



2008 Land of Enchantment

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Jerry & Anna Lee Braunstein



We have been married 45 years, have two children, and a Monaco Diplomat to their credit. Jerry is a semi-retired attorney who still gets into court once in a while if the mood suits him. He specializes in business litigation and bankruptcy representing creditors. Anna Lee is a retired special education teacher who spent 33 years teaching the visually

impaired. Since closing his office, Jerry has taken up a hobby that interested him in his younger years, woodworking. He has attended several seminars at the College of the Redwoods School of Fine Woodworking in Ft. Bragg, California and when he not traveling in the RV, enjoys time in his shop. Anna Lee enjoys reading, writing, and bridge.

Our joint hobby is travel, both in the RV and internationally. Recent international trips include the eastern Mediterranean and crossing Drake's Passage to Antarctica. We are also avid walkers and recently did the climb up to the face of the Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota.

Our son, Jeff earned his Ph.D. in electrical engineering and is a professor at RPI in Troy, New York. Our daughter, Cheryl, is an exhibit developer with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. She is married to Dave, an entomologist.

Jerry is a native San Franciscan and Anna Lee was raised in Denver. We have lived in the Sacramento Valley of California for most of our lives and now reside in Rocklin, a suburb east of Sacramento.

This is our second MIM caravan. We did the Canadian Maritimes last year and had a great time touring an area that we had never been to. We did Santa Fe and the Balloon Fiesta with Monaco International in 2005 and are really looking forward to a much more in depth tour of the area this time around.



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Joann Bush



My late husband, Sandy, and I were in the Monaco family since 2000 and a member of Monaco's In Motion as well as several other Monaco clubs since then. We were RV'ers before that with other brands and have owned six Monaco coaches. Until his illness caused us to move to Denver where our children and grandchildren live, we were full timers for five years. During that time we visited every state, parts of Mexico (including the Copper Canyon piggy back train caravan) and many of the Canadian

provinces. Our favorite place was the Maritimes especially Newfoundland which we visited twice. During those travels we made it a point to stop at as many National Parks and Monuments, Presidential Homes and Libraries and other Historic sites as we could. I have continued to travel in my motor home by myself, as I love the lifestyle as well as the people I meet along the way. Wherever I go, there is someone I know to stop and visit. This will be my seventh MIM caravan including the Colorado Caravan, which my husband and I led in 2002. One of the favorite things we have done was to follow the entire Lewis and Clark Trail and in 2004 witnessing the launching of the replica boat celebrating 200 years since they made their historic journey. All of this travel has enticed me to read and learn more about our country's history.

My past life (besides being married for 42 years and having 2 sons and 3 grandchildren) include being a dietitian, a realtor, raising paint horses and miniature horses, living in the mountains and being a "ski bum" and working in my own business. Since retiring I have become very involved with volunteer work. My Pet Partner, Little Sandy, a five pound Yorkie (I will tell you all the story of her name when I meet you) is a registered Therapy Dog. She and I are a team who visit the elderly in nursing homes, adult day care centers and hospice patients performing Animal Assisted Activities and bringing comfort



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and joy to many people. She is also great company for me and a wonderful traveling companion.

I look forward to making new friends on this New Mexico Caravan.

Editor's Note: Joann and Sandy were the original Tailgunners for the first Land of Enchantment caravan and helped with the planning of the original caravan. When Sandy became ill, they had to back out as tailgunners but did sign up for the 2006 caravan. Unfortunately, Sandy became very ill on the third day of our trip and they had to leave the caravan. We are thrilled that Joann and "Little Sandy" can now join us on this edition - Kim

David & Lois Cohen



Lois and I started RVing in 1975 with a 1972 27' Travco. We took our 2 daughters all over the United States and by 1983 they had been to virtually every one of the lower 48. It was without a doubt the best of times with our kids. They enjoyed the Grand Canyon and the Redwoods and the Badlands and a thousand other spectacular parts of the USA - even if every day did end with "where's the pool?"

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In 1983 we switched from motorhomes to boats - much the same thing really . . . except for reefs, waves and hurricanes!! In 2005 we retired from our business of publishing International Law books (where we worked in adjoining offices for 35 years), sold the boat, sold the business and a week later flew to Florida and ordered our first Signature. We drove to Alaska the first year, did the Canadian Maritimes the second year and are doing the southwest this year.

Traveling by motorhome is just the best - especially when you are married to the "Queen of OCD". We have met lots on great people and enjoyed a travel experience NOTHING like our 27' Travco!



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Ed & Betsy Dingley



Ed and I live full time in our 2004 Monaco Dynasty which we keep part time in Indio, CA and part time in Florence, OR.. We have been married since 1967 and we have lived in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Bermuda, Hartsdale, NY and Glastonbury, CT. Seattle and New York City are

home to our two daughters.

I am a passionate reader, mostly non-fiction, and am developing a love of knitting and recently spinning my own yarn. A new addition to our family is Harry, a poodle and golden retriever mix from the Riverside Animal shelter, where I volunteer. Cooking used to be a hobby, but it is quickly fading out of the picture. Now I prefer to read cookbooks. This August, Ed and I will be camp hosts at Glacier National Park in St. Mary's campground. I'm looking forward to this new experience. In my former life I taught classical ballet and worked at our local high school as a librarian. I can be lively and social at times, but really enjoy my quiet time with a book and good music.



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Jerry & Marilyn Jenkins



Marilyn and I are high school sweethearts from a small town in southern Arkansas. We both attended the University of Arkansas so we know how to call the Hogs, but WILL NOT wear the hog hats! We graduated from college in 1969 and promptly moved to Texas to make our living - just one week after getting married. We lived and worked in Baytown, Houston, and Corpus Christi, with Houston being the city that we landed last, although we moved every year for a while.

Marilyn is a high school teacher and was able to teach for over 22 years after raising two boys. I am an engineer and worked for Exxon Mobil (originally Humble) for over 33 years. Marilyn's specialty was 10th grade English, and I was mostly involved in the computing area, managing the computing network for the Upstream portion of Exxon's business for several years.

While the boys were growing up, I participated in the Boy Scouts program heavily. I was an Assistant Scout Master, attended Philmont Boy Scout camp twice and was the Advancement Chairman for the Rising Star District for several years. Both boys made the Eagle rank and have made us proud throughout their lives. They are a big part of our life today.

We have owned motor homes since 1981, moving from a tent trailer to our first class C and have owned 3 Monaco coaches, with the first being in 2003. Before retiring, we used the tents, tent trailers and motor homes to go fishing with the boys and enjoy the outdoors. As we grew older, we chose to be less and less inconvenienced, such that we now live the life of luxury in our Monaco Coach while on the road. We 'half time' as in the motor home, having a brick and mortar home in Kerrville, Texas where we moved on retirement in 2002. We love attending rallies and meeting new friends. We both like to fly fish, hike and bike.



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Marilyn is currently Secretary of the Monaco Wan-na-go's club and I am a Regional Director for Monaco International and we are hosting a rally for the Wan-na-go's in November of this year.

Bill & Jayne Lindsay



Bill and Jayne Lindsay met at Jayne's high school graduation party in 1958 and were married in 1959. We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary next year. Bill graduated from USC as a mechanical engineer and Jayne became a nurse in the mid 1970s. In the 80s Jayne was a volunteer fireman on an all gal rig in the mountains of the High

Sierras. Bill has always had a love of speed and has raced dragsters, motorcycles, dune buggies and later got into boating and jet skiing. At one point we owned a motorcycle dealership in the San Francisco bay area for 10 years. We love to travel and have spent much time in the South Pacific. We have been Rving and Jeeping for the last 14 years. Last year we traveled with Monacos in Motion on one of the last Copper Canyon RV train trips in Mexico. It was quite an experience. We now live part of the year in No. Calif. near Grass Valley in the Sierra foothills and Las Cruces, New Mexico when not traveling. Looking forward to a fun trip in No. New Mexico.



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Joe & Connie Monk



We have been members of Monaco International and Monacos in Motion for about six years. The only MIM caravan that we have been on was the Colorado "Rock Climbing" Caravan. The New Mexico Caravan is the first time we have been involved in leading a caravan.

Our home is in Beach City, Texas, which is about 30 minutes east of Houston. We both retired from Exxon Mobil. When we retired, Connie had been marketing jet fuel to the US military and Joe had managed a petroleum refinery.

Jim & Kathy McBride



We share a dual persona. Our summer face resides in North Idaho. We live on Pend d' Orielle Lake. Half of our family lives nearby where we have a son, daughter-in-law, and three grandsons. During the summer we occupy ourselves with family, boating, camping, bicycling, and ATV riding. We have a motorhome, a bubble

tent, and a lake home. We live in all three, as our activities require. Our winter face resides in our motorhome, which as you know has wheels, so can be found anywhere between Idaho and Florida. The other half of our family lives in southern Georgia where we have a daughter-in-law, her husband, two grandsons, and two granddaughters.

During the winter our major activities are centered around family, recreation, involvement with Habitat-for Humanities as care-a-vanners, and



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spending three weeks in Fairbanks, Alaska working on the lighting crew at the Ice Alaska-World Championship Ice Competition. We still have not figured out who we want to be when we grow up, so we keep moving until we do. It is my job to photograph everything and Jim's job to remember how we got everywhere, so we can find our way back when we need.

We are Jim and Kathy McBride!

Mitch & Barb Mitchell



Mitch and Barb are retired teachers from Minnesota. We have both taught upper elementary and gifted education, and retired two years ago from middle school math and social studies. All those kids and our own three kept us busy for many years. We now have a one-year-old grandson in Florida and a one-year-old granddaughter in

Minnesota to keep us busy.

We have always "camped", and have been motorhoming for about 23 years. In order to spend quality time with both grandchildren, we sold our house and are loving the full-timing lifestyle. We also enjoy pickleball, dominoes, and cards. Mitch loves to cook and Barb reads.

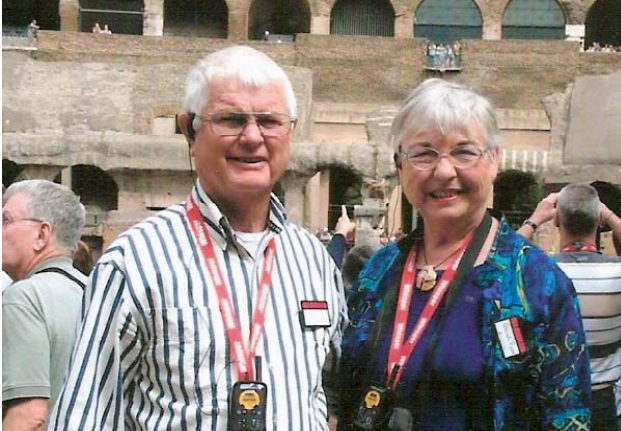


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Bert & Glenda Pipes



Bert and Glenda Pipes are Louisiana bred, farm reared, and settled on a plantation of Gleda's family that purchased the property in 1843 from the U. S. Government. We have reared a son and daughter. Malcolm, single, is a patent attorney, and Tammy, married to Nathan Goodyear MD, OB/GYN, has given us three granddaughters and one

grandson.

After we retired, we decided to start shopping and educating ourselves to RV living. We saw a FMCA magazine at a dealership and called them to subscribe to their magazine. This was a great help to us. Our daughter and son-in-law moved to Knoxville, TN, and every visit we made, we visited Buddy Gregg's business. We decided to purchase a Monaco. In 2001 we made the leap and are now enjoying the new 2000 Dynasty.

We attended our first Monaco Rally and FMCA Rally in Albuquerque, NM and learned we were on the right track to fun retirement. We are members of Monaco International and Monaco's In Motion. Fellow members are fun lovers and three couples have become great travel companions, Herbert and Sophia Taylor from Virginia, Jim and Micki Bybee, and Bob and Dorothy Kroff, both from Portland Oregon.

We spent the winter this year in Florida, working part-time at Disney World and discovered why FL has so many snowbirds. We are planning to return this year and enjoy the warm weather and new friends.

Celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2007, we treated ourselves to a six-week tour of Ireland and Europe, which was a wonderful trip. Hopefully we



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can do one to Alaska, Canada, and Mexico with a caravan group. We are looking forward to the Land of Enchantment Adventure this year.

Kim & Shelly Pollock



Kim and Shelly have been married for 28 wonderful years and have one son, Jeff. Shelly is a retired Educational Therapist having spend most of her career helping people of all ages with learning disabilities to improve their reading and study skills. Kim graduated as an Engineer but spent his career in the Information

Systems (computers) arena in the consumer products and biotechnology fields. We both retired in 2002 to continue our adventures in the second half of our lives.

Our son Jeff is a Senior Director with Oracle living in the Bay area. Last year, we had our first grandson (Carson) and by the time of the caravan, will have a granddaughter as well. If anyone would like to see pictures, let us know!

We are currently on our 3rd RV having graduated from tents in 1999 and have been full timing since April of 2002. We spend the winters at our place in Indio, CA and the summers wherever our hearts and pocketbooks take us. Shelly's hobbies include hiking, writing and traveling and Kim's hobbies include Jeeping, computers and keeping everything electronic and mechanical operational. Kim is Vice President of the FMCA 4 Wheelers and has developed and is maintaining the numerous websites including Monacos in Motion and Monaco International.



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We put together and led the Land of Enchantment Caravan two years ago and did not plan on leading it again until our friends and tailgunners, Joe & Connie, convinced us that it was in our best interest to do it again. We are excited about meeting a whole new set of friends and showing you all one of our favorite haunts - Northern New Mexico.

Bob & Iris Simonis



Bob is from Milwaukee, Wis., which means we are Green Bay Packer fans, and Iris is from Bloomington, Ind. Bob was just out of the marines and Iris out of high school, met and married in Pasadena, Texas in 1963. We have two children Bob Jr. and Sandy. No Grandchildren, so we have Jack, the family dog. He is a lovable 82 lb. black lab and chow mix. He will not be coming with us on this trip. Bob Jr. lives next door to us and Jack will be staying him.

Bob has been retired for seven years, and Iris retired a little over a year ago. Bob's background is an interesting mix as owner of a commercial and industrial roofing and sheet metal Company, and a Real Estate Agency. Bob is retired but still holds his Real Estate Broker license. Iris started a career in health care as a nurse, and retired as a Hospital Chief Executive Officer. Thanks, to Bob for his insistence she go to college instead of getting a job when she was board when Sandy, the youngest started school.

We lived in Salt Lake City, Utah the last four years and moved back to our Texas home when Iris retired. Other than that experience we have always lived in Texas. While in Utah we did a lot of riding ATV's in the mountains. We returned to Utah last years for an ATV jamboree and plan another this year.



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We have always enjoyed traveling and knew we wanted to travel more after retirement. We happened onto what we thought was a good buy and became the owners of our first motor home just about a year ago. We enjoyed remembering and laughing about how excited we were when we got our first tent, and never dreamed of a Monaco Dynasty. Needless to say we have learned a lot in the last year. Like what all the buttons are for.

Andrea (Andi) and Steve Sponenberg



We were both born and raised on Long Island, NY, in the suburbs of New York City. We both attended the State University of NY at Oneonta, which is in upstate NY. However, we did not meet until we were teaching in the same school in Syosset, NY. We are now both retired. Steve taught science and Andrea taught Home Economics and Psychology.

We were married in Feb. 1978, and have 2 adult daughters and a son-in-law. The photo was taken at our daughter's wedding in July 2007 (formal attire is not our norm). Traveling with us is our 10-year-

old Yorkie, Bryce.

We began camping in tents in the late 1980's. We quickly progressed through a pop up camper, a trailer, a class C motor home, a gas class A, a 2000 Windsor, a 2005 Windsor, and are now in our dream coach, a 2009 Dynasty. We traveled extensively in the mid 1990's, during school vacations, with our daughters. These trips included most of the US, including Alaska, and parts of Canada. We even have pictures of Steve wading in the Arctic Ocean at Prudhoe Bay. Now it is time to travel with our peers! In Aug. 2007, we sold our home and became full timers. And yes, we both drive the coach. As active members and officers in several chapters of FMCA, we enjoy planning and hosting rallies, as well as being rally participants. We hope to continue planning and participating for years to come. The itinerary looks great and



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we are very excited, especially about the Balloon Fiesta. We are looking forward to meeting everyone.

Herb & Sophia Taylor



Herb is originally from Texas and he attend Texas A & M for two years prior to joining the Navy. He subsequently got his BA degree from the University of West Florida graduating Summa Cum Laude. He is a veteran of 29 years in the Navy as a jet pilot. During his Navy career he flew 5400 flight hours and accumulated 900 carrier landings (300 at night) and flew 226 combat missions in Southeast Asia, all without mishap. He commanded Attack squadron 86 flying off the nuclear carrier USS Nimitz and later commanded the supply ship USS Concord. He was the Chief of Staff of the USS Enterprise Carrier Battlegroup at the time of his retirement.

Sophia is originally from Washington DC and attended school there prior to her family moving to Virginia Beach, Virginia. Her parents emigrated from Greece and became naturalized citizens and raised a family of 9 children of which Sophia is the youngest. It is in Virginia Beach that Herb and Sophia met and they were married in the Chapel in the Woods aboard the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA.

Herb and Sophia moved to Maine following Herb's retirement from the Navy and Herb became employed by Bath Iron Works, A General Dynamics Company. Herb was a Director and Program Manager for Bath Iron Works,



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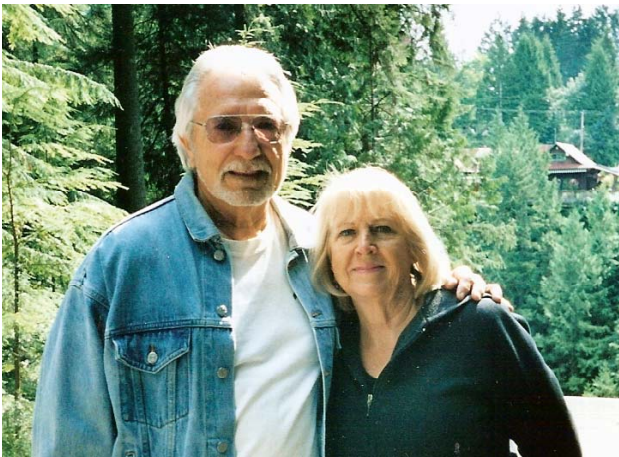
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and retired after 11 1/2 years with them. While there Sophia became involved in Arts and crafts and proved to be very talented in that endeavor. She has made numerous household crafts that adorn our home as well as the homes of our children.

While in Maine, Herb and Sophia purchased their first RV in 1994 and have been continuous RVers every since. After retiring from BIW, they moved to Ivor, Virginia and became Snowbirds, residing in Florida during the winters, except for the occasional winter spent out West. They are presently in their 4th Motor Home, their 2007 Monaco Dynasty. They always travel with their beloved Boxer, Heidi.

Dennis & Leta Ward



Hello All!

We are newcomers to M.I.M. Joe and Connie Monk introduced us to the club at the Lancaster Pre-Rally.

We live in Clovis California (next to Fresno), which is located in the center of the state. We both grew up here, have been married

47 years, have 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and a great grandchild on the way.

Of course we enjoy traveling, but have also enjoyed water skiing, snow skiing, fishing, hunting (not Leta), and motorcycles.

Leta is a retired hair stylist, and I am a retired professional firefighter. Our favorite trip, so far, has been traveling across the U.S. seeing Yellowstone, the Tetons, Badlands, Niagara Falls, WestPoint, NYC, The Outer Banks of N.C., Gettysburg, etc.

We're looking forward to the N.M. trip, and meeting new friends.