

2013 WAN-NA-GO'S SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Hello Wan-na-go's! We had a great time at the Vidalia Rally with our hosts Bonnie & Ladon Miller and Vickie & Hubert Jones, who put on a fantastic rally. It was really good seeing all our friends again. I have to apologize to Hubert for giving him a hard time during the 'Cow Pasture Pool Presentation' (golf), seeing how I was just asking a few too many questions during his giving the awards out. But again, we really did have a great time.

Now to some New Business. Navistar Board of Directors has appointed Troy Clarke as President and CEO effective April 15, 2013, and the stock is up 4.7% after the announcement. I would encourage all that received the survey from Navistar to please fill it out. It will be interesting to see what changes are coming.

At Windstar Rally June 2-6, we plan to have ProTire (handles Michelins & Goodyear's Tires, Elect/front end alignment) also John Carrillo's Aqua Hot & Hydro Hot Service. If you need tires please call me for Mfg/size/#. Jan & Bob Erickson and Deborah & Keith Taylor are your Rally Masters.

We look forward to seeing you at the Rally. Have a great month!
Ronald Finke, President Monaco Wan-na-go's



SOUTHERN COMFORT RALLY

Sunday, March 10

Wan-na-go's first 2013 rally was held on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River in Vidalia, LA/Natchez, MS, with 34 coaches in attendance. Meet-n-Greet, held at the RV Party Barn, featured "comfort food" of hot dogs with chili, cheese, onions, and condiments, and beer, wine, & Bellini's for beverages. What a great way to begin the rally!

Monday, March 11

A true Southern breakfast greeted the Wan-na-go's on the first morning; eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits with gravy and fruit, all prepared by our great caterer, Renee Adams.

The First-Timers meeting had five couples attending the rally. Charles & Betty Humphrey, Barney &

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Suzanne Atkins, and Bill & Roma Brightman are members attending their first rally; Jim & Patsy Perkins - visiting as prospective members, and Keith & Lela Firestone - attending as, a most welcome, "Some Other Brand." Welcome to each of you.

The Executive Board Meeting followed the First Timers Meeting. Everyone else had the afternoon to go sightseeing, shopping, have lunch or even take a nap!!

Evening activities began with the Social Hour, followed by a Pot Luck Dinner, with meat provided by the Rally Masters and salad, vegetables, and dessert provided by attendees. Entertainment for the evening was a talk by Renee Adams from the Vidalia/Natchez Convention Center. She related personal stories of events that directly helped frame the history of the area. Some of the historical homes and buildings in the area were mentioned as places to see. She suggested many restaurants and places to shop. Great introduction to the Natchez area!



We celebrated Major General Chet McKeen's 90th birthday by presenting him with a beautiful birthday cake and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday!" Everyone enjoyed the birthday cake.



Bonnie Miller announced the charity chosen for this rally would be, The Veterans Village. This organization provides veterans and their families with a helping hand for procurement of medicines, optical



care, food, and other needs. Bonnie made and donated a lap quilt, to be raffled to raise money for this charity. The drawing for the winner would be on Thursday evening.

Tuesday, March 12

A great breakfast consisting of egg casserole, grits, link sausage, fruit, milk, juice, and coffee started the day. The golfers ate early and departed for the day on the links at the Beau Pre' Country Club. Everyone else enjoyed a leisurely breakfast.

The ladies were treated to a tour of Stanton Hall, one of many historical homes in Natchez, followed by a very nice luncheon in the dining room on the property. Bonnie made and donated door prizes for this event. Also, each lady received a favor three beautifully decorated pretzel sticks and a pretty flower lapel pin, all made and donated by Bonnie Miller. Everyone truly enjoyed the time spent at Stanton Hall. Many ladies chose to fill the rest of the day by touring other homes or shopping.

Social Hour brought everyone back together, at the Convention Center, for the evening activities.

The dinner menu was: a salad station, Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya, green beans, broccoli



salad, French bread, and bread pudding. Such a nice, filling dinner put everyone in the mood for the entertainment by Clyde Webber. Clyde is a humorist, whose down-home, easy manner, put everyone at ease and receptive to true stories, recalled from his life experiences (always viewed with humor)!!

Barney Atkins, one of our first timers, knew Clyde and most of the



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people in Clyde's stories! Lots of laughter made for a great evening!

Wednesday, March 13

The Wan-na-go's enjoyed another great breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, grits, bacon, sausage, and beverages. This day was left open for attendees to do as they desired.

Social Hour, with adult beverages, margaritas, and Bellini's, opened the evening activities. Dinner featured another 'Southern Comfort' menu of; salad, ham, chicken-n-dumplings, deviled eggs, corn, and banana pudding. No one left hungry!!!!



Entertainment for this evening brought the spiritual choir from The Holy Family Catholic Church of Vidalia, LA. This choir is well known for its hand-clapping, joyful music that they share at events in the area. We were fortunate to have them share their music and songs with our group. We all enjoyed the evening of music.

Thursday, March 14

The final breakfast of the rally consisted of large croissants stuffed with egg, cheese, bacon, or sausage, and choice of beverage.

President Ronny Finke called the General Business Meeting to order, introduced the officers present, and again, recognized all the First Timers present and invited them to come back or join our group. The meeting was short, a few announcements, and was adjourned. Attendees left to go to lunch and do the things they had not done earlier in the rally.

Everyone was back at 5 pm for Social Hour and our

final "Comfort Food" of the Rally. The meal lived up to the title: salad, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, macaroni-N-cheese, squash casserole, black-eyed peas, and peach or blackberry cobbler with vanilla ice cream. True "comfort" food!



Lee & Diane Rudolph were announced as the winners of the Quilt Raffle. Lee Rudolph presented the quilt to the Veterans Village representative, telling

him to auction the quilt at another time to raise more money for the veterans. Bonnie Miller then presented the Village Representative, Kenny Rushing, with over \$800 raised by our club for this charity.



The final event was a bonfire along the banks of the



Mississippi River. Thanks to Don Pack, who provided the wood (and know-how) to build the fire. All those that attended felt it was a great way to end a fun rally.

Friday, March 15

It is the day to depart this rally and look forward to getting together again at the next rally, WINSTAR!!! See you there!



**WAN-NA-GO'S
GET WELL WISHES!**

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following Monaco Wan-na-go's:

Carolyn Campsey, Billy Ohler,
Margaret Walker, and Keith Taylor

We are happy that Sally McKeen has completely recovered from surgery and was able to attend this rally.

**2013
WAN-NA-GO'S
CLUB RALLIES**

2013 CLUB RALLIES

June 2 - 6, 2013

Winstar World Casino, Thackerville, OK
Rally Masters: Bob & Jan Erickson
and Keith & Debby Taylor

October 29 - November 2, 2013

Monaco Wan-na-go's 20th Reunion
Lake Conroe KOA, Montgomery, TX
Rally Masters: Jim & Nancy Harris
and John & Bettie Collins

**UPCOMING
FMCA RALLIES**

**Monaco International
"Westward Ho"
Pre-rally
June 11-15, 2013
Gillette, Wyoming
FMCA 89th Family Reunion
and Motorhome Showcase
June 19-22, 2013
Gillette, Wyoming**

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WELCOME FIRST TIMERS!



Barney & Suzanne Atkins



Charles & Betty Humphrey



Bill & Roma Brightman



Keith & Lela Firestone
First Timer—Some Other Brand



2013 VIDALIA RALLY ATTENDEES

- Barney & Suzanne Atkins***
- Bill & Roma Brightman***
- Theo & Blanche Bueto
- Bob & Barbara Burns
- Phil & Linda Carrell
- Dale & Carolyn Clark
- Jack & Lazette Cox
- Butch & Elaine Day
- Ronny & Sandra Finke
- Keith & Lela Firestone**
- Jim & Carolyn Gannaway
- Jim & Liz Gee
- Larry & Mary Lou Grayson
- Russ & Judy Haley
- Charles & Betty Humphrey***
- Joe & Sandra Huntley
- Cletis & Pat Jones*
- Hubert & Vickie Jones
- Roy & Sharon Love
- Chet & Sally McKeen
- Sonny & Janis Merrill
- Ladon & Bonnie Miller
- Don & Joanne Pack
- Jim & Patsy Perkins***
- Stan & Yolanda Powers
- Horace & Beverly Ray
- Mike & Suzanne Reaves
- Charles & Patsy Riney
- Grant & Carol Rogers
- Lee & Diana Rudolph
- Terry & Cathy Sonnonstine
- Jim & Lynne Thielke*
- Kay & Tressa Williams
- Conrad & Connie Wilson

Key:

- * Charter Members
- ** Guest/SOB
- *** First Timers

VIDALIA RALLY MASTERS



Our heartfelt thanks to Ladon & Bonnie Miller and Hubert & Vickie Jones for all their hard work to make this such a successful rally.

Friends Welcome



Family By Appointment Only



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* SIGHTS OF NATCHEZ *



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