

MONACO WAN-NA-GO'S



NEWSLETTER



March 2009

Come Have A Berry Good Time

Members began arriving at the Cajun Palms RV Resort in Breaux Bridge, LA the week end before the rally. Rally Masters Bob & Martha Calhoun, Ed & Margaret Sonnier and Bob & Betty Richardson choose a very nice new RV Resort for their rally and we couldn't wait to see everyone. John & Bettie Collins met everyone with their goody bags. Thanks to them.

On Tuesday evening everyone got together around the pool of the rally facility. There were lots of great appetizers and the RV Park provided shrimp jambalaya and cracklings which were both wonderful.

Wednesday started with a yummy breakfast and following that the first timers meeting. There were three first timer coaches at this rally. The guys had an RV maintenance seminar in the morning and the girls had quilting with Bonnie Miller and Debbie Taylor in the afternoon. The table decorations designed by Margaret Sonnier were really fun. Since it was Strawberry season in Louisiana there were towers of strawberries on each table with a yummy dip for everyone to enjoy while waiting for their table to be called. After Dinner Margo Estep and Jan Erickson held a Bunco tournament with lots of fun and the team of Tressa Williams and Janelle Burch were the big winners. Yea!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The game had to be cut a little short because of forecasted storms in the area. We all brought in our slides but thankfully it was mostly high winds and a lot of rain.

Thursday morning began overcast and rainy but the golfers headed out anyway and managed to have their golf tournament even if it was a little soggy. Some of the ladies worked on their quilting and others went on a tour of the Tabasco facility on Avery Island. There was also lots of shopping in Lafayette. After dinner we were all entertained by Walter Mouton and his band. Again on this night we were hit with storms but not as bad as Wednesday night. The RV Park sent out an employee to push water off our sites, you can't beat that.

After breakfast on Friday some of the guys had another seminar on Coach Maintenance and then a large group went to Henderson for a Swamp Tour. The rally masters had a drawing and two people got their tour free. They all had a great time and it wasn't raining. There were lots of birds and even alligators especially since the boat driver fed the gators. After Happy Hour, with those wonderful Strawberry Margaritas Margaret called numbers for lots of door prizes. Lucky Russ Miller won a Margarita Machine of his own. Later there was lots of dancing with the One Man Band.

Saturday morning after the Business Meeting everyone headed out to shop or have lunch. Dinner was crawfish and fixings so that was a major production. The evening was topped off with Dave Petjohn a very funny comedian.

Those who didn't leave early enjoyed donuts with the rally masters on Sunday morning.

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Mark your calendars!

2009 Rallies

June 3-7

Grove, Oklahoma

Cedar Oaks RV Resort

September 30-October 4

Hutchinson, Kansas

Hutchinson State Fair Grounds

November 11-15

Montgomery, Texas

Lake Conroe KOA

2010 Rallies

March 30-April 4

Canton, TX

June 15-20

N. Little Rock, AK

Sept 7-12

New Mexico

November 9-14

Kernville, TX

The Margarita Man wishes to thank Jerry Jenkins, Chuck Swift, Jim Harris and Ron Finke for cleaning and moving the margarita machines on Saturday night. Kay was sick for a week after the rally and really appreciated this kindness.

ALL OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH JANE NEAL ON THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND GEAN

WE HOPE EVERYONE ELSE IS HEALTHY AND HAPPY AND HAS A WONDERFUL SPRING

MANY THANKS!

To the Rally hosts . . .

Bob & Martha Calhoun

Ed & Margaret Sonnier

Bob & Betty Richardson

Check out the Wan-na-go's web site

www.monacowannagos.com

MONACO WAN-NA-GO'S GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 28, 2009
HENDERSON, LA

President Kay Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Officers made self-introductions: President Kay Williams, 1st Vice President Joe Namaksy, 2nd Vice President Walter Gund, Treasurer Jan Erickson, National Director Bettie Collins, Alt. National Director Janelle Burch and Secretary Tressa Williams.

Tressa Williams called for corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting. There being none Bob Calhoun made a motion to accept the minutes as published and mailed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Jan Erickson reported that as of March 28, 2009 the checking account balance is \$14,691.82. After renewals and one new member added at the rally the club has 361 member coaches.

Joe Namaksy asked his rally masters for an update on the balance of the 2009 rallies. Janelle Burch reported for the rally masters in Grove, OK. The application has been mailed and they will have a limit of 75 coaches at this rally. Russ Haley assured everyone that there will be full hook ups at the Hutchinson Fair Grounds and the weather should be great in Kansas in September. Ron Finke reported that because of a conflict at the KOA in Montgomery, TX the dates have been changed to Nov 11-15 and because of this the application will go out before the September rally.

Walter Gund reported the 2010 rallies are planned for Canton, TX, N. Little Rock, AK, New Mexico, site not determined and Kerrville, TX.

Bettie Collins attended the FMCA National Convention in Perry, GA and asked each member to encourage others to join FMCA as their membership is dropping. Bettie also asked for club input on whom to vote for at the July National Convention elections in Ohio.

Bob Collins reported the Henderson, LA rally has 85 coaches in attendance and everything is going great. He thanked everyone who helped with the rally.

Kay Williams asked all the first timers to stand and thanked them for attending the rally and hope to see them at future rallies.

Janelle Burch reported that the Rally Guide revisions are being worked on and the updated guide will be in a three ring binder for easier future updates. Janelle asked members for any input or suggestions for the guide.

John Collins reminded everyone that the Monaco International Balloon Fiesta will be Oct 7-11 and there are still openings for the rally. SOB's are welcome and an application is available on the Wan-na-go's web site.

Nancy Wolfe reported that the 25th anniversary rally for Monaco International will be in Springfield, OH July 14-17 and encouraged all Wan-na-go's members to support Monaco International and come to the rally. Chuck Swift is the Sherriff for the rally and asked for volunteers to please contact him.

Bill Wightman has renewed the contract with Michelin for the 2009 tire program. Bill introduced Jerry Burns who will work with the program so that more than one person will be familiar with the procedures. Information on the Michelin tire program is on the club web site.

Jan Erickson reminded everyone that club items would be available for anyone interested including free club lanyards after the meeting. Wan-na-go logo items from Jim Hittle are also available.

With no further business Art Couch made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tressa Williams, Secretary

RALLY ATTENDEES, HENDERSON, LA

ALMOS, DICK & JEAN**
ANDERSON, PAUL & ELLEN**
BECKER, ARNO & JIMMIE
BOUCHILLON, BILL & PAT
BURNS, JERRY & NANCY
BUETO, THEO & BLANCHE
BURCH, RICHARD & JANELLE
CALHOUN, BOB & MARTHA
CARLSON, ART & RITA
CLARK, DALE & CAROLYN
CLERC, BOB & MARIBEL
COLLINS, JOHN & BETTIE
CORMIER, ROBERT & BRUNELLA
COUCH, ART & SYLVIA
COX, JACK & LYZETTE
DAY, ARCHIE & JERVAIS
DE MILLE, PETER & JEAN*
DRISSELL, MIKE & PAT
DUNAN, DWIGHT & SHERRY
ELSTON, DAVID & MARILYN*
ERICKSON, BOB & JAN
ESTEP, BILL & MARGO
FINKE, RONNY & SANDRA
FISHER, CRAIG & PATTI
FRANKS, GERALD & SAMMIE
FREERMAN, TOM & VALKERIA
GANNAWAY, JIM & CAROLYN
GEE, JIM & LIZ
GRAYSON, LARRY & MARYLOU
GUND, WALTER & CLEONE
GUTHRIE, JIM & AMY
GROCE, WALTER & MARY**
HALEY, RUSS & JUDY
HARLAN, JACK & ALICE
HARRIS, JIM & NANCY
HOLT, DONALD & ANN
HUNTLY, JOE & SANDY
JENKINS, JERRY & MARILYN
JOHNSON, PETE & PAT
JOHNSON, WARREN & SARAH
JONES, HUBERT & VICKIE
LEITH, DON & VICKI
LITTLE, BOB & JUNE

LOBRANO, BOB & MARILYN
MCKEEN, CHET & SALLY
MERRILL, SONNY & JANIS
MEWHINNEY, JIM & CARLA
MILLER, LADON & BONNIE
MILLER, RUSSELL & CAROLYN
NAMASKY, JOE & DUANNE
NICHOLS, DON & EMMALOU**
NORVELL, WOODY & PAT
OEHLER, JOHN & BILLIE
PACK, DON & JOANNE
PEARSON, WALT & DARLENE
PECUNIA, HAROLD & JAN
POWERS, STAN & YOLANDA
PRICE, BOB & FLO
RAST, CHARLES & PATSY
REAVES, MIKE & SUZANNE
RICHARDSON, BOB & BETTY
RICHMOND, DON & SALLY
RINEY, CHARLES & PATSY
SKUFCA, JACK & LYNN
SMITH, GARY & ELIZABETH
SMITH, JOEL & JONI
SNIDER, JOE & LAJUAN
SONNIER, ED & MARGARET
SONNONSTINE, TERRY & CATHY
SPARKS, ROBERT & JAN
SULLIVAN, KEN & GLENDA**
SWIFT, CHUCK & KAYE
TATMAN, JIM & LOUISE
TRUELOVE, JERRY & SUE
TAYLOR, KEITH & DEBORAH
VAN ATTA, KARL & LESLEY
VAN DRUNEN, LARRY & VICKIE
WEAVER, BILL & SHIRLEY
WEIGEL, JACK & SANDI
WHEATLEY, BUD & CYNDI*
WIGHTMAN, BILL & MARYLOU
WILSON, CONRAD & CONNIE
WILLIAMS, KAY & TRESSA
WOLFE, DICK & NANCY
WOOD, LLOYD & JERRI

*FIRST TIMER

**SOME OTHER BRAND