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number for you, even if keypad is locked. Try it out.

President's Review

It's increasingly apparent that Mother Nature is reminding us that every day there will be surprises! Each time I contact our Mid-west friends the intense cold and "white stuff" which blankets the fields and homes seems to have them wishing they were in warmer, sunnier climates. Some in the upper states tell me it's too cold to ice fish! That's cold! Those of us who have been fortunate to be in the southeast and the southwest have experienced less challenging weather. My three potted tomato plants have survived the frosty nights and are displaying tiny, yellow blossoms and provide tasty, red fruits daily. Our desert flowers are displaying scarlet and orange flowers. The warmer weather has arrived behind the winter rains and our poolside planters are filled with yellow, blood-red, pink, lavender, purple, blue,

and orange flowers of many heights and shapes. Soon MIM members will be checking the fluid levels, kicking the tires, filling the refrigerators, and planning the road events.

Some members have expressed concerns regarding the rising fuel costs. Foreign markets and US produced fuels cannot seem to keep up with supply/demand at reasonable consumer costs. We cannot let the "prophets of doom" ruin our lifestyle. Not certain that letters to our Congress really helps, but it makes some of us feel better. I encourage you to also write to your representatives.

Our MIM meeting in Lancaster was fairly well attended. We had forty visitors at our luncheon. Four new couples joined MIM!

[Hope to see some of you at the July 9, 2008 luncheon in Willmar, Minnesota.](#)



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We set up a table and our MIM banner at the FMCA Chapter Fair, Monday, February 25th. Several guests stopped by and some even picked up a membership application along with a few pieces of chocolate!

Would also like to encourage you to remind your MIM member friends to send their 2008 membership dues to Treasurer Bill Miller.

Vice President's Message

Sorry I missed the chapter meeting in California. I just couldn't drag myself away from sunny Florida. I'm glad to hear that so many of you have applied to go on the summer and fall caravans. I'm especially glad to hear of some exciting plans for caravans for next year. Remember, help in planning a caravan is only a phone call away!! Ed Tilman (804-239-4214)

Secretary's Report
Thanks to Pat Quilla ,
Acting Secretary!

Minutes of Monacos In Motion Meeting, Lancaster, California, February 20, 2008 Meeting was begun at 12:30 in the Poppy Room dining area. Don Preston appointed Les Alexander as Parliamentarian, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked our sponsors, and introduced the MIM officers who were present. Pat Quilla was introduced as the Acting Secretary for the meeting. Minutes for the Sept.,2007 meeting in Salem, Oregon were approved as published in the Wheels newsletter. Bill Miller reported that our current treasury balance is \$14,123.19.

New people were asked to stand and were thanked for attending our luncheon.

It was reported that there are four caravans being considered for 2009 and two scheduled for 2008. Wilt Greenwood talked about the Southwestern caravan for Aug.28-Sept.15, 2008. This caravan will consist of twelve coaches at a cost of \$1400 per coach, \$700 due by

March 1, and rest due by June 1st, 2008. Joe Monk talked about the Land of Enchantment caravan which will be Sept. 23-Oct 12. It will begin in the northwest quadrant of New Mexico and end in Albuquerque with four days at the balloon festival. Some spaces are available, but reservations will close at end of Feb. 2008.

Curt Curtis from Paul Evert's was introduced. He talked about Camping World which is now leasing the Parts Department. Curt said that Paul had purchased Dazzling Detail, and that they were at the rally ready to detail your coach.

Caravans in planning were reviewed. Alaska is probably not feasible to do as a MIM group at this time. MIM members may want to do this event on their own. John Huber talked about a 2009 Wine Country/ Gold Country tour options. This would include Napa, Sonoma, California Coast, and the Sierra Foothills.

John Ham talked about the Polar Bear Country tour that



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will start Oct. 6, 2009. John reported that most tours to this region are booked ten years in advance. John agreed to plan this for the club members to go on their own. Adventure Caravans out of Livingston, Texas is working with John. 18 couples are needed to get this tour scheduled. Motor coaches will remain at Winnipeg, Canada. It is a two night, one day train ride up to Churchill. We will stay in a Thunder Buggy hotel out on the tundra with the Polar Bears before returning to Winnipeg for a night's rest and a morning farewell breakfast. **See article in monacosinmotion.org for description of Polar Bears event.**

**Secretary's Report
(Continued)**

Other caravans that are in the planning stages are Louisiana with Joe Monk and the Carlson's in 2009, and Montana with Neil and Carol Chapin also in 2009. Previous suggestions have been Calgary/Alberta Provincial Park, Civil War Battlefields, Kentucky, Steam

Trains, Canada, Hudson River Valley, Lewis and Clark Trail, Natchez Trace, and the Midwest.
More MIM people are needed to volunteer to lead a caravan.

John Ham explained to the guests how the caravans are conducted, and that the MIM meetings are always held at the Monaco International rallies.

Unfinished Business .. Don talked about the defibrillators to have on hand for caravans. It has been decided not to purchase them as more research of liability is needed.

ELECTIONS

The following names were presented and elected .

- President.....Don Preston
- V. President.....Ed Tilman
- Sec.....Karen Bennett
- Treas..... Bill Miller
- Natl. Dir.....Jack Sangalli
- Alt. Natl. Dir....Marcia Ronken

Don says he needs more contact from the club members with news to put into the newsletter. Send him your news!

Dues..... are due...now...PAY them ASAP.

Don thanked Pat Quilla for substituting for Bonnie

Ledbetter as Secretary for the meeting.
There was a drawing for Door Prizes.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Quilla
Acting Secretary

Alaska is a possibility!

I received a call from MIM members living in Florida who had visited a seminar on Alaska. After some discussion I contacted an RV tours company. In my letter of introduction I explained that some MIM members had expressed an interest in an Alaskan caravan. I stressed that our membership and by-laws promote caravan leadership by MIM members. This company presented a seminar at Lancaster titled, "Alaskan Caravan for Monaco Owners." I told the tour director that MIM members might volunteer to go on the caravan, but not as MIM members. Thus, this company offered the caravan to all Monaco owners who attended. I did not



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endorse this caravan and so stated during his presentation. You might choose to join. We may go with two or three other coach couples in 2009 or 2010. Keep in contact if you are also interested.

Renewal of Vows!

Roger and Frye Ray celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary December 27, 2007! Meeting friends at Yellowstone Old Faithful Inn in Mid-July, 2007 for a hosted dinner Roger and Frye honored their almost 50 years of marriage. On December 27, 2007 they renewed their vows at their Clearwater, FL. church. Reception Party followed. Congratulations to you two!

Have you locked your keys in the car/suv?

If your car has a remote, keyless entry this may come in handy if you have a cell phone. If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your

car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near their mobile phone. Your car will unlock. This will save someone from having to drive your keys to you. This should work even if you are hundreds of mile away. Try it sometime while in your driveway with a window open.

The Irish should all be wealthy because their capital is Dublin.

Hired at age 70, he was put in a senior position.

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