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The Choctaw Indian Casino, Durant, OK, was the setting for our summer rally. We enjoyed the nice facilities, food and 'fun' at the casino. The only negative was the 106° record temperature we experienced upon arrival. Fortunately, a cool front provided pleasant weather for the rest of the rally. Stop for a visit if you travel through the area—great location and facility.

—Carolyn

FROM YOUR EDITOR

WAN-NA-GO'S DURANT RALLY

Sunday September 9

Meet-n-greet with everyone bringing a snack, started the Durant rally. Twenty-eight coaches were in attendance. It's always good to see friends especially those that may not have been to a rally for a while.

Monday September 10

A delicious hearty breakfast began the first day. The executive board meeting followed and later a beading class led by Tressa Williams.

Everyone else had a free afternoon for sightseeing or trying their luck at the casino.

Happy hour began the evening activities, followed by a delicious dinner. The evenings entertainment was provided by comedian Al Fike. Al sang, told some great "blonde" jokes, dog & cat jokes, played a guitar, banjo, harmonica, and "saw." He was very funny and thoroughly entertaining.

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MONACO WAN-NA-GO'S

(Durant Rally, continued from page 1)

Tuesday September 11

Golfers arrived early for breakfast and then were off for a round of golf at Silverado Golf Club. They enjoyed a nice lunch at the course following the game. The winning team was Walter Gund, Katy Stacy, and Dale Clark. Following a free afternoon, everyone gathered for happy hour and another delicious dinner. Entertainment was the joke telling of our hosts, Dan & Karen Randall. After visiting with good friends for a while, it was off to the casino to test one's luck. Some even won!

Wednesday September 12

The day began with another great breakfast. Following breakfast, Ryan Spring, from the Choctaw Indian Historical Preservation Department, gave us a presentation on the background, origin, weapons, and clothing



styles of the early Choctaw Indians. He brought several examples of weapons, pottery and items of clothing to show the group. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Ryan's presentation.

Next we boarded buses to the hotel for a tour of the "Big Chief" and "Little Chief" penthouse suites. This was a very interesting and entertaining tour of these two beautiful suites. The tour also included the indoor swimming pool and beautiful meandering outdoor pool and

cabanas including the gorgeous landscaping, which certainly helps make the Durant Choctaw Indian Casino the beautiful resort destination that it is. Lunch and more slots were the next stops for most of our Wan-na-go's.

That evening Greg Guyman's "Little Big Iron Band", provided an outstanding evening of



music and songs, some even accompanied by our own talented Connie Monk. Everyone wanted them to continue even when the clock marked the end of the program. Such a nice, enjoyable evening.

Thursday September 13

The last day of the rally began with another tasty breakfast followed by the general membership business meeting. It was a short meeting, so everyone had the remainder of the day to do whatever they wanted – some even chose to go back to the casino!

The ladies had a very nice luncheon at a cute jewelry/gift shop with a tea room in the back. Durant has a lot of quaint shops that enticed us to stop for a quick look!

This was a small rally, with only 28 coaches in attendance, but it was most enjoyable and great for visiting with friends. All agreed that it was a huge success. Thanks to Dan & Karen Randall for a terrific rally.

See you at Coffee Creek rally in Santo, TX, Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 2012.

Our heartfelt thanks to our Monaco Wan-na-go's rally masters, Dan & Karen Randall, for all their hard work in making the Durant Rally such a success.

GET WELL WISHES

Please keep Bob Little in your prayers...He is still experiencing health problems that seem to be the result of his recent auto accident.

2012 CLUB RALLIES

October 28 - November 1, 2012

Coffee Creek RV Resort, Santo, TX

Rally Masters: Dale and Carolyn Clark
& Don and Marcille Long

2013 CLUB RALLIES

March 12 - 16, 2013

Riverview RV Park & Resort, Vidalia, LA

Rally Master: Ladon and Bonnie Miller

****June 2 - 6, 2013 (Note Change!)**

Winstar World Casino, Thackerville, OK

Rally Masters: Bob & Jan Erickson
and Keith & Debby Taylor

October 29 - November 2, 2013

Lake Conroe KOA, Montgomery, TX

Rally Masters: Jim and Nancy Harris
& John and Bettie Collins

UPCOMING FMCA RALLIES

Monaco International

“Westward Ho”

Pre-rally

****June 11-15, 2013 (Note Change)**

Gillette, Wyoming

FMCA 89th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase

June 19-22, 2013

Gillette, Wyoming

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note the dates of the Monaco Wan-na-go's Winstar Rally have changed due to Monaco International changing the dates of their "Westward Ho" pre-rally. Please adjust your calendars.

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Kay “Margarita Man” Williams

“COMMENTS” ...FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I was asked to write an article for this newsletter my mind went totally blank. After I “got over” the shock of trying to figure out what to write about I decided on something near and dear to my heart...volunteerism.

First let me give you a little something to think about... How would the Monaco Wan-na-go's survive without volunteers? Ponder this for a minute. This whole organization is built with volunteers from the board members to the rally coordinators...all volunteers. They are the backbone of this club.

Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart. Therefore they make the time; they understand how rewarding it is. They strive to make this club the best it can be.

I remember the first time I was asked to be an assistant rally master. I was very excited but a little scared because I barely knew the other two couples and, needless to say, I knew nothing about being an assistant rally master! To my surprise, as we worked together towards one common goal we became close friends. We built a lasting relationship...a super benefit of volunteering!

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2012 DURANT RALLY ATTENDEES

Theo and Blanche Bueto
 Jerry and Nancy Burns
 Dale and Carolyn Clark
 John and Bettie Collins
 Art and Sylvia Couch
 Bob and Jan Erickson
 Ronny and Sandra Finke
 Larry and Mary Lou Grayson
 Walter and Cleone Gund
 Jim and Nancy Harris
 Hoyt and Nancy Highfill
 Cletis and Pat Jones *
 Don and Marcille Long
 Roy and Sharon Love
 Joe and Connie Monk

Bill and Mona Morris
 Stan and Yolanda Powers
 Dan and Karen Randall
 Charles and Patsy Rast
 Mike and Suzanne Reaves
 Don and Sally Richmond
 Grant and Carol Rogers
 Don and Kati Stacy
 Keith and Debby Taylor
 Jim and Lynne Thielke *
 Larry and Vickie Van Drunen
 Kay and Tressa Williams
 Conrad and Connie Wilson

*Charter Members

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Volunteers make a difference, one person at a time.

Over the last couple of years our membership numbers have been dropping and now more than ever we need our members to step up to the plate and volunteer, whether it's to be an officer, rally master or any other position.

Ask any of our board members or rally masters if they are having fun and making new relationships doing their "job" and the answer will be YES.

I am not asking for your money, I am asking for something priceless...your time!

Jan Erickson
 President



Newsletter Editor
 Carolyn Clark



Webmaster
 Mike Reaves

Durant Rally Masters



Karen & Dan Randall

New Associate Members (Returning ex-Members) WELCOME BACK!



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DURANT RALLY PHOTOS!



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