

2014 MONACO WAN-NA-GO'S SPRING NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

Hello all,

I hope you enjoyed our rally at Weatherford as much as I. If you missed it, you missed a fun event and we missed seeing you. Our rally masters, Janelle & Richard Burch and Joanne & Don Pack really did a superb job in putting together a great spring rally.

This newsletter will be somewhat different in that we are attempting to streamline the info and provide you with just what you need to keep up on what is happening with your club. The recap of the past rally activities will be shortened, but we will continue to provide you a photo summary of rally events.

Many of the rally attendees took advantage of the driver confidence program put together by Barbara Burns. She coordinated with one of our sponsors, National Indoor RV Center, and put on a very helpful program of both video reviews and hands-on driver training. National Indoor provided two coaches and driver instructors and a large number of rally attendees, many who had not previously had the opportunity to actually drive a coach, enjoyed the experience. This unique addition to our rally was very popular and filled

a need to enhance driving skills and encourage even experienced drivers to review some safety basics.

I am pleased to let you know about a major change coming in the way the club handles day-to-day business. We were most fortunate to have Jerry and Marilyn Jenkins, long time Wan-na-go members, attend our rally. Jerry is currently the Monaco International Treasurer and MI takes advantage of a commercially available software program to help with administering club business. Jerry provided the members a summary of this program, known as "Wild Apricot" and described how the program could be used to help manage Wan-na-go business at our general membership business meeting. The club approved a subscription to this program and Mike Reaves; our webmaster, will be incorporating the features into a completely different website over the next few months. Mike has more details in his article, but briefly the program will soon enable members to make their own changes such as address, phone number, or e-mail address changes, you will be able to track your annual dues and make payments on-line through a secure website. It will also provide a way to

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register and pay for upcoming club rallies. Be sure and read Mike's "Notes About Our New Web Site" article in this issue.

Please make note of the upcoming FMCA Six-State Rally, Oct 1-5, 2014 at Shreveport, LA. The Wan-na-go's have been asked to be one of the host chapters and to provide volunteers. So far, we've had a positive response and many of our members are making plans to attend. It promises to be a fun rally in a convenient location and I am hopeful we can have a good Wan-na-go turn-out. Plans are for us to get together when possible, for a social hour and kind of have a rally in a rally—should be fun! Please make a special effort to come. You can find details and registration info at the following link: www.fmca.com/chapters/area-rallies

It is still early, but here is the latest on plans for Wan-na-go rallies in 2015. We will return to the Choctaw RV Resort at Durant, OK for our first rally. The planned dates for this rally will be March 1-5. Our next rally is planned to be at the Cedar Oaks RV Resort at Grove, OK. Nothing firm on the dates yet for this rally (most likely in the May-June time frame) and we still need a rally master. The last rally for 2015 will be at the Mineola Civic Center RV Park, Mineola, TX. This will be a first for Wan-na-go's, but I think you will enjoy this rally. The Mineola Civic Center is a very nice full featured facility that just happens to have 200 plus RV sites with full hook-ups. We are planning on this rally for October 26-29 ending on a Thursday so folks that need to get home for football games can do so. Also, those that want to stick around for the weekend can take advantage of the ever-popular First Monday Trades Day at Canton, TX just 25 miles away.

Carolyn and I will be travelling this summer and we hope to see you somewhere on the way. We look forward to seeing you at the Las Cruces rally.

Have a safe and fun-filled summer,

Dale



Webmaster
Mike Reaves

NOTES ABOUT OUR NEW WEB SITE:

Since the Weatherford rally, Jerry Jenkins and I have progressed to set up our new web site. We have uploaded our historical data: past rallies, financial statements, newsletters, and minutes. Our club roster, WITH PHOTOS, is also ready for use. The only feature left to add is the online payment system. This will be easy after we make some choices from the options at Wild Apricot. The system works very smoothly, and getting to this point in development has been easier than we thought.

For the immediate future, we hope the time-line of the roll-out of our site will be:

- May 31, Wild Apricot is implementing a full system upgrade. We plan to wait for this to be sure our performance is the same after the upgrade.
- About the last week in June we will invite all Monaco members to visit the site. You'll be emailed your temporary password so you can login and set your own personal password. You will also be asked to review your profile information to be sure it is correct, including a better photo if you choose to upload one.
- Just after July 1, we will email the announcement and application form for the Las Cruces Rally, Sep. 9-13, 2014. You can still update your profile as you sign up for Las Cruces, and you'll have the choice to pay the rally fee online or by check via USPS.

At Las Cruces, one of our scintillating events will be a seminar to show you more about the new web site and answer your questions. We may try ice cream as an incentive to attend.

You may preview the new site NOW as a non-member, to satisfy your curiosity. Enjoy:

www.monacowannagos.wildapricot.org

OAK CREEK RALLY

“MAPS, MILES, & MEMORIES”

Rally masters Richard and Janelle Burch and Don and Joanne Pack greeted us at Oak Creek RV Park with many fun plans and activities.

The rally began Tuesday afternoon with Meet-n-Greet. The group enjoyed drinks and appetizers as they chatted and visited with friends.

On Wednesday members were greeted with a hot breakfast of biscuits, gravy, eggs, bacon, sausage and all the trimmings followed by the first-timers meeting. We had new members Tommy and Kristi Watters, James and Zolene Knott, and Bob and Melva Bottom. Lunch was a cook-out of hot dogs and sausage with beans — a great meal provided by one of our new couples, Tommy and Kristi Watters of Coppel, Texas.

Lunch was followed by a video demonstrating how to maneuver a trailer or motor home. We were shown everything from how to adjust your mirrors to turning in either direction, negotiating a curve and parking. All these things are vitally important to those of us owning and operating a motor home.

After a full day we all looked forward to happy hour and a good meal. We were not disappointed. A wonderful meal of chicken fried steak was followed by entertainment by the duo of Leon and Kathy who provided a variety of music and songs.

The next day the golfers enjoyed an early breakfast before teeing off. The day was overcast with a slight mist but it cleared up by mid-morning. Those of us not on the golf course had a choice of exploring the sites in and around Weatherford, shopping, or just hanging around the RV park. A wonderful lunch of BBQ was provided by Natty Flat. Later that afternoon Bonnie Miller conducted a class in paper crafts which was very popular judging by the number of participants. We were all ready with our staplers and scissors. We all came away with cute cards and gift tags and had fun doing it. Right afterwards, Tommy Watters, one of our new members spoke on the ins and outs of motor

home insurance. Happy hour featured Stan's music, drinks and conversation. The evening ended with a Mexican dinner and regular Bingo.

Friday we were greeted by a nice day after several mornings of overcast skies. The pace picked up quickly, first with a seminar by Cummings. Two representatives gave a presentation on maintenance and diesel fuel and then took questions from the audience. Immediately after, Jerry Jenkins gave a short presentation on Freightliner and related chassis. At 10:00 the coaches arrived for the ladies to try their hand at driving motor homes. The group was divided so that each lady could take her turn in a 40ft or 38ft coach. All the participants proved to be ready and eager for the trial run and the whole effort provided lots of excitement and a laughs. Happy hour was followed by another great dinner. Afterwards, we had an entertaining evening during which some described their travel adventures and or mishaps. We learned our group has its fair share of hams and comics who are quick and happy to provide laughs. But wait! The evening was not over. We then were led by Janelle and Joanne in a game of Travel Bingo where people mingled to find how many of them could fill in the squares indicating locations where they had traveled. There was a special treat at the end when everyone received a nice crystal globe. All in all it was a thoroughly entertaining evening.

Saturday began with breakfast followed by the business meeting and then lunch on our own. Free time in the afternoon was followed by happy hour, Dinner and then a sale of Monaco items in the back of the room held by Sally Richmond. Finally, Phil Carrell and Mike Reeves held an auction of what was left of the bar.

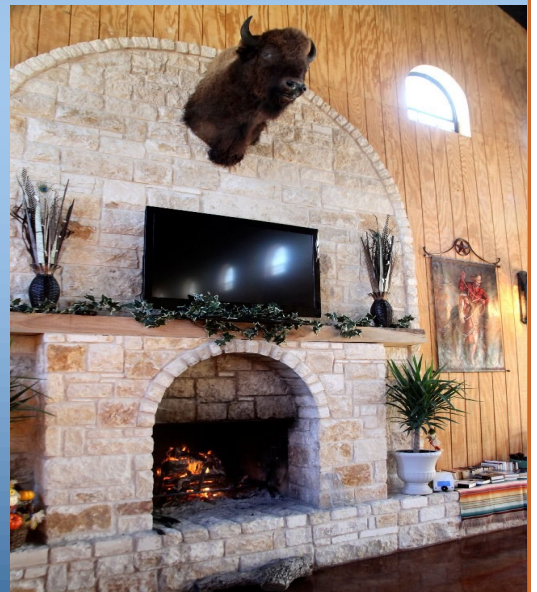
Sunday morning it was time to say goodbye and prepare to depart.

Many thanks to our rally masters Richard and Janelle Burch and Don and Joanne Pack as well as their helpers for a really nice rally.

Now on to Las Cruces!

MONACO WANI-NA-GO'S

OAK CREEK RALLY PHOTOS
"MAPS, MILES, & MEMORIES"



* OAK CREEK RALLY PHOTOS *



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

We send our best wishes to the following members undergoing or recovering from serious health problems:

Barbara & Bob Burns

Lazette & Jack Cox

Jim Gee

Joe Huntley

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Get well soon!

**THANKS TO OUR
RALLY SPONSORS!**

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Best Value RV Sales & Service
Camping World
Cummins
Kay "Margarita Man" Williams
Michelin Tires
National Indoor RV Center
North Texas RV Repair
RV Insurance Solution, LLC
RV Mobile Lube
Weatherford
Chamber of Commerce

CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness we report the passing of one of our former members, Jerry Atwood. We were fortunate that Jerry was able to attend our 20th Anniversary Rally at Montgomery, TX, last October.

**UPCOMING
FMCA RALLIES**

**2014
WAN-NA-GO RALLIES**

September 9-13
Hacienda RV Resort
Las Cruces, NM
Rally Masters: Phil & Linda Carrell
Mike & Suzanne Reaves

November 11-15
ABC Campground
Branson, MO
Rally Masters: Joe & Sandy Huntley
Ronny & Sandra Finke

**South Central Area Rally
(Six State Rally)**
October 1-5
Shreveport, LA
Monaco International Pre-rally
August 5-9
Coos Bay, OR
**FMCA 90th Family Reunion and
Motorhome Showcase**
August 13-16, 2014
Redmond, OR
Albuquerque Balloon Festival
October 8-12, 2014

MONACO WAN-NA-GO'S

OAK CREEK RALLY ATTENDEES

Lon & Sandy Babcock
Bob & Melva Bottom**
Richard & Janelle Burch
Billy & Carolyn Campsey
Phil & Linda Carrell
Dale & Carolyn Clark
Art & Sylvia Couch
James & Elaine Day
Ronny & Sandra Finke
Jim & Carolyn Gannaway
Larry & Mary Lou Grayson
Tom & Nancy Hayselden
Don & Linda Holley
Jerry & Marilyn Jenkins
Cletis & Pat Jones*
Gene & Lee Jones
Hubert & Vickie Jones
James & Zolene Knott**
Don & Marcille Long
Roy & Sharon Love
Chet & Sally McKeen
Sonny & Janis Merrill
Ladon & Bonnie Miller
Don & Joanne Pack
Stan & Yolanda Powers
Dan & Karen Randall
Charles & Patsy Rast
Mike & Suzanne Reaves
Don & Sally Richmond
Charles & Patsy Riney
Ed & Sandra Robbins
Grant & Carol Rogers
Robert & Jeanne Sanderson
Terry & Cathy Sonnonstine
Keith & Deborah Taylor
Tommy & Kristi Watters**
Bill & Mary Lou Wightman
Kay & Tressa Williams
Conrad & Connie Wilson

* Charter Member
** First Timer

OAK CREEK RALLY MASTERS



Many thanks to Richard & Janelle Burch and
Don & Joanne Pack for hosting
a great rally

WELCOME FIRST TIMERS!



Bob & Melva Bottom



Tommy & Kristi Watters



James & Zolene Knott



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