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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**

JeanAnn and I are on our way to New Orleans to help Jack and Betty Ehlenberg lead The Natchez Trace and a Whole Lot More! Caravan beginning March 26. This will be the first of, hopefully, 4 wonderful caravans this year. Your club had a very productive luncheon and business meeting in Moultrie, Georgia on March 11, at the Monaco International Pre-rally. We had 87 people in attendance, including a good number of newcomers, several of whom became new members! Because of the complexity of some of the issues covered, I have sent a separate email blast to the membership enclosing Norma Preston's minutes of the meeting and up-dated Standing Rules. Norma has done a superb job of covering these complexities, and I

encourage you to read that email thoroughly and retain the up-dated Standing Rules for your permanent records.

Briefly, we now accept owners of Beaver, Holiday Rambler and Safari coaches into full membership in Monacos-in-Motion. Please encourage your friends who drive these brands to join us.

On another brief note, we are in the process of solving a classic case of "you can't get there from here". There will be no "winter/spring" meeting of MIM in 2012 (at which we would normally elect our officers), because of changes FMCA has made. Therefore, Standing Rules changes approved in Moultrie have the net effect of electing your current slate of officers for up to 16 months, in order to bridge the gap from March, 2012 to late June, 2012. However, changes to our By-Laws will also be necessary,

so they will be voted upon in June, 2012.

## **Bill Miller**

### **Wall of Honor**

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**

### **Upcoming Caravans**

Good news – We have 4 great caravans lined up for 2011 which will provide many opportunities for wonderful caravanning.

There will be an MIM caravan called "The Natchez Trace and a Whole Lot More", 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](mailto:jrehlenberg@bellsouth.net) and Bill and JeanAnn Miller, as Co-Leaders. The caravan will start on March 26 and will have 10 coaches. Please be alert for a blogspot announcement

shortly after this caravan gets under way.

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](mailto:brighton@roamingrv.net) and George and Maxine Schremp. Details of this caravan are already on our website [www.monacosinmotion.org](http://www.monacosinmotion.org). This caravan currently has 15 coaches, but will accept applications to be on the waiting list, so please let Art know if you are interested.

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](mailto: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. As of our Moultrie meeting, Allan has interest from 8 people for this caravan, but he needs 12 people for it to be a "Go" in 2011 – so, IF YOU HAVE INTEREST, LET ALLAN KNOW ASAP!

Still a fourth caravan will follow the FMCA convention (August 10-13, 2011) later this summer in Madison, Wisconsin. This caravan will run from August 14 to September 2, 2011, is called "The 3 Sides of Lake Michigan" and will go through Wisconsin and Michigan, and will be led by Steve and Andrea Sponenberg [Spony55@yahoo.com](mailto:Spony55@yahoo.com) Steve's write-up and application are already on the website. This caravan is a "Go" with 11 coaches, but Steve is willing to take 4 more, so let him know ASAP if you are interested.

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 Natchez Trace and a  
Whole Lot More  
March 26 – April 8, 2011

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

Magnificent Alaska  
June 19 – August 8, 2011

The 3 Sides of Lake  
Michigan  
August 14 – September  
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