

## Vice President Report

Andrea and I left Florida in late May this year, delaying our departure until we were sure Andrea's mother was healthy enough to be left alone. We spent the Memorial Day weekend at our first GLASS Rally. We spent much of June in Michigan and Wisconsin scouting out interesting places to see, things to do, and good places to eat for ourselves as well as for the people who will join us on one of next year's MIM Caravans. A brief description of the caravan is below.

Safe travels,

Stephen Sponenberg

### Three sides of Lake Michigan: A Monaco in Motion Caravan

This caravan will begin immediately following the 2011 FMCA Rally in Madison, Wisconsin. It will run from August 14 until September 2. We expect to be able to keep the cost below \$2000 per coach. Our first campground will be in the Wisconsin Dells area. Nineteen days later we will end at our last campground in the Traverse City, Michigan area. Our adventures will include a visit to the Ringling Brothers Circus Museum, a visit to the International Crane Foundation, a tour ride of the Dells in a Duck, and of course a tour of a cheese factory. We will stop in Green Bay and tour Lambeau Field (if the Packers are doing pre-season practice that day, it is included), visit a winery in a haunted house and tour a National Railroad Museum. Then we will journey to the "Upper Peninsula" (UP) of Michigan where we will take a scenic boat tour along the rocky coast of Lake Superior viewing "Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore". While in the UP we will visit Tahquamenon Falls State park which contains the second largest waterfall after Niagara Falls, and have a wonderful lunch at a microbrewery in the park and we will visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and tour a lighthouse. There will be an unusual visit to Oswald's Bear Ranch where you can get in the cage and get your picture taken while you play with 2 black bears (only cubs). We will take a boat tour of the Sault Ste. Marie ship locks, which connect Lake Huron and Lake Superior and then have a terrific meal in the Freighters Restaurant. When we leave the UP we will take a ferry ride back in time by spending a day on Mackinac Island (no motorized vehicles) and enjoy a fabulous lunch at the Grand Hotel. Near Traverse City we will visit Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, tour a vodka distillery and microbrewery, visit an historic lighthouse, and eat yourself to death (the Traverse City area made the top ten list of places to eat out in the USA). There will also be some evening entertainment possibly including an excellent illusionist and a musical theater group.

Total coach mileage will be approx. 640 miles.

Applications for this caravan should be ready by January 1, 2011 or sooner and a drawing if necessary will be held no later than March 1, 2011.

Any caravan of this type takes a lot of planning. We would appreciate your feedback as far as your interest in attending a caravan in this area. Please send an e-mail to [spony55@yahoo.com](mailto:spony55@yahoo.com) expressing a possible interest in attending, or your other comments.

By responding, you will automatically be sent an application when they are ready.