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Autumn reflections at Fort Ransom State Park. Photo by Ryan Jilek



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Summer in September for Fall Installation Rally

By Cathy Ruebel.

Who would have guessed a year ago that having the Fall Installation Rally late in September wouldn't mean full propane tanks and thermal undies? Mother Nature must have taken a liking this year to our president, Art Idso, and bestowed on him fantastic weather for all his rallies.

This year's Installation Rally was held at Fort Ransom State Park, south of Valley City, North Dakota. Adjacent to the park is the tiny village of Fort Ransom, nestled in the Sheyenne River gorge, population less than a hundred residents. This weekend was the annual Sheyenne Valley Arts & Crafts Festival and every yard, garden, driveway and sidewalk was occupied with vendors selling their wares, not to mention a foodie's weekend heaven.

Thursday arrivals were treated to a scenic drive into the park, the campsites surrounded by autumn's

changing colors. We met Jim and Jan Hall who moved south to North Dakota - from Alaska - and wanted to check out our club. They must have enjoyed themselves, because they are our unit's newest members! Welcome Jim and Jan!

Friday morning, we hopped aboard the BUS for touring in Lisbon. First stop was the Opera House, built in 1889, where we were guided through the building, learning about its history, ongoing renovations, and plans for the future. We had lunch at *Ho•den•ättes On Main* across the street. While you waited for your artisan sandwiches, the bistro was filled floor to ceiling with anything for your home, kitchen, garden, jewelry, and apparel – a browser's paradise. "Hey, your food's getting cold!" Coming....! And don't overlook the homemade dessert case.

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President's Note

....by Larry Ruebel

This past weekend I completed the task that signifies the end of the 2015 Airstream camping season for us, winterizing. I hope everyone in the club enjoyed our rallies in 2015. Art tried some different activities in 2015 that I believe were quite successful. Thanks again, Art and Kathleen for your efforts. Thank you, too, to outgoing Treasurer Bev Zink for your hard work!

2016 will also have a unique experience with the dedication of the Monument of Peace at the International Peace Garden. This will be a once in a lifetime experience - the monument will be there for future generations to see and remember our organization. If you have the opportunity, I would encourage everyone to participate. Vern Zink and the entire committee has put extra ordinary effort and many hours of his time getting this project completed. Although this is listed as Region Special Events Rally, the Peace Garden Unit will be a big part of the celebration.

The 2016 Unit rallies, along with the Region Tall Ship Rally, plus the Monument of Peace Dedication Rally should make for a busy exciting season. I look forward to seeing all of you next Airstream season. *Larry*

2015-2016 Calendar of Events

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| Nov 14, 2015 | Manitoba Luncheon - Muddy Waters Smokehouse, 15 Market Street - at The Forks, Winnipeg, Manitoba |
| Jan 10-15, 2016 | International Board of Trustees Meeting, Rayne, LA |
| Feb 18, 2016 | Airstreamers in the Valley Luncheon, 11 AM, China Sea Buffet, McAllen, Texas |
| May 5-8, 2016 | Spring Campout, Art's Place, Absaraka, ND |
| May 7, 2016 | Spring Luncheon & Business Meeting, Pizza Ranch, Casselton, ND |
| June 9 -12, 2016 | Summer Buddy Rally, Wolford, ND |
| June 28 - July 4, 2016 | 59th International Convention/Rally, Lewisburg, West Virginia |
| July 18-20, 2016 | Region 7 Work Rally, International Peace Gardens, Dunseith, ND |
| July 21-25, 2016 | Monument of Peace Dedication Rally, International Peace Gardens, Dunseith, ND |
| Aug 15 - 21, 2016 | Region 7 Tall Ships Rally, Duluth, MN |
| Sept 15-18, 2016 | Street Fair Installation Rally, Mandan, ND |
| July 22-29, 2017 | 60th International Rally, Escanaba, Michigan |



Installation Rally Highlights

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From there, we went to the “Old Soldier’s Home”, the new, state-of-the-art North Dakota Veterans Home. Established in 1893, veterans in North Dakota have always had a place to go for medical care and recuperation. In May 2011, residents moved into the new facility, designed on the household-neighborhood layout, ensuring residents would feel at home. We ran across one gentleman who showed us where those Veterans Days Poppies came from. They make poppies by the tens of thousands for distribution to the American Legion for their fund raising efforts. Make sure you buy your Poppy this year and know that they were not made in some foreign country, but by veterans, for veterans.



Lisbon Opera House

Back at the campground, as usual Happy Hour flowed right into Grill Your Own Night. With any get-together of Airstreamers, if you leave hungry, you have amazing willpower or you didn't try very hard. We managed to decorate around the campfire with a hodge-podge of party lights. The S'mores were gooey and abundant, and the logs burned until late at night.

Saturday morning, following biscuits and sausage gravy for breakfast, we got down to business with the Fall Meeting and election of incoming officers – see the Meeting Minutes in this newsletter. Afterwards, Art's Bus took us into Fort Ransom to take in sights, sounds, shopping and food of the Festival. Hopefully, the die-hard foodies found the Standing



Art's Bus, safely back at the Park. Photo by Ryan Jilek

Rock Lutheran Church at the very end of the wagon ride for a fabulous church dinner. If you ever need a good meal, you cannot go wrong at a church dinner (except maybe lutefisk). We waddled our way back to the heart of the festival for a second go around the craft booths and the mini donut stand



Jim and Vern tend to the culinary duties of Grill Your Own Night

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The Gang's all here! Following dinner at the Eagles Club in Lisbon, Region 2nd Vice President Don Thomson installed Larry Ruebel as Unit President for 2016, with 1st VP Chris Wells, 2nd VP Jack Bailey, Secretary Bev Wells and Treasurer Roxanne Towles. Below: Allan Towles (L) accepts the Unit Merit Award. Photos by Ryan Jilek

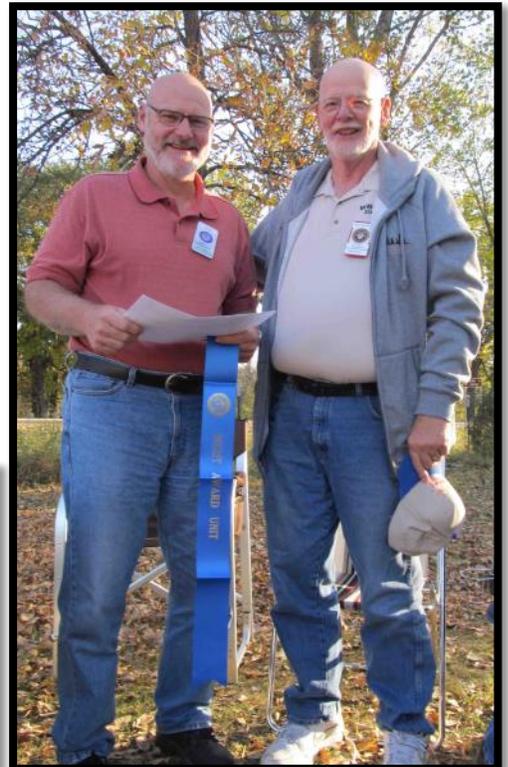
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on the way out. Should have walked back to the park, but it was in the mid-80's and too sunny.

Following dinner at the Lisbon Eagles Club, Region 2nd Vice President Don Thomson installed the slate of officers and Trustees for 2016. He thanked outgoing President Art Idso and Kathleen Schultz for their hard work in making 2015 such an enjoyable rally season. A campfire afterwards was a fitting way to wrap up the season.

Following potluck breakfast, a brief prayer service, and goodbyes, everyone headed out for their next adventure. Attending this year's Installation Rally was Jack and Arlene Bailey, Bruce and Carolyn Coonrod,

Roland and Wanda Wall, Jim and Jan Hall, Bev and Vern Zink, Larry and Cathy Ruebel, Art Idso and Kathleen Schultz, Judy Koester, Ron and Rose Larson, Ryan, Kelley and Sophie Jilek, Roxanne and Allan Towles, and Don and Lillian Thomson. See you all at Art's Place next May!



The new North Dakota Veterans Home opened in 2011. Veterans have been calling Lisbon home since 1893.



Fall Business Meeting Minutes

Fall Business Meeting
North Dakota Peace Garden Unit
Fort Ransom State Park
Fort Ransom, North Dakota
Sept. 26, 2015

The Fall Business meeting was called to order by President Art Idso at 8:50 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Art declared a quorum present.

Members present were Bailey, Wall, Larson, Towles, Reubel, Thomson, Koester, Jilek, Coonrod, Zink, Jensen, and Idso. Visitors Jim & Jan Hall

Secretaries reports from the last two meetings were handed out for members to read. A motion was made by Allan Towles to approve the minutes seconded by Wanda Wall. Motion carried.

Treasurers report were handed out by Bev Zink. The current bank balance is \$1,170.32. The next years membership dues are \$15.00 Unit plus \$65.00 international for a total of \$80.00. Larry Ruebel made a motion to accept the treasures report seconded by Jack Bailey. Motion carried. Bev announced the rally fee is \$5.00 per person.

Old Business a new committee for the logo will be Bev Wells, Allan Towles and Ryan Jilek.

New Business Don Thomson presented Allan Towles with a unit merit award ribbon and certificate. Also Cathy Reubel with recognition for her work on the directory.

Monument of Peace update was given by Don Thomson stating the balance of donations is within \$10,000.00 of paying off the artist. The dedication will be Sunday July 24, 2016 with a working rally starting July 20. There are 36 electric and water sites and sev-

eral dry camping sites.

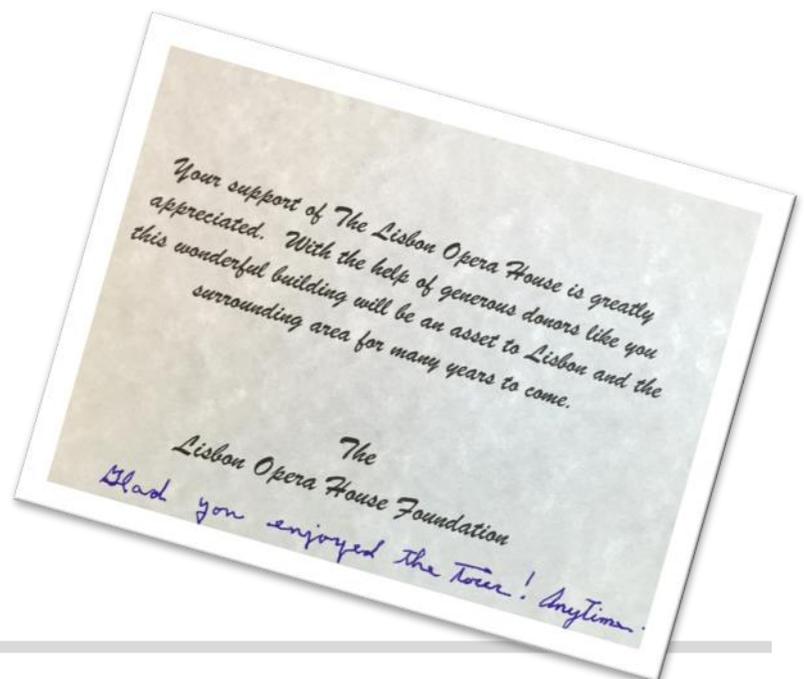
Nominating committee report was presented by Vern Zink with Larry Ruebel for President, Chris Wells 1st Vice, Jack Bailey 2nd Vice, Secretary Bev Wells and Treas. Roxanne Towles. Motion was made by Judy Koester to accept the slate of officers seconded by Ryan Jilek. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Judy Koester to donate \$50.00 to the Theater House in Lisbon seconded by Jack Bailey. Motion failed. A second motion for \$100.00 was made by Ryan Jilek seconded by Larry Ruebel. Motion carried.

Incoming President Larry Reubel reported on the 2016 rallies with information coming out in the next newsletter with any changes.

Roxanne Towles made a motion to adjourn at 10:05

Rose Larson
Acting secretary



Unit Trustee Update:

It has been brought to our attention that as a Region officer, Don Thomson is ineligible to be a unit trustee. As in prior instances such as this, the last trustee to complete their four-year tour will be reinstated. Therefore, Vern Zink will take Don's place as 4th year trustee.

Region 7 News

Gail Harrower, President

Monument of Peace Update

The Monument of Peace was delivered to the International Peace Garden by the Artist, Mr. Arthur Norby of New London, Minnesota on August 17, 2015. It is situated in the foyer of the Interpretive Centre. It is the center of attraction for the International Peace Garden and they are so thankful for receiving this special gift.



On September 17th, Vern & Bev Zink, Don & Lillian Thomson, Bruce & Gail Harrower and Chris Wells met at the International Peace Garden with CEO Garry Enns to discuss the **Rededication Ceremony** to be held in July of 2016. Back in 2013, the rededication ceremony was to be held on a Monday, as that was the best day for the Peace Gardens. But things have changed over the years, and now the actual ceremony will be held on **Sunday, July 25, 2016** starting at 2:00 p.m. Region 7 applied for a Special

Event Rally designation for the Rededication Ceremony and this has been received from the Special Event Rally Chairperson.



The Peace Gardens have reserved the entire campground for our rally – consisting of 36 electric and water sites which will be for those who medically need power (ex. CPAP machines, etc.) on a first paid rally fee basis; and a large overflow area which can accommodate approx. 100+ RV's as dry camping. We may be able to have daisy chain water and they have two shower houses - one at each end of the campground site. Hotel accommodations and alternate campground information will be provided. **The Rally Committee will need volunteers to assist in parking, welcoming, etc.** Contact Gail Harrower at airstream4478@gmail.com to volunteer. This is a historic event for the WBCCI and we hope that many of you will be able to attend.

There will be a **Region 7 Work Rally** - Monday, July 18 to Wednesday, July 20th. The purpose of the work rally is to help the International Peace Garden with whatever tasks they need assistance with – for example, weeding of flower beds, sweeping sidewalks, cleaning windows, etc.

More information will be available on the Region 7 website as soon as all arrangements are finalized.

Save the Date: Saturday, November 14, 2015

Manitoba is hosting a Luncheon on **Saturday, November 14, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.** for all past, present and future Airstreamers.

Muddy Waters Smokehouse, 15 Market Street - at The Forks, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Kindly RSVP to Bruce & Gail Harrower at 204-781-1987 or e-mail: airstream4478@gmail.com on or before November 10th – we have to let the restaurant know how many are coming. If you know of any other Airstreamers – past, present or future, please invite them too!! We still need to know who is coming.... Thanks & we'll see you on Nov 14th !!