



Prairie Rose



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The Airstream RV Owners' Club

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Pausing at the Anne Carlsen Center were (L to R) Sandy DeYoung, Cathy Ruebel, Ron Larson Virg & Shari Menning, Harvey Pedersen, John DeYoung, Rose Larson, Joyce Krabseth, Carolyn & Bruce Coonrod, Lillian and Don Thomson, Bobbi Tetzlaff, John Krabseth, John Tetzlaff, and Vern Zink

North & South Dakota Installation Rally draws 22

The North Dakota Peace Garden Unit rally season was closed out with two rallies in quick succession. The North and South Dakota Joint Installation Rally was held September 13 to 16 at Eckelson, North Dakota, where the 2008 slate of officers were elected and installed into their positions for next year's activities. The State Fairgrounds at Minot was the site of the first-ever Norsk Høstfest Rally October 9 through Saturday, October 13th.

Eckelson's Prairie Haven Campground was the location of this year's Installation Rally, where members from North and South Dakota converged to take care of business for the end of the year and make plans for the 2008 season. The Peace Garden Unit's 2008 officers elected and installed during the weekend were Cathy Ruebel, President, Rose Larson as 1st Vice President, John Krabseth as 2nd Vice President, and Larry Ruebel

accepted the duties of Corresponding Secretary. Lillian Thomson stepped up to the plate as Treasurer, replacing Darina Lindroth as she "retired" after many years of service.

In his last official act, outgoing President Larry Ruebel presented Darina with a plaque in appreciation of her dedication. He also recognized Vern Zink for his diligence, speed and creativity in capturing this year's

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Holiday Luncheon

Sat. Dec 1st Noon DiDonna's Restaurant Bismarck
RSVP to Cathy Ruebel by Thursday, Nov. 29th

President's Corner

Wow! As many of you have experienced before me, a new president has the hit the ground running! The paperwork flowing from Jackson Center and Region greets you before you even have the beret tucked back into the cubby hole for next year. The previous two years seemed to have passed awfully quick; hopefully I'll have learned enough to keep my head above water.

And in review of the past year, on behalf of the rest of the club, I want to thank Larry Ruebel for his service as unit president and the time and creativity he put into recruiting and this past year's schedule. And let us not overlook his ever-so efficient and dedicated First Lady Cathy! I certainly appreciate her hard work.

Which reminds me, Larry is now my Corresponding Secretary and I am sure he will do a fabulous job! Additional Thank You! goes out to Darina Lindroth as she passes the Treasurer's hat to Lillian Thomson, and Robert Detlaff, our longest standing member, who graciously stepped in to officiate the Installation Ceremony. Our sincere appreciation goes



2008 Unit Officers: Cathy Ruebel, President, Rose Larson 1st Vice President, Larry Ruebel, Past President/Corresponding Secretary, John Krabseth, 2nd Vice President, Lillian Thomson, Treasurer, and Robert Detlaff officiating the Installation Ceremony

out to the owners of the Prairie Haven Campground for providing us with a welcoming and warm "haven" for our activities.

OK. Time to get to work.

On This Month's Agenda

1. **Time to Vote:** We received a packet from Region 7 President Pearl Adams-Kyle in connection with voting for the 2008-2009 Region Officers. As there were two candidates this year for the 2nd VP position, R7 President Kyle asked us to distribute all materials to everyone so they may vote their choice. There is one vote per paid membership (voting in North Dakota excludes Affiliates Members). *Please have your vote back to me no later than Dec. 16 (or at the luncheon).*
2. **Directory Updates:** If you have any changes or additions to be made for your listing in the Unit Directory, please get that information to me as soon as possible. We need everyone's e-mail address, which will help us save future mailing expenses.
3. **2008 Rally Schedule:** We'll close out 2007 with our Holiday Luncheon Dec. 1st. Our schedule has been structured so as to maximize opportunities to attend as many activities both in North Dakota, within the Region and the "nearby" International Rally in Bozeman.
4. **Unit Survey:** Please consider the Survey questions on page 6 and provide your thoughts at your next convenience.
5. **Safe and Happy Trails:** For all those snowbirds who have flown south for the winter and especially for those who have yet to make the journey, take extra care as you head down the highway. Your friends and family care about you and want you to have a safe trip, a healthy and adventurous winter, and we are already counting the days until we meet again.

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season and health and prosperity throughout the New Year to come!

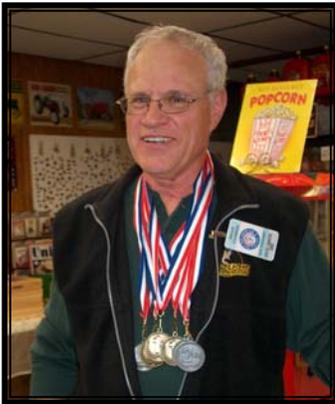
Cathy Ruebel

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit 2007-2008 Calendar of Events

Dec. 1, 2007	Holiday Party - Bismarck. Lunch at Noon at DiDonna's Restaurant, 505 E. Bismarck Expressway, across from Kirkwood Mall, followed by a social at the Ruebels' home
April 26, 2008	Spring Luncheon - 12 o'clock noon Meriwether's Restaurant, Bismarck
May 14-17, 2008	South Dakota Unit Tulip Festival Rally, Orange City, Iowa
May 29 - June 1, 2008	Spring Opener Rally - Underwood, ND
June 28 - July 4, 2008	51st International Rally - Bozeman, Montana
July 25 - 27, 2008	Summer Picnic Buddy Rally - Location to be announced
Aug. 11-15, 2008	Region 7 Rally - Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
Aug. 13, 2008	Unit Luncheon - Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
Sept. 11 - 14, 2008	North Dakota 2008 Installation Rally - General Sibley Park, Bismarck
Sept. 18 - 21, 2008	South Dakota Installation Rally and Polka Festival, Mitchell, SD

North & South Dakota Installation Rally.....continued

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Bruce Coonrod sports the three gold and three silver medals he won recently in track events at the South Dakota Senior Olympics

(Almost) Annual Garage Sale Treasure Hunt, Scavenger of the Year Traveling Trophy. In keeping with the spirit of the Treasure Hunt, the Traveling Trophy had a previous life in music and its cost was minimal.

Situated between Jamestown and Valley City along Interstate 94, side trips were made into each community to explore the city. On Friday, we toured the Anne Carlsen Center for Children and later on, the National Buffalo Museum. Off in the distance, we could see the newborn white buffalo with its albino mother, White Cloud. On Saturday we visited Valley City's Rosebud Visitor

Center, so named for the fully restored 1875 railroad coach the building was build around. Later, we took a drive on the Scenic Bridges Tour, stopping at Chautauqua Park to get a panoramic view of the historic Highline Railroad Bridge, where the first official train crossing was May 12, 1908. On

Saturday afternoon, our fall business meeting was hosted by the Larsons. (See Minutes on page 5 of this issue)

Robert Detlaff, our unit's longest serving member and past president stepped in to officiate the installation ceremonies, when Region 7 1st Vice President Don Rogers was unable to come at the last minute. Robert also installed the South Dakota Unit officers present, President John Tetzlaff and Sandy DeYoung as Treasurer.

While the brisk autumn winds and cold temperatures kept us inside more than usual, we were able to enjoy a lovely picnic lunch outside on Friday, our Installation supper with steaks on the grill and all the fixings, and a warming campfire after the installation ceremonies concluded. This year's Installation Rally closed with welcoming a new Associate Member, Virgil & Shari Menning from Britton, South Dakota.

See page 4 for all the details of the first ever Norsk Høstfest Rally in Minot Oct 9 - 14, 2008.



A warm welcome to Virgil & Shari Menning from Britton, South Dakota, new Affiliate Members to the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit!

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit 2008 Unit Goals

1. Recruiting new members to the club.
 - ◆ Keeping our eyes open for Airstream and Argosy trailers as we travel around the state, and to contact the owners as soon as possible with information about our club and activities.
 - ◆ Find new sources for locating Airstream/Argosy owners in North Dakota and how to contact them.
 - ◆ Having handy and using the recruiting materials found in the Unit Directory.
2. We need to retain our valuable members by striving to:
 - ◆ Make sure our activities can accommodate those members who no longer have Airstreams
 - ◆ Providing and supporting children's activities when aware that children will be attending the rallies
 - ◆ Streamline rally activities so as to increase enjoyment for all and reduce the workload for the organizers.
 - ◆ Add more time for relaxation at rallies
3. Increase visibility and communications.
 - ◆ Support and use the unit website.
 - ◆ Use e-mail as much as possible to reduce mailing costs.
4. Fiscal and operational considerations.
 - ◆ Establish a unit budget that is practical and realistic.
 - ◆ With the rising travel expenses, keeping our rally fees and costs as low as possible, per the Unit CBL.

In summary, our goals strive to improve the high quality of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit and work to ensure a strong future for the Club.

Norsk Høstfest Rally High on First Class Entertainment

Velkommen! greeted the thousands who attended the 2007 Norsk Høstfest at Minot's State Fairgrounds from October 8 through the 14th. This 30th annual event closed out our 2007 Peace Garden Unit rally season with great style and outstanding entertainment.

Each pavilion at the Fairgrounds played host to hundreds of Scandinavian artists, vendors, and musicians, with performances by Ronnie Milsap, Lorie Morgan, Bill Cosby, Oak Ridge Boys, Norway's Sissel, Canada's Western Senators, and numerous other performers. Norway's Princess Astrid attended the opening ceremony and show by Tony Orlando and Ann Margaret.

As WBCCI rallies go, this first-ever Hostfest Rally was not typical, as every-



you in the Green Section and just a short walk from your trailer to the main pavilions. RV sections of shorter stays were serviced by a continual flow of buses to each of the sections. Electrical service was available at all sites. The RV Hospitality Center provided a social area to meet over coffee and donuts, and a WiFi

included cheese, sour cream, sauerkraut, bacon, anything you could want. He tried to talk them out of their secret method; he vowed to come up with the right drill for the size of bratwurst.

Dessert was another tough assignment, from your simple bowl of ice cream to big fluffy waffles with fruit and cream toppings. Try hand-made æbleskivers for breakfast, a delicate Danish doughnut ball, made in a special cast iron griddle and topped with a raspberry sauce and whipped cream. So yummy! You couldn't pass up the warm Bavarian almonds or kettle corn without a bottle of fresh brewed root beer. If you had any money left over, beautiful Scandinavian knitted sweaters and silver jewelry could easily tempt even the most frugal in the crowd. Glassware, holiday and personalized gifts, artwork, musical CDs, and Scandinavian books were available throughout the week.

All in all, the Norsk Høstfest was a great way to call to close another great rally season. Especially for those members who have a long winter ahead before the Airstream takes another run, it ended on the right note, with "Fun, Fellowship, Adventure".



A cozy Happy Hour with Carolyn & Bruce Coonrod, Roger & Marcella Larson and Rose and Ron Larson at the Norsk Høst Fest Rally.

one attending the rally could make up which shows and activities they wanted to attend, and when. Each pavilion had a set timetable with hourly performances, so you could pick and chose your own schedule, or just relax and take in the surroundings. Attending this rally were Vern and Bev Zink from Bismarck, John Krabseth from Williston, Ron and Rose Larson from Bowman and their guests Roger and Marcella Larson from Wisconsin, Bruce and Carolyn Coonrod from Pierre, South Dakota, and Cathy & Larry Ruebel from Bismarck.

Another unique aspect of this rally was that you could spend as many days as you wanted. How many days you paid for your campsite determined where you parked. Six or more days put

hotspot for those who need to catch up on e-mails. The first full evening, the Ruebels hosted a hot dog cookout, which quickly became an "eat-in", due to the brisk, chilly northwest winds.

Not even Old Wisconsin hotdogs could compete with the abundance of all sorts of ethnic foods! Just from the aromas drifting out into the halls, you could tell in whiff where the lutefisk and sauerkraut was being served. There was the "Viking on a Stick", a Norwegian meatball dipped in a batter and deep-fried to a golden crust. Bruce spotted another treat that has definite future rally meal-in-one potential: A jumbo potato with a core drilled out of the center and a slightly frozen bratwurst is inserted, then wrapped in foil and baked. It was served with all the favorite toppings,



Cathy Ruebel and Carolyn Coonrod in the Queen's Throne built for two.

Minutes from the Fall Business Meeting ★ September 15, 2007

NORTH DAKOTA
PEACE GARDEN UNIT
Prairie Haven Campground
15 September 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Ruebel at 2:37p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Trailers present at the rally: ND - Ruebel, Larson, Thomson, Krabseth, Zink; SD -Coonrod, Menning, DeYoung, Tetzlaff. No trailers; ND -Detlaff, Pedersen, Lindroth.

Officers present:

President Larry Ruebel
1st Vice President Cathy Ruebel
2nd Vice President Rose Larson
Treasurer -Darina Lindroth

President Larry Ruebel read the minutes from the spring meeting. Joyce Krabseth made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Rose Larson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$721.49 as of 31 August 2007. Vern Zink made a motion to accept the report and seconded by Lillian Thomson. Motion carried.

Vern Zink made a motion to approve payment of the following bills which have already been paid: Cathy Ruebel -Unit Directory, Newsletters, Stamps \$151.55, Hazen supplies \$56.03. Epping supplies \$53.04, Stamps \$25.57; WBCCI- Name inserts \$30.78, Postage \$1.98 Badge \$4.88. Seconded by Lillian Thomson. Motion carried.

John Krabseth made a motion to pay the following bills: Rally supplies \$166.45, Ink for computer \$6.34. Sec-

onded by Don Thomson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Don Thomson made a motion that the secretary should be on the BANK SIGNATURE CARD in addition to the current treasurer's signature. Ron Larson seconded. Motion carried.

Don Thomson thanked Cathy for the wonderful job she did on the directory. Don made a motion that the club give Cathy \$50 for any expenses that she did not bill the club for. Seconded by Ron Larson. Motion carried.

Vern Zink reported that the Constitution and By-laws which were sent in were not approved by the WBCCI Review Committee. After much discussion, Don Thomaon made a motion that we accept Vern's recommendations and all other changes in the future be accepted unless otherwise challenged by the unit. Seconded by Bev Zinke Motion carried.

Cathy Ruebel stated that North Dakota Peace Garden Unit has a website. There is no current information on it as yet. Cathy will put information about rallies on the website. No names will be attached to the pictures.

President Ruebel stated a club can not appoint someone from another club to represent them if no-one is able to attend a rally.

NEW BUSINESS

Rose Larson reported on items in the Region 7 Secretary's report. The next Region Rally will be in Thunder Bay, Ontario, so you will need to have a passport. The rally will be for five days - Monday through Friday, August

11-15, 2008. Ed Emerick and Joan Lahr have submitted applications for Region 7 Vice President. John Tetzlaff, Ron Larson and Pete Yanke are on the Nominating Committee. The WBCCI membership is 7,281 and members at large is 646. The North Dakota Unit joined the South Dakota Unit in putting on the skit at the rally.

Joyce Krabseth, Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of officers for 2008.

President - Cathy Ruebel
1st Vice President Rose Larson
2nd Vice President John Krabseth
Corresponding Secretary Larry Ruebel
Recording Secretary Arlene Bailey
Treasurer Lillian Thomson

Bev Zink made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Seconded by Ron Larson. Motion carried.

President Ruebel thanked Darina Lindroth for all the years she has worked for the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Rose Larson, 2nd Vice President, reopened the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

The members discussed the controversy over the location for the Installation Rally with South Dakota in 2008. Don Thomson made a motion that that the President regardless of the minutes has complete authority to do as she sees fit concerning next years schedule. John Krabseth seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35

Respectfully submitted
/s/ Darina Lindroth

Check us out on the Web! Keep in Touch!

WWW.NODAK.WBCCI.NET

Current Unit & Region News i Photos i Rally Schedule

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit ★ Activities Survey 2007-2008

Please return this survey to Cathy Ruebel by 12/16/07

1. We purposely left out of the Schedule the location of the Summer Picnic Buddy Rally for July 25-27, 2008. **Would YOU like to pick the location and host this rally?** The Ruebels would assist you with any of the planning, if you would like.

2. Some comments were made about a “church service” on Sundays at rallies. Do you prefer (circle one):

- Continue** Sunday Service
- Discontinue** Sunday Service

3. **How many tours** do you prefer at rallies:

- One per day
- One in the morning, one in afternoon.
- More than two a day.

4. As far as meals at rallies, I prefer:
More / Less eating out at restaurants
More / Less Potlucks
More / Less meals on our own
Bigger _____ meals
Smaller _____ meals
Keep it the way it was

5. Comments: _____

OFFICIAL VOTING BALLOT FOR REGION 7 OFFICERS

Dear Peace Garden Unit Member,

RE: Letter dated September 25, 2007 from Region 7 President Pearl Adams-Kyle

The region members selected a nominating committee at the Region 7 Rally, John Tetzalff, Pete Yanke and Ron Larson. After much consideration they selected for nomination Joan Lahr, 2nd VP, Stan Schwenke, 1st VP, and Don Rogers, President.

Region 7 President Pearl Adams-Kyle has asked for your consideration in choosing the 2nd Vice President for 2008-2009, as there are two candidates, Joan Lahr and Ed Emerick, both from Wisconsin. You have the choice of writing in a name for choice of candidates. She asks for you to read the resumes and vote your choice.

Please return your vote to Cathy Ruebel **no later than December 16, 2007**. One vote per WBCCI #. Sorry, Affiliate Members need to vote with their home units.

My vote for Region President is: _____

My vote for Region 1st VP is : _____

My vote for Region 2nd VP is: _____

Name _____

WBCCI # _____