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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.

## **Business Meeting**

Our next business/ luncheon meeting will be at the Monaco Pre Rally at Moultrie, Georgia in March, 2005.

## **Club Website**

Monacos In Motion have joined *the 21<sup>st</sup> century* and we now have our own website. The address is: [www.MonacosInMotion.org](http://www.MonacosInMotion.org). We are able to accomplish this through the generosity of Sandy Bush, who is the webmaster. Sandy is giving freely of his time, and expertise, so that we can all stay fully informed of MIM activities in a timely fashion. Many thanks to Sandy.

When in the website please click on the registration button and register for e-mail notification. When anything important goes up on the website we will notify you by e-mail. For caravans we will still have the minimum times before drawing so those without e-mail will not be penalized, but those with e-mail will have more time to arrange their schedule.

## **Presidential Ponderings**

We had a superb meeting during the Monaco Come Home Rally / Monaco International Pre Rally at Salem, Oregon in August. We gained 24 new memberships at the meeting, and that makes a total of 36 new members since our spring meeting in Albuquerque. It is very good to see the new wave of enthusiasm that is evident within the chapter. There are four caravans scheduled during 2005 and two scheduled for 2006, with several more in the planning stages. While this is an excellent start we could definitely use several more caravans. If you have never led a caravan, or are even a new member, and have an idea for a great location to host a caravan, please jump right in. Contact any of us on the board and we will help you get your ideas off the ground. We have experienced leaders that would love to co-host a caravan with you and help. Call today, we are anxious to hear from you.

John

## Sherman's March To The Sea

4/1/2005 – 4/15/2005

Join one Confederate couple, Russ and Janet Payne, and one Yankee couple, Bill and JeanAnn Miller, as together we travel "Sherman's Route To The Sea" and explore the beautiful State of Georgia from Chattanooga to Savannah!

You will learn of the beauty of the largest state east of the Mississippi as the dogwoods and azaleas burst into bloom, and the leaves burst out - as well as the important history of Sherman's March.

You will also learn of the pain and suffering the Georgia families endured as you experience the unending gracious spirit of the Georgians who overcame terrible destruction to once again become one of the greatest states in our Country!

Our tour will start in Chattanooga with a luncheon cruise on the Tennessee River, a visit to the Aquarium, a visit to the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, as well as a guided tour of the Chickamauga/Chattanooga Battlefield. You might even sneak into the newest Camping World store to open this fall.

We will follow Sherman's Route towards Atlanta with a visit to the beautiful resort of Barnsley Gardens and the historic town of Adairsville before the visit to Kennesaw

Battlefield and the Kennesaw Museum to visit the locomotive, "The General".



Stone Mountain Park will be our home base for three nights while we visit the Plantation, Memorial Hall and hopefully watch the laser show. We will have a "free" day to visit friends, visit in more detail the offerings at the Atlanta Historical Society, or checking out the Atlanta shopping.

Our trip will continue through the town of Madison which was not burned – we will have a 2 hour guided walking tour through the historic town and cemetery before we end the day in the old state capital of Georgia – Milledgeville where we will have a guided trolley tour.

We will continue our trip driving along the route of Sherman's army and stopping at Metter to check out the Vidalia Onions and Claxton Fruitcakes. Georgia was the "breadbasket" of the

confederate army and is still a large agriculture state.

Our trip will end in the beautiful and historic city of Savannah – with another trolley tour and lots of free time to explore the riverfront, quaint squares, fun restaurants, and of course delicious food!

The cost of our Sherman's March To The Sea will be **\$830** per coach of 2 people. This includes all campground fees – 15 nights, 1 River Cruise, 3 city tours, and 6 breakfasts, 9 dinners, 3 lunches.

Application fee of \$400 will be due with application. Final payment will be due on or before December 15, 2004. Mail your application and deposit check to William F. Miller, 11085 Big Canoe, Big Canoe, GA 30143. We are hoping to have a total of 17 coaches including your Yankee and Confederate host couples. If we have more applicants than spots, a drawing will take place on November 1, 2004 to determine who will be on the list, as well as who will be on the waiting list.

Application included in September 2004 Wheels newsletter.

## **KEYSTONE KAPERS KARAVAN**

*Caravan Leaders: Jimmy &  
Ria Sabia*

*Dates: June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2005  
(Tentative Dates)*

This caravan will start in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with a margarita party, complete with Mexican snacks and hot peppers. We will tour the Gettysburg National Military Park, location of the bloodiest battle of the Civil War with 51,000 casualties. There will be a two hour bus tour of the Baltimore Pike, and tours of the Utz Potato Chip Company, Hershey Chocolate, and Harley Davidson factories. We will visit the Green Dragon Farmer's Market and the Amish Country.

On this caravan you will be well fed. Jimmy has planned picnics, 4 breakfasts, and 4 dinners with Chef Jimmy tending the stove. There will be a chili dinner, Jimmy's world famous Liver & Onions (steak for the wimps), and more. In addition, three margarita parties are planned and a happy hour every night.

Jimmy says, "We did this rally once and it was one of the best, so we are doing it again". Look forward to a lot of fun and you will be glad you signed up for the Keystone Kapers Karavan.

Application for Keystone Kapers Karavan will be in the December 2004 Wheels newsletter.

## **Colorado High Country A 4-Wheeling Adventure**

*Caravan Leaders: John &  
Rita Ham and Wade & Linda  
Myers*

*Dates: August 22<sup>nd</sup> to  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005*

This will be a 4-Wheeling adventure of a lifetime that will explore the beautiful backcountry of Colorado under the guidance of 4-Wheeling experts. Please note that this will *not* be extreme, hard core 4-Wheeling, but will require a minimum stock 4-wheel drive vehicle (without running boards) and a CB radio. The Hams and Myers will guide you through and you will have lots of fun.

This caravan will follow the Continental Divide through Colorado as you explore the scenic backcountry beginning in historic Leadville, Colorado at over 10,000 foot elevation. From Leadville we will travel to Buena Vista and then Taylor Park, which is north of Gunnison. After running several 4-wheel trails we will move to Ouray, called the Little Switzerland of America, for more trail riding. Our camping will be at elevations up to 10,000 feet, and we will 4-wheel to elevations of 14,000 feet.

Our activities will be centered around 4-wheeling in the beautiful Colorado mountains. During this caravan you will visit old mining towns

that are now ghost towns, mines, railroads, and much more. You will see the Colorado High Country as few tourists have.

Application for the Colorado High Country Caravan will be included in the December 2004 issue of Wheels.

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## **MARITIMES IN SEPTEMBER A Grand Tour – North of the Border**

*Caravan Leaders: Hoyt &  
Nancy Highfill and Bill &  
Shirley Weaver*

*Dates: September 6<sup>th</sup> to  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005*

We will meet in Bar Harbor, Maine the day after Labor Day and strike out for a grand tour of the Canadian Maritimes. Our first stop will be St Johns, New Brunswick where we will visit the famous reversing falls, the public market, and other interesting sites. Next it will be the Bay of Fundy with the highest tides in the world. Our tour will next go to Nova Scotia and include stops at Fort Louisbourg, the Cabot Trail around Cape Breton, Halifax, and Peggy's Cove. Then it will be on to Prince Edward Island with many interesting places before ending our journey in Portland, Maine.

September is a great time of year to travel in this beautiful area, with the leaves turning.

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We hope you can join us for this exceptional caravan.

Application for the **Maritimes In September Caravan** will be in the December 2004 issue of *Wheels*.

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## **VIRGINIA HISTORY CARAVAN**

Caravan Leaders: Ed & Connie Tilman

Dates: Tentative Spring 2006

We're making arrangements for our second Virginia history caravan. We'll visit Williamsburg, Fredericksburg, Charlottesville, Appomattox, and Richmond where we'll explore sites from Virginia's past. We'll visit Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the New World, as well as Yorktown and Appomattox, the surrender fields of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. We'll tour Pres. Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and Pres. James Monroe's Ashlawn-Highland. The late summer temperatures should be pleasant. We'll be sure you dine on Brunswick stew, country ham, and Virginia peanuts. This fall, we'll research some seasonal festivals to include in the itinerary. A day at the State Fair of Virginia is planned. If you weren't able to join us

exploring Virginia's history in April, 2003, set aside the tentative dates of Sept. 7-27, 2006. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

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## **FALL FESTIVALS**

Caravan Leaders: Les & Wilma Jean Alexander

Dates: September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 (Tentative Dates)

Our caravan will travel from Illinois to Indiana, and Missouri as we attend the great Fall Festivals through the Heartland of America. We will attend the Pumpkin Festival in Morton, Illinois, the Pork and Apple Festival in Clinton, Illinois, the Covered Bridges Festival in Rossville, Indiana, and others. We will end our caravan in Branson, Missouri where we will see some of the great Christmas Shows.

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## **Minutes Monacos in Motion Business Meeting Thursday, August 12, 2004 Salem, Oregon**

President John Ham called the business meeting to order at 12:00.

Roger Ray gave the invocation.

John Ham led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

John requested that all first timers stand to be recognized and he welcomed them to the luncheon meeting.

Officers in attendance were introduced:

President - John Ham  
Vice President - Jean Bussanmas  
Treasurer - Jack Sangalli  
Secretary - Barbara McCray  
National Director - Wade Myers  
Alternate National Director, Dick Tucker, was unable to attend.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2004 meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico as printed in May 2004 issue of *Wheels*. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's report dated 7/6/2003 through 3/1/2004 was also printed in May 2004 issue of *Wheels*. Jack Sangalli submitted an update as of July 19, 2004. There were no corrections to the reports.

John Ham appointed Bob Haught as parliamentarian.

Wade Myers gave his National Director's report. His report is printed elsewhere in this issue.

### **Committee reports**

The nominating committee selected in Albuquerque is Don Preston, chairman, Connie

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Tilman, Jimmy Sabia and Les Alexander. Don said the committee would contact individuals that might be interested in a leadership role. Anyone wishing to serve should contact John Ham or a member of the nominating committee.

**Old Business:**

As voted at Albuquerque business meeting there are no membership dues in 2004 because there are no caravans in 2004. Scheduled caravans were cancelled because of wagon masters' personal or health problems. If a member's dues were paid through December 2004, they are now paid until December 31, 2005. Dues of new members in 2004 are also paid through December 31, 2005.

**New Business:**

During the luncheon meeting John presented a slide show of a Monacos in Motion 2002 caravan 4 wheel drive in Colorado led by John and Rita Ham and Wade and Linda Myers. The slide presentation also included a snowmobile trip to Wyoming.

It was explained how a caravan works. The Guidelines For Caravans Leaders is published in the Monacos In Motion Directory printed May 2004. There was a question about preference of applicants. Prior leaders and/or officers will not get preference; the leader and

co-leader are the only ones assured a spot on the caravan.

There are four caravans scheduled for 2005. Each was discussed.

There are 6 or 7 caravans in the planning stages for 2006.

John is hoping the chapter will have 6 to 8 caravans per year. Help is available if you want to be a leader. A co-leader is usually available to assist new leaders.

The question was raised if RV parks are used every night. The answer was "no". Examples are on the Natchez Trace trip, scheduled to stay in a state park, which was closed. Group stayed in Wal-Mart parking lot. JoAnn Bush stated that on their Scenic Colorado caravan, 19 coaches parked at their house in Crested Butte and also at an outlet mall

There was an inquiry about service and repairs for Monaco coaches while on a caravan. John stated that Monaco Coach Corp. provides a caravan repair kit, which includes relays, fuses, alternator and fan belts. Monaco flew in a technician to fix a problem on one coach. Roger Ray had a breakdown while on a caravan and Monaco overnighted the part to the campground.

The Executive Committee proposed that Standing Rule 8 be revised to read: "When determining the caravan fee, the Caravan

Leader will include \$1 per day per coach and the sum of \$450 of which \$350 is to be used to help defray the caravan leader's cost of setting up the caravan and \$100 for the co-leader's expenses. It is Chapter policy for the leaders to accept these fees and not to use them to reduce the cost of the caravan." A motion was made by Hoyt Highfill to accept revision and seconded. Motion carried.

**Announcements**

The next meeting will be held March 16, 2005 at the Monaco Pre-Rally in Moultrie, GA. The *Wheels* newsletter deadline is September 1, 2004. E-mail submission of articles is recommended.

Door prizes were furnished by FMCA and 10-\$50 gift certificates were given courtesy of Lazy Days.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05  
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**National Director's Report  
September 1, 2004**

I attended both sessions of the Governing Board Meeting on August 16, 2004, in Redmond, Oregon. There were 364 members attending the morning session and 374 the afternoon session out of a possible 486 members.

The Governing Board approved the proposed 2005 budget, which includes a total of \$16,203,140 of revenue, and

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a total of \$15,922,129 of expenses.

The Governing Board approved the following Policies and Procedures as submitted: #1015, Application for Membership in FMCA; #1017, Membership Fees and Dues; #3000, Area Associations – Creation and Operations; #3009, Chapter and Affiliate Chapter Application; #3011, Chapter and Affiliate Chapter Operations; and #4005, Finance Committee Responsibilities.

The Governing Board discussed the proposed Bylaws amendments, and they will be sent out as a mail ballot.

The Governing Board approved the FMCA Executive Board and FMC Board of Directors actions.

The Governing Board approved that Policy and Procedure #21, Executive Director's Authority and Responsibility, would be renumbered and placed in the same section of the Member and Volunteer handbook that deals with the authority and responsibilities of the elected officers, Executive Board, and Governing Board.

R. G. Wilson announced the results of the area vice president election as follows: Judy Czarsty, Eastern Area; Ginny McGrath, Great Lakes Area; Max Durbin, International Area; Nelson K. Stubbs, Midwest Area; Bill Conway, Northeast Area; Jim Phillips, Northwest Area; Duane Pindell, Rocky

Mountain Area; Tony Innocenti, South Central Area; George Schipper, Southeast Area; and Tony Vincent, Western Area.

Elections were held for national officers and results were:

President - R.G. Wilson 203 votes, Connie Pool 176 votes

Senior Vice President – Donald Moore (no opposition)

Secretary – Ginger Painter (no opposition)

Treasurer – Jim Kern 193 votes, Robb Steinheider 183 votes

Upcoming conventions:

- The 73<sup>rd</sup> International Convention--Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, GA, on March 21, 22, 23, 24, 2005.

- The 74<sup>th</sup> International Convention—North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Minot, ND on August 15, 16, 17, 18, 2005

- Monaco International Pre-rally in Moultrie, GA on March 14, 15, 16, 17, 2005. Monacos in Motion meeting will be held at this rally.

- Monaco International Pre-rally in Bismarck, ND in August, 2005 (exact dates not available). Monacos in Motion meeting will be held at this rally.

- International Area rally is at Lebanon, TN on May 3, 4, 5, 6, 2005.

Wade Myers,  
National Director



*Members of the Colorado High Country Caravan on top of Flag Mountain (13,000 feet) in*

*2002. This Caravan will be repeated in August, 2005. Details on page 3.*

# Treasurer's Report

Monacos In Motion  
Income & Expense  
3/2/2004 Through 7/19/2004

Beginning Balance 10,833.09

Category	Total
Income	
Dues	540.00
Initiation	425.00
Luncheon Income	228.00
Total Income	1,193.00

Expense Categories	
Badges	323.00
Membership	22.56
MIM Luncheon	591.00
Newsletter	49.51
Postage	385.22
Printing	474.83
Total Expense	1,846.12
Net Change	(653.12)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>10,179.97</b>



*Photos taken during the Colorado High Country Caravan in 2002. This Caravan will be repeated in 2005 and the details are on page 3*

# **SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA**

**April 1 - 15, 2005 (15 days)**

## **Caravan Leaders:**

Bill and Jean Ann Miller  
706-579-1213

## **Caravan Co-Leaders**

Russ and Janet Payne  
770-943-3432



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## **PRELIMINARY HIGHLIGHTS (subject to change)**

### **PLANNED ACTIVITIES/TOURS**

- *Lunch on a River  
Boat Cruise*
- *Chattanooga  
Aquarium*
- *Chickamauga &  
Chattanooga  
National Military  
Park*
- *Barnesley Gardens  
Guided Tour,  
Museum & Luncheon*
- *Kennesaw Museum  
with Special Trains  
of South Exhibition*
- *Kennesaw National  
Battlefield*
- *Stone Mountain Park  
– Memorial Hall,  
Plantation, and  
Laser Show*

- *Antebellum Town of  
Madison with  
Guided Walking  
Tour*
- *Milledgeville –  
Capitol of Georgia  
during Civil War –  
Trolley Tour*
- *Ruins of Confederate  
Prison that held the  
Yankees*
- *Vidalia Onions and  
Claxton Fruit Cakes*
- *Savannah – The  
Prettiest City in USA  
with Guided Trolley  
Tour and a Visit to  
the Home Sherman  
Used as His  
Headquarters*

### **FUN\*\*FOOD FRIENDS**

- **Six Breakfasts**
- **Three Lunches at  
Restaurants/Cruise**
- **9 Dinners**
- **Three City Tours**
- **One River Cruise**
- **15 Night Camping  
Included**
- **Social Gathering Times**
- **RC Cola and Moon Pies**
- **The Great Locomotive  
Chase**

***We have planned free  
time so those most  
interested in Civil War  
History can spend more  
time investigating and  
learning while others  
check out the local  
shopping or snoozing.***

**SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA**

Explore the Beautiful State of Georgia from Chattanooga to Savannah

April 1 – 15, 2005 (15 days)

APPLICATION FORM

**Caravan Leaders:**

Bill and JeanAnn Miller  
706-579-1213

**Caravan Co-Leaders**

Russ and Janet Payne  
770-943-3432

Two Person Caravan Fee (\$30.00 per day)  
Campground Fee (\$25.33 per day)  
TOTAL COST (estimated)

\$450.00  
\$380.00  
\$830.00

*Caravan limited to 17 coaches and is open to Monacos in Motion members only.*

Deposit of **\$400.00** required with application. \* Balance of \$430.00 due by December 15, 2004

**SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION NOW! A DRAWING WILL BE HELD TO SELECT THE 17 PARTICIPANTS ON November 1, 2004 FROM ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THAT DATE. ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.**

*Cancellation / Refund Policy*

*Full refund in the event Caravan Leader cancels the caravan.  
Member Cancellation: \$50.00 plus any non-refundable deposits.*

**Make checks and send application to (please mark envelope Caravan):**

JeanAnn Miller  
11085 Big Canoe  
Big Canoe, GA 30143-5143

See details  
of Caravan  
on back

**Mail Lower Portion**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NICKNAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST)

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ NICKNAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST)

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COACH MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ SLIDE (Y / N) \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

COACH LICENSE NUMBER / STATE / PROV. \_\_\_\_\_

List any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

List any physical restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

The Chapter now has a Chapter Shirt instead of a special caravan shirt for each caravan. If you do not have these new green shirts, complete the following order and include an **additional \$20.00** per person

SHIRT SIZES\*: S M L XL XXL HIS \_\_\_\_\_ HERS \_\_\_\_\_

\* Note: These shirts run approximately one-size large.