



# Prairie Rose



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*SMILE for the Camera - can't repeat what really sparked the mirth, though... Incoming President Don Thomson, Region 7 1<sup>st</sup> VP Gail Harrower with husband Bruce, Treasurer Lillian Thomson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Allan Towles, Trustees Rose Larson and Vern Zink, Past President Bev Zink, and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Art Idso.*

## 2012 Season closes with Bismarck Installation Rally

By Kathleen Schultz

The Installation rally was held Labor Day weekend, August 30 through Sept 2 in Bismarck and trailers started arriving at General Sibley park on Thursday afternoon, including Art Idso and Kathleen Schultz from Absaraka, Allan and Roxanne Towles from Hazel, SD, Jack and Arlene Bailey from Wyndmere, Don and Lillian Thomson from Cavalier, President Bev Zink and First Mate Vern of Bismarck, Joe Sylvestre from Estevan, Saskatchewan, Bruce and Region 1<sup>st</sup> VP Gail Harrower out of Ste. Anne, Manitoba, Larry and Cathy Ruebel of Bismarck, and Judy Koester from Cando..

We started the rally off with our usual Happy Hour followed up by supper. After clean-up, we had a nice fire with a lot of good conversation.

Friday morning for breakfast, we had omelets-in-a-bag, made to order with our favorite ingredients. Afterwards, we carpooled to Bismarck State College where we toured the Career Academy. We had lunch at the Student Union Cafeteria, then headed to the new Olympic Aquatic Center for a very good tour. From there, we went over to the National Energy Center of Excellence. There, we were assigned to two gentlemen who really explained its workings.

We returned to camp and our lawn chairs. Ron Larson and Allan Towles surprised us ladies with Strawberry Margaritas. They were most enjoyable! After happy hour, we enjoyed a tasty supper. After clean-up, we built a fire and had ice cream sundaes.

For breakfast Saturday, we had an egg bake with toast. Joe brought a loaf of rye bread from Canada - toast

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## North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Officers

**Unit President**  
Don Thomson #4304

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
Allan Towles #4103

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
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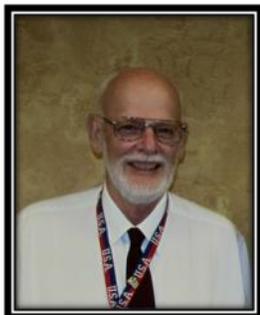
**Corresponding Secretary**  
Lillian Thomson #4304

**Membership Chair**  
Larry Ruebel #10081

**Nomination Chair**  
Bev Zink #4114

**Newsletter Editor**  
Cathy Ruebel #10081

## President's Message



Greetings  
Peace Garden  
Airstreamers.

We had a fantastic luncheon at Carrington last Saturday. Present were Jack & Arlene, Art & Kathleen,

Vern & Bev, Judy, Larry & Cathy, Don & Lillian. We had a great visit. We also had Kathy & Pete Yanke from the Minnesota unit present.

The group discussed the 2013 International Rally at length. There is presently only one committee that does not have a chairman and a volunteer group.

That is the stage committee. The group decided that since the International is in our unit area, it would be reasonable to volunteer for something. Since the stage committee is the only one left, we volunteered for that job. I still do not know all the particulars, but from what I have found out so far, the stage is likely something that we can do.

The caravan to the region rally at Duluth was discussed. It was suggested

...by Don Thomson

that the stop be changed from Walker MN to Itasca State Park. We are working on making that change.

There are several unit members that have indicated that they will be attending the IBT, and the Hobo rallies at Blythe, CA in January 2013. This sounds like a real exciting place. The region is setting up a lunch during the rally. I guess I will have to get my Hobo outfit spruced up a little. Good luck with that.

The committee continues to work on the Hands of Peace Monument project. This is turning out to be a very important undertaking. Vern has set up meetings in Winkler, Winnipeg and at the International Peace Garden to discuss construction plans. The committee really needs your support with any corporate or other contacts that each of you might have. It is much easier to make a contact with a specific person that YOU refer to the committee, than to go in and make a cold presentation.

Lillian & I have not set up any volunteer work schedule for this winter yet. That will likely be done in late December. We have found that there are always cancellations at the last minute where we can fit in.

One subject for the spring Stump Lake rally under the subject of maintenance that came up at our luncheon was hitches. Hitches are always an important safety concern, and need to be checked closely and often. Should anybody have another maintenance subject, please let me know. We already have the reservation in for the Nelson County Stump Lake Park, so everybody will have space.

One last item – Cathy needs to know what we are doing so she can put together a fun news letter. A paragraph or two and maybe a picture from everybody would be fantastic – and would make Cathy smile.

Thanks for your support. Beeee Safe.  
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## 2013 Calendar of Events

May 3-5, 2013	Spring Rally - Jamestown, ND
May 4, 2013	Spring Luncheon, Jamestown, ND
June 6 - 9, 2013	Buddy Rally, Stump Lake, 15 mi S of Lakota
June 20, 2012	Unit Luncheon - Redfield, SD
June 21 - July 4, 2013	Caravan to Huron for Early Volunteers
June 27 - July 4, 2013	International Rally, Fairgrounds, Huron, SD
June 28, 2013	Region 7 Luncheon, Huron Event Center
July 22 - 24, 2013	Caravan to Region 7 Rally - Meet at West Fargo, with stop Walker, MN then to Duluth
July 25 - 29, 2013	Region 7 Tall Ships Rally, Duluth, MN
Sept 12 - 15, 2013	Fall Installation Rally, Icelandic State Park, Cavalier, ND

## Catching up with our Friends

### A Sad Farewell

Myrtle "Murt" Letcher, 80, of Alliance, Nebraska lost her battle with cancer September 1, 2012 at the Butte General Hospital in Alliance. She served as South Dakota Unit president and currently was an associate member of our unit and a current member of the Nebraska Unit. She leaves behind a daughter, son and two grandchildren. Murt was always a cheerful person, sure to brighten a rally, and always willing to help out wherever she went. She was a true friend and we will certainly miss her wit and knowledge.

Thank you, Murt fro your friendship.



### From the Int'l Balloon Fiesta

Hello from Ron & Rose Larson!

We went to the International Balloon Fiesta here in Albuquerque, New Mexico and had a great time. We had reservations at the Chaser Club and had a ring side seats for the pre-dawn morning glows - the balloons burners light up the whole balloon - it is a sight to see! The balloons launch only in the early morning and it was chilly (40's) but everyone dressed warm and we were fine. The launch of the balloons was worth putting up with the cool weather.

Friday night we went to the Night Glow and fire works - the Night Glow was canceled because of weather, but the fireworks went on. I have never seen fireworks that spectacular in my life! It was worth our efforts to get down to Albuquerque to take in the International Balloon Fiesta.

### Hi Everyone!

Joyce and John Krabseth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and retirement from the insurance business with a party in Williston on October 13th. Family, friends and former clients came from far and wide to join them as they reminisced the passing years and adventures still ahead.

The welcome by the entire Krabseths family was outstanding and the food and entertainment was excellent.

They send their greeting to everyone and sent along a bottle of Cranberry Malbec made on the farm for everyone to enjoy next spring. They also plan to be at the spring luncheon. We'll see you there!

## Culinary Memories of this Past Summer

### Kathleen's Baked Beans

Submitted by Rose Larson

4 cups dried great northern beans  
8 cups water  
2 teaspoons dry mustard  
1 cup brown sugar  
4 tablespoons molasses, light or dark  
½ lb bacon  
2½ tsp salt  
¼ cup catsup  
1 small onion, diced  
½ teaspoon ground black pepper



Mix together in a Crock Pot and bake all night on low. In the morning, put on high – Ready by noon. P.S. I like to half-cook my bacon in the microwave before I put in the Crock Pot.

"Kathleen [Schultz] sent me this recipe," said Rose Larson. "It's really good. I divided it in quart bags after it was done and froze for us - worked really well."

### Squash Casserole

By Kathleen Schultz

2 lbs squash, cut in ¼ slices  
½ cup water  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 cup chopped red pepper  
¼ cup melted butter  
⅔ cup mayonnaise  
2 teaspoons sugar  
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Combine squash, water and salt; bring to a boil and simmer 10 minutes. Sauté onions and peppers in butter. Put all together in a lightly greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

### Orange Dreamsicles

By Roxanne Towles

1 can thawed orange juice concentrate  
2 cups vanilla yogurt  
½ teaspoon vanilla

Place in Popsicle containers and freeze.

### Cucumber Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing

By Cathy Ruebel

⅓ cup vinegar  
1 cup water  
¼ cup sugar or sweetener  
2 tbsp. canola oil, optional  
1 tsp. fresh dill weed, minced (or ¼ tsp. dried)  
Pinch of paprika  
Salt and pepper  
3 large cucumbers, peeled and sliced

Combine dressing ingredients and shake well. Pour over cucumbers; refrigerate and allow to marinate at least 3 hours.

### Cherry Rhubarb Jam

By Bev Zink

7 cups cut rhubarb  
4 cups sugar (or less)  
1-6 oz pkg cherry flavored Jello

Cook rhubarb and sugar for 15 minutes; add Jello and pie filling and stir well. Cool. Put in jars and freeze, or keep in refrigerator. You can use other flavors of pie filling, also.



### Strawberry Margaritas

By Ron Larson



My recipe for Strawberry Margaritas using a Magic Bullet® is as follows:

½ full of ice  
2 oz of Tequila  
1 oz Triple Sec  
5-6 frozen strawberries  
Juice from 1 key lime  
Splash of 7 diet or 7up

fill the container with strawberry Margarita mix (I get Master Mix at Walmart)

*By the Pitcher:*

1 cup Tequila  
½ cup orange liqueur  
1 ½ cup Margarita Mix  
¼ to ½ cup 7-Up  
Splash of lime juice  
Frozen strawberries (15-20)  
1 ½ cups ice

Blend until smooth.

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*And then, if you have a summer like Bruce did, here's one more to keep handy, just in case...*

### Skunk Rinse Recipe

By Bruce Coonrod

*Tomato juice isn't nearly as effective as this recipe, and it's easy to follow.*

In a pail mix:

1 quart hydrogen peroxide (the 3 percent hydrogen peroxide variety)  
¼ cup baking soda  
2 teaspoons Dawn dishwashing liquid  
Add warm water to bring the mixture total to 1 gallon

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## September Unit Meeting Minutes

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit  
General Sibley Campground  
Bismarck, ND  
August 30-September 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Bev Zink at 10:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Trailers present: Zink, Thomson, Towles, Bailey, Harrower, Larson, Ruebels, Idso and Koester.

Roll call of Officers:

Present: President Bev Zink  
1st Vice President Don Thomson  
2nd Vice President Alan Towles  
Recording Secretary Arlene Bailey  
Corresponding Secretary Vern Zink  
Treasurer Lillian Thomson

The secretary's minutes were corrected to read the E-mail is [www.NoDakWBCCI.NET](http://www.NoDakWBCCI.NET) and [www.HandsofPeace@GMAIL.com](mailto:www.HandsofPeace@GMAIL.com). Roxanne Towles and Kathleen Schultz will not be editors of the newsletter and directory. President Bev called for a vote on the corrections. It was accepted unanimously.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$814.89. One bill was presented by Cathy Ruebel for \$143.54 for the printing of the newsletter and directory. A motion by Vern Zink to accept the bill. Seconded by Jack Bailey. MOTION CARRIED. The treasurer also reported the memberships of \$75.00 are now due.

E-mails had been received from Chris and Bev Wells and Region 7 President Linda Agre wishing they were at the rally. There is a possibility of a new member from the Bismarck area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gail Harrower, Region 7 1st Vice President brought greetings from Region 7 President Linda Agre. She also reported on the Region Rally; there were 35 trailers present at the rally in Spicer, MN. An exciting event was the antique cars that drove to our rally site. The 2013 will be at Duluth, MN July 24-30, 2013 during the arrival of the Tall Ships.

Gail also reported on the Hands of Peace project. They are now in the stage of raising funds. Region 7 contributed \$1000.00 and they have \$2203 in US funds and \$100 Canadian. The chairman of the Peace Garden had found a miniature of the Hands of Peace in Bossevain, MB and will attempt to have it duplicated. They are constantly looking for donations. She thanked Lillian Thomson for accepting the position of secretary for the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Peace Garden Unit purchased the speaker system the Zink's had bought to use this past year at our meetings. A motion by Don Thomson to pay the Zink's \$100 for the

speaker system. Seconded by Art Idso. MOTION CARRIED.

The rally expense is \$219.95. Each single to pay \$12.22 and each couple \$24.44. Motion by Don Thomson that each couple pay \$25.00 and singles \$12.50. Seconded by Ron Larson. MOTION CARRIED.

Don Thomson announced the proposed schedule of events for 2012-2013. The campground for the Duluth rally will open April 1, 2013 to make your reservations for the Region Rally. Gail announced our Constitution and By-laws need to be updated by September 30, 2012. Motion by Vern Zink that the Executive Board meet to update the Constitution and By-laws. Seconded by Ron Larson. MOTION CARRIED.

President Bev thanked all who helped make her year as president go so well. She announced we should be present at the Ramkota Hotel at 5:30 for dinner and installation. A motion by Gail Harrower to adjourn at 11:05AM. Seconded by Ron Larson. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Arlene Bailey  
Arlene Bailey  
Secretary

*From the Editor,*

*I just wanted to thank everyone who contributed to this issue of the newsletter—it makes the job a lot easier. In fact, I will apologize in advance in case I left out something, as there was so much to work with this time—Keep it coming! About the time the next issue is due to come out, we will be moving house and home (and Air-*



*streams), so will likely need even more help to pull it off. Remember to take photos of your winter activities and send me an e-mail now and then that I may share with everyone else.*

*Wishing you safe travels, great company, good health, and the very best of everything for the New Year ahead!*

*Cathy & Larry*

## Skunk Rinse Recipe

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If you have a large breed dog, you may need to double, triple or even quadruple the mixture.

Wear dishwashing or other household gloves if you like during the whole de-skunking process.

Don't wet down your pet. Apply the mixture to your pet's dry coat from the collar back toward the tail. Don't pour it near the eyes because the hydrogen peroxide solution can burn them.

Lather the mixture into your pet's coat and skin. Rub the solution around for about five minutes or until the skunk smell starts to dissipate.

If the front of your pet is as stinky as the back, use a sponge to apply the solution to your pet's chin, cheeks, forehead and ears, being very careful not to go near the eyes. When you rinse the head area, tilt your pet's chin upward so the solution does not run down into the eyes, instead allow the water to run back off his neck.

Do a complete rinse once the smell starts to decrease, then repeat the entire process again.

You may need to repeat the lather and rinse process up to three times, but it's a very effective method for removing the skunk smell from your pet.

Make sure to completely rinse the solution off your pet. Your final rinse should be very thorough.

You can't prepare this solution ahead of time and store it – it won't be effective when you need it. It must be made fresh, right before you apply it to your pet. So it pays to make sure you have all the ingredients ahead of time!

Good luck ... and I hope you never have to use my skunk rinse recipe!



## 2012 Season closes....cont'd



*Enjoying a leisurely lunch are Arlene, Lillian, Kathleen, Art, Jack, and Bruce*

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was very enjoyable. After breakfast, we had our Unit Meeting [see Minutes on Page 5] Following lunch, the afternoon was open for free time to take in local attractions, shopping, or just relax at the park.



*Judy enjoying the company of old friends and tall tales*

At 5:30 we met at the Ramkota Inn motel for dinner and installation of the new Unit Officers. Region 7 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gail Harrower installed Don Thomson as President, Allan Towles as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Art Idso as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Don Thomson gave Arlene Bailey a gift in recognition of thirteen years as Unit Recording Secretary, and to Cathy Ruebel for always doing the newsletter and a superior job on the unit directory. He thanked Bev Zink for the past year as president.

Following continental breakfast Sunday morning, Kathleen Schultz conducted the church service, giving a talk on friendship. Arlene Bailey led us in two hymns with keyboard accompaniment.

Afterwards, we all said our good-byes with lots of hugs exchanged.

*Post rally wrap-up found several enjoying a fine autumn evening—Allan, Joe, Ron, Judy, Rose and Larry - it was a "grill you own" supper.*





## Region 7 News

By Linda Agre, Region 7 President

November found me working on Minnesota Unit and Region 7 paperwork, and since this is the month 'to be thankful for' - I'm Thankful for my Airstream Friends, I could not have done this without you.

Our three Units of Region 7 are at that 5 year mark where their Constitutions and Bylaws need to be updated. We need to bring them into the age of computers so we may use email as a means of communication. Unit members will soon be asked to vote on these updates. Please send back your vote as no response means a 'NO' vote. Directions where to send will be on your ballot.



Foremost, the Unit Merit Award paperwork has been on my mind as it is due 60 days after installation of the new president. Often Presidents do not look at it until their year as President is complete. That is not the reason it was designed. It was put together as a guide to help in planning your year. Yes, it is great to receive a Merit Award because it tells your members that you have been recognized by the International for a job well done, but think of it as a guide or worksheet to help you with planning your year. (Unit First Vice Presidents should already be looking it over). **Congratulation to North Dakota Peace Garden Unit as they qualified for the Superior Merit Award.**

I have been rewriting and updating the Region Training Guide with a lot of help from 'my friends'. This will be ready for the 2013 Region Rally. If you have the 2012 Training Guide and are no longer an officer please hand it over to a new officer that does not have or get to me so I may include new information. This will save the Region money in printing costs.

Now for the fun part. Plans are well under way for the **Region 7 Rally in Duluth - The Festival of the Tall Ships**. Once again, this will be a joint rally of the Region 7 and the Region 7 Vintage Airstream Club. We had so much fun at Spicer Curt Gunderson and I decided to continue a good thing. Wonder if the cheese head will be there?? In the near future, rally flyer will be included in your newsletter and on the Region web site at [www.region7.wbcci.net](http://www.region7.wbcci.net).

Our tours will be by bus (keeping gas costs down), very little cooking (I don't consider cooking an art because I'm not much good at it), and you will be doing things you haven't done before. Please read the flyer carefully and **call in your reservations 218-628-7019 to the Buffalo House RV park right after April 1, 2013**. I have had many inquires about this rally, so don't put it off. —



# TALL SHIPS ARE COMING

## July 24-30, 2013

## Region 7 Antique Car Run Rally Highlights *by Cathy Ruebel and Roxanne Towles*



The Region 7 Antique Car run rally kicked off August 8 with an early seminar for unit officers and newsletter with John Tetzlaff as the well-experienced trainer. Spicer Mayor Denny Baker, 3rd International Vice President Jim Schwerdfeger and Region 7 President Linda Agre welcomed everyone to the Lakes Country.

Airstreamers were treated to the breakfast cruises on Green Lake, narrated by Linda Agre, who grew up in the area. Spicer is named for John Spicer who developed the surrounding lands. His home on Green Lake became known by the

locals as Spicer Castle and is used today as a bed and breakfast. Linda pointed out the cabin that her grandfather owned, where she used to go skinny dipping!!

Friday we had a self guided tour of the Kandiyohi County Historical Museum, and later the ladies were treated to a very interesting presentation at the Perry House, which is part of the museum about the "Underground Railroad" and how quilts were used as a guide for the 'travelers'. Many of the blocks we use in our quilts today were used as actual directional codes for the slaves as they traveled north. Quilts hanging on fences, etc. with the codes in the blocks showed the slaves which direction to go for safe travel. After the presentation, we were able to view the Perry House and all of its antiques.

Rod Grandstand moderated a maintenance seminar on the "Care and Feeding of your RV III" by Howard Lefkowitz, Airstream Tech Help Group. For those who missed the seminar, the "Care and Feeding" series is available for reading on the Region 7 website. Even the seasoned Airstreamers learned something new about their rigs – well worth your time.



*3<sup>rd</sup> Int'l VP Jim Schwerdfeger*



Other activities included tours of Schwanke's Tractor Museum, J&R Bison Ranch, Sheehan Country Store and Levin's Raptor Ridge, And who could forget Mr. B's Chocolatier – the aroma walking in the door alone had to add calories just from osmosis!

At the Region Officer Installation ceremony, Jim Schwerdfeger joked about his name; he said Jim "Smith" was close enough. Installation was relaxed around the campfire and followed with the requisite ice cream and tall stories.

Following our private parade and show of pristine restored antique cars, we joined the Antique Car Club at the Le-

gion Hall for lunch and were invited to join them for their Saturday morning pancake breakfast. A barber shop group entertained us during our supper at the Legion Hall on Saturday evening, with a fundraiser for the **Hands of Peace Restoration Project**. Together with a donation from the Region, over \$1,700 was donated to the Project.

Linda Agre announced plans for the 2013 Region 7 Rally in Duluth, in conjunction with the Festival of the Tall Ships. Watch the sailing ships of centuries past glide into Duluth Harbor. For the adventurous souls, sail with the crew to a past era when the mighty sails owned the water. More details to come!

