



# Prairie Rose



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*Good friends, Good times. Photo by Roxanne Towles WBCCI #4103*



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## Absaraka Campout highlights Spring Luncheon

By, Kathleen Schultz

Friday, May 1st, the trailers arrived at Art Idso's place in Absaraka, ND—Ron and Rose Larson from Bowman, Allan and Roxanne Towles from Hazel, SD, and Jack and Arlene Bailey from Wyndmere. After parking, it was fellowship time—as they enjoyed coffee and cookies, Kathleen surprised them with May Baskets that she had made. They all commented that it had been years since they had one.

At five o'clock, the eight of us climbed into the 20-passenger bus Art bought in October to have fun with the Airstream Club. Heading into Buffalo, ND, Art pulled in front of the Old 10 Saloon, where we had a very nice meal. Afterwards, we boarded the bus for the return trip to Absaraka. We shared some laughs and fun about the bus before everyone retired for the evening.

Saturday morning, Rolly and Wanda Wall drove over to spend the day—they were excited to join in on the bus ride to Valley City to attend the Air-

stream luncheon [see the Unit Meeting Minutes on page 3].

On the way back to Art's, we stopped at Tower City for coffee and pie. Following in their car, Doug and Marie Jensen joined us and came out to Art's place as they wanted to see where he lived, and more fellowship!

That evening, Kathleen fixed a pork hotdish with special mushrooms and it was joined by more potluck dishes. Joining them for supper were special guests Jim Idso, Art's oldest son, and his neighbor, Roy Faught, who at 100 years young, is author of his book, *My Admissions - The First 99 Years*. It was a wonderful evening to spend time visiting. Sunday morning, Art and Kathleen served French toast for breakfast and lots of coffee. After breakfast, everyone bid farewell and the three trailers pulled out for home. Art was so pleased to have his Airstream guests stay at his place!

## North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Officers

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## President's Message

The Spring Luncheon was held at the Eagles Club in Valley City on May 2, 2015. Nineteen members were present and a quorum was met.

No Secretary's Report was given. The Treasurer's Report stated a \$900.66 balance in the account. There was no old business discussed.

In new business, a vote unanimously approved Bruce Harrower as out delegate to the International Rally at Farmington, NM. Also he was authorized to vote his conscience. Lillian Thomson will be the alternate delegate.

Marie Jensen passed out the itinerary on the June Rally at Fort Sisseton, SD. Mention was given to Linda Agre for leading a caravan to the International Rally. Cathy Ruebel and Vern Zink were given honorable mention of their exemplary service to the club.

I'm looking forward to attending the Fort Sisseton SD Rally June 5-7, 2015. The theme is a historical festival—I hope many of our members can find time to come.

In closing, after spending a great winter in Yuma, AZ with Kathleen, it was wonderful to see and renew old friendships.

Sincerely,

Art Idso

....by Art Idso



## 2015 Calendar of Events

June 4 - 7, 2015	Summer Opener Rally, Fort Sisseton State Park, near Britton, SD. Hosted by Marie & Doug Jensen.
June 16 - 7, 2015	Region 7 Caravan to Farmington International Rally, starting at Clear Lake and Worthington, MN
June 26 - July 4, 2015	58th International Convention/Rally, Farmington, New Mexico
June 28, 2015	Region 7 Social Hour at Farmington: 4:30 PM Inside Dining Hall. Hosted by Kathy & Pete Yanke
Aug 12 - 16, 2015	2015 Region 7 Rally, Baraboo - Wisconsin Dells, WI
Aug 20 - 23, 2015	Buddy Rally, Art's Place, Absaraka, ND
Sept 24 - 27, 2015	Fall Installation Rally, Fort Ransom State Park, Fort Ransom, ND

# Spring Business Meeting Minutes

ND PEACE GARDEN UNIT  
5-2-15

Luncheon Meeting, Eagles,  
Valley City, ND USA

Attendance: Ron & Rose Larson, Doug & Marie Jensen, Allan & Roxanne Towles, Jack & Arlene Bailey, Vern & Bev Zink, Larry & Cathy Ruebel, Rolly & Wanda Wall, Don & Lillian Thomson, Art Idso, Pete & Kathryn Yenke, Kathleen Schultz, and Judy Koester

Meeting was called to order by President Art Idso at 1PM. President Art declared a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said.

Lillian Thomson was asked to act as recording secretary in the absence of Bev Wells, secretary. No minutes of the previous meeting were available.

Treasurer's report was given by Bev Zink, Treasurer. She reported the club bank balance as \$909.66. Cathy Ruebel presented a bill of \$23.04 for expenses related to the directory. Jack Bailey made a motion, Ron Larson second, to pay this bill. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

The status of the new Logo for the unit will be checked on by President Art who will contact Bev Wells for an update. Cathy Ruebel provided the information that new member Ryan Jilek has offered to provide a logo for free. This will be suggested to Bev Wells, chairman of the Logo Committee, to consider.

## NEW BUSINESS

Marie Jensen reported on the June rally at Sisseton State Park which she and Doug are hosting. The rally will be held June 5-7 with early arrivals welcome. They will be sending out information on this rally to all members in the near future.

Art announced that Lind Agre is leading a caravan to Farmington, NM. Information can be obtained by contacting Linda who is with the Minnesota unit. The International Meeting is being held at Farmington, New Mexico June 26 - July 4, 2015.

Vern Zink reported on the status of the International Peace Garden Monument. There have been many roadblocks but the monument is at a foundry in Utah and will be picked up by the artist in June. The base will be delivered to the International Peace Garden after the middle of May. A piece of the granite the base is made of was displayed. The Committee continues to work at fund raising and is hopeful this project will be finished this year. Total cost of monument will be around \$74,000.

Vern thanked Judy Koester for a letter of recommendation she sent to the Commissioner of Tourism in support of a grant request. She indicated that she had suggested to the commissioner that our Airstream Club would be excellent ambassadors for tourism for them.

Cathy Ruebel was commended by Art for her work on the directory. The cover of the directory was designed by member Ryan Jilek. The

airstream pictured is one Ron Larson had sold to Ryan.

Art commended Vern Zink, Don Thomson, and the other members of the monument committee on their determined "never give up" actions in working on the monument.

Pete Yenke, 1st vice president of Region 7 spoke to the group and encouraged attendance at both the International and Region rallies. He encouraged members to contact Linda Agre if they wish to caravan to Farmington for the International. Pete will be planning the region 7 rally for next year.

Selection of Delegates for International Rally in Farmington, NM took place. Ron Larson made a motion, Judy Koester second, that Bruce Harrower be the delegate with Lillian Thomson as alternate delegate. Motion carried. Both were directed to vote their conscience.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 was explained by Roxanne Towles. This amendment removes the need for individual voting of delegates on unanimous votes. Three members had sent in votes by e-mail. Those present voted for the proposed amendment.

Meeting was adjourned at 2PM.

Recording Secretary  
/s/ Lillian Thomson  
Lillian Thomson

# Summer Opener Rally Ft. Sisseton State Park Festival June 4-7, 2015



## CAMPING

June 3: Doug and Marie Jensen arrive at Ft. Sisseton

June 4: Campers arrive- The Park Manager cannot guarantee our club can park together unless we arrive together. So, to assist in those who wish to camp together, it is recommended to rendezvous at two locations in the area. The first rendezvous point is at the junction of I-29 and SD 10 at the Dakota Connection Casino & Cenex truck stop. The second rendezvous point is in Britton, SD. There is parking along the highway east of Cliff's Quik Stop and a gravel parking lot east of the Museum located at the junction of Main St. and SD 10. Estimated travel time is 45 minutes from the truck stop to Ft. Sisseton and 25 minutes from Britton. Arrival about noon at Ft. Sisseton is recommended.

Camping at Ft. Sisseton will be in a recently mowed grassy area with individual camp sites marked. (Watch the weather! If it rains/snows, getting in/out is difficult.) Campers are guided to their assigned spot as they check in. **There are no services provided; no electricity, no water and no sewer.** (A dump station is located on the grounds.) A shower house with restrooms is located on the grounds. Camping cost is \$25 per unit per day.

Generator use hours are regulated by park rules. For those who have a medical condition, overnight use of the generator is permitted. The park recommended those with medical situations requiring overnight use of a generator should post a notice on their camper to forestall any complaints.

\* For more information on the Fort Sisseton Historical Festival, visit their Website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/STATE-PARKS/DIRECTORY/fort-sisseton/festival-events/historical-festival.aspx>

## ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, June 4

Arrive and explore the grounds or sit and relax enjoying the sounds of the prairie.

6 PM 1864 era supper prepared by Doug and Marie.

### Friday, June 5

8 AM Breakfast-potluck-caramel rolls furnished

10 AM International Vinegar Museum at Roslyn

Noon Lunch either at Club Eden at Eden or a food vendor on the grounds

4 PM Wagon train arrives

5:30 PM Supper - BBQs furnished, bring a dish to pass

7 PM Melodrama

### Saturday, June 6

Breakfast on your own

9:15 AM Flag raising

10 AM Cavalry drill

Noon Lunch on your own

6:30 PM Flag lowering ceremony

7 PM Supper-bring meat to grill and dish to pass

8:30 PM Grand march viewing

### Sunday, June 7

Breakfast on your own

8 AM Catholic worship & non-denominational worship services

9 AM Bucksinner worship service

9:15 AM Flag raising ceremony