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A special thanks is given to the Monaco Coach Corporation 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 for the applications on our website: www.monacosinmotion.org

President's Comments

Good things are happening in Monacos-in-Motion!

Caravans: As most of you know by now, our Hudson River Valley caravan, led by Steve and Andrea Sponenberg and George and Maxine Schremp has just concluded very successfully. Steve & Co. have written a very good summary of their caravan which is included as an Attachment to this Newsletter, and you can go back and follow their day-by-day exploits by going to their very well written blog www.hudsonrivercaravan.blogspot.com

As you read this, Tom and Dee Irwin and Gene and Linda Barron are leading a "Wines, Mines and More" caravan through the wine valleys of northern California. You can follow their journey on their blogspot www.winesminesandmore.blogspot.com and enjoy their adventures vicariously.

On October 6 through October 14, John and Rita Ham will be leading one of the adventures of a lifetime – the Churchill Polar Bear caravan in northern Manitoba. What a way to wind up our 2009 caravan year!

More good news – We have 3 caravans lined up for 2010. As background, we will be having the fall Monaco International Pre-Rally from August 2-6, 2010 in Salem, Oregon, followed by the FMCA Convention from August 11 -14 in Redmond, Oregon.

While we all out there, Stan and Barbara Jones and Wayne and Barbara McCray are going to lead a "Beautiful Oregon" caravan, beginning on August 15 near Bend, Oregon and travelling the beautiful state of Oregon until it winds up in Oregon City on August 30. Be looking for details of this caravan on our website:

www.monacosinmotion.org
soon.

Shortly following the Oregon caravan, Wilt and Barbara Greenwood and Ed and Connie Tilman will be leading a "National Parks" caravan which will include Glacier NP and Yellowstone NP in the first half of September. This will also be a great caravan and watch for news on our website.

To wind up the trio, things are currently in the planning stage for a southern California caravan led by Don and Norma Preston in the first half of October.

All in all, a great line-up! And thanks to all who volunteer their time to be caravan leaders.

Bill Miller

As all of you know, Monaco has been purchased by Navistar and, based on joint presentations by Monaco and Navistar at the Monaco International Pre-Rally at Springfield, Ohio earlier this year, it looks like the marriage will be a good one. Navistar is keeping the Roadmaster chassis, although Max-Force engines from Navistar will probably be

the engines of the future. All I know at the present time is that I can call 1-877-466-6226 in Oregon and actually get Monaco parts sent to me!

Thinking also of service on our motorhomes, our members in the southeast are about to get a real break because Brett Howard (former Manager of the Wildwood, Florida facility for Monaco) has succeeded in buying Wildwood from the bankruptcy court (9/18/2009) and is opening a full service facility for Monaco coaches, as well as other brands. His business will be called Alliance Coach and because so many of us know and love Brett, we are enclosing an Attachment to this Newsletter which will tell you in detail about his new operation.

Treasurer's Comments

Now is the time of year for our first annual dues notice and one is included as an Attachment to this Newsletter, for your convenience in remitting

payment. Please especially make sure that we have your up-to-date email address, because this is our primary means of communication with you.

Monacos-in-Motion shirts are in stock and available for purchase at \$25 each. Please write to Allan Marcuse at 2049 Harcourt Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45244 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**

Chapter Business

Your Executive Board has up-dated the Caravan Leader Guidelines for the club, so as to enable Caravan Leaders and potential Caravan Leaders to more easily do their job. The up-

date is enclosed as an Attachment to this Newsletter (3 pages) for your permanent files.

Also, one of our noted Tailgunners, Wayne McCray, has developed an up-dated Suggested Parts List for MIM Caravaners which is also enclosed as an Attachment to this Newsletter, also intended for your permanent files. Please note that this is a SUGGESTED list. It can be intimidating – take along those parts which YOU feel YOU need!

Lastly, your Executive Board is considering changes to our membership requirements, which will require changing our By-Laws and Standing Rules. Because of the importance of this matter and because we want to make sure all of you are included in this process, this will be the topic of a separate email within the next two weeks.

Future Monaco International Events

Monaco International
Pre-Rally at Tucson, AZ
March 15-19, 2010
Please go directly to the MI website at:
www.monacointernationalrvclub.com for applications.

Monacos-in-Motion
Luncheon
Wednesday, March 17
at Tucson – see you there!

Monaco International
Pre-Rally at Salem, OR
August 2-6, 2010

Future FMCA
Conventions
Albuquerque, NM
March 22-25, 2010

Redmond, Oregon
August 11-14, 2010

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