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**Busy MIM Members have been planning caravans! Look on our website: [www.monacosinmotion.org](http://www.monacosinmotion.org)**

## **President's Comments**

As this is being written, the fabulous "Sipping, Tripping and All Things Legal" caravan, led by Art and Ellen Brighton and co-led by George and Maxine Schremp, is just finishing up. You can read about their marvelous exploits on their blogspot:

[www.sippingtripping.blogspot.com](http://www.sippingtripping.blogspot.com)

Earlier this Spring, Jack and Betty Ehlenberg led, with our assistance, "The Natchez Trace and a Whole Lot More!" caravan beginning in New Orleans, going up The Natchez Trace and ending in Nashville with a Grand Ole Opry performance. You can enjoy the wonderful time we had on this caravan by going to our blogspot:

[www.mimnatcheztrace.blogspot.com](http://www.mimnatcheztrace.blogspot.com)

While this was a wonderful caravan, with many, many highlights, we subsequently thought, after the fact, of renaming this the "Flood Caravan" in deference to some of the places we had visited which are now probably under water – notably our campground in Vidalia, LA, and parts of Vicksburg, Mississippi. It's a tough time right now in middle America, and our thoughts and prayers go out to those unfortunate people who have been deeply affected!

On a more positive note, there will soon be a third MIM caravan going this year - "The 3 Sides of Lake Michigan" led by Steve and Andrea Sponenberg and going from August 14-September 2, 2011 and starting in Wisconsin. Please see Steve's note below.

We are lucky to have 3 terrific caravans this year and we all owe a debt of thanks to those caravan leaders who have stepped forward to make this possible.

Along those lines – caravan leadership – as of this moment, we do not have any caravans scheduled for 2012, and we need caravan leaders to step forward with ideas and commitments to do a caravan in 2012. If anyone has an idea or thought about a caravan they would like to lead, or co-lead, please give me a call at 678-361-6378 or email me at [wfmcanoe@gmail.com](mailto:wfmcanoe@gmail.com) and I will be happy to talk with you.

**Bill Miller**

## **VP Report**

Steve Sponenberg emailed me as follows:  
“As I sit down to write this short article, I am filled with excitement. The planning is coming along nicely for our caravan, “The 3 Sides of Lake Michigan”, which begins on August 14<sup>th</sup> immediately after the FMCA International Rally. By the way there are 14 coaches signed up and room for one more. If you are interested, give us a call

or email us ASAP (631-827-1766 or [spony55@yahoo.com](mailto:spony55@yahoo.com) ). The caravan description and application can be found on the MIM website.

**Steve Sponenberg**

## **Calendars**

This will be the last issue of “Wheels” before JeanAnn and I head up to Manitowoc, Wisconsin for the Monaco International Pre-rally August 2-5, 2011 and our Monacos-in-Motion business luncheon on August 4 (Thursday), and it made me realize how important this luncheon is to our club. Not only will we be voting on changes to the Standing Rules and By-Laws, but this luncheon will give us an increasingly rare opportunity to attract new members and promote future caravans.

With the changes that both FMCA and Monaco International have made –  
**AFTER AUGUST 4, 2011 - THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER MIM MEETING UNTIL JUNE 27, 2012!**  
What this means to us in Monacos-in-Motion is that

our club's lifeblood – caravans – will have to be created and promoted entirely by email and phone calls during this year-long gap and we will have to recruit new members the old fashioned way – by personal word of mouth! Please make every effort to attend the August 4, 2012 meeting and bring your friends with you! Furthermore, it is vital that we maintain up-to-date roster records for all of you. If you have any changes in residence, phone numbers, or email address, please communicate these immediately to Allan Marcuse, Treasurer at [ajmarcuse@aol.com](mailto:ajmarcuse@aol.com) with a copy to me at [wfmcanoe@gmail.com](mailto:wfmcanoe@gmail.com) and please make every effort to recruit new members to our wonderful club!

**Bill Miller**

## **Wall of Honor**

As I noted in the previous edition of “Wheels”, I would like to start a “Wall of Honor” on our website for all leaders and co-leaders who have actually led a caravan in the past,

to be added to in the future. Our club owes so much to these people who have invested a great deal of time, effort and research to lead our non-profit caravans for other members, and I would like to see them permanently recognized! So, if you have led, or co- led, one or more caravans in the past, please email me: [wfmcanoe@gmail.com](mailto:wfmcanoe@gmail.com) with the names and approximate dates of your caravan. Thanks on behalf of the entire club.

### **Bill Miller**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

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  
Manitowoc,  
Wisconsin from  
August 2-6, 2011**

**Monacos-in-Motion  
Luncheon &  
business meeting  
Thursday, Aug. 4,  
2011 in  
Manitowoc**

Future FMCA  
Conventions

Madison, Wisconsin  
August 10-13, 2011

Indianapolis, Indiana  
July 2-5, 2012

Future MIM caravans

The 3 Sides of Lake  
Michigan  
August 14 – September  
2, 2011

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