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Relaxing around the campfire with good friends and gooey treats



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Silver Wagon Round Up at June’s Fort Sisseton Festival

By Cathy Ruebel & Kathleen Schultz

June’s season opening rally was a step back in time as the aluminum wagons were circled around the campfire on a hilltop overlooking the Coteau region of northeastern South Dakota. The 2015 Fort Sisseton Historical Festival transforms the state park into a bygone era of a military encampment, with wagon trains, fur traders, muzzle-loaders, and a wide array of craftsmanship.

Serving as the rally hosts, Marie and Doug Jensen welcomed arrivals as they drove onto the grounds and has a prime location already set out for everyone. As with any Airstream get-together, there certainly wasn’t a lack of good food and great conversation. Even though it was a dry camping event, that did not

deter the Jensens from serving an 1865 period meal of roast game hen with cherry chutney, fresh beans, corn bread, and strawberries and cake for dinner. “It was truly delicious,” complimented Kathleen Schultz. Weather was mostly cooperative, with the occasional summer showers briefly sending everyone dashing for temporary cover

“Glory and Praise to Marie & Doug Jensen for hosting a Super Rally at Fort Sisseton!”
– Kathleen Schultz

Friday started off with a potluck breakfast, with the rest of the morning open to explore the displays and vendors before the wagon trail arrived in the afternoon. The three day festival ensured there was something to see or do all day long, from black powder and hatchet-throwing at the shooting range, horse-drawn farm implement demonstrations, and even the camp laundress showcased her skills.

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There’s still time to register for Region 7 Rally

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President's Note

....by Art Idso

The weekend spent at Fort Sisseton was very interesting. The rendezvous of trappers, traders, Indians, and Calvary was a lot of new education to absorb. I was especially interested in the wheelright crafting.

A big **THANK YOU** to Doug and Marie Jensen for their thoughtful planning, tireless hard work, and great food, making this such a successful rally.

I especially encourage every member to attend my buddy rally at Absaraka, ND on the weekend of August 20 – 23. Friends and Fellowship make a strong club.

Sincerely,
Art



REGION 7 RALLY

You can still register!

There's Something for Everyone

August 12 - 16, 2015

Country Roads RV Park
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Contact Gail Harrower for Rally Registration - airstream4478@gmail.com

Rally Fee: Adults - each \$140.00 US Children - each \$70.00 US.

See the Rally Schedule on Page 6 of this issue

Camping is NOT INCLUDED in the rally fee.

You must make your own reservations - call 1-608-253-2132.

Rate is \$36.63 per night for your RV with two people.

Make your campsite reservation today!

2015 Calendar of Events

June 26 - July 4, 2015	58th International Convention/Rally, Farmington, New Mexico
Aug 12 - 16, 2015	2015 Region 7 Rally, Country Roads RV Park, Wisconsin Dells, WI
Aug 20 - 23, 2015	Buddy Rally, Art's Place, Absaraka, ND
Sept 24 - 27, 2015	Fall Installation Rally, Fort Ransom State Park, Fort Ransom, ND

Fort Sisseton Rally, *continued*

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Craftsmen from Hansen Wheel and Wagon Shop had ongoing demonstrations on how wooden wagon wheels are made. For the Serious Shopper, they custom-build authentic stagecoaches, wagons and carriages for your



there were musical performance by various artists, including Richard "Blackhawk" Kapusta and

the South Dakota Fiddlers, and art exhibits and historical demonstration ongoing all over the park, leaving something for everybody.



journey back in time. The age-old detail is exquisite, yet there are a few well disguised enhancements to ensure everyone's safety, such as the braking system on the stagecoach.

Following a barbecue supper, everyone headed over to the South Barracks for the Melodrama about a

conniving scoundrel who had a hand in the demise of the mine owner. Now, he was looking to scam the widow and her daughter out of their saloon business. It was up to the sheriff who had a secret fancy for the daughter to come up with the evidence to put the nasty scoundrel behind bars and save the day.

Back at the camp, Doug had the campfire flaring - Roxanne and Allen Towles brought out the S'More fixings for everyone's toasting pleasure. It was so nice to be able to just sit and visit around the campfire.

Saturday morning, the Jensens brought fresh caramel rolls for breakfast to join the potluck offerings. Everyone headed out to the flag-raising ceremony, kicking off a full day of activities. This year debuted the display of the last flag lowered at Fort Sisseton in 1889, a 38-star flag which had been in restoration for several years. Throughout the day,

Saturday evening was Grill Your Own - Potluck supper in-between rain showers, but perseverance brought together a good meal in great company. After supper, we headed to the Parade Grounds for the Grand March. "The ladies' gowns were just beautiful! remarked Kathleen Schultz. Returning to the camp, a roaring campfire was lit - S'Mores, ice cream, good friends and a beautiful sunset. "It was so nice to be able to sit our last night around the fire."



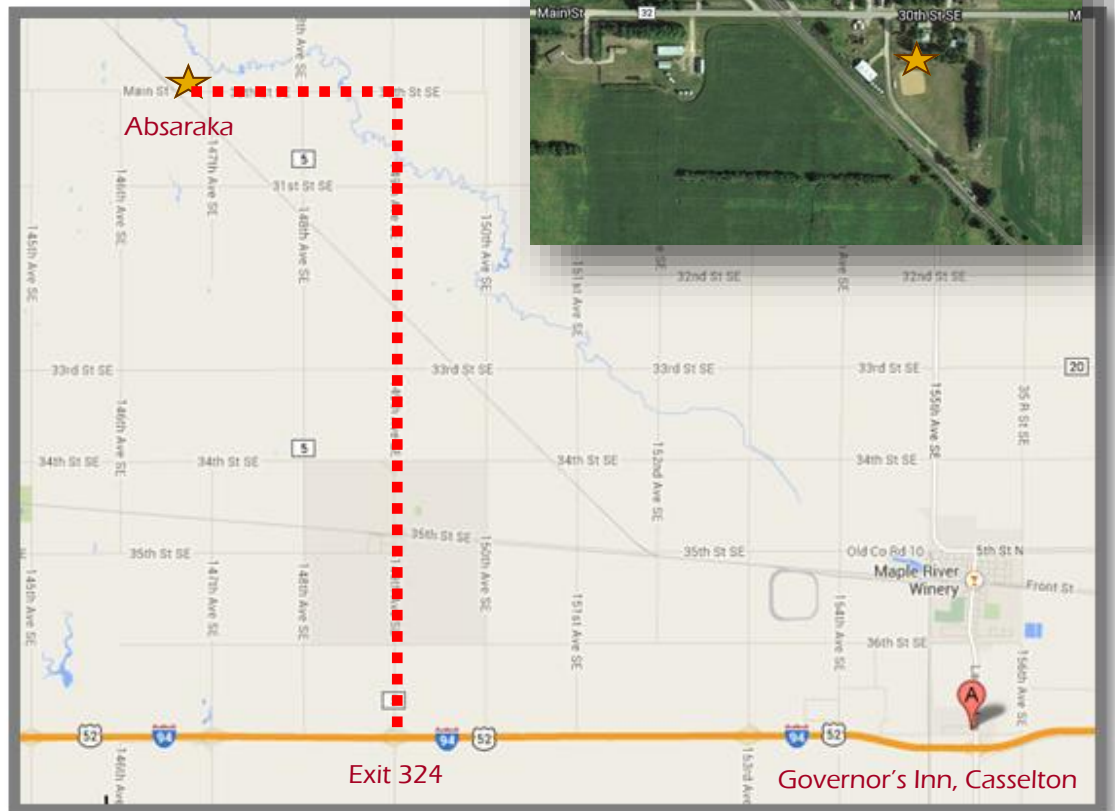
Sunday morning, as some hitched up to head home, others decided to stay for the afternoon rodeo. It was a great way to officially open the Peace Garden Unit's 2015 Rally Season and set the stage of more adventure to come in the next few months. See you in Absaraka in August!



Summer Buddy Rally Art's Place - Absaraka, ND August 20-23, 2015

Directions to Art's Place

From Casselton:
Go west on I-94
approximately 7
mile, to **Exit 324**.
Go **North** approx 7
miles, **west on**
County Hwy 32
approx 2½ miles.
See inset to Art's
Place—his home is
EAST of the rail-
road tracks and
north of the high-
way. Watch for
the signs.



ACTIVITIES

Thursday Aug. 20

Arrivals – anytime

6 PM Supper - Hosted and provided by Art & Kathleen

Campfire following supper

Friday, Aug. 21

8 AM Pancakes and sausages @ Absaraka Community Center

10 AM Tour of grain loading facility @ Ayr, ND

12 Noon Lunch on your own in Page, ND; return to Absaraka

Afternoon social and fellowship

5:30 PM Potluck supper at the Community Center

Evening Campfire

Saturday, Aug. 22

Breakfast on your own

9:30 AM Mystery Tour

12 Noon Buffet @ Pizza Ranch, Casselton

5 PM Grill your own meat and bring a side dish to pass

7 PM Entertainment

Sunday, Aug. 23

8 AM Potluck breakfast

9 AM Church Service

Goodbyes

Monument of Peace Update

By Gail Harrower, Committee Chair

JULY 1, 2015 — The 4 to 5 foot circular base of the monument has been delivered to the International Peace Gardens and they are busy preparing the site for its placement. The Monument is now complete and the artist, **Mr. Art Norby** is on his way this weekend to pick it up from the foundry in Utah and take it to his studio in New London, Minnesota.

Donations have been coming in since January 2012. This is a big project, now complete and waiting to be installed. Our only challenge is to obtain the rest of the funds. The total project cost is approx. \$75,000.00 of which \$47,000.00 has been donated, which **leaves \$28,000.00 to raise.**

Sky Med donated \$5,000.00 and the former governor of North Dakota made a generous donation. This is one of the few charitable projects where **100% of your donation goes directly to the monument.** The people involved are donating their time and efforts.

The original monument project was completed when Bruce Maclean was International President in 1975. He has been a significant contributor and at the young age of 103, he really wants to be there to re-dedicate it. We hope that he will be able to make his dream come true.

Did you know that in 1975, the United States Congress authorized \$1.3 million to complete the formal garden area which surrounds the monument? What an achievement between our two great countries, 200 years of peace – and what a wonderful symbol to be placed at the International Peace Gardens for many, many generations to come!

Everyone is getting excited to see this beautiful piece of art that weights 1,390 lbs. A monument this size with this quality should cost more than 1/4 million dollars. But the committee with the artist, foundry and the granite company have worked hard to keep the costs down. Great Job !!

Now, it is up to YOU. This club will make history once again. A donation coupon rto fill out can be found in the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Directory, or Region 7's Website, www.region7.wbccci.net

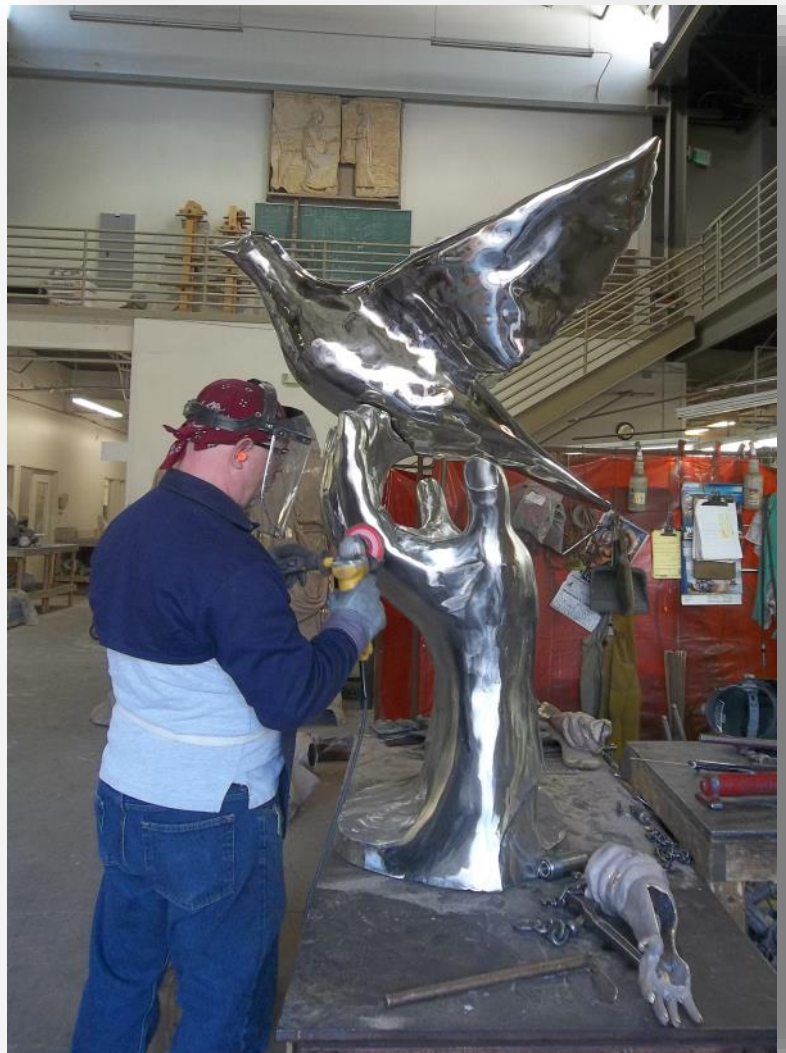
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REGION 7 RALLY

There's Something for Everyone at the Dells Tentative Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Description
Tuesday	Aug-11		Hosts & Parking Arrive
Wednesday	Aug-12		Breakfast on your own
		9:00 AM	General Parking - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
		Noon	Lunch on your own
		1:00 PM	Golf - EXTRA CHARGE
		1:00 - 4:00 PM	Registration
		5:00 PM	Meet & Greet with Tourism Wisconsin?? Heavy Snacks
Thursday	Aug-13		Breakfast on your own
		9:30 AM	Car Pool to International Crane Foundation
		10:00 AM	TOUR - International Crane Foundation - 1½ to 2 hours
		Noon	Lunch on your own - Bring a Bag Lunch or Buy a Lunch on the way
		home	
		1:00 PM	Car Pool back to Country Roads RV Park
		2:00 PM	Region 7 Board Meeting
		5:30 PM	Car Pool to Wisconsin Opry
		6:00 PM	Wisconsin Opry - Dinner Show & Hayride
Friday	Aug-14		Breakfast on your own
		9:00 AM	Car Pool to (1) Circus Museum OR (2) House on the Rock
		Noon	Lunch on your own
		5:00 PM	Happy Hour
		6:00 PM	Dinner at the Campground
		7:00 PM	Entertainment (?) followed by Campfire & Marshmallows
Saturday	Aug-15		Breakfast on your Own
		9:45 AM	Car Pool to Dells Boats
		10:00 AM	Tour of Witches Gulch
		Noon	Lunch on your own
		4:00 PM	Happy Hour
		5:00 PM	Dinner at the Campground
			Door Prizes and Closing Ceremonies
		6:30 PM	Car Pool to Dells Raceway
		7:00 PM	3rd Annual Habelman Cranberry 100 Super Late Model Race at Dell Raceway Park
Sunday	Aug-16	8:30 AM	Breakfast by Region 7 Officers Farewells & Goodbyes

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