

2015 MONACO WAN-NA-GO'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Life is Grand Rally

Water, water everywhere.....Those who arrived early dealt with rain along the way, tornado warnings in Texas and OK and were given the option of going to a shelter that evening. Never the less, by the time Happy Hour arrived on Sunday we all enjoyed a Meet & Greet with drinks, a sandwich dinner provided by Thunder Run Casino, and great camaraderie.

The following day a breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, fried potatoes, biscuits, gravy

and fruit was enjoyed by the group before leaving for the Pensacola Dam Tour. We learned that the Dam has generated renewable power for the Grand River Dam Authority to provide electric service in 24 counties, plus businesses in and out of Oklahoma. It is listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

Following a delightful lunch at Raggedy's, the ladies enjoyed shopping at the Muddy Pearl. Lunch was followed by the Board Meeting after which

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everyone had some time on their own before Happy Hour. Awaiting us after dinner was “Willamae”, who was to be our entertainer. She was a comic who talked non-stop and had a laugh in every line. She did not miss the opportunity to pick on Cletis Jones, Bob Erickson, Walter Gund, and Bill Shrader who provided some laughs of their own.

Tuesday there was an early breakfast before the golf group left for Patricia Island Golf Course. Some ladies and guys departed for lunch and shopping at Sandstone Gardens. Sandstone Gardens is an amazing place. It is a 50,000 sq. ft. showroom of accessories for the home and is reminiscent of a Grand Estate. It includes garden landscapes and has a Bistro which serves some award winning restaurant fare. Some of us enjoyed their offerings for lunch.

After dinner Bob and Jan Erickson led us in a new version of the game of Trivia in which groups can compete for prizes. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Wednesday morning breakfast consisted of a breakfast casserole, pancakes, fruit & yogurt parfaits and assorted Danishes and coffee followed by the business meeting. After the meeting some took advantage of a tour to the Beautiful Coleman Theatre, a movie palace which was originally a vaudeville theatre built in 1929. It was certainly worth the tour. Others left for the Thunder Run Casino to play at the slots and build up their winnings.....or Not!!

After dinner a lively auction was conducted by Billy Campsey and his helper Sharon Love. Many items provided by Jan Erickson were auctioned off to benefit Rett Syndrome and in particular a young lady, Jayden Hauber, who suffers from Rett Syndrome and is in need of a Van that will accommodate her wheelchair. Thankfully the proceeds of the auction provided a significant boost in that effort.

Our next rally is in Mineola, Texas. See you there!



Your Rally Masters
Bob & Jan Erickson and Art & Sylvia Couch

Notes from the Webmaster

This is reprinted from the past issue because of it's timely relevance. Please take time to read!

SPOUSE, OR SECOND COPY, EMAILS – Some success here. Some members want both the husband and wife to get copies of our emails. So I have worked with the Event Emails first, hoping those are the most desired copies. Now you will find a new link at the bottom of the left-hand blue TASKBAR named “Subscribe to Emails”. DO NOT LOGIN TO USE THIS FEATURE. Simply click on the link and follow the directions before you login. We will forward the Event Emails to those who subscribe here. So, if you want these copies, you have to sign-up via this new link on the home page.

OUR BLOG SPOT - I have cleaned up the blogs a bit, especially deleting the old ones about Branson, as that rally is over. I did add a blog of my own with some tips on how to post blogs. If you want to learn about them and teach yourself how to post them, please study this new blog instructional post.

RALLY REGISTRATION HELP – RALLY REGISTRATION HELP – I have posted a new blog that shows up on the bottom of our home page. In it I have listed step by step instructions on how to register for a rally. I think this will help. In fact, you can practice registering for a rally by pretending you are doing it for real until you get to the page that reviews all of your rally information and choices. There, at the bottom, is a CANCEL button. If you click there you can exit the registration process just before it goes to Payment. You can do it as often as you like. But, the “Life is Grand” Rally masters are hoping you practice all the way through!

THE MEMBERSHIP LIST (Or, as we call it in web site heaven, “The Mini-Directory”) - I have submitted to Dale Clark, my proof reader, a very simple list of the membership, that can be printed on two letter sheets. The print is so small on this thing that you're going to have to really want to use it! Watch for your copy by email, and from there you can print out several copies for the whole family.

MEMBER PERSONAL PHOTOS - Remember that you can update, or add, a personal photo. You do this by clicking on “View Profile” in the upper right-hand corner of any page, after you are logged in. Click “Edit” under “Contact Details > Profile”. Scroll down to “Additional Information > Personal Photo” add/change/remove your photo. Then “Save” your work by clicking the green “Save” button back up at the top of the page, left side. It's easy, and we all want to see your best looks.

I hope all of you members are enjoying using the web site. I know it is making life easier for our Treasurer, Sally Richmond, and all of the Rally masters who can advertise to the membership via emails, and receive the registrations automatically. As always, you can call me for help any time the sun is up.

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CONDOLENCES

Please remember Don Long and his family. Don's Mom recently passed.

GET WELL WISHES

Best wishes to the following Wan-na-go's who are recovering from recent hospital stays:

David Piper
Kay Williams
Conrad Wilson

OUR NEXT RALLY

Oct 25 - 29, 2015

Mineola Civic Center Mineola, TX
Rally Masters: Dale and Carolyn Clark &
Don and Marcille Long
See info next page!

WAN-NA-GO'S RALLIES 2016

Our first rally will be at Coushatta Casino Resort, Kinder, LA., Mar 29-Apr 2, 2016. As of press time, remaining rallies have not been finalized.

Jan Erickson is also working on rallies in North and South Texas. You can plan on seeing some exciting rally locations. Remember, we all enjoy the rallies, but they are not possible without individuals stepping forward and helping out as rally masters. This is a good opportunity to volunteer to help. Please call Jan Erickson, 316-655-6667, and discuss your availability for next year. If you call early, you may even get to pick your choice for dates and places.

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UPCOMING FMCA RALLIES

July 29 - August 1, 2015

FMCA 92nd Family Reunion &
Motor Home Showcase
Madison, WI



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GROVE RALLY ATTENDEES

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| Milton and Clarita Bryant | Don and Joanne Pack |
| Bob and Barbara Burns | David and Kay Piper |
| Billy and Carolyn Campsey | Stan and Yolanda Powers |
| Dale and Carolyn Clark | Dan and Karen Randall |
| Art and Sylvia Couch | Don and Sally Richmond |
| Jack and Lazette Cox | Grant and Carol Rogers |
| Bob and Jan Erickson | Bill Schrader** |
| Larry and Mary Lou Grayson | Keith and Debbie Taylor |
| Walter and Cleone Gund | Larry and Vickie VanDrunen |
| Ken and Susan Havener | Bill and Mary Lou Wightman |
| Tom and Nancy Hayselden | Conrad and Connie Wilson |
| Hugh and Judy Hollowell | |
| Cletis and Pat Jones* | *Charter Members |
| Roy and Sharon Love | **Guest |
| Bill and Mona Morris | |

DEEP IN THE HEART OF FALL RALLY



- Come and join us at Wan-na-go's last rally for 2015 at beautiful Mineola, Texas
- Come early and attend the Golden Sweet Potato Festival (5 miles North)
- Friday Night Gospel sing (6:00 PM)
- Saturday parade (10:00 AM)
- Vendors, entertainment, tractor pull, and more!
- Sweet potato auction (1:00 PM) meet Miss Texas!
- Rally starts with Meet & Greet Sunday evening 5:00 PM
- Nothing to bring
- Four breakfasts, happy hours, and dinners included
- Great entertainment and games
- Stay the weekend and attend First Monday Trade Day at Canton, Texas beginning the day after the rally
- Stay on your site (only 25 miles to Canton)
- Group rates (\$25 per night) apply both before and after the rally
- There is no limit on this rally
- Registration begins August 1, 2015 – see your website: monacowannagos.com

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