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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

Hello from sunny Florida and we send wishes for a very Merry Christmas for our Christian members, Happy Chanukkah for our Jewish members and Seasons Greetings to everyone else. May everyone have a Happy and healthy New Year with safe travels all the way around.

Caravans: As all of you know by now, we have had a most successful 2009, with 3 wonderful caravans. Our thanks have gone out to Tom and Dee Irwin and Gene and Linda Barron for leading a terrific "Wines, Mines & More" caravan in the Napa valley region of California; to Steve and Andrea Sponenberg and George and Maxine Schremp for leading a superb Hudson River Valley caravan, capped off in NYC; and John and Rita Ham for leading a "once in a lifetime" trip to see the polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba. We are indeed a club where great caravans

are "led by members for members"!

More good news – We have 3 great 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. We hope that as many of our members as possible will join us for these meetings.

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 31 with breakfast. Go check out all the details on this caravan on our website: www.monacosinmotion.org soon.

If you leave right after breakfast on August 31, and travel east to the west side of Glacier National Park, you can be in time for the dinner time start of Wilt and Barbara Greenwood and Ed and Connie Tilman's "Glaciers to Geysers" caravan, which will include Glacier, Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks and many other attractions as well. This caravan will go from the evening of September 1 to September 20 and details are posted on our website. Go see what is in store!

To wind up the trio, things are currently in the advanced planning stage for a Southern California caravan led by Don and Norma Preston from October 3 through October 27, 2010. While the details are not yet posted on our website, I can assure you from conversations with Don that this will be a sensational caravan!

Lest some of you may have read all of the above and thought to yourself "Golly, all of those meetings and caravans are out west. When will we see some in the eastern half of the U. S.?" Have no fear – there will be at least 2 caravans east of the Mississippi in 2011 and possibly a third! More will

follow about these caravans in subsequent newsletters.

All in all, a great line-up! And we are deeply indebted to those who volunteer their time to be caravan leaders.

Bill Miller

Motorhome Service

All of us are interested in the future of motorhome service and our members in the southeast have received 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 now open for business, offering a full service facility for Monaco coaches, as well as other brands. His business is called Alliance Coach and because so many of us know and respect Brett, we hope you will take advantage of his services when the need presents itself.

Treasurer's Comments

We are rapidly nearing the date (December 31, 2009), when dues which are paid only through 2009 expire. While many members have

already submitted their dues for 2010, if you are among those who have still not paid, we encourage you to pay as soon as possible so as to enjoy the benefits of uninterrupted membership in 2010. Please be sure to send your check for the annual dues of \$15, made out to "Monacos-in-Motion" directly to Allan Marcuse, Treasurer, 2049 Harcourt Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244. Please also 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, 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 - Membership Vote

As noted in our previous edition of Wheels and in an email “blast”, 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 the ballot initiative we have proposed, and because we want to make sure all of you are included in this process, we want to re-emphasize that the **DEADLINE FOR VOTING IS DECEMBER 31, 2009.** If you have not already voted (and a good many members already have voted) there is a ballot outlining the 3 options attached to this edition of Wheels. This ballot may be sent by “snail mail” directly to William F. Miller
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so long as it is postmarked on or

before December 31, 2009. Alternatively, you may vote by email, indicating your choice of options, and responding directly to wfmcanoe@gmail.com on or before December 31, 2009.

Landmark club Achievement

With the purchase of a computer by the last hold-out, your club now has valid email addresses for all 136 coach members! This enables us to realize considerable cost savings in communicating because we don't have printing costs and ever-increasing postage costs for our Wheels newsletter. Because it is so vital to always keep this email address list up-to-date, we hope that all members will advise Allan Marcuse of any future email address changes by notifying him at ajmarcuse@aol.com as soon as the change is made. Thanks for your cooperation.

Future Monaco International Events

Monaco International Pre-Rally at Tucson, AZ
March 15-18, 2010
Please go directly to the MI website at: www.monacointernationalrvclub.com for applications.

Monacos-in-Motion Luncheon
TUESDAY, March 16 at Tucson – see you there! (This is a change from the previous edition of Wheels, so be sure to mark your calendars.)

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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