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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Chapter 12 Christmas Party December 12, 2009 Colton RV Center, N. Tonawanda, NY

It's a most wonderful time of the year! We were very happy that our Christmas Party was well attended. Our members present were : Dick & Marge Betz, Bob & Carole Bohnstadt, Craig & Maria Donnelly, Jim & Mary Freiheit, Angelo & Deborah Gangemi, John & Wendy Gaydica, Robert & Bonnie Jae, Dave & JoAnn Krehl, Norm & Pat Lemke, Adam & Sue Magoss, John & Deborah Matyas, Joan Moore, Bill & Judy Murray, William & Lois O'Neill, Scott & Joni Parkhill, Charlie & Ida Pause, and Robert & Caroline Rindo. Our guests were Barbara Eberl, Betsy Rindo, Annalynn Surace, Liz Jae & Alexis. We also enjoyed the company of several Colton staff members. They were quick to lend a hand and help with set up; plus preparing the hors d'verours of shrimp, cheese plate, fruit, and hot bar-b-que meatballs. We really appreciate the facility, donations and the assistance.

Everyone visited before the meal. David Krehl said the blessing. After a business meeting was held. President Gaydica presided thru announcements, elections, awards and passed the gavel on to our new President, Joni Parkhill who thanked him and Wendy for the two years of dedicated service.



NEW OFFICERS
Vice Pres.-John Gaydica, Treas. -Judy Murray,
President-Joni Parkhill, Secretary-Bob Rindo

This lead to our gift exchange where we played the stealing game. Rules reverted back to the original steal of 3 times and the gift is considered finalized. Hot gift items this year were: a knife set in wooden rack, one

wine bottle dressed in Santa clothes and another with a white sweater with a Christmas tree on front and a Santa hat. Then there was this furry, black and white hat with ear flaps. I'm not sure if it was a Panda Bear or a Skunk but it sure was cute! Alexis enjoyed modeling it for all to see. As always, a big thanks to all helpers at the party.

Managers, Please share this info with your chapters. Thanks.
Paul. (Paul Brand, National Director Region 1)

Yesterday I had a conference call/telephone interview with Mike Snell, Randy Puckett, and Ryan Lee. The idea behind this was to obtain information for our membership as to what is happening with Monaco RV LLC/Navistar. As we all know, the membership is nervous. The interview revealed a little of what is going on, but most importantly, established a line of communication between Monaco and HRRVC.

I asked the following questions:

Q. Where and who are the dealers?

A. Presently there are 26 scattered throughout the country. Check HR.com dealer finder. In Region IV there is only one dealer. To find your closest dealer, you have to go by individual states.

Q. What models are available?

A. In the diesel line, only the Ambassador will be discontinued. The Neptune will be built in a 36' or 40' version. Upgrades will include: 8 airbags, 4 slides, a 360 horsepower engine and 6-speed transmission. The Endeavor is being produced in the 38' and 42' versions. Scepters, Imperials, and Navigators are being built as orders are received. Gas-powered motor homes, Admirals, Aristas, and Augustas are being produced in Wakarusa. The following towables are being built: Savoy, Campmaster, Mintaro, and going into the Alumascapes and Presidential.

Q. Where are the Service Centers?

A. Twenty-six dealers will provide extensive service. The Wildwood, FL, Warranty Center, has been reopened under Brent Howard and other former Monaco employee. The Wildwood Center will also be a dealer and authorized Warranty Center. Future plans include an 8-bay service center in Wakarusa, IN.

Q. What percentage of coaches being built is Holiday Rambler?

A. About 50%. Some of the other brands manufactured by Monaco have been eliminated.

Q. What about the free first-year membership to new owners? When is that effective?

A. Now. When the dealer sends the sales notification to Monaco, the new owner information will be sent to the HRRVC office and a packet will be sent to the new owner, and Monaco is to be billed for the first year.

Q. In the past, prior to the Monaco buyout, an HRRVC sticker was placed on the inside of a cabinet door. Could this be done again?

A. Yes. HRRVC will design and pay for the sticker.

Q. Why don't any of the Monaco executives attend any of the HRRVC functions?

As a result of this question, Mike Snell said, "I'll be there. I'll attend the International Rally at Perry, GA, in July."

Q. How can we as a Club help Monaco?

A. Mike Snell said, "We need to get the word out, what we have gone through, where we are, and where we are going. Inform the membership that this has been a difficult time for everyone."

A video/DVD is available for viewing. A copy should be available at the SE Sunshine Rally. This video is also available for viewing on the Monaco Website. News Updates will be provided to help this process of informing the HRRVC membership.

Mr. Snell travels to Wakarusa once a month and is open to meeting with Board members to maintain communication between the Club and Monaco.

In summary, we have now established a link between HRRVC and Monaco's top executives. Hopefully, we can help our members regain confidence in Monaco and the Holiday Rambler product line by providing updated Corporate News. The overall feeling was that they do care, and they are just as concerned about maintaining a good relationship with the Holiday Rambler RV Club as we are with them.

Larry Black, National Director Region IV 80633

Chapter 12 & Region 1 - 2010 Events

May 14, 15, 16 – Fireman's Field
Williamson, N.Y.
Apple Blossom Festival
Hosted by Chapter 1

call Joni @ 692-8328 if attending

****May 21, 22, 23 – Four Winds CG
Portageville, N.Y.
585-493-2794**

June 3, 4, 5, 6 – Mass/New Hampshire State
Rally

Falmouth FG
Falmouth, Mass

****June 25, 26, 27 – Red Rock Ponds
Holly, N.Y.
585-638-2445**

**If planning to go – you MUST call to re-
serve a site and pay deposit of \$35.00 by
Jan. 1st.**

July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 – International Rally
Perry, Georgia

****July 30, 31, Aug. 1 – Hidden Valley CG
Jamestown, N.Y.
716-569-5433**

**Must call in your reservation before July
4th.**

****Aug. 13, 14, 15 – The Villages @ Turn-
ing Stone RV Park**

Verona, N.Y.
315-361-7275



Place your bets!

Aug. 15, 16, 17, 18: Strawberry Park RV Resort
www.strawberrypark.net
Preston, Connecticut
274 miles (approx. 4 ½ hours)

*Mystic, Ct, Newport, RI, Providence, RI, Groton, Ct,
Foxwoods, Mohegan Sun*

Aug. 18, 19, 20, 21: Newburgh/KOA RV Resort
www.newburghkoa.com
Plattekill, N.Y.
153 Miles (approx. 3 hrs.)

*NYC bus trip, West Point, antiques in New Paltz,
Orange County Choppers*

Aug. 21: Cheerful Valley Campground
Phelps, NY
264 Miles (approx. 4 ½ hrs)

**Destination week 8/15 – 8/21: Joni needs to
know who is interested prior to making res-
ervations.**

Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6: Region 1 Rally
Rideau Acres
Kingston, Ontario

****Sept. 24, 25, 26: Branches of Niagara CG
www.branchesofniagara.com
Grand Island, N.Y. 773-7600**

Oct TBA: Wine train adventure @ Spring Lake Winery

- Board train on Lockport @ 10 am
- 1 hr. train ride with breakfast
- 1 hr. tour of Medina Railroad Museum
- Spring Lake Winery – lunch with music
- Wine tastings available \$\$

Board train @ 3:30pm. Returns to Lockport @ 4pm.

Camping available nearby @ Daisy Barn Campground,
Wilson, NY if desired.

**LET JONI KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DO-
ING THIS**

****Club campouts. Hosts needed.**