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Monaco Northeast Explorers
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President's Message



More than a year ago in my first message after being elected, I suggested the following:

*"We don't all just belong to this club,
the club belongs to all of us.
Please help shape it for your best fit!"*

As we kick-off 2009 I want to repeat that message and again urge each of you to consider becoming more active in the chapter. The primary purpose of MNE is to give all of us opportunities to socialize with one another and to share our common interests in the many aspects of owning and enjoying our motor homes. Whether full-timers, weekend travelers, or somewhere in between, we have all invested in our coaches and are interested in maximizing our enjoyment of this part of our lives.

The schedule of events for this year is kicking off with some great things planned but with plenty of room for more. We need to fill-in the remainder of the Summer and Fall calendar with some additional rallies. Please read and respond to interim rally coordinator Phil Halloran's write-up in this newsletter. *See page 4.*

Here's what is already on the MNE calendar:

MNE members who are in Florida enjoyed getting together February 18th for the MNE Winter Luncheon. *See page 6.*

Our first rally of the season is planned for May 14 - 17 in Lake George and Saratoga, NY. See the web site for details of what is planned and for the registration form (both have been mailed to those without internet access.)

I want to encourage as many MNEers as possible to join Rally Masters Riley and Carol Williams for the Monaco pre-rally in Springfield, Ohio, July 14 - 17. This pre-rally will be followed by the FMCA convention in Bowling Green, July 20 - 23. While supporting Monaco International and FMCA, this will also be an excellent opportunity this year for us to enjoy our own "rally within a rally" along similar lines to our very successful experience last summer at NEAR08 in Burlington. We had a terrific MNE turnout where we parked together, got together for some meals and for "happy hours", and enjoyed each others company while also participating in all that the larger rally had to offer and helping out as volunteers.

Against the backdrop of trying times I think the opportunity to enjoy good friends and good times together is all the more appealing and important. Let's turn out for these events and also work together to create more opportunities for the second half of this rally season!

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Hi Everyone!



The deadline has long past to have your dues paid for 2008. If you did not send in your renewal this will be your last newsletter. Starting with the next (May/June) newsletter, we will be using a new set of e-mail and mailing addresses.

Currently there are still 26 members that have not paid their 2009 dues. That is really a lot of you to lose. This would bring our total membership down to 94 coaches. I will be sending out last minute reminders to all of you who have not yet renewed.

Remember, your best way of getting a hold of me if you have any questions is via e-mail. If you would like to talk with me you should call my cell phone, 518-878-4374, and leave a message. I will return the call as quickly as I can.

Please mail your dues to me @ 8 Clute Circle;
Rexford, NY 12148

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Looking Forward

We are planning for the 2009 rally season.

Please step forward and
volunteer to run a rally.

If you can please contact me so we can
discuss dates and place.

I can be reached at

halloranp@charter.net

or by calling me during the day at

[my cell phone: 860-833-6393](tel:860-833-6393)

It is not too early to start planning.

Phil Halloran, Rally Coordinator.

President's Message continued

There is another opportunity to participate and help shape our future. Officer terms expire this year and we'll need to hold elections for the 2010 - 11 term. I'm sure the nominating committee (members are Jim Arpaia, Ann Brandt, Carol Kramer, and Colette Letouneau) would appreciate hearing from you regarding the nominations and particularly if you are interested in running for any of the chapter officer positions.

Hope to see you soon somewhere down the road. In the meantime wishing you happy and safe travels.

Rich

MNE Rally Schedule for 2009

May 18: MNE Winter Luncheon, Naples, FL. Host: Elaine Broder.

May 14-17th: Lake George-Saratoga Springs NY Rally, Lake George RV Park, 74 State Route 149, Lake George, NY. Host: Jeff Sweet. See www.monaconortheastexplorers.com. Rallies 2009 for details and application form.

More to come!

See page 4 for directions on filling in the slots!

FMCA International Conventions for 2009

Mar. 16-19 FMCA's 81st International Convention will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, Ga

July 20-23 FMCA's 82nd International Convention will be held in Bowling Green, Ohio.

See November e-Newsletter at www.fmca.com for more information.

Monaco International and Monaco Coach Corporation

March 9-13 Swingin' Into Spring Monaco International Pre-Rally, Sunbelt Agriculture Expo Center (Spence Field), Moultrie, GA. Rally Masters: Bill & JeanAnn Miller (wfmcanoe@gmail.com)

May 11-14 MONACO AMERICA Spring Rally, "Back Home in Indiana's Amish Country" Elkhart County 4h Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN. Gary Granat

July 14-17 MONACO INTERNATIONAL 25th Anniversary of Monaco International "Silver Celebration in Springfield" Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH. Carol and Riley Williams

See www.monacocoach.com for more information.

HELP

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Hi to all MNE members! Because Owen's plate is more than full, I have been asked to fill in. So now I need HELP. We have one rally scheduled this spring.

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To make a long story short, we need more. So, I'm begging. Have you ever seen a grown man beg? Well, come to the Lake George Rally and you'll see one.

MNE

Seriously, I would like to set up two more rallies for the year.

It's not hard to do. I help you with everything you need. The first thing *you* would need to do is to find a campground that can hold 15-20 coaches. It would be nice if the campground had a room for us to have a meeting and for eating. Also, you would arrange for food. Often the campground can suggest a caterer. I will take care of getting any sponsors for the rally. This year that could be quite a challenge. You don't need to worry about coffee, sugar, cups, and things like that. Betsy and Skip probably have all of that in their coach. Anything that you want, I will help you with anything you need.

Sooooooooooooo

Be an MNE star and help me. My cell phone is 860-833-6393. My home phone is 413-525-7888. Thanks for even *thinking* about running a rally.

Phil Halloran

MONACO NORTHEAST EXPLORERS
BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

The meeting of the Monaco Northeast Explorers was called to order by President Richard Grega at 5:07pm on Friday, September 19th, 2008. President Grega called for a moments silence for reflection since we did not have our American flag.

Rene Letourneau made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Secretary's minutes from the last meeting which were published in the newsletter. Walter Rostek seconded that motion.

Barbara Rostek, treasurer gave her report as follows: balance in checkbook \$5204.93.

Rene Letourneau made a motion to accept the report as read and Riley Williams seconded that motion.

Barbara Rostek encouraged members to check their year for membership renewal and please send their renewal dues by the end of the year to enable Betsey Smith, Membership Chairwoman to get her records in order and the new directory out to members.

In response to Unfinished Business Jeff Sweet asked if anyone had concerns or questions about the website. Everyone seems pleased with the website and understand that it will continue to grow and improve.

Several subjects were raised under New Business. Jeff Sweet is planning a rally at Saratoga Springs, NY from May 14th through the 16th, 2009. Jeff assures us there is lots to do and he will keep us busy for the weekend.

Howard and Elaine Broder volunteered to chair the Monaco Northeast Luncheon to be held in Florida sometime in February. They will advise where and when this will take place.

Carol Williams announced that she and Riley will be Rally Masters for the Monaco Pre-rally at the Clarke County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio from July 14th through the 17th, 2009. They encourage the Monaco Northeast Explorers to plan to attend and volunteer as well.

Roy Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rene Letourneau seconded that motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Williams, Secretary