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Hands of Peace Project approved by IBT

By Gail Harrower

Great News !! The IBT at the rally held in Hattiesburg, MS approved unanimously the North Dakota—Manitoba Hands of Peace Project.

Through the International Peace Garden Monument Committee, the WBCCI shall participate in the four-year celebration (2012-2016) commemorating 200 years of peace since the War of 1812 between the nations of the United States of America and Canada by replacing the original WBCCI/ Brandon "Hands of Peace" Sculpture that was placed in the International Peace Garden on 1975.

Initial committee members representing Canada are Gail Harrower, Chair, and Chris Wells of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit. Representing the United States are Jerry Larson, Vern Zink, and Don Thomson of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit; Linda Agre of the Minnesota Unit; and Joan Lahr of the Wisconsin Unit. Additional members may be required as this project moves forward. The committee will give a progress report at the June 27, 2012 IBT Meeting in Sedalia. See the complete story on page 3.



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Garden
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President's Corner . . . by Bev Zink

Greetings from the extra warm SW - we arrived safe and sound to be greeted (warned the first day) that we were being greeted by a free gift of Arizona CRUD. Vern took them up on their offer. After about a 12M \$ check up at the West Valley hospital -he is doing well. At the moment it is my turn.

We missed most all of the accounts of the IBT but are happy with results. Big Thank You's to Joan Lahr and Jerry Larson. We have noted that Ron Larson aged on January 15th. Heard several times from Don and Lillian which helped us keep up. We are saddened by the passing of one of our Alums - Edith Forsch, a neat lady we have known since day one in Airstream.

Plans are firmed up for our May 19 return together at Jamestown, ND at the Buffalo City Grill - a nice,

nice place. Arrangements have been made for those who wish - motel or travel unit for an evening of social cards - for that you may want to arrange to stay over - contact us, we will help.

Just firmed up some details this week for the June Rally in Aberdeen - come to our South Dakota members and state's hospitality. More details later but not now - don't want to confuse.

May we hear from you wherever you are -(701) 226 - 8839.

Bev Z.



Mark your Calendar!

The 2013
International Rally
will be in
Huron,
South Dakota

2012 Calendar of Events

May 19, 2012	Spring Get Reacquainted Luncheon - Jamestown
June 7 - 10, 2012	Summer Kick-Off Rally - Aberdeen, SD
June 28 - July 4, 2012	WBCCI International Rally, Sedalia, Missouri
July 19 - 22, 2012	Bottineau—Lake Metigoshe
Aug 8, 2012	Unit Officers' Workshop, Spicer, MN
Aug 8 - 13, 2012	Region 7 Rally, Spicer, Minnesota
Aug 30-Sept 2, 2012	Fall Installation Rally - Bismarck, ND

Region 7 News

Greetings,

*The follow article which will be published in the **Blue Beret** (March issue) lays out the International Peace Garden Monument Project and the progress to date. We are excited to have this venture and recognition in Region 7. The project was extremely well received during the IBT seminar and meeting.*

*Committee members who attended the IBT had an initial planning meeting after the IBT passed the motion. **Gail Harrower** is chair of the committee and the committee is off to a good start. **Vern Zink** has spent a considerable amount of time re-searching the structure of the sculpture and many other details to see if the project was feasible. **Jerry Larson** has given the committee much valuable input, as well. Much thanks and appreciation to both! Thank you.*

Joan Lahr, Region 7 President

Our Club has a unique opportunity to participate in the four-year celebration (2012-2016) commemorating 200 years of peace since the War of 1812 between the nations of the United States of America and Canada by replacing the original WBCCI/ Brandon "Hands of Peace" sculpture that was placed in the International Peace Garden in 1975.

The original sculpture, created by artist Barry Burdeny of Canada, was a joint effort by the city of Brandon, Manitoba and the WBCCI. It was dedicated on June 27, 1975 in the International Peace Garden during the International Rally in Brandon, Manitoba. The International Peace Garden is located on the Canadian and USA border between Dunseith, North Dakota and Brandon, Manitoba, Canada.

During the early beginnings of the "Hands Across the Border" program between the USA and Canada, this sculpture was a symbol of the achievement by two nations working together for peace, which should be celebrated especially in our international situations today. As of this date, the International Peace Garden's staff has been unable to locate the original WBCCI "Hands of Peace" sculpture, as it apparently was removed several years ago due to its poor state of disrepair.

A motion intended for this project was introduced and passed unanimously by the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit of Region 7 at the Unit's meeting on July 16, 2011, held at the Unit rally in the International Peace Garden. On July 27, 2011, at the Region 7 rally in De Pere, Wisconsin, the Region board unanimously agreed to have the Region 7 President place a motion to create a Special Committee for the International Peace Garden Monument Project on the agenda for the Mid-Winter IBT meeting to be held in January 2012 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The IBT approved the motion to form a Special Committee to proceed with this project.

Committee members representing Canada are Gail Harrower, Chair, and Chris Wells of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit. Representing the United States are Jerry Larson, Don Thomson, and Vern Zink of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit; Linda Agre of the Minnesota Unit; and Joan Lahr of the Wisconsin Unit. Research to replace the sculpture is progressing with final details to be completed soon. The International Peace Garden is located within Region 7 and committee members are considering staging a Special Event Rally around the

dedication of the sculpture. The committee will give a progress report at the June 27, 2012 IBT meeting.

Dedication of this replacement sculpture presents an excellent public relations opportunity for our club. Dignitaries from both nations will be invited to participate in this international event of promoting peace among its peoples. In support of Wally Byam's Creed to us all, representatives from the Airstream Company and Thor Industries will also be invited to attend the ceremony. This is a noteworthy legacy to Wally Byam, his Airstream, and his club, the WBCCI.

This project will be funded on donations which are fully tax deductible. The International Peace Garden (IPC) is a 501(c)(3) organization (45-0368420) in North Dakota; and a registered charity (127250181RR0001) in Manitoba. Donations, with checks payable to "International Peace Garden Inc." either in US funds or Canadian funds can be mailed to the addresses below, OR direct deposit into the IPC bank account. **Identify "WBCCI Project" on checks.** Please contact Mr. Doug Hevenor, International Peace Garden CEO, for more information on direct deposits.

Donations can be mailed to:

United States:

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10939 Highway 281
Dunseith, ND 58329
Ph. 701-263-4390
Fax 701-263-3169
Toll Free 888.432.6733

Canada:

International Peace Garden
Box 419
Boisvieux MB R0K 0E0
Ph. 204-534-2510
Toll free 888-432-6733

Member Update



Murt L.....

Palliative radiation treatments to both hips on Dec 29 have taken effect satisfactory pain relief to where things with me are as good as they are going to be. I've started looking for the right lift recliner and a 4-wheeled rollator (with fold-up) seat which fits MY needs. There's zillions on the internet, enough to confuse anyone. One is sitting in the garage ready to be returned too heavy and awkward. Expect to wind up ordering from a local provider. Handy Bus operates from 6 am to 5 pm M-F so I can still get business and errands taken care of conveniently. I can still drive but have no vehicle B-van is being prepped for sale asap.

I'm still enjoying my lovely blue knitted gift from one very special ND WBCCI friend! Thanks again!!

The contractor has finished my living room window project. Instead of two 45" high x 60" long single pane sliders which let drafts and dirt in, there's now two picture windows 45" high x 42" wide creating welcome new wall space. Daughter Gwen plans to come in a few weeks so she will get the paint job if she wants it. House cleaners came Friday, worked for two hours cleaning and rearranging furniture so now my living room looks like one again with room for my new wheels to navigate where I need to go.

Son Jared and friend moved out my 25-pedal organ which created welcome floor space, too. I'm certainly glad that when I moved here, I had the laundry room remodeled to be handicapped accessible with stack washer, lavatory, stool and shower.

Thanks for all your prayers!

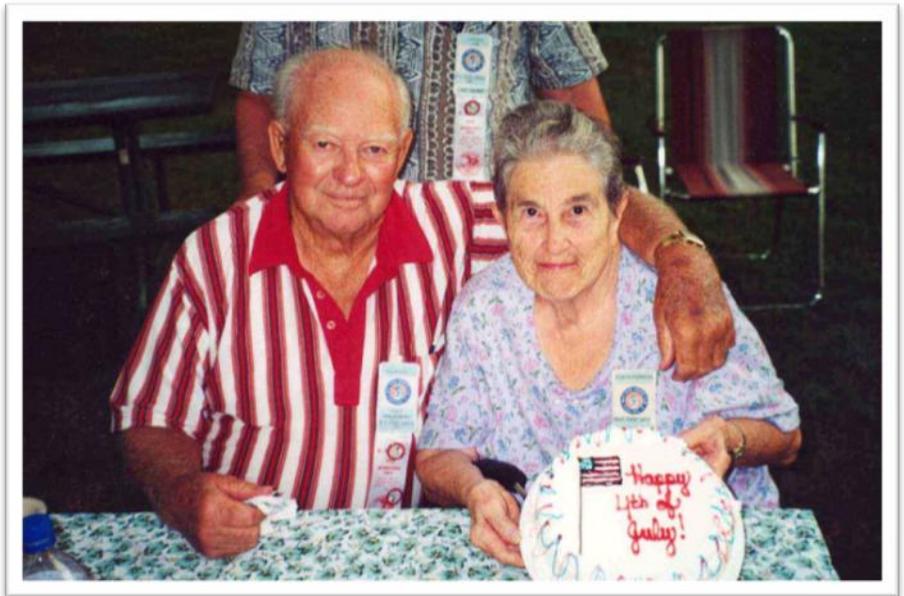
Roxanne & Allan T.....

As far as news on our home front - Allan underwent surgery on October 26th and received a new knee. After about six weeks of therapy that only proved

frustrating, he underwent general anesthesia again on December 14th to break up the scar tissue that was preventing him from being able to straighten and bend the knee. He is doing very well now, and went back to work on December 29th. We are enjoying a very mild winter here in the Dakotas and thankful that we can enjoy a lot of warm sunny days even though we are unable to go south with the rest of the snowbirds. Are hearts are with certainly with our Airstream friends and we look forward to seeing you soon. We miss you all.

Joyce & John K.....

We are enjoying the nice weather. Will go on Cruise first part of Feb. just a short get away. We keep watching news story on cruise ship that tipped over. Believe you me I am going to check out that rescue boat location, and taking along a little flashlight. I don't swim, John loves to tell that our first cruise was on love boat, and I slept with a life jacket on. He doesn't include that we had one little port hole and bunk beds, we didn't cruise again for years. This time we will have a large suite, next to a penthouse, so we can follow them off.



Edith Catherine Forsch

Former long-time member Edith Forsch, 90, passed away January 11, 2012 in Bismarck. Willie and Edith were active members in the Peace Garden Unit, where they traveled and met numerous friends within the U.S. William for years, dedicated his time and technical talents for setting up conventions.

Willie served as Unit President from 1991—1992, and had custom retrofitted their 34-foot Airstream with beau-

tiful oak cabinets and storage compartments, as well as designing a sending unit to monitor the tire pressure in the trailer wheels.

Edith Horner married William Forsch on Sept. 17, 1939. They resided in Mott until 1966, and then moved to Bismarck. They had two sons, Roger Forsch and Garret Forsch, and owned and operated an appliance/TV business in Mott until 1966. Willie passed away on May 6, 2006.

Plans taking shape for Region 7 Rally Aug 8 - 12

To all Region 7 Unit Officers,

The plans for the Region 7 Rally at Spicer, MN are well under way. One of the "do different" suggestions was to have officers' leadership get-togethers before the rally started. So, on a first time trial basis, I would like to extend an invitation to all Unit officers, web masters, and newspaper editors to a get together 'think tank' session on Wednesday morning August 8 - 9:00 am for Presidents and Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers, 10:00 am Newsletter and Website Editors, and 11:00 am for Membership and Mentoring Chairpersons. And every unit member is also welcome. So if a member is thinking about taking an office, this would be a good chance to ask questions and get a feel for the job. This would mean that officers would need to come in on Tuesday, August 7th.

Now I know most of you can teach me a thing or two, but we have new officers that could benefit from your expertise. Please let me know how many of your Unit Officers/Member will be attending. I have attached a tentative rally schedule.

On another note: Our Fund Raising Project will be for the Peace Gardens Monument as approved by the IBT in January 2012. Look forward to seeing you in Spicer.

Linda Agre, Region 7 1st Vice President

Region 7 Rally Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 7

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Early Parking for:
Region Officers
Unit Presidents & Vice Presidents
Newsletter & Website Editors
Membership & Mentoring
Chairpersons
4:30 pm Social - Welcome from Ed
Walhof - Antique Car Run, Inc.
5:30 pm Cook out (bring your own
meat to grill and a dish to pass).

Wednesday, August 8

Breakfast on your own
Officers Training Session
9:00 am - Presidents & Vice Presidents
10:00 am Newsletter & Website editors
11:00 am Membership & Mentoring
Chairpersons
12:00 am Lunch on your own
1:00 - 3:00 Games/Golf-Little Crow
Golf Course (\$am 320-354-2296-
\$15/cart\$20.31)
3:30-4:30 pm Registration
4:30 pm Social/Tickets for 50/50 cash
draw sold
5:00 pm Opening Ceremonies
1. Ed Walhof - Antique Car Run
2. Beth Fischer-Willmar Lakes
Area
3. Shore Dinner -Walleye (McKales
320-354-2007)
7:30 pm Stan Schwenke - 'Acrobats
and Airstreams'
Drawing for 50/50

Thursday, August 9

7:45 am Boat Cruise with Coffee &
Rolls/Bloody Mary Cash Bar
10:00 am Bus tour - J & R Bison Ranch
(320/235-8465)
Sheehan's Country Store
(320-905-2992)
12:00 Lunch -
1:30 pm Cake & Ice Cream/Skymed
Seminar
3:00 pm Vintage Open House/
Visiting Antique Cars
4:30 pm Social/Tickets for 50/50 cash
draw sold -VAC Club
6:00 pm Cook out/bring your own
meat - VAC club
7:20 pm Campfire & Drawing for
50/50 - VAC Club
Evening—Things to do on your own
Car racing at the Willmar Fairgrounds
7pm Bingo - Spicer American Legion 7
8pm Glacial Ridge Winery Live music

Friday, August 10

7:45 Second Boat Cruise
8:00 Breakfast-Wisconsin Unit
9:00 am Region Business Meeting
10:00 am Car Pool Tour/bring bag
lunch—Bethel Lutheran Church
Tour
BAG LUNCH-Robin's Island
Men to Schwanke's Museum-Tractor
collection (cost \$5.00 231-0564)
Ladies to the Sperry House, Mr. B.
Chocolatier
4:30 Social - Dinner on your own

6:00 pm Parade of Antique Cars in
New London

Saturday, August 11

6:20 am Line up for trip to New Lon-
don via car pool
6:30 am Leave for the 26th Anniver-
sary Grand Tour starting at Faith
Lutheran Church
8:00 am Pancake Breakfast at Faith
Lutheran Church
8:30 am Bus tour Levin's Natural His-
tory Museum (Peterson Bus 320-
354-8820)
Tour will leave from Faith Lutheran
Church
Lunch on your own

Shopping/Touring in New London on
your own

5:00 pm Social at Spicer American
Legion/Tickets 50/50 cash draw
sold
6:00 pm Dinner at Spicer American
Legion-(Tammy Kragebring 796-
5542)
Entertainment - The West Central
Connection Chorus - Bob Starz
?? pm Drawing for 50/50
Drawing for door prizes

Sunday, August 12

9:00 am Church Service followed by
fellowship and Brunch - MN Unit
Clean up and departure....

Schedule is still subject to change.