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Folkfest Installation Rally Sept 11-14 closes out North Dakota Peace Garden Unit season on high note



Region 7 President Don Rogers, newly installed Unit President Rose Larson and Region 7 First Lady Terol Rogers

This fall's Folkfest Installation Rally was well attended by Airstreamers from around North Dakota, South Dakota and special guests from Manitoba, Region 7 President Don Rogers and his First Lady Terol. Joining everyone at Bismarck General Sibley Park were Carolyn and Bruce Coonrod from Pierre, South Dakota, 1st VP Rose and Ron Larson from Bowman, 2nd VP John and Joyce Krabseth of Williston, Secretary Arlene and Jack Bailey from Wyndmere, Treasurer Lillian and Don Thomson out of Cavalier, Darina Lindroth Past International Secretary, and Vern and Bev Zink, Harvey Pedersen, and Unit

President Cathy and Larry Ruebel all from Bismarck.

Beginning on Patriot Day, Thursday, Sept. 11th, we took a moment at our evening supper to think about the people who lost their lives seven years ago. The campfire burned warm and bright well past dark, and everyone had a chance to catch up on the past summer's activities.

After a light breakfast Friday morning, everyone set off for the downtown Folkfest Street Fair for a leisurely stroll through the hundreds of craft booths and food vendors. Your taste buds were in for a treat, if only you could decide what to try

first. A big hit was the grilled turkey legs and corn on the cob - the walking helped to take care of the extra calories of lunch.

Supper was burgers and hot dogs on the grill by Larry Ruebel and John Krabseth, with an ice cream dessert chaser. The evening campfire was a welcome respite for a very active day.

Our unit Grill Master John Krabseth took up the task of morning breakfast, with sausages grilled and scrambled eggs with all the usual accompaniments. Following Breakfast, we held our Business and Membership meeting, the Minutes of which are on page 3.

A fine mist settled into the Missouri River valley in the afternoon, and thanks to great forethought and abundant resources, most people were able to enjoy their steaks on the grill in relative dryness - accept of course the Grill Master. The skies opened up, so it was pretty cozy in the tarp-covered screen tent for the Installation Ceremony. The new



Please Note: Holiday Luncheon set for Dec. 13th HAS BEEN CANCELLED



Unit President

Rose Larson #5606

1st Vice President

John Krabseth #3682

2nd Vice President

Vern Zink #4114

Treasurer

Lillian Thomson #4304

Recording Secretary

Arlene Bailey #235

Corresponding Secretary

Ron Larson #5606

Membership Chair

Darina Lindroth #268

President's Corner.....

by Rose Larson

It's that time of year again when some of us head for warmer weather and others tuck their Airstreams away for a long winters nap. I would like to encourage all who are able to attend the **Holiday Luncheon** that Cathy has planned. Its always a good time, good food and good fellowship.



I also would like this opportunity to welcome our **new members Roland and Wanda Wall from Argusville**. We are looking forward to meeting them next spring.

Ron and I will be heading for Texas soon and would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a good winter.

Take care.

Rose

Membership Directory Updating Needed

We are updating the **Unit Directory** for the 2009 Membership year— please send to Cathy R. any changes you need us to make, like e-mail address, cell phone, photos, and addresses.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In an effort to protect our members from having their personal information being made available ONLINE when this newsletter is posted to our web-site, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are omitted here. Please consult your unit membership directory or contact that officer through our web e-mail address:

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2008-2009 Calendar of Events

December 13, 2008 Holiday Luncheon - Bismarck

CANCELLED

May 27-30, 2009 SD Unit Spring Rally - Rapid City

June 4-7, 2009 ND Spring Rally - North Park Campground, Dickinson

June 28-July 4, 2009 52nd International Rally - Madison, Wisconsin

July 2, 2009 ND Unit Luncheon - Location TBA

Aug. 1-3, 2009 Summer Picnic Rally - Location TBA

Aug. 4-9, 2009 Region 7 Folklorama Rally - Winnipeg, Manitoba

Aug. 6, 2009 ND Unit Luncheon - Location TBA

Aug. 27-30, 2009 SD Unit Installation Rally

Sept. 17-20, 2009 Installation Rally - Downstream Campground, Riverdale

Unit Minutes

NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN UNIT
GENERAL SIBLEY PARK
BISMARCK, ND. SEPTEMBER 13th, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Ruebel at 9:45 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Trailers present" Ruebel, Larson, Krabseth, Bailey, Thomson, Zink and Coonrods. No trailers: Lindroth and Region 7 President and First Lady Don and Terrol Rogers of Manitoba.

Roll Call of Officers;

Present:

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

A motion by Beverly Zink to accept the secretary's report printed in the newsletter with the exception of one correction, the two flags were receipts instead of expenditures. Seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Lillian Thomson reported as of 12/27/07 the treasurer's balance was \$756.64. The two flags were donated by Don Thomson. Monies collected \$744.00, expenses of &12.50 for new checks. Balance on 8/31/08 is \$1488.14. Renewals due WBCCI \$495.00 Net 994.14. Joyce Krabseth made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Cathy announced the rally at the Detlaff farm has been cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Rogers, Region President spoke about the efforts the Region and the Wisconsin unit are putting into the International Rally to be held in Madison in 2009. The Rally committee is hoping to have at least 200 vendors and more activities for the youth. He asked our unit to continue promoting the merit award program by filling all the offices required to receive a superior ribbon. Region 7 has more participation since the merit award inception, than any other region in the WBCCI.

Vern Zink announced the ink jet cartridges can still be recycled through the Cathedral grade school in Bismarck.

At the International Rally in Bozeman Larry and Cathy Ruebel participated in the Charitable activities through the food drive and aluminum tab collections.

If you have any newsworthy items or pictures you would like on the Region website. Send the information to Cathy Ruebel or Bob Manak, webmaster of the Region.

If anyone is interested in becoming the unit historian, call Cathy.

The Nominating committee announced the following slate of officers for 2009:

President	Rose Larson
1st Vice President	John Krabseth
2nd Vice President	Vern Zink
Corresponding Secretary	Ron Larson
Secretary	Arlene Bailey
Treasurer	Lillian Thomson

Trustees:

Ron Larson
Don Thomson
Larry Ruebel
Cathy Ruebel

Nominating Committee for 2010:

Don Thomson
Larry Ruebel
Cathy Ruebel

A motion by Don Thomson that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot cast for the above slate of officers. Seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM
Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Arlene Bailey
Arlene Bailey

Have a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season wherever you call home today

New Airstream in the Family

By Cathy Ruebel

Well, we are a two Airstream household now. Definitely not new, but new to us. Long story short, we bought a slightly used 1967 Tradewind in northern Wisconsin. From the relative absence of stone dings in the front, it probably has less road miles than our 2002. It appears to have taken a few falling branches parked in the northwoods over the years, so if the Vintage people call such imperfections beauty marks, it's plain gorgeous in the back.

The interior is in excellent shape, except that the previous owner didn't care for the big front dinette and removed it. The refrigerator may not work and the furnace hasn't been used in years. It will need a sofa of some sort - the dinette won't go back in, we'll replace the water tank and probably some lines while we are at it. Mattresses look to be in great shape as are the cushions from the dinette, but I can smell a musty odor and they need to go. The stove and oven are extremely low mileage, as well. There's a new toilet, and all original light fixtures are there, but will need a shower curtain.

We agreed to buy it late in the afternoon, removed the baby moon hubcaps so we could monitor the hubs for overheating, made sure we had sufficient tail-

lighting and headed out. The 700 mile trip back to Bismarck went flawlessly, much to our delight, despite 500 miles in the rain, drizzle and windy fog. And not a drip was found anywhere inside! And by the time we got home, we had all the marker lights in the back operational, plus one in the front and two on the sides.



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slate of Unit Officers for 2009 are as follows: President Rose Larson, 1st Vice President John Krabseth, 2nd Vice President Vern Zink, Corresponding Secretary Ron Larson, Recording Secretary Arlene Bailey, Treasurer Lillian Thomson. Trustees for 2009 are Ron Larson, Don Thomson, Larry Ruebel, and Cathy Ruebel. The Nominating Committee for 2010 officers are Don Thomson, Larry Ruebel, and Cathy Ruebel.

A few people got their evening shower each time the wind caught the tarp and emptied pockets of stored water. Being resourceful Airstreamers, we all headed for a much warmer and drier setting for our evening hot fudge sundaes and coffee. The Thomsons invited everyone over to their new Classic trailer, for an extra cozy gathering.

Breakfast was moved to Perkins and goodbyes were taken there, due to the wet conditions at the campground.

Soggy accommodations for the Installation Ceremony, but the company was outstanding! John Krabseth had a drier corner, but Carolyn Coonrod and Ron Larson were doused each time a gust of wind emptied the tarp.