



# SAFARI TRAILS

September, 2003

A Newsletter for Members of Safari International

## Greetings from the President

*Ken Brunner*



At this writing we are sitting at Fireman's Field in East Aurora, New York following our Pre-rally to the Hamburg, New York FMCA Convention. Another successful Pre-Rally has concluded with an excellent job done by our rally Hosts, Peter & Jeanne Wehnau and their crew of volunteers.

Weather has been touch and go with rain about every other day and sun between but the heat and humidity, which we had all dreaded, has not materialized.

This Pre-Rally marked the beginning of the end of my first term of office as your President since elections were held to fill the offices of President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and National Director and Alternate National Director to FMCA. In addition a new Nominating Committee was elected. All of these positions will serve for the fiscal years 2004-2005. Ray Mock was re-elected as Executive Vice President, Sue Marr as Secretary, Art Gray as Treasurer, Suzanne Budovec as National Director, Bob Cerney as Alternate National Director and myself as President with our new terms of office starting January 1, 2004.

The fiscal condition of the Club is solid and our officers continue to do an outstanding job in the execution of our Regional Rallies and Pre-rallies. Attendance at these events has been showing growth as the confidence of the membership grows. With the support of Monaco Coach Corporation we have been able to improve the participation of dealers, vendors, and suppliers at these events, resulting in our being able to hold the line on rally fees and the dues which our members pay, both of which I felt were in serious doubt when I first took office. The fiscal responsibility and creativity shown by our rally hosts as well as the improved participation of these dealers, vendors and suppliers has made this possible.

Bob Rowland, our club's web site administrator has finally been able to successfully bring back the club's web site on our own domain at [www.safari-international.org](http://www.safari-international.org). I encourage you to give it a try and to feed back to Bob your thoughts about what additional improvements you might like to see to this revitalized service.

### Calendar of Events

#### 2003

September 23, 24, 25  
13th Annual Oregon Homecoming  
Salem, OR

October 23 to 26  
West Region Rally  
Buellton/Solvang, CA

#### 2004

January 27, 28, 29  
9th Annual Eastern Homecoming  
Orlando, FL

March 9 to 13  
Prerally to Albuquerque, NM FMCA  
Farmington, NM

mid April, dates TBA  
South Central Region Rally  
Oklahoma location TBA

July 8 - 12  
Northeast Region Rally  
Greenfield, MA

August 10 - 13  
pre-rally to Redmond, OR FMCA  
Mt. Hood, OR



# Brenda's Bulletin

Hello Safari Owners!

I have it from very good sources that the Pre-rally in New York was a success and that everyone enjoyed themselves. The food and entertainment were great. I

am sorry I had to miss it. Good job Peter & Jeanne Wehnau for putting on an A+ rally!

We are hard at work here planning the 13th Annual Homecoming rally in Salem. This is going to be a rally you will not want to miss, so if you haven't

already sent in an application, give me a call at 1-800-634-0855 and we'll get you signed up; rally fees for this rally can be paid by credit card over the phone.

The Eastern Homecoming application is out now on our web site at [www.safarimotorcoaches.com](http://www.safarimotorcoaches.com). The dates for that rally are January 27, 28, 29, 2004 at the Orlando Fair Grounds. If you would like to volunteer to help in any area at a rally please give me a call at 1-800-634-0855. It is the terrific volunteers that make a great rally happen.

I look forward to seeing you at a rally soon.

*Brenda*

Please contact your regional Vice President to let the club know of the severe illness or death of any member. VPs will let the appropriate individuals know so that a card will be sent.

*(Ken Brunner, continued from page 1)*

*Safari Trails*, our club newsletter has continued to improve in its quality under the guidance of our editor, Jane Summers, and is now being offered in an electronic format off both our website and the Monaco owned website [www.safarimotorcoaches.com](http://www.safarimotorcoaches.com). I am most pleased that Jane has agreed to continue in this role for the next two years.

Not enough can be said for the level of support which has been provided by Monaco since the acquisition of SMC in the form of Service and Warranty work which they have provided and in the quality of the improvements which they have made and continue to make to the product line.

Special thanks also go to our club coordinator, Brenda Reagh, for her dedication and support to the Safari International Club. Without her and the entire Customer Events staff at Monaco we would not so easily have been able to make this transition. With all this said, the challenges for the club as we

go forward are to grow the membership back to historic levels and to find ways to involve more of our members in the club's activities. We need to develop programs which go beyond our rally efforts to provide improved value to those in the organization who we are not currently adequately serving and to recognize that to be successful in the long term we must find ways to reach those of the membership who do not, for whatever reason, avail themselves of the rally program. To this end I ask for the input of the membership to give me direction. Your thoughts about what services you would like to see us add as we go forward would be helpful to us in developing new programs which you believe could or would be of interest to you and make the club a more valuable part of the Safari ownership experience.

I look forward to the day that we will again see 500 or more coaches in attendance at a Homecoming event.

# National Director's Report



Happy Summertime to one and all! As I write this column, it is just after the 4th of July holiday and we are on the San Juan Island in the Northwest, a few hours north of the Seattle area. Your FMCA Governing Board members, and in particular your Alternate National

Director Bob Cerney, are readying themselves for a multitude of meetings in New York. As many of you will remember, husband John & I were unable to head East this year. We sincerely thank Bob & Freda for their diligent efforts in attending the Convention representing our Safari International Chapter.

Bob has a report on page 4 in this issue covering the meetings that he attended in New York at the FMCA Convention. One of the many issues that the Governing Board discussed was the proposal to raise our FMCA dues by \$10 per year. This proposal will be decided upon by a mail ballot to all National Directors in early September 2003. If approved, it will be the first dues increase in 23 years - let's face it, there are not too many other organizations for which dues have remained unchanged for that long!

On page 20 in this issue you will find an article submitted by FMCA to explain "The Value of Your FMCA Membership". It indicates that your membership is valued at \$360 per year. In addition, what I hope you

will pay particular attention to is the end of that article, which gives all FMCA members an opportunity to keep those dues as low as \$20 per year - if paid 5 years in advance, no later than March 31, 2004. This is a great saving to all FMCA Safari members & I hope you are able to take advantage of those savings.

Husband John & I will be looking forward to seeing many of you at the Safari Homecoming in Salem, Oregon in September. We will be attending the 2004 FMCA Conventions in both Albuquerque, New Mexico and Redmond, Oregon, and will hopefully have the opportunity to represent you at these meetings as your National Director.

As always, please contact me if you have any input or any questions with regards to any FMCA business. Both Bob & I represent you at that level. Once again, I sincerely thank Bob for all of his efforts in representing our Chapter at the FMCA Convention in New York - July 2003.

*Suzanne*

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## Voting Numbers Disappointing

At the Safari Pre-rally just completed in East Aurora, NY, an election was held to determine the new slate of officers that will serve Safari International for the following offices: President, Executive Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director and Alternate National Director. Although there was only one nominated candidate for each office, the small number of members who voted was very disappointing. There were a total of 92 votes cast out of a membership of nearly three thousand member coaches, which is around 3% of the membership. There were 60 mail-in ballots which means that only 32 attendees took the time to cast their ballot even though 4 of the 6 candidates were in attendance. How disappointing for anyone who makes the effort to run for an office. It appears that the general membership does not really care who "runs" the organization.

It is our hope that, in the future, more members will take an interest in the affairs of Safari International. When there is a rally, many step forth and volunteer to make it a success. Why then do they not take the time to vote for the people that will determine the future of THEIR club?

Carol and I felt privileged to act as monitors for the election, but very disappointed in the participation. Please make sure that you vote next year for the candidates that will be running for the positions of the area vice-presidents.

Jim Avallone  
Past SE Regional VP

# ***Alternate National Director's Report***

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, 70th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
JULY 16, 17, 2003**

The first day of our meetings was July 16. It was reported that FMCA is currently on budget for 2003 and is actually realizing a positive position due to the upturn in the market. Revenue for 2003 is projected to be \$15,383,100 with projected expenses of \$15,209,172 leaving an unrealized gain of \$173,928. But the projected budget for 2004 shows a deficit of \$272,552. This deficit is because of expected decrease in registration for the summer convention in Redmond Oregon, substantially lower income from magazine advertising do to downturn of motorhome businesses, and projected increase in insurance costs of 31%.

With this budget the Treasury/Finance Committee is recommending the first dues increase in 23 years; the increase would be \$10 to \$35 per year and the magazine subscription rate would increase from \$27 to \$29.95; convention early registration fees will increase by \$9 to \$99. If these increases are approved a one time offer for dues paid by March 31, 2004 of five years for \$100 will be available. This proposal will be voted on by mail ballot in September by the National Directors. (Please express your opinions on this proposal to Suzanne Budovec, our National Director). The Governing Board directed that if the dues increase does not pass, the Finance Committee shall balance the budget. If the dues increase does pass the budget was approved as submitted.

The Convention Committee reported that the following convention dates and places have been approved;

Albuquerque, New Mexico	March 16, 17, 18, 2004
Redmond, Oregon	August 17, 18, 19, 2004
Perry, Georgia	March 22, 23, 24, 2005
Minot, North Dakota	August 16, 17, 18, 2005
Pomona, California	March 2006

If the contract is approved, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway will be the site for the summer, 2006 convention.

The Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee submitted their report showing many successes in changing and preventing new laws that effect motorhoming. They ask that we all insure that our e-mail addresses are correctly listed with FMCA, so the

committee can use them to solicit our support in future efforts within our home states, should the need arise.

The Constitution and Bylaws / Policy and Procedure Committee reported that they had completed the review of governance documents, those portions that were extracted from the Constitution and Bylaws and placed in the 51 Proposed Policies and Procedures. After approval by the Governing Board they will be added to the existing policies and procedures in the Member and Volunteer Handbook. All 51 were approved.

On the second day the order of business was the election of National Officers with the following results:

## **NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Jim Ammenheuser	159 votes
R. G. Wilson	213 votes

## **NATIONAL SR VICE PRESIDENT**

Donald Crawford	150 votes
Donald Moore	222 votes

## **NATIONAL SECRETARY**

Mary Lawler	132 votes
Ginger Painter	240 votes

## **NATIONAL TREASURE**

Judy Czarsky	82 votes
Connie Pool	289 votes

The votes were audited and the indicated winners declared.

While waiting for the vote verification there was a discussion of a possible study to obtain and develop a permanent convention sight. Some of the places mentioned were Louisiana, Mississippi, or New Mexico. No decision was made and no studies were ordered.

Robert L. Cerney  
Alternate National Director

# Messages from your Vice Presidents

## EXECUTIVE V.P.: RAY MOCK



As this is written, the East Aurora, NY Prerally has just ended. The food served received rave reviews. The entertainment was so good that almost all members stayed seated and paid attention for the entire performance. Peter & Jeanne Wehnau served as

Rallymasters. Future Rallymasters have a tough act to follow. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the rally happen.

Results of the election have all incumbents being reelected. Thank you for your vote. I will continue to strive to earn your support and live up to the confidence you have in me.

At the general membership meeting, the new name badges were previewed. The old badges presented five recurrent problems. The raised Safari name bar was easily detached. The gold color was easily discolored due to contact with skin oils. Since our members tend to move a lot, many hometown listings are not current. The square corners tended to snag on clothing. Lastly, the size of the print for our names was not easily readable from greeting distance. The new badge is ivory in color. The raised bar was eliminated. The hometown was dropped and the space used to enlarge the size of the letters for your first name. The sharp, square corners have been rounded. The new badges are available from Brenda Reagh at Monaco and, temporarily, directly from the manufacturer. Price is \$6.00. Order form is on page 31 of this issue.

A membership decal was shown. The purpose of the decal is to help identify Safari owners who are not members of Safari International. The decal is static cling and reusable, designed to be applied to the inside of the window. Three decals will be mailed to all members via 1st class mail once available. Which window to use? For the coach, the front windshield, just to the passenger side of center, provided, you do not use external sunscreens. If you use front external sunscreens, use the driver side cab window just above the line of sight for the rearview mirror. If your sunscreen covers the cab windows, consider the front entry door window, the living area slide if side windows are present or the front living room area window on the driver side.

The other two decals should be applied to your towed vehicle. One decal should be applied to the inside of the front windshield and one to the rear windshield. These decals are reusable. It is hoped that these decals will allow us to identify the Safari owners who are not members of our chapter, Safari

International. If you meet a Safari coach without a decal, please, advise the owner of the merits of being a member, give them an old copy of our *Safari Trails*, or ask for their address. Forward their address to Brenda Reagh at Monaco or to one of your officers. There is a welcome packet available to send to them extolling the virtues of membership. A flier is being updated which is designed to encourage membership. Watch for future details.

When we joined Safari International in 1995, CB channel # 20 was used for caravanning and hailing passing Safari Coaches. Over the years, this practice has waned. Many complain about the roughness of the language that may be heard on the CB airwaves. If you turn down the squelch, you will only receive the signals very close to you. Great for saying hi to a passing Safarians. (FMCA uses Channel 14). Hope to hear you soon.

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## NORTHEAST REGION: PETER WEHNAU



As I write this we are traveling home from East Aurora, NY, the site of the Summer FMCA Pre-rally. Jeanne & I met so many old friends and made some new ones; it warmed our hearts to see everyone pitch in to create a successful rally. All the volunteers, the dealers, vendors, sponsors, and of course Monaco, helped to make this a great rally at a very reasonable cost to our members. Jeanne & I have appreciated the opportunity to join the special ranks of Safari pre-rally hosts.

And then there is Winfield, the Safari cat, who enjoyed meeting so many fellow Safarians at East Aurora. He is now

up to 24 states and will add a few more and perhaps another country in the Fall.

Our Northeast regional rally for 2004 is scheduled for July 8th through the 12th at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, MA. Please mark your calendars to join us for another good time. There will be tours of the historic homes of Deerfield and the Holyoke Mall is not too far away.

Hope to see many of you at the Homecoming rallies either in September or January.



### SOUTHEAST REGION: JIM MARKWOOD



I must precede this report with an apology to Safari International members from the SE Region. Lynda & I have been traveling in the western part of the US since February, 2003 and have been out of close contact. We plan to be back in the SE Region during the first week of October in time to attend the SE Trek Fun Club rally in Flat Rock, NC. After settling back in Florida, we plan to attend the SE Trek Fun Club pre-rally and the 2004 Homecoming in Orlando in January. We hope to see all of you at one or all of these rallies.

We also plan to stay closer to home next year so that we can be part of planning some fun-filled rallies at some interesting places. If any of you have any ideas or suggestions for places you would like to rally, please e-mail me at LMFL@pocketmail.com We will also be looking for volunteers to help with these rally plans.



### NORTH CENTRAL REGION: TERRY WEBNER



Barb & I are in East Aurora, NY at the Safari Pre-rally to the FMCA in Buffalo. The rain is gone, the sun is out and it's great here. We have taken in some of the local color and had our Beef on a Weck at Bar Bill's.

The St. Louis Rally that Amy Lou Stephenson and I put on in St. Charles, MO is history. A good time was had by all. Sundermeires RV Park helped with many extras. Their dining hall is not the usual found in a campground and worked great. They also gave us an extra continental breakfast in their activity room. Of course our own coffee maker Ed Hartmann again made sure we had coffee with our rolls again this year.

Sundermeires arranged the bus for the St. Louis tour. We also had a tour guide: our own Marvin Emas. Marvin is from St. Louis and guided us on our ride. Thanks Marvin, it's great to know what you're looking at as you ride down the road.

One of the highlights for Barb & I was taking delivery of our new coach. We can tell you first hand that Monaco knows how to build a great Safari motorcoach. It drives super and is comfortable to live in. We had arranged to have some changes made to the interior at the factory. We picked Indiana for this work since it is close to our Michigan home. Monaco sent us to Wakarusa for this work. The plant (service facility) we went to is small and they really took care of us. Not only did they install a computer table, they also took care of some minor problems we had. When I explained a problem to the service tech, he would just say "no problem" and get to work fixing it.

Whalen Hill of Great American RV was successful at our rally of 49 coaches. He sold 6 coaches. He was busy trying to show the four coaches he had at the rally and working with several potential buyers all at the same time. Whalen said he would come to any of our rallies that we would let him attend.

We have been looking in Indiana and Ohio for places to hold our rally next year. We hope to check out a place in Michigan also, but it looks like we will be back in Indiana next year to take in some good Amish cooking, crafts, auctions, and plays. We'll keep you posted. We plan to have a place and date to share with you in the next *Trails*.

We'll see you down the road,



### SOUTH CENTRAL REGION: AMY LOU STEPHENSON



Time for another article!! As I write this article, I am at the East Aurora Pre-rally. Peter & Jeanne Wehnau have done a good job as Rally Masters and have finally produced some sun for us! As you make plans for the coming months, you should try to come to a rally and meet all of these nice Safari owners. In addition to the friendships

you will make, there are many other advantages to making Safari rallies a part of your life: the service team from Monaco will work on your coach while at the rally; rally masters plan seminars so that we can learn more about our coaches; parts providers attend just so they can eliminate any problems with their products that we are having. Some of the time, it is our lack of knowledge that is the problem!! Anyway, if you haven't

tried a rally—"try it, you will like it". Look at the rally schedule and see if one fits into your plans.

I am trying to plan a regional rally for '04. I don't have any definite plans at this time, but am looking at holding a South Central Rally in the first part of April '04. FMCA is holding an International Area Rally at Will Rogers Downs RV Park in Claremore, Oklahoma on April 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2004, so I am considering holding a rally in Oklahoma around the 10th of April. If you want to then go on the FMCA rally, you will be handy! Please keep that date in reserve and I will have information and a registration form in the next *Safari Trails*.

We would like to make sure that all Safari owners are members of Safari International. Will you help us? If you see a Safari in a campground, fuel stop or a rest stop, greet them and find out if they are members in our club. Invite them to belong and provide them with information about us. I always carry an old *Safari Trails* or *Safari Adventures* so I can pass it on.

If you have any ideas you would like to share about the club or our region, contact me at [cedrlane@cox.net](mailto:cedrlane@cox.net). We always want to have your input. In the meantime, travel safe and come to a rally. See you there.

**NORTHWEST REGION: BRIAN WIGZELL**



The NW Regional rally, held this year at Cashmere, WA, was attended by 55 coaches. We enjoyed weather good enough to trip several 'breakers', somewhat unusual for Washington State during the first week in June. We are currently traveling in the northeast and are enjoying the East Aurora, NY. rally hosted by Peter & Jeanne Wehnau. We will then visit family and friends en-route home to BC., getting home in early August. We then have to tend a neglected garden as well as acting as tour guide to visiting friends. Our next motorhome outing will be Homecoming in September, where we hope to see many of you.

Safe travels,

**SOUTHWEST REGION: CHUCK MONROE**

Editor's note: Chuck Monroe has been extremely ill, and thus was unable to submit a VP report for this issue. Clark & Martha Skeans will be taking Chuck's place as rallymasters for the Farmington, NM pre-rally in March, 2004. An application will be found on page 27.

**WEST REGION: TED WEDEL**



Greetings from East Aurora, New York. The Safari Pre-Rally in New York was lots of fun. The rallymaster even had mother nature provide a rinse for coaches and cars the night the rally started. Now the FMCA Convention is about to start and the weather looks great.

The West Region Annual Rally in Buellton, California October 23-26 is coming together nicely. We have a vendor who will have show coaches for viewing and (they hope) buying. Attendees will enjoy full hook-ups and we have the use of a club room. Expect two catered dinners, and three breakfasts, two of which will be continental. We are also planning an ice cream social. Wineries and local ranches, including one where miniature horses are raised, are located nearby. Does this sound like fun? Of course, and all are invited to attend. An application is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Please send your application right away because the RV Park wants a coach count early so they can rent the rest of their sites. We are looking forward to this rally and anticipate that everyone will find something to suit their tastes.



# ***About the Safari Website with Bob Rowland***

Hello Safari People,

Our club website has been moved to our own domain! The new web address is

<http://www.safari-international.org/>

Having our own domain will eliminate the popup ads that we "enjoyed" on Lycos. Please take time to check it out!

Currently we have approximately 285 members who have signed up to participate in our club message board. The message board, still through the Lycos system, can be accessed through the website. I have chosen to leave the message board at its present location since the Lycos based board format is very good and offers us many options.

The message board is a valuable tool for Safari owners to exchange information. The message board is a prime example of "the more we put in the more we will get out." Please take time to check out the board and the information available. Also, please post any information you have that might be helpful to the rest of the club. Additionally, please let other members know about the website and the message board and encourage their participation.

The website itself offers quite of number of information sources. Some of the useful links located on the site are stock quotes, weather and news information, and the latest editions of *Safari Trails* and *Safari Adventures*.

There are e-mail links to all the board members as well as the web master (yours truly). It is a convenient way to send messages regarding upcoming rallies, questions, or any other pertinent information or concerns you may have and wish to share.

You can also link directly to Safari, Monaco, Caterpillar, and Roadmaster. Additionally you will find a link to FMCA.

We also have a link for Gas Price Watch and Flying J where you can check out the latest fuel prices.

I am interested in hearing from members with any input as to what you would like to see added to the website. If the requests are reasonable I will do my best to include the additions.

As always keep the shiny side up and hope to see you down the road!

BOB ROWLAND  
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Have you registered for this terrific rally?  
If not...call Brenda at Monaco!  
1-800-634-0855  
She can register you & collect rally fees  
over the phone by credit card.  
Don't miss a fantastic, informative rally!***

# ***Nominating Committee Report***

The membership voted in the following Nominating Committee for 2004 - 2006. Their term begins January 1, 2004.

Northwest Region  
South Central  
North Central  
West  
Southwest  
Northeast  
Southeast

Wayne Prigge  
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The first order of business will be seeking candidates to run for the Regional Vice Presidents' positions in 2004. Everyone should put on their thinking caps and let these folks know of any possible candidates.



## ***Northwest Region Rally***

The 9th Northwest Regional Rally was held in early June at the Chelan County Fairgrounds in Cashmere, Washington. A total of 56 Safaris and buddies were registered. This area of Washington State is renowned for its acres of orchards and miles of fruit stands. The weather cooperated; hot, but not too hot, except maybe for our furry and feathered friends. A pool and margarita party helped keep the rest of us cool!

Many fun and informative activities were on the agenda. Some golfed, thanks to Jim & Meg Chaffin's arrangements. Ralph Andrews, Linda Cossell and Jean Roberts held seminars which were very well attended and appreciated. Crafts, of course, kept many of us busy for hours.

Naturally, a visit to Cashmere would not be complete without a tour of the famous Aplets and Coflets candy

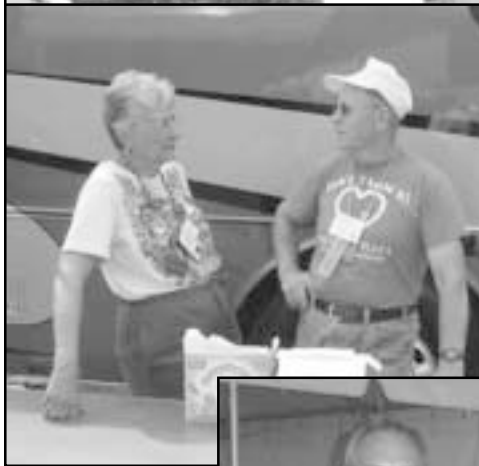
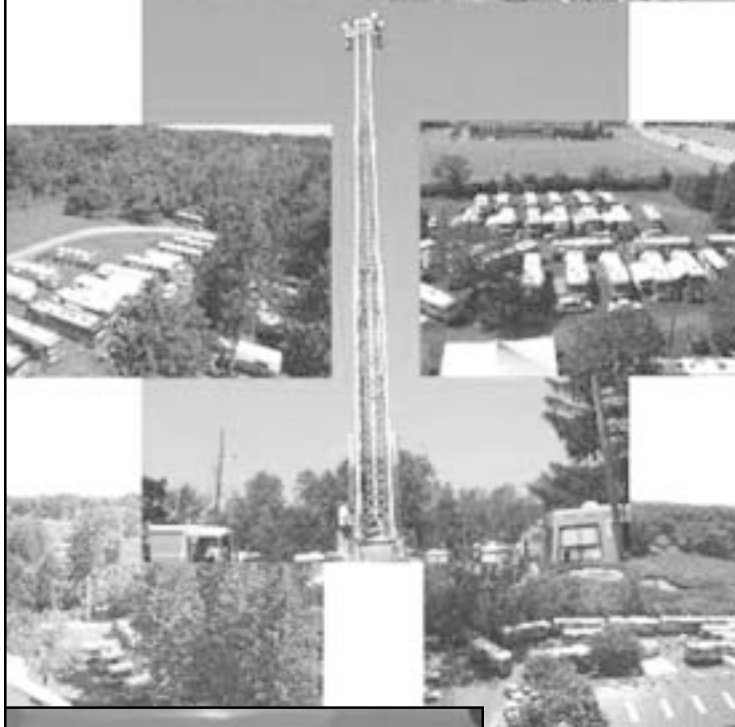
factory. We all came back a pound or two heavier - carrying those one pound candy boxes, that is!

And, of course, a Safari rally would not be a Safari rally without the support of all our vendor friends. Every coach went away with a door prize. Fantastic! Great American provided a number of coaches to view, and lastly, but probably most importantly, Safari techs were sent from the factory to tend to our needs. Thanks to everyone!

Due to the untiring efforts of Brian & Vivienne Wigzell, the 9th Northwest Region rally was a success. Bring on #10!

Jean van den Broek

## A Great Pre-rally in New York!



The “Festival of Nations”, held in the rolling hills of New York State proved to be a Northeast pre-rally with international flair. So, hold onto your seats for this condensed version of all that was involved! Peter & Jeanne Wehnau really outdid themselves!

The director of the Chamber of Commerce welcomed our group to East Aurora, promoting all the exciting things to do in “his town”. We soon learned that a week was not enough time to take in the local culture. After all, Millard Fillmore, our 13th President had a home here which many of us toured. This home was later purchased by Mrs. Price, wife of the founder of the Fisher Price Toy Company that began in this small town. There were many of us at their “toy museum”. This certainly brought back many memories of years gone by. If you remember going to the 5 & 10 cent store as a youngster, you haven’t seen anything until you visit Vidler’s 5 & 10. It occupies 4 connected 1890 vintage buildings and 15,000 square feet on two floors. One could get lost shopping there! It proved to be very interesting and seemed to go on forever! Peter & Jeanne arranged for a trolley to come to the campground and take us to town and all the sites around! Tours were offered to Niagara Falls with a ride on the Maid of the Mist to see the falls “up close and personal” and to the Erie Canal for another boat ride.

Members of Safari International, known for their eating habits, really got their fill here! Each night there were trays of food left over! Obviously no one went away hungry! The table settings were beautiful with white linen tablecloths, wine and water glasses, and china plates so hot one had a difficult time holding onto them! Each night was a theme dinner with the colored napkins representing the colors of the national flag! Chicken marsala, roasted pork loin, tossed garden greens, potatoes au gratin, French green beans with almonds, and chocolate cake were on the menu for French night. Seconds and thirds were served. After dinner several of our rally group were big winners in the

game of Bingo. German night was celebrated with a band that had all of us singing and swaying to their music while eating knockwurst and sauerbraten (Jeanne's own recipe!) and, of course, other German dishes. Italian night's meal took us to "the old country" with meatballs the size of small meat loaves, tortellini alfredo, penne pasta marinara, and antipasto salad. Then we stuffed ourselves with cannolis and Italian cookies. Kay & Ron Rivoli sang all of their RV songs and had all of us laughing as we reminisced "been there, done that!" I think most of us will be hearing more of them as they certainly sold many CD's and tapes. For the all-American night, sponsored by Monaco, each of us had a large New York strip steak as well as roast turkey with baby red potatoes and honey dijon baby carrots and fresh baked apple pie. As a surprise to all, Frontier Catering served fresh cut up fruit, but the best part was the flowing fountains of light and dark chocolate to dip that fruit in! Wow....what a treat! That evening we congratulated 7 new-coach buyers.

Each mid day we had a "tasting" event to tide us over until dinner. We enjoyed the keg party and the ice cream party sponsored by Monaco. Swedish Hill Vineyard sponsored a wine tasting party that was good, too. Between the seminars, vendors, crafts, door prizes, 50/50 events, and the food we were kept busy 14 hours a day! Hats off to Peter & Jeanne for a top-notch rally!

Becky and Tom Wells



## Spring Rally in St. Charles, Missouri



The joint South Central and North Central Spring rally was held in the historical city of St. Charles, Missouri on the banks of the Missouri River upon which Lewis and Clark began their historical journey across the Louisiana Purchase to the Northwest Territories. Our rally host was the Sundermeiere RV Park, conveniently located near downtown old St. Charles.

Amy Lou Stephenson, South Central Vice President, and Terry Webner, North Central Vice President, jointly organized this highly successful rally that attracted 49 Safari coaches to this four day event which included seminars, social events, food, happy hours at a cash bar, wonderful tours, and lots of shopping in St. Charles. Great American RV brought several

new and used Safaris from Fife, Washington for potential buyers to examine.



Our first evening included a presentation by a representative from the Chamber of Commerce who gave a program on the Lewis and Clark Corp. of Discovery, dressed in an authentic Army costume for this period.

The next day started with a full breakfast in the banquet hall and seminars from our vendors and factory representatives. A trolley service was available for those in the group that wished to tour downtown St. Charles which is filled with a myriad of shops and restaurants. Several of the rally attendee's took advantage of the Katy Trail located adjacent to the RV Park and went bike riding. Lunch and dinner were on our own, and many of us enjoyed the casino and other nice restaurants in St. Charles.



Our third day was our tour day in St. Louis, with a bus tour of the Grant Farm and then the historical Union Pacific Rail Station and the famous arches adjacent to the Mississippi River.

The Grant farm, once owned and farmed by Ulysses S Grant, is now owned by the Budweiser family and is currently used for raising the famous Clydesdale horses familiar throughout the country in the Budweiser commercials. The farm is beautifully maintained and contains a variety of wild and domestic animals, as well as the Clydesdale horses.

St. Louis, which is also rich in history, has the famous Union Railroad station



which has now been converted to shopping malls, condominiums, and a variety of restaurants. Those who elected to go on this tour, after the Grant Farm, were able to do some limited shopping (and eating) before visiting the arch. It was interesting and sad to note that, while this station was once a major rail hub, only two tracks remain in use and even Amtrak uses a terminal outside of the station. We returned to the park for hearty hors d'oeuvres and our 50/50 program.

Our final day was our golf tournament, and also time for bike rides on the Katy Trail and shopping, shopping and more shopping in St. Charles. Crafts were provided on several of our rally days and this day was no exception. The weather became somewhat uncooperative, but in all, the final full day was enjoyable.

Our park hosts provided a wonderful farewell dinner followed by a plethora of door prizes, acquired via the hard work of our rally masters from many contributing vendors.

Great American RV requires special mention for providing the Safari coaches for exhibit at this rally, and there was a decided lack of participation by several local RV dealers. This effort entailed driving several coaches from Fife, Washington to St. Charles, MO...no small feat in view of the weather at this time of the year. As the reward for Great American's efforts, their representative Whalen Hill was able to sell six Safari's which was a great return on Great American's participation as well as Whalen's. Great job, Whalen!!

We were also honored by the presence of Chris Nelson, who currently works with the Monaco dealers in the Northwest. Chris has recently received a promotion to represent the dealers for Monaco, out of Indiana.

While we will miss Chris (and his driving skills) in the Northwest, Chris assures us that he will not abandon those of us who have known him and have appreciated his assistance in the purchase and related issues of Safari Motorhomes. The combination of Whalen Hill with Great American RV, and Chris Nelson with the support of Monaco Corporation and the hard working service techs is hard to beat!

Our final morning was the usual "goodbye" for all of us at a continental breakfast in the event room. This rally was a wonderful effort by both regions...interesting, fun, in a great area to experience natural history as well as the heritage of Lewis and Clark who were so influential at our country's beginning. Thank you Amy Lou and Terry, as well as the others who helped and participated in a great Spring rally in St. Charles, MO!

Art Gray



# Service? A Facility Worthy of the Name!



We planned our arrival at the Harrisburg Monaco service facility for the Saturday preceding our Monday morning appointment. We felt this would allow us a little time to get settled and oriented, and would hopefully allow us to get a space in the service center. We had not visited Harrisburg since the last Homecoming held at the Safari plant in 2001, and thus had no idea how the conversion to service center had proceeded. Would it actually measure up to the plans we had heard from Monaco?

We were greeted by two very friendly security men and assigned a site. Since we travel with several “extras,” one of our concerns was whether there would be a good, safe place to park our boat trailer & utility trailer. They assured us that there was no problem, and had us park at the edge of the lot just outside the camping area. As we drove into that area we could see that the dump station was easily accessible, that there really was a laundry room, and that there was plenty of room at each site for coach & tow car. We could see that coaches which were already

in service had notices on their windshields listing owner’s name, in-date, service writer’s name. We met our neighbors and I headed over to the service lounge which is open over the weekends so that phones and e-mail access are available. Entering the lounge was an eye-opener! It is a huge room with lots of overstuffed furniture, a posted activity schedule for the week, and three carrels for phone & e-mail! Wow, what a change from our last, pre-Monaco service visit! Then back to the coach to relax and wait for what Monday brings....

Although we had been told to report to the service desk at 8:30, those coaches which were already in service began to be picked up at 7:45. It was quite a parade as techs came out and coaches rolled off to the service bays. We went over to the lounge about 8 and learned that reporting in is just so that they know we are there; we were told that Kelly (our writer) would be out shortly. Promptly at 8:30 Kelly knocked on the door, introduced himself, put an “in service” notice on the windshield. He then went over our service list with us (we had made our appointment some 6 months earlier; items are not generally able to be added, although we had one new drivability issue which he assured us they would take care of). He also informed us that the shop is open...we could have access to the coach whenever we needed to, although we had to wear safety glasses on the floor. Also, he let us know that a tech would return our coach to our site about 4 in the afternoon. If we needed to dump,



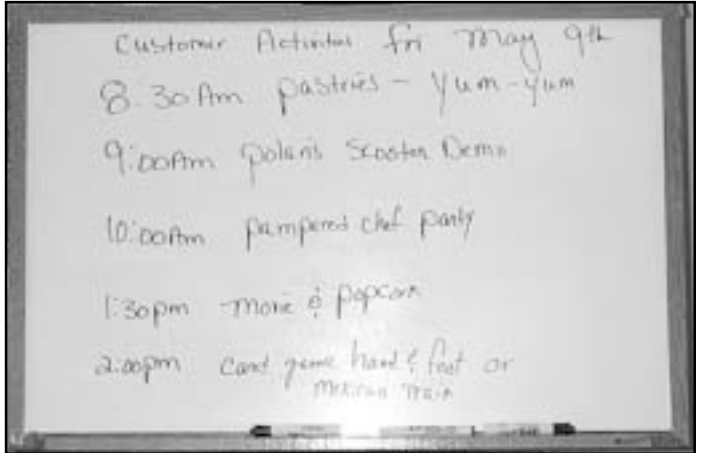
let the tech know when he picked up the coach in the morning, and he would deliver it to the dump station instead. He said the tech would be right out to get our coach, and just like that, we were homeless!

At four the coach was returned, and the tech returning it was the one who had worked on it, so we were able to get an up-to-date report on what had and hadn't been done. He let us know that the propane is turned off each day when the coaches are picked up, and each coach is plugged into power in the service bays. The techs turn the gas back on and plug into power when they return the coaches in the afternoon .

On Tuesday we did some shopping and loved the fact that with the open shop we could put our purchases, especially refrigerated items, away immediately. Although we had made plans for most days we were in service, we soon discovered many people were kept busy with activities and tours at the lounge. And need help or directions?? There is a concierge to take care of whatever you need.

By Friday morning the coach was just about done, and it was clear they wanted us finished by Friday evening...lots of folks coming in next week. And, amazingly, it did all get done! We met Kelly again at the service desk to go over the bill, and then we were done...and on schedule!

All in all, this was a very positive experience. No one can totally prevent service from being a tad tedious, but Monaco has done a great job at making it as painless as possible, and in addition we met lots of very nice folks during our leisure time. It wasn't quite as much fun as a rally, but was a huge improvement over our many previous service experiences! Thanks to everyone who helped make it so!



Jane Summers



# *Safari Smiles All Around...*



# Other Safari Activities

## 2003

September 19 - 21  
**NE Trek Fun Club**  
Sandwich, MA  
Frank & Claudy Gendreau

October 2 - 5  
**Safari Я Us**  
Plymouth, CA  
Donn Deal

October 3, 4, 5  
**Southeast Trek Fun Club**  
Flatrock, NC  
John & Carolyn McHale

October 10 - 12  
**Safari of Southern California**  
Helendale, CA  
Tom & Judy Long and Larry & Lois Burks

November 5 - 8  
**Texans on Safari**  
Marksville, LA  
LB & Dorothy Nolen

November 7 - 9  
**Safari of Southern California**  
Chula Vista KOA  
Al Reed & friends

## 2004

January 16 - 18  
**Safari of Southern California**  
Joshua Tree Sportsman Lodge, CA  
Nancy Yager-Lehner & Bev Peloquin

week of January 19  
**Southeast Trek Fun Club**  
Clermont, FL  
Madeline & Tom Schminke

March 2 - 5  
**Texans on Safari**  
Alamo Fiesta Resort, Boerne, TX  
Don & Anna Mae Harrelson

March 26 & 27  
**Safari of Southern California**  
Temecula, CA

April 30 - May 2  
**Safari of Southern California**  
Pahrump, CA

spring dates TBA  
**Safari Я Us**  
Angels Camp, CA  
Donn Deal

spring, dates TBA  
**"Trek International"**  
Branson, Missouri  
contact Bill Mehard

June 10 - 15  
**Texans on Safari**  
Rhineland, WI  
Ken & Janelle Myers

summer dates TBA  
**Safari Я Us**  
Fort Bragg, CA  
contact Donn Deal

November 5 & 6  
**Safari of Southern California**  
Chula Vista, CA  
Nancy Yager-Lehner & Bev Peloquin

## NE TREK FUN CLUB

A great time was had by all at the Spring rally at Old Mill Stream Camping Resort, Lancaster PA. Our hosts, Grace & Walt Henderson, welcomed 33 Treks to their rally, and, as usual, Steve Lechner guided them all safely to their assigned site with the aid of his trusty bike. Almost half the participants came a day early,, making it a four day rally for many. The campground is very attractive and well maintained, right in the heart of the Amish area near Lancaster with lots to see and do. Linda Bennett and John McHale even whooped it up on the roller coaster and other rides next door. Fred & Rosanne Griswold were the lucky winners of a set of the new bed stops donated by Lowell Linde. Neil O'Kane and Linda Bennett were the winners of the bubble blowing contest, Don Price took Yo-yo honors, and Sam & Alida Menefree stopped the show with their Yo-yo Song. Special thanks to members who donated door prizes - especially Ted Wyka for his Amish folk carvings.

Frank & Claudy Gendreau brought kits for everyone which outlined their plans for the Fall Rally at Peter's Pond Park, Sandwich, MA, on Cape Cod, September 19 to 21, 2003. Sites will be assigned according to registration date. There will be 36 sites together; later registrations will be parked near the area. Telephone Peter's Pond Park (508)823-0559 to register. For more information about the rally, telephone Claudy & Frank Gendreau (508)823-0559 or email [drsgendreau@attbi.com](mailto:drsgendreau@attbi.com) . For more information on the North East Trek Fun Club, contact Don Price (head Yo-yo) at [merdon@primus.ca](mailto:merdon@primus.ca) , or (613)382-3859.

Happy Trekkin'!  
Don Price



## SE TREK FUN CLUB

The Southeast Trek Fun Club enjoyed a great rally hosted by Dave & Rita Neth at Rally Park, Seffner, FL, on May 8-10 with 24 coaches participating. Our next rally will be at Park Place RV Park in Flatrock, NC, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 3, 4, and 5. The host will be John & Carolyn McHale, [mchales@comcast.net](mailto:mchales@comcast.net) and co-hosted by Dave & Audrey Watkins. Registration deadline is September 1, 2003.

The club has 85 members at this time and is continually growing. Our 2004 pre-rally will be held again at Citrus Valley Campground at Clermont, Florida during the week preceding the Eastern Homecoming; it should be the week of January 19, again hosted by Madeline & Tom Schminke. And into the

future, we are expecting to hold a rally at the site of the first club rally at Lake Oklawaha RV Resort just to the north of the Ocala National Forest, a very isolated area about 35 miles north of Ocala, Florida. This rally will mark the fourth anniversary of the club. Information regarding membership in the club can be obtained from Bill Mehard, club president at [trekker28@earthlink.net](mailto:trekker28@earthlink.net) or Claire Weston, club treasurer at [cweston5@juno.com](mailto:cweston5@juno.com).

Keep on trekking!  
Bill Mehard

## SW TREK FUN CLUB

The newly formed Southwest Trek Fun Club had it's first rally June 19-23, 2003 at Happy Jack, AZ, which is about 40 miles S/E of Flagstaff. We would like to thank Monaco Corp. and Brenda Reagh for their support and a big THANKS to the Yeasts, and the NE & SE Trek Fun Clubs for all of their help and suggestions. You all made it possible to get this club up and running.

Rally hosts were Wayne & Liana Kinne and Jim & Pat Ward. Although it was a pretty windy weekend, we had a wonderful time. We had 22 Treks in attendance and it was great fun getting to know each other. We had a meeting Saturday morning after breakfast and organized our club. Later in the day a "Trek Tech" discussion was moderated by Jim Ward and then a Parade of Treks was enjoyed by all.

We plan to hold two rallies per year and plans are already underway for a Fall Rally. We have had approximately 50 Treks, mainly from the southwest, express an interest in our club. All Treks are welcome to join and more information is available on our new website. Many thanks to Rick Buddrus of Tucson, AZ for his many hours of work, getting the website up and running. Check it out at [www.swtrek.com](http://www.swtrek.com). If you have any questions, please contact club co-coordinators, Wayne and Liana Kinne at [wekinne@earthlink.net](mailto:wekinne@earthlink.net) or 928-443-0639.

## TEXANS ON SAFARI

We had a most memorable anniversary rally in Fredericksburg. With the help of John & Shara Wilkerson, Larry & Paula Bovee, and Jim & Bobbie Hood, Neil & Shirley Bush gave us a great rally. Special thanks to Bobbie Hood for making the TOS tote bags which were given out at the rally. The food was delicious and the entertainment, provided by our very own members, was really something to enjoy! Members are urged to attend the rally in Marksville, LA in November. Officers will be elected and we will vote on some minor changes to the bylaws.

Don Harrelson

## SAFARI OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Members of Safari of Southern California are looking forward to the upcoming rally in Helendale at the South Bend Cattle Ranch, October 10th - 12th, hosted by Judy & Tom Long and Lois & Larry Burks. This is a working cattle ranch, so it should be a very interesting and enjoyable rally. (*editor's note: Watch where you walk, folks!*)

The Annual Homecoming rally is coming up soon and there will be a group of us gathering for a pre-rally in Salem just before that event.

November 7th - 9th will be our Tenth Anniversary Rally at the Chula Vista KOA, hosted by Al Reed and friends. Sounds like it will be a great celebration. Again, if any old members of our SOSOC happen to read this, please get in touch with us and come join the fun.

We have listed our calendar of events for next year for those who may be interested and in the area.

January 16th - 18th — Joshua Tree Sportsman Lodge CA  
March 26th - 27th — Pechanga Casino, Temecula, CA  
April 30th - May 2nd — Pahrump, NV  
November 5th - 6th — Chula Vista, California

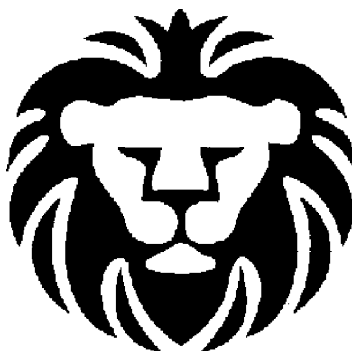
On a sad note, we are sorry to report that three members have passed away: Mel Cohen, Jack Koehler, and Nancy Berghvist. Our sincere condolences to Debbie and family, to Mary Ann and family, and to Carl and family.

Hope to see many of you at the 2003 Homecoming. Safe and happy travels to all of you.

Prez and Dent

Bev Peloquin - e-mail [DBPeloquin@aol.com](mailto:DBPeloquin@aol.com)

Nancy Yager-Lehner - e-mail [NJYager1@aol.com](mailto:NJYager1@aol.com)



# The Value of Your FMCA Membership

Current dues:

New member \$35/initial year

Renewing member \$25/year

With your FMCA membership you automatically receive:

FMCA Member Directory (January)	\$34.99
<i>Family Motor Coaching</i> Magazine (Feb through Dec)	\$43.89
Emergency Medical Evacuation Coverage	\$99.00
Travel Accident/Medical Insurance Reimbursement Coverage	\$149.00
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment Coverage	\$20.00
Membership Identification Emblems (one time only)	\$14.00

FMCA Membership Value \$360.88

## Free Optional Member Benefits

Free Mail Forwarding Service

Free Trip Routing

Free Classified Advertising

Free Emergency Driver Availability

Free Stoppin' Spots (stay overnight on another member's property)

Free Mechanics Helper (volunteer roadside assistance advice)

Free Anti-Theft Program

Free Access to Useful Online Information & Links ([www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com))

Free Lost Key Return (with purchase of special key ring)

## Benefits with Discounted Group Rates

Educational Programs

Traveler's Message Service

Long-Distance Calling Card

Campground Discounts

15% off Outdoor Resorts of America

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Emergency Road Service

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Motorhome Financing Programs

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Special Offer from Passport America

## Social Opportunities

Two Annual International Conventions, 430 Chapters to Join, Chapter & Area Rallies & Youth Activities

And last but not least....Great & Lasting Friendships!

Effective 1-1-2004

(Subject to FMCA Governing Board Approval)

FMCA New Member Rate \$45.00

FMCA Renewal Rate \$35.00 per year

FMCA will offer the 2003 discounted dues rate until March 31, 2004.

Members may take advantage of this offer only one time before March 31, 2004.

## Discounted Schedule

2 years - \$47.50

3 years - \$67.50

5 years - \$100.00

**SAFARI INTERNATIONAL GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
EAST AURORA, NEW YORK  
JULY 15, 2003**

President Ken Brunner introduced Joe Zurbach, Sales Manager for Safari and Beaver of Monaco Coach, who welcomed members to the rally. Members were counted and it was ascertained that there was enough members present to constitute a quorum. President Ken Brunner called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

President Brunner called for the reading of the minutes. Bob Cerney made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in *Safari Trails*. It was seconded by Martha Skeans. There were no changes from the floor. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as printed.

President Brunner read a summary of the Treasurers Reported submitted by Treasurer Art Gray.

Total Liquid Assets .....	\$126,876.14
CD .....	\$24,233.11
Rally Site .....	\$2,000.00
Depreciated truck & equipment .....	\$20,830.32
Total Liabilities & Equity .....	\$198,156.07
Total Revenue .....	\$104,123.63
Total Expenses .....	\$100,407.43
Net Income .....	\$3,716.20

Arlyne Fetterolf moved to accept the report as read. Peter Wehnau seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Treasurer's report was accepted as summarized.

Martha Skeans, Membership Chairperson reported the OPT out form printed in *Safari Trails* MUST be sent in immediately for those wishing NOT to have their names printed in the new Membership Directory. This directory should be out this fall. It was brought to everyone's attention that the expiration date for your dues is located on the address label; FMCA also uses this method.

Dorothy Nolen, Sunshine Chairperson, reported she is sending out cards to all those she knows about, but needs everyone's continuing help. If you know of a member who is sick or who has died please advise her via e-mail [DLNOLE@aol.com](mailto:DLNOLE@aol.com).

Alternate National Director to FMCA, Bob Cerney, reported the Legislative Advisory Board would be meeting from 8-9am in Seminar 7 on Friday. This

committee works on getting laws changed that effect our motor homes. It is a very worthwhile committee. International area gatherings are scheduled to meet in Seminar 4 at 1:30 to 2:30. Bob urged us to keep FMCA informed of any e-mail address changes so we can remain current. There is a possible dues and rally fees increase ahead for FMCA membership. Regarding the coming convention: if you day park there will be a tram to take you into the convention area.

There was no report from Bob Rowland, however there is a new web site address: [www.safari-international.org](http://www.safari-international.org).

Vice President Ray Mock has no report.

**NORTHWEST REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:** Brian Wigzell reported that the NW Regional rally was successful. He is busy working on the Pre Rally to be held at Mt Hood, August 10-13, 2004. The campground fee will be \$22.00 per night and the caterer has been selected. Cost should be approximately \$220 per coach.

**NORTHEAST:** Peter Wehnau says his next rally will be July 8-12, 2004 at Greenfield, MA at the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

**NORTH CENTRAL:** Terry Webner reported work is in progress for a rally in Indiana but nothing has been finalized.

**WESTERN:** Ted Wedel reports that his area's next rally will be in Buellton, CA October 23-26, 2003.

**SOUTH CENTRAL:** Amy Lou Stephenson is in the process of putting together a rally in April, 2004 to correspond with FMCA Claremore, OK Regional rally. It will start about April 15, 2004.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Martha Skeans presented to the General Membership the following as members of the Nominating Committee for 2004 to 2006. These individuals will take office on January 1, 2004 and serve until the next General Election.

Northwest	Wayne Prigge
South Central	LB Nolan
North Central	Dyanne Radke
West	Debbie Cohen
Southwest	Martha Skeans
Northeast	Steve Lechner
Southeast	Ralph Cerney

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## Cooking with Bev

As I'm writing this column, it is very hot and also humid here, which is very unusual for Southern California. Too warm to heat up the kitchen (our air conditioning consists of 4 fans, strategically placed) so have been looking for something that can be completely cooked on the grill. Remembered this recipe and have made it several times — It's got great flavor and the only hard part is threading the skewers. I usually put all the meat on separate ones and the rest together. Not exactly "Martha Stewart", but it works.



### Javanese Pork

1 1/2 pounds pork, cut into 1 inch cubes  
1 12 ounce can beer (if you can raid your husband's larder)  
1/2 cup pineapple orange preserves  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup soy sauce  
1 clove minced garlic  
large mushrooms  
small onions peeled and cut up  
green pepper cut up  
small potatoes

Place pork in deep bowl. Combine next 5 ingredients thoroughly and pour over pork. Refrigerate overnight. Sir several times. One hour or more before cooking, add vegetables to marinade. String pork and veggies on skewers and cook over hot charcoal fire, basting frequently with marinade.

*(Minutes, continued from page 21)*

Bob Cerney made the motion to close the nominations.  
Ted Wedel seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
Peter Wehnau moved to accept the nominations. Ted  
Wedel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **RALLY REPORTS:**

Peter Wehnau reports the rally is doing well and they anticipate making a small profit.

Martha & Clark Skeans have accepted the Rally Host position for Farmington, New Mexico.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Results from the balloting for officers of Safari International 2004 -2006 were presented:

President	Ken Brunner
Executive Vice President	Ray Mock
Secretary	Sue Marr
Treasurer	Art Gray

National Director  
Alternate National

Suzanne Budovec  
DirectorBob Cerney

The Secretary was instructed to enter the results in the minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

New badges are available and new decals will be available soon; the decals will be mailed out to all members. They are static cling type and three decals per coach will be mailed out as soon as available. Instruction as to where it is recommended they be placed will be included with the decals.

Tom Ottum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Wehnau seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue Marr, Secretary



# SAFARI INTERNATIONAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

**PLEASE PRINT**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Full Membership** - Currently a Safari Motor Coach owner & current FMCA Member.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Associate Member** - Previous member of Safari International in \_\_\_\_\_ years & current FMCA member.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal**

**FMCA#** \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER'S LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS**

**SECONDARY MAILING ADDRESS**

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

LIST IN DIRECTORY? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ LIST IN DIRECTORY? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATES AT THIS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DATES AT THIS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION**

Home State \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Length \_\_\_\_\_ Slide-Out Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Vin# (Last 6 digits ONLY) \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Model & Year \_\_\_\_\_ Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Used \_\_\_\_\_

**PIN-ON TYPE NAME BADGE (1 per person) PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR**

Note: Pin-On Badges free for new members - Replacement badges \$6.00 each

1. Your First Name OR Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Partner's First Name OR Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Dues \$12.00 per year.

Please make your check payable to Safari International and mail completed certificate to:

Safari International

PO Box 380

Harrisburg, OR 97446

\*If you purchased a new Safari, you need not pay. Monaco Coach Corporation has paid your first year's dues.

**Any questions - Please call: Brenda Reagh (541) 681-8090, E-mail: breagh@monacoahr.com**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** Entered in Database \_\_\_\_\_ Check/Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Badges Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA Brochure Mailed \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Pkg. Mailed \_\_\_\_\_

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE AND RETURN

# **BLANK/BACK APPLICATION**

**January  
27-29,  
2004**

# 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EASTERN HOMECOMING



**Central Florida Fairgrounds  
Orlando, FL**

**PLEASE PRINT**

**NAMES** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** Home (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**FMCA#** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODEL OF COACH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH # or VIN #** \_\_\_\_\_ **FIRST RALLY?** yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

**HANDICAPPED** \_\_\_\_\_ *Handicapped Parking is a privilege for attendees who have physical impairments precluding their participation in activities unless parked in an area close to most of the activities. Handicapped sticker required.*

<b>RALLY FEE</b> (2 people per coach)	\$300. <sup>00</sup>	
<b>RALLY FEE</b> (1 person per coach)	\$200. <sup>00</sup>	
<b>GUEST IN COACH</b> (per person)	\$125. <sup>00</sup>	
<b>GOLF</b> (per person)	\$50. <sup>00</sup>	<b>Name of person golfing</b> _____

**TOTAL SENT WITH APPLICATION** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LADIES DRIVING CLASS** (limited to first 150 people) yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

**A CONFIRMATION PACKET** will be mailed to everyone who registers by January 14. If you do not want us to mail your packet, please check the appropriate space. Hold \_\_\_\_\_ Mail \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MONACO COACH CORPORATION  
MAIL WITH APPLICATION TO:  
9th Annual Eastern Homecoming Rally  
ATTN: Brenda Reagh  
91320 Coburg Industrial Way  
Coburg, OR 97408  
QUESTIONS CALL: Brenda (1.800.634.0855 x8090)

**\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
January 14, 2004. Credit card  
registration available.

No arrivals before January 26. Extra nights parking will be \$20.<sup>00</sup>, payable when you arrive.

30 amp available. Other nights included in fee!

# **BLANK/BACK APPLICATION**



**SAFARI INTERNATIONAL PRE-RALLY  
SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
FARMINGTON, NM  
MARCH 9 to 13, 2004**



Please enter your name, as you want them to appear on your badges:

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coach VIN (last 6 #'s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FMCA#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone: Home ( )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell: ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach Length:** \_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> Safari Rally? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_** **Caravan to FMCA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

**Handicapped? \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Disabled Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Disability:** \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped parking is a privilege extended to attendees who have a physical impairment precluding their participation in activities unless parked in an area in close proximity to most of the activities. If requesting handicapped parking, please enclose a copy of your official handicapped sticker or a letter from you doctor indicating your need.

**\$225.00 Early Bird Fee, if postmarked by Jan. 9, two (2) people per coach:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$250.00 for two (2) people per coach, if postmarked after Jan. 9:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$170.00 Early Bird Fee, if postmarked by Jan. 9, one (1) person per coach:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$195.00 for one (1) person per coach, if postmarked after Jan. 9:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$100.00 x No. \_\_\_\_\_ for guests in your coach (maximum of two):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$18.00 per night x \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of rally includes: 4 nights camping with electric and water hookups, sewer dump station,  
4 catered dinners, 3 continental breakfasts, 1 full breakfast, seminars, crafts, and entertainment.  
Evening Happy Hours sponsored by 50/50 drawing.

Arrival time and parking will be assigned by postmark date on reservation form.  
Registration will begin at 11 AM on March 9th and first meeting will be at 4 PM.  
Those desiring will caravan to the FMCA's 71st Convention on the morning of March 13th.

**Make checks payable to Safari International & mail with completed reservation form to:**

**Clark & Martha Skeans  
8100 E. Camelback Rd., #57  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

**Questions? Contact Brenda Reagh 1-800-634-0855 Ext. 8090, or  
Clark & Martha Skeans, Rally Hosts: mskeans@cox.net  
480-423-5424, 602-524-7182**

**Deadline February 6th; no refunds after February 6th.  
Any refunds will be subject to a cancellation penalty.**

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**SAFARI INTERNATIONAL  
WEST REGION RALLY  
Flying Flags RV Park  
(near Solvang, a Danish Community)  
Buellton, California  
23 - 26 October 2003**



LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

FMCA #: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST(S): \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ First Safari Rally? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Interested in Golf \_\_\_ Bus tour \_\_\_

***Rally Cost:***

\$160.00 fee for 2 people per coach \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$130.00 fee for 1 person in coach \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 35.00 fee for each guest in your coach \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Camping fee** covers 3 nights with full hook-ups, meals listed below, use of the clubhouse for meals etc.

**Extra nights** before or after must be arranged with the campground ahead of time so they can preserve your space.

**(805) 688-3716.** Be sure to tell them you are with the Safari group to get the rally price and location

Catered Meals included in this price are: (Bring you own drinks for dinner or test the club coffeepot.)

**Friday:** Breakfast: fresh cooked to order Ableskiver, coffee and juice. Dinner: BBQ tri-tip steak with baked potato, tossed salad, garlic bread.

**Saturday:** Breakfast: continental Danish and coffee. Dinner: Italian lasagna and pizzas, salad, garlic bread.

**Sunday:** Breakfast: Danish and coffee.

Things to do & see: visit an ostrich ranch; shop, eat, sightsee in Solvang; visit missions; tour wineries; antique hunting; golf course; gambling in Indian casino. If interested in golf or in a guided bus tour of sights and wineries, please check above so we can determine interest and, if sufficient, set them up. There will be an extra charge for a guided bus tour as well as for golf.

Please make checks payable to **Safari International**. Mail with completed application to:

**Ted Wedel**

**1017 Westbrook St.**

**Corona, CA 92880**

Questions? Call Rally Host: Ted Wedel **(909) 735-8916**

**cell: (909) 452-1538 E-mail: twedel@thegrid.net**

**Deadline: September 23, 2003**

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# Feeding the Beast

Yes, we still have some cookbooks; however, this will be the last time they will be available by mail. I have 50 left; there will be a few available at Homecoming as long as they last. First Timers will be given a copy as the Club's gift to them.

For those of you that are new to the club, these recipes in this book are all from Safari owners and are mostly made to be convenient for on-the-road travel (fewer ingredients and fewer utensils). The books also have conversion tables, helpful hints and substitutions. The recipes are great and it's fun to try

something that you know an acquaintance or friend made.

The books are \$5 plus postage if bought by mail, and there is an order blank below. They make great gifts for cookbook collectors or a hostess gift for someone that you visit along the way.

Dyanne Radke  
Cookbook Chairman

## Feeding the Beast, Vol 2

Please mail \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the Safari International Club cookbook @\$5.00 each, plus \$3.00 postage and packing per book ordered.

Mail the books to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Order from, and make  
checks payable to:

Dyanne Radke  
3055 Green Cook Road  
Johnstown, OH 43031



## CURRENT MEMBERS CAN ORDER REPLACEMENT BADGES DIRECTLY FROM THE MANUFACTURER

Temporarily current members can order replacement badges directly from the manufacturer. Badges are \$6 each; prior board members can replace their "bars" for \$2 each.

Send form and check to: Don & Sue Riddle  
Signs & Such  
P.O. Box 455  
Talladega, AL 35161

Please print your names as you want them to appear on the badges.

1. First name (or nickname) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

2. First name (or nickname) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail badges to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Editor's Corner

by Jane Summers



As promised, this issue contains a detailed report of our May visit to the service center in Harrisburg. We were extremely impressed, and very satisfied with the service we received. To all of you in Harrisburg, thank you & keep up the good work!

Speaking of good work, I have been negligent in recognizing someone who has become our unofficial photographer for many rallies, especially those in the eastern portion of the US. Many thanks to Terry Webner for his efforts! In this issue alone, he provided the photos for both the NY pre-rally and the North & South Central rally in St. Charles, MO. As the editor, it is somewhat overwhelming to receive a CD with over 100, and sometimes closer to 200 photos. I wish I could share them all! Thanks Terry!

Lastly, a recent experience leads to a warning: ours is the second '97 coach we know of in which the filler hose for the fuel tank was not made of proper fuel hose material. Whatever it was made of ended up virtually rotting away. We were lucky and discovered the drip before it became a tidal wave (our tank was full), but the service facility had to dump 60 gallons of fuel to do the replacement (and because they are good guys they salvaged about 90% of it). Sometime when you have a tank that is less than half full you might want to have your hose checked, and replaced if necessary.

We hope to see many of you in Salem! In the meantime, have fun & drive safely!

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