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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 21st century* and we now have our own website. The address is: 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

As we close out this year of 2004, we must look back at it as a very positive year for Monacos In Motion. Our membership this year increased by 48 families, we have four caravans scheduled for the coming year, three caravans for 2006, and several more in the planning process. Our web site is up and running with a great response from all the members. A very good year.

There are two caravans that have applications in this issue, and the drawing for who will be participating will be held in about 60 days. Don't delay. Get your application sent in so that you can join in on the fun.

Our next business meeting and luncheon will take place during the Monaco International pre rally in Moultrie, Georgia the middle of March, 2005. Please plan to attend, we would love to see all of you.

Rita and I would like to wish each of you a Very Happy and Healthful New Year.

John

Sherman's March To The Sea

4/1/2005 – 4/15/2005

Congratulations to the first 16 names on this list – you are the first fifteen names chosen and are now confirmed to be part of the caravan. When Henry Snyder's name was drawn, we made a decision to add one more to the caravan since he is a single.

In order of the names as drawn, we have created a waiting list and we are holding both your application and check in your envelope. We will contact you as the waiting list is moved up to confirm that you will be joining us. Only then will your check be deposited. If you prefer, we can mail your check back to you now – just let us know. Please don't spend your money or fill in your calendar – past experience has shown that *all of you have an excellent chance* of being moved up to the caravan as some may have to cancel for various reasons. We will keep all of you on our e-mail and mailing list.

Now for the fun part – here is the list of those that are confirmed as part of the caravan and our waiting list.

- #1 Stan and Barbara Jones
Las Vegas, NV
- #2 Carol Matson/Ed
Schubring
Bartlett, IL
- #3 Art and Susan Jones
Virginia Beach, VA
- #4 Terry and Donna
Walters
Bellingham, WA

- #5 John and Rita Ham
Snowmass, CO
- #6 Homer and Lady Dell
Martin
Merritt Island, FL
- #7 Bill and Bonnie
Ledbetter
Anderson SC
- #8 Karl and Bobbie Koch
Newport, OR
- #9 Fred & Dee
vonRecklinghausen
Livingston, TX
- #10 Henry Snyder
Churchville, NY
- #11 EJ & Bettyann
Poindexter
Tarboro, NC
- #12 Linda and Charlie Utz
Titusville, FL
- #13 Wayne & Barbara
McCray
Cincinnati, OH
- #14 Sandy and Joann Bush
Livingston, TX
- #15 Les and Wilma Jean
Alexander
Cincinnati, OH
- #16 Sam and Karen
Lombardi
Suffield, CT
- #17 Janet and Russ Payne
Powder Springs, GA
- #18 JeanAnn and Bill
Miller
Big Canoe, GA

Waiting List

- #1 Joe and Bee Luippold
Fremont, CA
- #2 Wilbur and Clara Webb
Forest Hill, MD
- #3 Bob and Jo Ann Fish
San Jose, CA
- #4 Steve & Shirley
Kalinowski
Antioch, CA
- #5 Marvin and Dianne
Sandlin
Azusa, CA

- #6 Frank & Charlotte
Sickafoose
Titusville, FL.

KEYSTONE KAPERS KARAVAN

*Caravan Leaders: Jim & Ria
Sabia and Fred & Dee
Von Recklinghausen*

Dates: June 5 to June 20, 2005

Start the summer right!! Join us on a 15 day caravan of beautiful and historic eastern Pennsylvania beginning June 5th and ending June 20th 2005. Tour the historic Gettysburg Battlefield, the Harley-Davidson factory, the home of Hershey chocolates, the Amish countryside with their markets and quaint lifestyle. Local outlet shops are also in the area if you want to shop. See the sights of historic Philadelphia including the Liberty Bell and enjoy the beautiful Longwood Gardens with us. From there we'll head north to Scranton, where we'll tour the National Train Museum and take a train ride through the Poconos. We'll also visit a coal mine where we'll experience what it's like to be a coal miner. Of course let's not forget the food! Chef Jimmy will be in attendance for your culinary delight (of course he will need some help and you might even earn a coveted "**Chef Jimmy Chef's Hat**"). See the attached application for more details and get your reservations in early. The drawing will be on March 1, 2005 with the lucky members notified at that time.

Colorado High Country

A 4-Wheeling Adventure

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

Dates: August 22nd to September 6th, 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 at historic Camp Hale near 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 is included in this issue of Wheels and the drawing will be held on March 1, 2005

MARITIMES IN SEPTEMBER

A Grand Tour – North of the Border

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

Dates: September 6th to September 28th, 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.

We hope you can join us for this exceptional caravan.

Application for the **Maritimes In September Caravan** will be in the March 2005 issue of Wheels.

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 *Continued on next page*

VIRGINIA HISTORY CARAVAN
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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.

FALL FESTIVALS

Caravan Leaders: Les &
Wilma Jean Alexander

Dates: September 15th to
October 15th, 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.

LAND OF ENCHANTMENT CARAVAN

Come join us in the Land of Enchantment for a Scenic, Cultural, Historic and Adventure tour of our 47th state, New Mexico. Trip leaders Kim & Shelly Pollock and co-hosts Sandy and Joann Bush are planning a three week tour of many of the highlights of this mysterious region including several Native

American Pueblos, some cliff dwelling and ancient sites, museums, mountains and of course, the magical cities of Taos and Sante Fe. We plan to cap off the tour with a special treat in Albuquerque. We will have several options for those interested in active exploration as well.

The caravan is tentatively scheduled for September / October of 2006. Mark your calendars now and start preparing for a wonderful time!

Keystone Kapers Karavan II

Start the summer right!! Join us on a 15 day caravan of beautiful and historic eastern Pennsylvania beginning June 5th and ending June 20th 2005. Tour the historic Gettysburg Battlefield, the Harley-Davidson factory, the home of Hershey chocolates, the Amish countryside with their markets and quaint lifestyle. Local outlet shops are also in the area if you want to shop. See the sights of historic Philadelphia including the Liberty Bell and enjoy the beautiful Longwood Gardens with us. From there we'll head north to Scranton, where we'll tour the National Train Museum and take a train ride through the Poconos. We'll also visit a coal mine where we'll experience what it's like to be a coal miner. Of course let's not forget the food! Chef Jimmy will be in attendance for your culinary delight (of course he will need some help and you might even earn a coveted "**Chef Jimmy Chef's Hat**"). See the attached application for more details and get your reservations in early. The drawing will be on March 1, 2005 with the lucky members notified at that time.

Keystone Kapers Karavan II

June 5th thru June 19th, 2005
(15 Days of Fun in Pennsylvania)

Featuring

Guided Tour of Historic Gettysburg Battlefield
The Harley-Davidson Factory and Antique Motorcycle Museum
Hershey Chocolate Factory
Amish Country Touring and Open Air Markets
Guided Tour of Historical Philadelphia
Lacawanna Coal Mine Tour
Outlet Shopping and Much, Much More

\$950.00 CARAVAN FEE (INCLUDES \$570.00 CAMPING FEES)

Dinner and Show at the Plain and Fancy Amish Restaurant
Train Ride in the Poconos
Longwood Gardens
Tour Admissions
Additional breakfasts, picnics, and dinners
15 Nights Camping with Full Hookups

Make Checks Payable to: Jim Sabia
121 Queen Bess Court
N. Hutchinson Island, FL 34949

Include a check for \$450.00 with your application. Balance of \$500.00 Due on April 1, 2005

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FMCA# _____

Name _____
(his) (hers) (last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Phone (____) _____ Slides _____ Length of coach _____

Shirt Sizes (S,M,L,XL,XXL) His _____ Hers _____ (If NEEDED)

COLORADO HIGH COUNTRY

AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 7, 2005

Caravan Leaders:

John and Rita Ham
970-927-3273 Cell: 970-948-1166

Caravan Co-Leaders

Wade and Linda Myers
Cell: 352-408-0439



SUMMARY

This caravan will follow the Continental Divide through Colorado as we explore the scenic back-country beginning at historic Camp Hale near Leadville, Colorado at over 10,000 foot elevation. From Leadville we travel to Buena Vista, then on to Taylor Park, which is north of Gunnison. After running several 4-wheel trails we move on to Cimarron following the beautiful Blue Mesa. We will visit the Black Canyon National Park and take a boat tour of the Black Canyon. Then on to Ouray, called the Little Switzerland of America, for more trail riding.

Our activities will be centered around 4-wheeling in the beautiful Colorado mountains with a majority of the trails at over 10,000 feet. We will see enormous meadows of wild flowers, visit old mining towns that are now ghost towns, and much more. We will have happy hours and pot lucks. Be prepared to pack picnic lunches for the days we are on the trails.

PRELIMINARY HIGHLIGHTS (subject to change)

FUNFOOD**FRIENDS**

- Four restaurant meals
- One catered meal at campground
- Ice cream party
- Awesome trips to mountain tops
- Boat trip
- Four nights dry camping
- Twelve nights camping with full hook-ups
- Three dinner cookouts
- Two breakfast cookouts
- Social hours and more

SPECIAL NOTE

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.

We will be staying in campgrounds with mostly full hookups with the exception of Camp Hale and Buena Vista. This will be dry camping for two nights each.

CAUTION!!!

Some people (very few) are subject to AMS (Altitude Mountain Sickness). This usually happens above 8,000 feet and we will be above this in several areas. This is the way your body copes with reduced oxygen and low humidity at high altitudes. Some symptoms can be headaches, shortness of breath, loss of appetite, insomnia and tiredness. You can reduce the effect by being in good condition and by a gradual ascent to acclimate if you have time. On the way up eat light meals and drink plenty of water. If anyone has questions concerning this please consult with your doctor.

COLORADO HIGH-COUNTRY

A 4-WHEELING ADVENTURE

August 22 to September 7, 2005 (16 days)

APPLICATION FORM

Caravan Leaders:

John and Rita Ham
970-927-3273 Cell: 970-948-1166

Caravan Co-Leaders

Wade and Linda Myers
Cell: 352-408-0439

Two Person Caravan Fee (\$17.37per day)
Campground Fee (estimated)
TOTAL COST (estimated)

\$278.00
\$336.00
\$614.00

Caravan limited to 15 coaches and is open to Monacos in Motion members only.

Deposit of **\$300.00** required with application.

Balance of \$314.00 due by June 1, 2005

SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION NOW! A DRAWING WILL BE HELD TO SELECT THE 15 PARTICIPANTS ON March 1, 2005 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:

Rita Ham
P. O. Box 246
Snowmass, CO 81654

See details
of Caravan
on back

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(LAST) (FIRST)

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COACH LICENSE NUMBER / STATE / PROV. _____

TYPE 4 WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE: _____

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

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