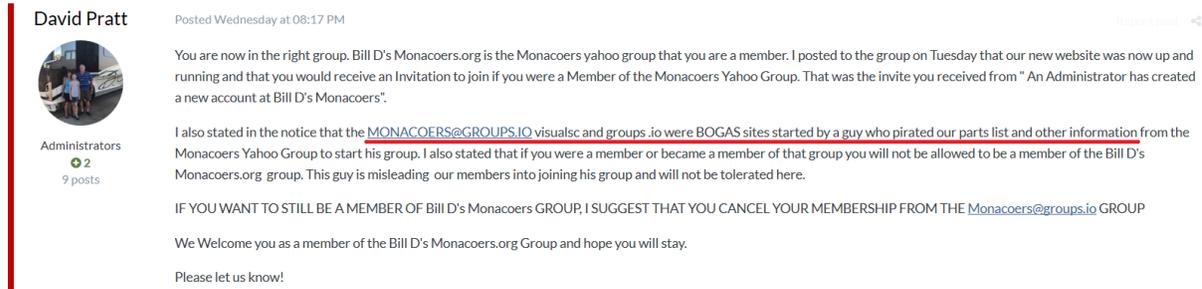


Setting the Facts Straight

Monacoers.org (formerly Yahoo Groups) vs. monacoers@groups.io

There has been a lot of “non-truths” spread by David Pratt who was the leader of the former Monacoers Yahoo Site. As shown in the screenshot below, he has stated that the founder of the monacoers@groups.io “stole their parts list and other information”.



The screenshot shows a post by David Pratt, an administrator of the group, dated Wednesday at 08:17 PM. The post contains the following text:

You are now in the right group. Bill D's Monacoers.org is the Monacoers yahoo group that you are a member. I posted to the group on Tuesday that our new website was now up and running and that you would receive an Invitation to join if you were a Member of the Monacoers Yahoo Group. That was the invite you received from "An Administrator has created a new account at Bill D's Monacoers".

I also stated in the notice that the [MONACOERS@GROUPS.IO](https://monacoers@groups.io) visuals and groups.io were BOGAS sites started by a guy who pirated our parts list and other information from the Monacoers Yahoo Group to start his group. I also stated that if you were a member or became a member of that group you will not be allowed to be a member of the Bill D's Monacoers.org group. This guy is misleading our members into joining his group and will not be tolerated here.

IF YOU WANT TO STILL BE A MEMBER OF Bill D's Monacoers GROUP, I SUGGEST THAT YOU CANCEL YOUR MEMBERSHIP FROM THE [Monacoers@groups.io](https://monacoers@groups.io) GROUP

We Welcome you as a member of the Bill D's Monacoers.org Group and hope you will stay.

Please let us know!

This is absolutely untrue and is a purposeful misrepresentation of the facts.

1) The Monacoers Yahoo Group's parts list was not stolen.

Based on the response I had observed when others have copied the Yahoo Groups parts list, I reached out with a courtesy email to let them know what I was doing, and that I **WAS NOT** using their parts list as a source for mine. My objective was to avoid having them threaten people with copyright infringement if they referenced my parts list on other groups and/or forums. Specifically, I was remembering an incident when the Yahoo Parts List was posted by someone on a Facebook page. The response to that event was disproportionate to what was crime!

Following is a copy of my email of Jan 19, 2019. *[Note that I emphasize that my parts list is in no way related to theirs.](#)* I did mention that I intended to approach the IRV2 and Facebook groups to help me populate the list. By this I meant that I would promote it in a normal post to let people know it was there and available for use. At no time did I suggest that the list itself would reside on these sites or that any group would sponsor it nor have an interest in it.

Moderators - Yahoo Bill D's Monacoer's Group

I just want to give you a heads up that I am working on developing a parts list for coaches built by the Monaco group.

My intention is to have a list that is not related to any specific forum or Facebook group and is Freely Open to all members of the public.

To avoid any issues down the road, I want to assure you that **this new parts list in no way resembles the existing parts list in the Files section of the Bill D's Monacoers Group and is totally unrelated to it.**

It is web based and utilizes a MySQL database with a custom front end (user interface). So far, testing has shown it to very secure and of course, there is nothing better than MySQL for this kind of application. The information for my parts list is gathered from the public domain including searches on Google, eBay and Amazon as well as data obtained from public forums and Facebook.

It is my intention to approach the [Facebook Monacoers Group](#) and the [Monaco Group on IRV2](#) for help in populating the list. I also intend to reach out to any other related groups that may be interested.

My parts list is running in Beta mode at http://www.visualsc.com/monaco_parts.php if you wish to see what it looks like.

- It only contains ~40 entries at this time. They are mainly related to my own Monaco Camelot or items that I have helped others with. I will continue to add items over the next few weeks.
- To get a good sense of how it works, simply select "All" in each of the 4 drop-down boxes. You will then see how items are categorized and can try selecting different choices to see it function (i.e. try: 2006, Monaco, Camelot, Chassis-Engine).
- You will see an option to submit a part, report a problem or make comments and/or suggestions. This will take you to a page that can be easily and quickly completed to send an item to be included in the list.

I welcome any positive feedback you might have. Not sure how successful this is going to be, but hopefully, it is something that people will find useful. I expect it will be some time before there are sufficient items in the database to make it really useful.

Regards

W. R. (Bill) Johnson

My expectation was that we would engage in a calm and civilized discussion where I could answer any questions and put any of David's concerns to rest.

I was therefore surprised by the venomous and dictatorial response I received. There was no attempt at discussion or clarification.

William

As owner of the Bill D's Monacoers Yahoo Group and after much discussion with the other Co-Owners and Moderators I am responding to your Question.

FIRST: Our question to you is what do you hope to accomplish when a very Extensive and In-depth Parts List and Vendor list already exists and is available to all Owners of Monaco Brand Coaches at no cost. The only Requirement to access the Monacoers Parts List and Vendors List is those Owners must Join and be a Member in good standing of the Bill D's Monacoers Group.

As you are a Member of the Bill D's Monacoers Group, you already have access to the Parts List, so it is hard to understand or comprehend why you would want to start another one. You would accomplish more by submitting any parts that are not in the Parts List to be added to the list so that the other Monacoers Members would have access to them. This is the main method that has been used to compile the list as many members have contributed to it. This method would accomplish what you are trying to do with a lot less effort on your part.

So, Our answer to your question: "What is the reasoning behind keeping the Monacoer's Parts List private and restricting it to Yahoo group members only?"

The Monacoers Group Parts List is a Large Endeavor and Accumulation of Data for over 15 years of Meticulously Gathering Information through our Members and Vendors and pain stakingly compiling that information into the Monacoers Parts List for Monacoer Members Benefit Only. Many Parts that are found in the Monacoers Parts List cannot be found in the Public Domain. Many hours are devoted continuously to Updating and Compiling the Parts List.

Anyone who owns a Monaco Brand Coach can join the Monacoers Group at No Charge to have access to it.

I can see no reason that the Monacoers Group should give Permission, Access, Participate, or be Involved in another parts list or that any of the information contained in the Monacoers Parts List, Vendors List or Individual Files should be shared with Non-members or the Public who have done nothing to contribute to compiling it. The Monacoers Parts List and all other information on/in the Monacoers Website is a Benefit for the Monacoers Members only and one of the Important Reasons for those wanting to join and participate in the Monacoers Group.

The Monacoers Parts List, Vendor List and Individual Files and all the information contained therein is Copyrighted and can not be copied or used in any form by any Individual, outside or third party entity.

The Owners and Moderators Official Standing on this Matter are as Follows:

It appears from your generalities, that you are going to set your parts list in a relational data base and you will be taking our "Source" document and using the information and just "re-categorizing" it or making it simpler to use. This constitutes a Copyright Infringement and I would have to Notify Facebook, IRV2 or any other Website That it is.

Other items of Importance are;

One...Any or part of the Monacoers Parts List that is Published without the groups (Monacoers) permission in/on FaceBook, IRV2 or any other Website or Forum and we will ask that it be removed and remind the various individuals of the constraints and actions that may be taken.

Two...Your email indicates that you and these individuals, with the intent to publish on/in FaceBook, IRV2 or any other Website or Forum are going to take our source, Copyrighted data and/or Intellectual property and THEN reorganize it as YOUR material and publish the material as your own.

Any or all of the above would constitute a Copyright Infringement or Violation and will be dealt with accordingly with whatever means necessary at our disposal.

Your list will be Highly Scrutinized for any Copyright Violations of the Monacoers Parts List and all other Monacoers Group Information.

Regards

David P. Pratt Owner, Bill D's Monacoers Yahoo Group.

On or around January 28th, 2019 I was unjustly banned from the monacoers@yahoo.com group without warning or due cause. I was given no chance to respond or explain and no option to appeal.

It should be pointed, that our parts list in no way resembles the Yahoo Group one. It can be viewed at: http://www.visualsc.com/monaco_parts.php

Monacoers on Group.io - Parts List
for Coaches built by Monaco and it's Subsidiaries since 1977

powered by mySQL

Usefull Links

Keyword Search

OR Select Area and/or Coach Info.....

All

All Years All Makes

Model: All

Find Parts Clear Fields

Have a Suggestion to Add to the List?? - Click Here

Prev 1 - 25 of 173 Items Next

Item	Description	Image	Orig Part #	Repl Part #	Tech Info	Vendors	Search	Area	Fits
110/220 Cord Reels	GlennDinning was a major supplier of retractable cord reels for Monaco Coaches. Other brands are available and may have been installed as replacements on older coaches.		CR Series	DM Series	-	GlennDinning Products PPL Molomomes	Google eBay Amazon	House - Electrical	Check Fit
Bontager's Surplus	Source for salvage parts for RVs		Various	Various	As Coaches age, it can become difficult to find new parts. Salvaged parts may be an option.	Bontager's Surplus	-	Dealers / Vendors / Stores	Check Fit

Parts List on Monacoers@groups.io

ABS BRAKES	Arvin Meritor 800-535-5560 http://www.arvinmeritor.com/ http://www.meritorwabco.com/literature/pneumaticabs.asp
06 Diplomat	ABS Sensor DANA Drive axle assembly HN02232947 - ABS sensor is Bendix PN WS-24#801541
	Roadranger-Eaton and Dana 13100 E. Michigan Avenue Galesburg, MI 49053 800-826-4357 http://www.roadranger.com/Roadranger/index.htm
AIR BAG	See Chassis
AIR BRAKES	See Brakes - also Chassis - also Switch
AIR CONDITIONING	See Dash - air / heat
central	Dometic Corp P.O. Box 490 Elkhart, IN 46515 800-544-4881 http://www.dometic.com/enus/Americas/USA/RV-Products/

Yahoo Group's Parts List

A simple comparison of the two lists clearly shows that there are no similarities except for the unavoidable fact that they are dealing with the same items.

2) I did not “steal” any other information.

The other interaction I had in early 2018 is that I tried to warn David P that the Yahoo Groups were going to be shut down in the future. I was unceremoniously dismissed and flamed for suggesting such a thing.

Knowing how difficult a conversion to a new format would be, I started preserving conversations and files as was my right to do so as a Yahoo Groups member. Contrary to what David P might think, the content of the group belongs to the members as a whole and not to the “group”. Also, with the exception of photographs and possibly a few posts, copyright does not apply and where it does, it belongs to the group member who submitted the item and does not automatically transfer to the “Group”.

After studying various options including groups.io, I built a test forum ([Click Here](#)) where I stored all the conversations and topics. Because Yahoo Groups introduced a lot of non-standard & redundant formatting characters into their posts, these all had to be stripped out. Also, individual posts had to be aligned with the related topic to keep the threads together. This took many hours of work.

It is important to understand that at no time did I allow anyone other than myself to read or download the conversations or files. Everyone who requested to join the test forum received a polite email stating that it was for testing only and they would not be approved for access.

When the inevitable happened, and Yahoo Groups announced that it would no longer store online content, I reached out to David P to tell him that I had an option for them. I gave them guest access to the forum so they could see what it looked like.

At this time, I also revisited the *groups.io* format and found that it had improved since its inception and would be a better fit. Not only that, but up until Dec 1, 2019, they were offering a free transfer service to move content from Yahoo Groups to groups.io. I offered to donate the cost of the premium group for the first 2 years.

Once again, instead of entering into an adult and civil discussion with me, David P responded with another venomous and threatening email.

It is hard to understand David's responses as it would normally be expected that a group leader would act in a responsible and professional manner. He appears to be preoccupied with keeping autocratic control of the group and is unable to accept anyone else he deems might challenge his position.

I kept both the test forum and the monacoers@groups.io option open for the Yahoo Group until such time that it was obvious they were not interested. I then decided that I would continue with the groups.io group because it would add some value to owners of Monaco coaches.

3) Source for material in the Parts List and on monacoers@groups.io

I have been compiling information for the parts list and on Monaco family coaches for at least 3 years. Whenever I see a relevant item mentioned on any of a number of social media sites including but definitely not limited to *Trailer Life Forum*, *IRV2*, *Monaco Owners* on Facebook, *RV Village* and *FMCA* forums, I save it. Some of this data did come from the Yahoo Group, but only items that do not fall under copyright provisions. Also, much of the information on Yahoo Groups has been shared on other platforms by other Yahoo group members over the years.

monacoers@groups.io is not a BOGUS site as David P is suggesting. It is a serious group that offers an alternative to owners of Coaches built by the Monaco Company. It differs from Yahoo Groups and their new site in the following ways:

- We believe that all coach owners should have easy access to information to keep their coaches running safely and efficiently.
- The group is "owned" by its members. The official owner of the group is only the "administrator" and is responsible for how the online interface functions and for the protection of its member's personal data.
- We respect each member as a unique individual and value their contributions large or small. Everyone has an equal voice.
- We have a zero-tolerance policy for flaming and abusive behavior by any group member, including administrator and moderators.
- As the site grows, it is our intention to include member's voices in all policy decisions.

A final thought.....

Excerpt from Yahoo Groups Post.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:

ALSO: If you have joined the Bill's Monacoers@<http://www.visualsc.com> (Johnsons Site) monacoers.io you will not be allowed to BE or Remain a Member or become a Member of the Bill D's Monacoers group. I will not allow any further discussion about this decision in the future. We have our reasons for this decision and most know the answers. WE now have the ability to know if you have joined this group.

David P has stated that they have a way of knowing which members of their group (Monacoers.org) join the groups.io site and they will ban anyone from their site that joins the group.io site. Not only is this highly unethical, but it is also an outright lie. All personal data including email addresses are kept strictly private and only accessible by the group.io owner. They will not be shared for any reason.

For more information, please contact: monacoers+owner@groups.io