of today is 50 Active for 2022 from 64 as of 2021. Board Members have offered to assist in calling the 2021 members that have not renewed.

Our website is <https://www.monacoromers.club> and access is available 24/7. The Roster is available at <https://www.monacoromers.club/member-roster>. Click on the cover page shown, enter the password and you will get a copy of the roster posted in September 2021. If you don't know the password, please contact me or any of the Romer officers by email. A more current version of the roster has been created with a new format to facilitate ease of reading. Here is a sample of new format:

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New Slate of Officers presented by Nominating Committee Chair Tom Getzfrid

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee who presented the new slate of officers for a vote at the October Rally.

Nominating committee members were Tom Getzfrid, Chair; Susan Lewis; Don Strelic & special advisor Rob Wilson.

New and continuing officers and chairs are listed below.



Tom Getzfrid,
Nominating Committee
Chair

Romer Newly Elected Officers

President: Jim McPheters

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Vice President: John Van Doren

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Secretary: Debbie Holt

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Treasurer: G'Nell DeLack

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FMCA Director: Larry Johnson

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Romer Apparel: Shirley Burr

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Sunshine & Showers

The club sent condolence cards to:

Sharon Budd on the passing of her husband Homer
Shirley Crow on the passing of her husband Rob
JoAnn Curtis on the passing of her husband Curt
Howard Hayes on the passing of his wife Judy
Linda McKiernan on the passing of her husband George
John & Dottie Van Doren on the passing of their grandson.

The club sent Get Well wishes to: Tom Getzfrid, Donnis Hobbs, Ellen Johnson, Jessie Oliveira and Jeff Preach. All were able to come out to play at the rally in Bonelli Bluffs except for Jeff Preach who was having shoulder surgery. We toasted your rapid recovery several times, Jeff. See you in Indio!

Happy News:

Pat & Kathy Coleman will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on December 15th!

The Hobbs have a new coach and a new puppy named Zoe who is very, very cute. Even their dog Charlie has decided the pup can stay.

Not to be outdone, Debbie Smith & Janet Ream also have a beautiful new Newmar LondonAire coach.

We welcomed three new attendees at this rally: Gary & Sharon Cowan, Ralph & Doris Davis and Gene & Susan Soda.

If you know of a member who needs to be wished a speedy recovery, remembered or otherwise recognized, please send the information to me.

Pat Klempner, Sunshine Lady



Debbie Smith & Janet Ream and their brand new Newmar LondonAire coach.

Remembering friends lost in 2020-2021



George McKiernan



Curt Curtis



Lavonne Stucker



Rob Crow



Homer Budd



Judy Hays

MONACO ROMERS
General Business Meeting
San Dimas (Bonelli Bluffs)
October 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Duncan Holt at 9:30 a.m. Rob Wilson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Members

Welcome to new members Gary & Sharon Cowan, Ralph & Doris Davis and first timers Gene & Susan Soda.

Treasurer Report

G'Neil De Lack was unable to attend. Duncan reported that the balance in checking is \$10,233 & savings is \$5055 for a total of \$15,288.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the meeting on January 10, 2020 were posted on our website. Motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded. All in favor.

Rally Director Report

January 2022: The FMCA Indio rally was canceled. In its place a rally will be held on January 16-20 at Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert. The rally will be hosted by Paul & Pat Klempner, Jim & Susan Lewis, Dick & Shirley Burr and Juan Marquez & Debbie Holt. There are 3 open spots, flyers were distributed.

March 2022: March 27-31 Voyager RV Park, Tucson, Az. Rally begins the day after the FMCA rally ends. Rally Masters are Dick & Maureen Bouma and Joe & Leah Dingman, and John & Dottie Van Doren. Duncan said that if we can get 10 coaches to attend the FMCA rally in Tucson, we can participate in a recruitment Block Party on March 24, with FMCA giving us \$75 for refreshments. There is also the Chapter Fair on March 23. Please let Duncan know if you are planning to attend FMCA.

Fall 2022: Need ideas and Rally Masters.

Recruitment of New Members

Duncan shared that at the Board meeting yesterday, due to our declining enrollment (down to 64 members from 83) the Board is recommending to expand our membership to all makes of diesel motorhomes. There was discussion, clarification and general agreement of present members. It will be voted on at the January 2022 meeting, and those not attending the meeting will have the opportunity to vote by email.

Discussion moved then to the need to change our name. Joann Bush said maybe we should have a contest. Tom Getzfrid made a motion that we include dropping the word Monaco from our name. Jim McPheters seconded. Ralph Davis proposed "Romers - formerly know as the Monaco Romers". Tom amended his proposal to this and Jim seconded. Debbie Smith shared that Country Coach changed their name to Country Coach & Friends. Dominic made a motion to change our name to Monaco Romers & Friends which was seconded by Jim McPheters. Voting was held by present members. Romers - formerly known as Monaco Romers got 3 yes votes. A second vote was held for Monaco Romers & Friends, 3 opposed, the rest voted yes. No decision was made regarding changing our name at this meeting.

FMCA Director Report

Larry Johnson thanked Norma Preston for representing us at the FMCA rally in Gillette Wy. See the Newsletter for her report.

Webmaster/Membership Report

Pat Coleman reported we are down to 64 members, with 41 paid dues. Board plans to make phone calls to those members who have not yet paid. Recruitment is our main focus. Pat has developed a new membership roster that includes size of rig, # of slides, etc. The membership roster is on our website monacoromers.club. Duncan requested that the format of the roster be enlarged. Pat proposed that all members get a gmail account as it would be easier for him to create surveys and use the group features.

Sunshine and Showers

See the newsletter for Pat Klempner's report.

Merchandise

Please contact Shirley Burr if you want to order a T-shirt or hat and pick it up at the Tuscon rally. Information is on the website.

Elections

Tom read the list of nominees from the nominating committee comprised of: Tom Getzfrid, Susan Lewis, Don Strelic, and Rob (Special Advisor) and asked if there were any additional nominations.

President: Jim McPheters

Vice President: John Van Doren

Treasurer: G'Nell De Lack

Secretary: Debbie Holt

FMCA Director: Larry Johnson

FMCA Alternate Director: Susan Lewis

Hearing no new nominations from the floor, Tom made the motion to approve the slate of officers, the motion was seconded and approved by all.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded and passed to change Standing Rule #3 & 5 as follows:

Rule 3: Wagonmasters shall make their rallies self-supporting, if possible. The \$1500 *advance* that is available for each rally is *intended to be used for any expenses incurred prior to receipt of rally receipts*. Any excess rally funds shall be returned to the Monaco Romers Treasurer at the completion of the rally.

Rule 5: Treasurer is empowered to provide a \$1500 *advance* to pre-fund estimated rally costs as requested by the Wagonmaster.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend By-law 3.e.ii as follows:

Balloting by mail *or electronic means* may be undertaken when a proposed matter is voted to be of such importance or urgency that a total membership vote is advisable.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Holt, Secretary