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A special thanks is given to Monaco RV, LLC for their financial support of each of our past caravans. We hope it will resume again in the near future. Please let Stella Shelton know you appreciate her expert guidance and support

Busy MIM Members have been planning caravans! Look on our website: www.monacosinmotion.org

President's Comments

JeanAnn and I want to extend Season's Greetings to you all and Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year! We have just returned from a wonderful (and historic) cruise through the Panama Canal (from Miami to Los Angeles). The Canal is really something, and we happened to hit it on the day when it was closed down due to weather for the first time in its 96 year history! (It has also been closed because of war in 1989 and in 1915 because of landslides.) Tremendous rains flooded Lake Gatun and carried water over the dam – they had to open the locks and let the excess water flow out into the oceans at both ends. We were held in a harbor anchorage for several hours and then became the first cruise ship to go through the Canal after it re-opened. Fun to be part of history!

Bill Miller

Upcoming Caravans

Good news – We have 4 great caravans lined up for 2011 which will provide many opportunities for wonderful caravanning. As background, we will be having the spring Monaco International Pre-Rally from March 8-11, 2011 in Moultrie, Georgia, followed by the FMCA Convention in Perry, Georgia from March 14 to 17. We hope that as many of our members as possible will join us for these meetings.

Shortly following the FMCA convention, there will be an MIM caravan called "The Natchez Trace", going from "The city that care forgot" – New Orleans (also known as "Laissez les bon temps rollez") on to the beautiful southern towns of Natchez and Vicksburg, Mississippi, up the historic Natchez Trace and ending up in Nashville,

Tennessee. This will be a fun caravan, since it will include the rejuvenated capital of great food and entertainment (New Orleans), trace the more than 300 year old Natchez Trace itself and wind up in the country music capital of the country (Nashville). This caravan will be led by Jack and Betty Ehlenberg
jrehlenberg@bellsouth.net and Bill and JeanAnn Miller, as Co-Leaders.

This caravan will go from March 26 to April 9, 2011 and a description and application are posted on our website:

www.monacosinmotion.org
The caravan currently has 9 coaches enrolled and can take 12, but applications should be post-marked before December 31, so let Jack Ehlenberg know if you would like to be included as soon as possible.

A second caravan will follow in early summer called "Sippin', Trippin', and All Things Legal" which will go from June 4 through June 18, 2011 and will travel through the Bourbon and Horse Racing state of Kentucky and touch on Tennessee, co-led by leaders Art and Ellen Brighton
brighton@roamingrv.net and George and Maxine Schremp

and another couple who they have asked to co-lead – Jerry and Jackie Smith. Details of this caravan are already on our website
www.monacosinmotion.org so please go there to enroll. This caravan currently has 12 enrolled, and can take 15. Please note that, since the enrollment deadline of December 15 has passed, this caravan can now take other Monaco brands (Beaver, Holiday Rambler and Safari) as well as Monacos, so let your friends know about it.

As many of you know, John Ham previously pioneered the idea of having an MIM caravan where commercial caravan companies totally "control the territory" and he led 2 successful caravans in the Copper Canyon of Mexico and the Polar Bears in Churchill, Manitoba, at a significant discount to the commercial rate because of our numbers.

Now, Allan Marcuse, our Treasurer
ajmarcuse@aol.com, has negotiated a very good deal with a commercial company to give us a spectacular 50 day caravan to and through Alaska for under \$6,000 per coach! This caravan will depart from Dawson Creek,

British Columbia on June 19 and end in Prince George, British Columbia on August 8, 2011. Please call Allan directly at 513-617-0661 to let him know if you have any interest in this wonderful caravan.

Still a fourth caravan will follow the FMCA convention (August 10-13, 2011) later that summer in Madison, Wisconsin. This caravan will run from August 14 to September 2, 2011 and will go through Wisconsin and Michigan, and will be led by Steve and Andrea

Sponenberg
Spony55@yahoo.com
Steve's write-up is already on the website, although he will need to provide you with the application, so please communicate directly to him at his email address above if you are interested, or give him a call at 631-827-1766.

We are truly blessed to have these wonderful leaders step forward and volunteer their time and talent in leading these caravans.

Membership Issue

At the recent Monaco International Pre-Rally in Salem, Oregon, a

significant question was posed to Jerry Jenkins, First Vice-President of Monaco International, relating to the membership provisions of Monacos-in-Motion Standing Rules. Jerry has asked to reconsider our posture, and your Executive Board has agreed to do so. The background and suggested resolution for this issue are contained in Attachment A to this issue of Wheels, and your Executive Board urges you to vote on this issue in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Attachment.

Please note that, if you want to vote by email, you must do so before December 31; otherwise, you can only vote in person at the Spring Moultrie MIM luncheon.

Treasurer's Report

Dues for Monacos-in-Motion membership for the calendar year 2011 are due by December 31, 2010. If you have not already paid your

dues, please send a check as soon as possible for \$15, made out to Monacos-in-Motion, and mailed to: Allan Marcuse
Treasurer
2049 Harcourt Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Monacos-in-Motion shirts are in stock and available for purchase at \$25 each. Please write to Allan Marcuse, noting quantity and sizes needed, along with the address where shirts are to be shipped and a check for the appropriate amount (the club will pay for shipping). If you have any questions, please call Allan at 513-617-0661.

**Allan Marcuse,
Treasurer**

Future Monaco International Events

**Monaco International
Pre-Rally at Moultrie,
Georgia from March 8-
11, 2011**

Please go directly to the MI website at: www.monacointernationalrvclub.com for applications.

Monacos-in-Motion Luncheon
Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Moultrie – see you there!

**Monaco
International Pre-
Rally at
Manitowoc,
Wisconsin from
August 2-6, 2011**

Future FMCA
Conventions

Perry, Georgia
March 14-17, 2011

Madison, Wisconsin
August 10-13, 2011

Future MIM caravans

The Natchez Trace
March 26 – April 8, 2011

Sippin, Trippin, and All
Things Legal
June 4-18, 2011

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June 19 – August 8, 2011

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August 14 – September
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