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A special thanks is given to **the Monaco Coach Corporation** for their financial support of each of our caravans. Please let Sara Spicer know you appreciate her expert guidance and support

Contributors

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Busy MIM Members have been planning caravans! Look for the applications elsewhere within the newsletter.

President's Review

The end of the year is rapidly approaching. Some MIM members are seen moving briskly wearing warm, heavy winter jackets. Others can be seen setting the hook and lazily turning pages of the latest novel as they bask in more temperate climates.

Norma and I hope you and your family and friends enjoy the holiday season.

After spending most of the summer in Indiana we drove back through Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming and Utah. At Park City, Utah we saw rain turn into heavy snow late in October. We had not driven in snow for several years. Once we found our favorite stop for the night I observed that the entire lower front of our coach had two inches of packed snow attached. The wipers had slowed down to jerking sweeps as snow packed along the long wiper arms. Now we are enjoying the winter as "snow birds" in the Coachella Valley. Walking in the warm pool each morning assists in keeping the knees

mobile. The tall palms wave at us each morning after having been silent sentinels throughout the night. I've been wondering if our tomato plants will be ready for harvest before the strawberries that are located a short distance down the street. Yes, it's difficult living on the road, but some of us must.

We wish that you also welcome in the New Year with enthusiasm for RV-ing!

Vice President's Notes

As you travel to your winter destination, look for an area where you could lead a caravan next year. Each of us has our own favorite places to go—and those places are the easiest ideas from which to develop a caravan. And remember, you can contact my wife for any help you need with taking your good idea for a caravan to an itinerary! (connietilman@pocketmail.com or 805-513-7274) In order to have caravans for next year, we need leaders. Have a good holiday and a healthy winter!

Ed Tilman, Vice President

Treasurer's Reminder

Our dues are paid on a calendar year basis. Dues for 2008 should be paid as soon as possible and, in any event, before December 31, 2007 by making out a check for \$15.00, payable to Monacos-in-Motion, and mailing it to William F. Miller, Treasurer, Monacos-in-Motion, 11085 Big Canoe, Big Canoe, Georgia 30143.

Please let Bill know of any address changes, e-mail address changes, or telephone number changes which have taken place within 2007.

You may also want to check your FMCA card to see if your dues are current.

If you haven't already done so, see the Oct/Nov Lifestyles article about the Monacos in Motion Maritimes Tour.

Congratulations to those who planned and participated! Thanks to Neil Chapin who submitted this well-written review.

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

After the shepherd retired he felt ewes less.

Slate of Officers, 2008

The MIM Nominating Committee offers the following slate of Officers for 2007-2008. All nominees have been contacted and have agreed to serve, if elected.

President: Don Preston

As this will be his second year in office, no vote is required and his election is automatic.

Vice President: Ed Tilman

As this is his third year, he must be elected by majority vote.

Secretary: Karen Bennett

This is a new nominee and must be elected by majority vote.

Treasurer: Bill Miller

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National Director: Jack Sangalli

This office requires election every year.

Alternate National

Director: Marcia Ronkin

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Nominations may be made from the floor during the election. Thanks to the Nominating Committee members Kim Pollock, Betty Ann Poindexter, and Bill Ledbetter for presenting the list of candidates.

Results of Alaskan Caravan Survey

The Alaskan survey was included the September issue of Wheels following our meeting in Salem, Oregon because some of our MIM members expressed an interest in an Alaskan caravan. There was not a single response to this survey. Thus, we must continue to seek MIM members to provide leadership in development of a Monacos-in-Motion Alaskan caravan.

Future Monaco International Events

Monaco International Rally at Lancaster, CA

February 19-22, 2008

Wagonmasters: Bob and

Dorothy Larson

(602 625 2880)

Ticket Agent: Bob White

(909 560 3816)

MIM Luncheon

Wednesday, February

20, 2008 at Lancaster.

See you there!

"New Landing for Fun"

America's Musicshow

Capital! Branson, MO

Wagon Masters: Leslie and

Wilma Jean Alexander (309 824 0639)

John and Rita Ham (970

927 3273)

Have you checked the tire pressures on your coach lately?

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Address _____

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E-mail _____

Effective Date _____

Send to: Bill Miller, Treasurer

If you would prefer to receive Wheels on the web site, just email me. You will be sent an email when new issues of Wheels are posted. Don Preston

MONACOS IN MOTION

Caravans Led by Members for Members

C2008-1

Southwestern Canyon Country

August 28 - September 15, 2008

Caravan Leaders:

Wilt & Barbara Greenwood
(804) 337-7733
greenwood@mail.escapees.com



Ed & Connie Tilman
(804) 513-7274
connietilman@pocketmail.com

\$1400 / Coach (2 people)

Deposit of \$700 is due with application – balance due by June 15, 2008.

***This caravan is limited to 12 coaches and is open to Monacos in Motion members only.
Hikes of up to approximately 2 miles will be required to participate in some activities!***

SUMMARY:

This caravan will include visits to nine National Parks/Monuments and at least nine other attractions, all in the Four Corners region of the Southwest. We will begin in Page (Arizona), and move to Kanab, Bryce, Torrey, and Moab (Utah), and finally Dolores (Colorado). We will use our campgrounds in these towns as “home bases” and will carpool to the various attractions. Note: due to the distances involved, we will often be gone all day – pet owners should take notice! Also, as noted above, a fair amount of strenuous activity may be necessary to reach some of the sites. We recommend good hiking shoes, and hiking poles are very helpful. Total coach mileage between our 6 campgrounds will be approximately 485 miles. There will be no pot lucks – we’ll visit the local eateries to experience the flavor of the Southwest whenever possible, and there may be a couple of cookouts. We have included the cost of most admissions and tours, and many meals, in your registration fee – there will, however, be some nights when you’re on your own.

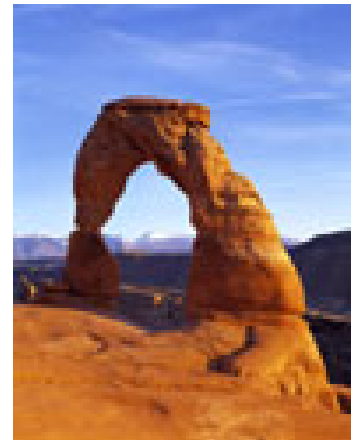
PRELIMINARY HIGHLIGHTS (SOME TENTATIVE):

Day trips to Arches NP, Anasazi SP, Antelope Canyon, Bryce NP, Canyonlands NP, Capitol Reef NP, Glen Canyon NRA, Grand Canyon NP (North Rim), Mesa Verde NP, Rainbow Bridge NM (by boat), Zion NP.

“Canyonlands by Night” Colorado River Cruise.

14 nights prepaid camping (4 more nights on your own – app. \$150).

6 breakfasts and 9 dinners included in your fee.



\$700 due with registration. Registrations must be **received** by March 1, 2008. If more than twelve coaches apply, a drawing will be held on March 15. Make checks payable to **Barbara W. Greenwood**, and mail with your entry form (the reverse side of this flyer) to **Barbara Greenwood, 229 Rainbow Drive #12936, Livingston, TX 77399-2029.**

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Cancellation/Refund Policy
Full refund if caravan is cancelled by the Caravan Leaders.
Member Cancellation: Full refund less \$50 per coach plus any prepaid non-refundable fees.



SOUTHWESTERN CANYON COUNTRY

Name _____ Partner _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Home Phone _____ Cell #1 _____ Cell #2 _____

Coach: Model _____ Year _____ Length _____ # Slides ____ Lic. # _____ State ____

Toad: Make _____ Model _____ Lic. # _____ State ____ FMCA # _____

The Chapter requires that every member have a green Chapter shirt for all caravans. If you do not have one, please complete the line below and include an additional \$25 per shirt with your rally application form.

Shirt Sizes: S M L XL XXL His _____ Hers _____ Total \$ included for shirts _____

I understand that hikes of up to 2 miles will be required to participate in some activities.

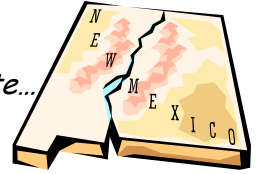
Signatures _____

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Land of Enchantment

*A Cultural, Historic, Adventure and Shopping Experience in our 47th state...
September 23 - October 12, 2008*



Caravan Leaders:

Kim & Shelly Pollock

Kim@Pollocksbackyard.com

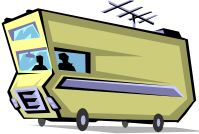
(805) 795-1863

Tailgunners:

Joe & Connie Monk

barmonk@aol.com

(281) 799-0987



\$1900 / Coach (2 people) - \$1600 / Coach (1 person)

This Caravan is limited to 15 coaches and is open to Monaco in Motion members only

Deposit of \$500 is due with application - Balance is due by August 1, 2008

Send in your application now! A random drawing of all applications received by February 28, 2008 will be held to determine the 18 participants and the order of the waiting list.

All applicants will be notified of the results soon after the drawing.

Make checks and send application to:

Kim Pollock

48170 Hjorth St. #1

Indio, CA 92201

Cancellation / Refund Policy

Full refund if caravan cancelled by the caravan leader.

Member cancellation: \$50 per coach plus any non-refundable fees

Register Online at www.monacosinmotion.org or fill out and mail in this form:

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|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Name #1 | _____ | | | Skills Inventory |
| | First | Last | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | |
| Name #2 | _____ | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| | First | Last | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Pool Org | |
| Mailing Address | _____ | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Writer |
| | _____ | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology / History |
| | City | State | Zip | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine |
| E-Mail | _____ | | | |
| Phone(s) | _____ | | | |
| Coach Model | _____ | Length _____ | # of Slides _____ | |
| License # & State | _____ | FMCA # _____ | | |
| Shirt Size | S M L XL XXL | His _____ | Hers _____ | |

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Come join us for an exciting tour of the Land of Enchantment. We will start our adventure in Santa Fe where we will spend three days touring this city and much of what it has to offer. We will caravan and car pool to Bandelier National Park to visit ancient well-preserved cliff dwellings after which we will enjoy a dinner at a very special hacienda. The next stop is Taos Pueblo where we will participate in the annual San Geronimo Feast and will have time to enjoy and tour this historical city. We motor on to Chama where we take the opportunity to travel on the historic Cumbres & Toltec narrow gauge railroad from Antonio, CO to Chama, NM. We will leave the next morning and caravan to our stop for the night where we will car pool over 30 miles of dirt road into Chaco Canyon National Monument. The next stop will be Gallup, which is home to most of the major trading posts in the state. We will then be visiting the Zuni Pueblo for in-home demonstrations by local craftsmen. We will also be visiting Sky City (Acoma Pueblo), one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in North America. Our tour will end with four wonderful days in Albuquerque where we will have front row seats for the Albuquerque Balloon Festival.



Tentative Highlights



PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND TOURS

- Trolley tour of Santa Fe
- Native American Art lecture
- Tour Palace of the Governors
- Optional tours of Museum Hill, Shidoni Bronze Foundry and Tent Rocks NP
- Tour Bandelier NP
- Ortega Rug Weaving Demo
- Taos orientation
- Millicent Rogers Museum
- Tierra Wools rug weaving, dyeing and spinning demo
- Narrow Gauge Train Ride
- Chaco Canyon tour
- Wolf Preserve Tour
- Optional Ice Cave and Volcano Tour
- El Morro National Monument
- Tour Zuni Pueblo
- Visit homes of Zuni artisans
- Tour Acoma Pueblo
- Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Festival
- Tram Ride to Sandia Peak



FOOD FOOD FOOD

- Catered Mexican Welcome Dinner
- Margarita Party
- Lunch at Rancho de las Golondrinas Hacienda
- Dinner at Rancho de Chimayo
- Dinner at Apple Tree in Taos
- Several lunches and dinners at various stops
- Chuckwagon BBQ and Cowboy Supper Show
- Tram ride and lunch at Sandia Peak in Albuquerque
- Some more Surprises!

WARNINGS!

- Fair amount of hiking at National Parks
- High Altitude much of the trip
- Six nights of dry camping
- Car Pooling over 30 miles of dirt and washboard
- 750 miles of RVing, 200 miles of carpooling
- Lots of Culture, Shopping and Crafts!