



# Prairie Rose



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*Left: President Theodore Roosevelt and his wife Edith heard about the Airstreams arriving in Medora and wanted to see what one looked like.*

## Medora Buddy Rally: Good Friends, Good Food and Tall Stories

*By Cathy Ruebel*

That would be the Medora Buddy Rally in a nutshell! Rose and Ron Larson hosted this season's opener June 12-15 at Medora Red Trails Campground. This little community of one hundred residents opens its proverbial doors to thousands of visitors, workers and volunteers annually to showcase the history, diverse culture, and natural beauty of the North Dakota Badlands.

The rally location guaranteed that everyone had something to do - from driving tours around the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, hiking, biking and horseback riding the Maah Daah Hey Trail, touring the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame and the Chateau de Mores, to golfing at Bully Pulpit, one of Golf Digest's "Most Fun Golf Holes in America". Gift shops and eating establishments made sure you left some of your hard earned money behind! Did anyone miss the Fudge Shoppe?

Speaking of food, what is an Airstream Rally without a smorgasbord of tasty offerings that merges one meal into the next? With everyone's arrival on Thursday, supper was pizza! Several members baked pizzas in their trailers, while Ron and President Allan Towles scored some local pizzas in town - Yummy! The evening was spent catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. Several people took a walk around Medora, which like many little towns in rural North Dakota, rolls up its sidewalks after supertime.

Following pancake breakfast, the day was open to take in the sights of the area. Just to add a little historical flair to the day, President Theodore Roosevelt and First Lady Edith Roosevelt heard about the Airstreams in the campground and wanted to see what they looked like. Portrayed by Larry Marple and his wife Julia of South Charleston, Ohio, they

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## North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Officers

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Don Thomson #4304

**Newsletter Editor**  
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## President's Message

....by Allan Towles

Greetings from the Towles.

The summer is rapidly passing us by. Roxanne and I have been so busy we've sadly not done as much RVing as usual this year. We are gearing up and looking forward to seeing everyone in September in Aberdeen. We'll meet at the Centennial Campground at the Fairgrounds which is located on Fairgrounds Road off of Hwy 281 on the north edge of Aberdeen on the 11th of September for a relaxing evening with happy hour and heavy hors d'oeuvres for our supper meal.

Friday, there will be options on how to spend our day. For the evening, we've been cordially invited to Doug and Marie Jensen's home. Marie will provide the main meat dish and we have been asked to fill in with side dishes, salads or dessert. This should be an enjoyable evening.

Saturday after breakfast, we will have our business meeting, then be on our own until supper. We're going to be grilling for the meal before the installation Saturday evening, so bring your own steaks or favorite meat to grill and we'll provide some baked potatoes and salad, with cake to be served after the installation.

Sunday after a pot luck breakfast, we'll have a short service and say goodbye until next year. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and we'll see you in September.

P.S. There is a Farmers Market in Downtown Aberdeen at 315 2nd Avenue SE from 3:00 – 6:00 on September 11th for those that arrive early and are interested.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

A Renewal Form is included on the last page of this newsletter. Please complete the form and bring it to the Fall Installation Rally, or mail with your Renewal Dues to the address on the form no later than October 15, 2014

## 2014 -15 Calendar of Events

Sept 12 - 14, 2014	Fall Installation Rally, Fairgrounds, Aberdeen, SD
May 2, 2015	Spring Luncheon, Valley City, ND
June 4 - 7, 2015	Summer Opener Rally, Fort Sisseton State Park, Britton, SD
June 26 - July 4, 2015	58th International Convention/Rally, Farmington, New Mexico
<i>To be announced</i>	2015 Region 7 Rally
Aug 20 - 23, 2015	Buddy Rally, Absaraka, ND
Sept 24 - 27, 2015	Fall Installation Rally, Fort Ransom State Park, Fort Ransom, ND

## Fall Installation Rally - Sept 11-14, 2014 Aberdeen, SD Fairgrounds



### Rally Schedule – Mountain Time

#### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Arrival and set up

4:00 pm Happy Hour. Bring your own drink and a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share. Supper on your own if you have any room left.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 am Breakfast - Oatmeal with ice cream, Juice and coffee,

Lunch on your own

Explore Aberdeen

5:00 pm Arrive at Jensen's for 6:00 pm supper. Jensen's will provide the meat main dish. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 am Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee

9:00 am Business Meeting

Lunch on your own  
Free time

4:00 pm Happy Hour

5:00 pm Grill, bring your own steak or meat to grill. Baked potatoes and salad provided

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

#### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 am Potluck Breakfast – Bring a dish to share.  
Juice and coffee provided

8:45 am Sunday service

Farewells and Safe Travels

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE TO ALL MEALS**

## Medora Buddy Rally...continued

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were in full period dress. They had tours of the full range of Air-stream models, from a polished vintage Tradewind to a new International, a classic motorhome to a land yacht. President Roosevelt took a particular fancy to the massage recliner in Art's Land Yacht and said he'd love to have an Air-stream some day.

Friday evening, everyone gathered for the Pitchfork Steak Fondue on Tjaden Terrace, a high overlook of the city of Medora and the Little Missouri River valley. Now that's dinner with a view! If you've never

the past 50 years. Throughout the show, you could see on the horizon that Mother Nature putting on a show of her own, and as the show was nearing the end, the raindrops started. Shortened by just one tune, the show came to an end and people headed back to their vehicles before the skies opened up.

Saturday brought more time to en-



*Our Pres and THE Pres. Photo by Roxanne Towles*

chatting, while others went out exploring and enjoying the beautiful weather.

Following a potluck breakfast, everyone said their good-byes and headed out for their next adventure, including the Gillette International Rally. Joining Unit President Allan Towles and wife Roxanne with their guests, Doug and Nancy Linneman, were Region 7 President Linda Agre, Elaine and Bob Wagner from the Greater St. Louis Unit, Roland and Wanda Wall attending their first unit rally, Ron and Rose Larson, Bev and Vern Zink, Joe Synvestre, Chris and Bev Wells, Art Idso and Kathleen Schultz, Bruce and Carolyn Coonrod, John and Sandy DeYoung, and Larry and Cathy Ruebel.



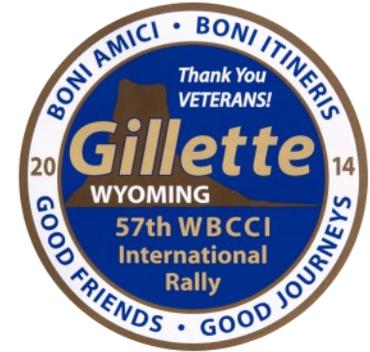
been to a Pitchfork Steak fondue, it's exactly as described – juicy rib eye steaks are skewered onto the tines of a large pitchfork, then immersed in huge vats of boiling oil for less than five minutes. A buffet makes sure you have all your favorite side dishes to go with your steak. No one goes away hungry on Tjaden Terrace.

A short walk takes you to the open air amphitheater. This is the 50th anniversary of the Medora Musical and the show was awesome! The Burning Hill Singers kept the crowd entertained with local song and dance, and a variety of music from

joy the good company and the spectacular surrounding. It was "grill your own" night and, again, no shortage of good food and conversation. Past president Joyce Krabseth was in town for the annual Medora Foundation meeting and stopped by with her daughter and daughter-in-law and brought a bottle of homemade wine to share with everyone. After dinner, some spent the evening



## From the 57<sup>th</sup> International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming Delegate's Report .....by Bruce Harrower



The annual WBCCI delegates meeting was held on June 30, 2014 at the Can-plex in Gillette, Wyoming with 96 of 116 units represented. The results of the Election of International Officers are:

President – Joe Perryman  
1st Vice President – Jim  
Schwerdfeger  
2nd Vice President – Richard  
Girard  
3rd Vice President – Jim Cocke  
Secretary – Vickie Courtney  
Treasurer – Adolf Knopp

At the delegates seminar, the delegates were notified that there would be other nominations coming from the floor for the 3rd VP position. They were June Ryan currently the Chairman of the budget Committee and former Region 8 President, and Barry Bell, the outgoing President of Region 5. There was campaigning going on for the 3rd VP position. A roll call vote was taken and the results were: Jim Cocke – 3,578 June Ryan – 910 Barry Bell – 367.

Jay Thompson and Tom Smithson were elected to the Nominating Committee

Three constitutional amendments came before the delegates:

#1 – Motion to amend the constitution by adding a new Section 3 to Article XI (Club Organization):

Sec. 3 Applications for Unit Charters outside of the present geographic areas of the established Regions shall be made directly to WBCCI Headquarters. The WBCCI Executive Committee may, upon being satisfied that the proposed Unit has complied with the minimum qualifications, issue the proposed Unit with a provisional charter. Supervision of these Units, once chartered, shall be as determined by the Board; however, representation of these Units at IBT Meetings may be by an existing Region President as assigned by the IBT. All other provisions of the Article shall apply.

Renumber the existing Sections 3 and 4 as 4 and 5.

Motion passed – 100%

#2 - Motion to amend the Constitution, Article XII, Section 2, page 6 to read as follows:

Sec. 2 The period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegates Meeting shall be between June 20 and July 30.

The motion also called for a minor change in another part.

Motion passed - 4,779 Yes 29  
No 5 Abstentions

#3 – Motion to Amend the Constitution, Article VI, Section 2 B, page 2

Sec. 2 B. Ownership, except as otherwise provided herein, of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., as defined in this Article, and the payment of annual Unit and International dues is prerequisite to retaining membership as a Regular Member.

Motion passed - 4,562 Yes  
234 No 17 Abstentions

This change allows the the optional payment of dues via electronic means.

Please note: WBCCI members will always be able to renew dues by the current method of paper check and snail mail. Online renewals would only be one option and will not be available until the new database at the Central Office is completed and the Executive Committee has authorized its use.

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**Last Minute Opportunity:** The New Mexico Balloon Fiesta WBCCI U-410 Caravan which departs on September 28 asking for any WBCCI Members who might be interested in being stand-by for this caravan in case of an emergency cancellation. Currently, the caravan is full; however, we now have no stand-by's. We have one or two members with medical issues that could cause/require cancellation between now and September 28. If interested, contact Harvey & Gail Craig at eharv@msn.com, or cell (512) 633-0380 .

## Region 7 Rally - Around the World with Folklorama



The Region 7 Rally – Around the World with Folklorama opened on Wednesday August 6 at the Oak Bluff Community Centre on Winnipeg’s southwest corner. Region 7 President Gail Harrower and husband Bruce welcomed Airstreamers from New York, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Colorado, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan & Ontario.

Everyone was able to enjoy a social hour and meet and greet in the afternoon; later on the Minnesota Unit served a chicken dinner for the opening evening meal. Thursday was filled with membership training seminars and the Region 7 Board Meeting. Late afternoon, a motor coach arrived to take everyone to the first evening of guided Folklorama venues. Delivered to the Russian Pavilion at the St. James Civic Centre, the group went to the head of the line for appetizers and a variety of entertainment from a dance troupe from Toronto to a musical band from Los Angeles.

From there, they boarded the coach and headed to the Africa/Caribbean Pavilion for the main entrée, a vast choice of meats and local dishes. Limbo dancers

and African Drumming was just part of the energetic show enjoyed by guests of the Pavilion.



*Region 7 President Gail Harrower and First Mate Bruce, hosts of the Folklorama Rally, with RCMP Constable.*

*“They truly put on a great rally!”*

The evening was closed out at the Centro Caboto Centre’s Italian Pavilion, with traditional Italian desserts and exhilarating dancing. They even had a pasta making station where you could

learn how to make homemade pasta.

On Friday, the group carpoled to the Prairie Dog Central Railway, a vintage short line railway operated by The Vintage Locomotive Society Inc., the group boarded the 100+ year old train and headed to the Hitch ‘n’ Post. “What a delightful train ride!” commented Kathleen Schultz. They enjoyed their sack lunches and had a walk around at the historical museum and old buildings with antiques galore.

Friday evening, a steak and corn dinner was served by the Region 7 officers. Installation of Region 7 officers followed with everyone around the campfire. North Dakota Unit past president Don Thomson was installed as Region 7 2nd Vice President. We thank him for stepping forward to continue his service to the members of WBCCI and know he will do an outstanding job of it, too!

Sunday started off with a church service and breakfast on your own. In the afternoon, people formed a car pool and headed to the Naval Museum for a tour hosted by Ron Skelton. Back at Oak Park Community Center, informational seminars were held

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on maintenance, and John Tetzlaff gave a Sky Med presentation. A watermelon social preceded the Chili Feed hosted by the North Dakota Unit. After supper, "Chance and By Golly" provide the musical entertainment.

Monday, the carpool was off to Assiniboine Park for a guided tour of the Zoo and the beautiful gardens. "One of the highlights was the polar bears – they were huge!" remarked Schultz.

That evening, the coach took the group out for a second night of VIP World Tour to the Pearl of the



*Marj Kroeker and Kathy Yanke selling tickets for "Monument of Peace" project*

Tuesday morning, everyone started to pack up and say their good-byes. With one last gesture of hospitality, President Gail Harrower and First Mate Bruce prepared pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw for everyone journey to their next Adventure. "They truly put on a great rally!" said Kathleen Schultz.

*Below: NDPGU 1st VP Art Idso and R7 2nd VP Don Thomson enjoy their visit to the Russian Pavilion*



*Installation of Region 7 officers by Adolf & Hazel Knopp, International Treasurer*

Orient for appetizers and entertainment. For dinner the group went to the Andean Pavilion, which is new to Folklorama this year. This venue focused on Peru, and the seven countries that straddle the Andes Mountains on South America's western edge. Dessert and entertainment this evening was at the Celtic/Ireland Pavilion, where the Irish step dancers entertained the crowd. "They were outstanding, and such beautiful costumes!" noted Schultz.



A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all those who assisted with the Region 7 Rally, from arranging tours to cleaning up after everyone left for home. And thank you to **Kathleen Schultz** for sending her report from the Rally, and to **Gail and Bruce Harrower** for the photos, on top of everything else they accomplished for the Rally.

– Editor –



# WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL DUES RECEIPT

UNIT NAME	NUMBER
North Dakota Peace Garden Unit	07-0145

WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: 2015

Name/s	_____
Address	_____
City, State/Province, Zip	_____
Email Address	_____
Partner Email Address	_____
Home Phone	_____
Cell Phone	_____
Partner Cell Phone	_____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS	
NEW MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/>
RENEWAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
TRANSFER	<input type="checkbox"/>
COURTESY PARKING	<input type="checkbox"/>
INTL DUES \$	65.00
UNIT DUES \$	15.00
TOTAL DUES \$	80.00
DATE	_____
BY	_____

VEHICLE INFO		
TYPE	YEAR	SIZE
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer <input type="checkbox"/> Class A <input type="checkbox"/> Class B	_____	_____
MODEL	_____	

Unit Membership Renewal \$80.00

Associate Membership Renewal \$15.00

NOTE: EMAIL ADDRESS WILL BE INCLUDED IN DIRECTORY

Mail check in US Funds (or bring to Fall Installation Rally) to the Unit Treasurer:

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