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Spring Luncheon April 26th well attended

Seated clockwise at Meriwether's Restaurant are Joyce & John Krabseth from Williston, Rose and Ron Larson of Bowman, Greta and Dave Teets from Minot, Larry Ruebel Edith Forsch, Harvey Pedersen all of Bismarck, Carolyn and Bruce Coonrod from Pierre, SD, Bev and Vern Zink, Bismarck, and Jack and Arlene Bailey from Wyndmere.

Despite rising fuel prices and spring snow storms on the eastern end of the region, turnout was great for our annual Spring Luncheon, which was held April 26th at Bismarck Meriwether Restaurant. Situated on the banks of the Missouri River, we had a large table with a view of the wind whipping up whitecaps on the river.

Inside though, the atmosphere was much more friendly as we all were able to catch up on a winter's worth of news and gossip. The Coonrods from South Dakota shared details of their travels, having participated in the Rose Parade Rally in Pasadena, California, then a few weeks later hitching up with the Baja California Adventure Caravan down the length of the Mexican Baja peninsula.

Conversation turned to upcoming adventures and rallies on the agenda. Dave Teets has a flying trip to Alaska with some friends planned , and several are planning to go to the Bozeman rally and the Region 7 Rally in Thunder Bay.

Attending the luncheon were Joyce & John Krabseth of Williston, Rose and Ron Larson of Bowman, Greta and Dave Teets from Minot, Larry and Cathy Ruebel Edith Forsch, Harvey Pedersen all of Bismarck, Carolyn and Bruce Coonrod from Pierre, SD, Bev and Vern Zink, Bismarck, and Jack and Arlene Bailey from Wyndmere.

On the horizon...

Spring Opener
Buddy Rally
Detlaff Farm, Minot
May 29 - June 1

Int'l Rally Bozeman
June 28 - July 4

Summer Picnic Rally
Stump Lake Park
July 27 - 29

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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 website, we will no longer include phone numbers or e-mail addresses. Please consult your unit membership directory or contact that officer through our web e-mail address:

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President's Corner.....

by Cathy Ruebel

Alrighty then! We are ready to Rally! The Spring Luncheon in Bismarck on April 26th was very well attended despite the cost of traveling these days. I truly appreciate the effort everyone made to driving into Bismarck. For those who were unable to attend, you missed a good meal and a great time.

We are thinking about what to put in the trailer for the trip to the **Bozeman Rally** next month. It's coming up fast, and we have some work to do before we hitch up. At the unit business meeting at the Spring Opener Buddy Rally, we will need to chose our unit delegates and form a consensus for voting at the Delegates Meeting, including voting for the incoming slate of International officers.

Speaking of the Minot Buddy Rally, everything is a go and the Detlaffs have alredy put in time in making sure our stay on the Farm is enjoyable. See the tentative schedule in this issue, which as usual, is subject to likely changes. Remember to bring along bring a US government issued photo ID, and Canadians should have their passports, in case we can get a last minute tour of the Minot Air Force Base, which had been cancelled due to a base inspection in the month of May. Watch for WBCCI signs at the corner to turn.

NEW section in this newsletter is **Reminders, To-Do's and Hints** which are short snippets of information to keep the wheels rolling in our unit.

Everything is set up for our Summer Picnic Rally at Stump Lake Park south east of Devils Lake. This is a full service campground, complete with a restaurant and entertainment.

Region 7 2nd VP Don Rogers provided a tentative schedule for the **Voyageur Rally** in **Thunder Bay Rally** this summer. Our Unit Luncheon will be a potluck picnic held back at or near our trailers, a time to relax and enjoy the company. Time is getting closer, so if you haven't already done so, check:

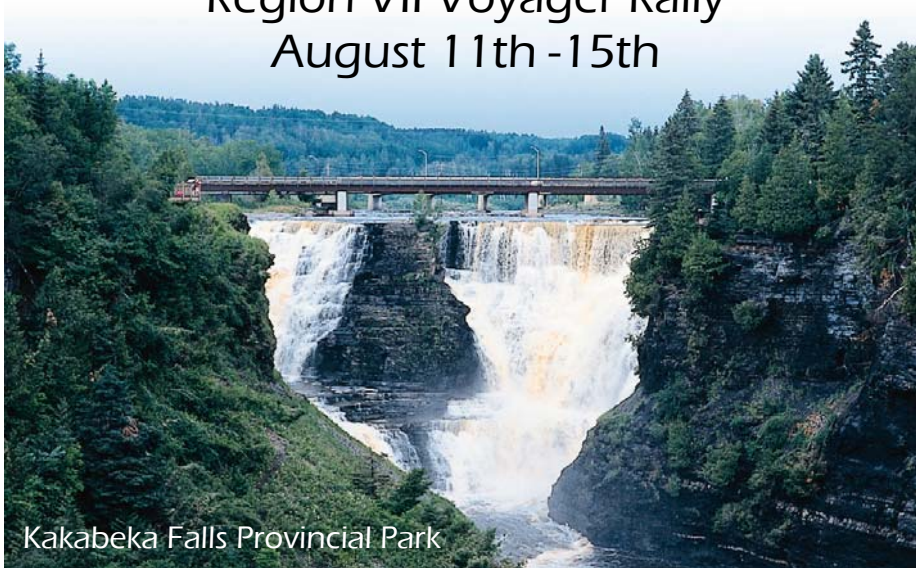
1. Current passport **OR** a US government issued ID and a certified copy of your birth certificate
2. Health certificates for any pets you are bringing.
3. Proof of vehicle insurance.
4. Please consult your health insurance provider: Canadian health care providers do not accept U.S. domestic health insurance or Medicare. Americans who seek any medical attention in Canada should be prepared to pay in cash in full at the time the service is rendered

See you in Minot! —CR—

2008 Calendar of Events

May 14-17, 2008	South Dakota Unit Tulip Festival Rally, Orange City, Iowa
May 29 - June 1, 2008	Spring Opener Buddy Rally - Detlaff Farm, Hwy 83 North, Minot - across from the Minot AFB
June 28 - July 4, 2008	51st International Rally - Bozeman, Montana
July 25 - 27, 2008	Summer Picnic Rally - Stump Lake Park, 10 mi. S of Lakota on ND Hwy. 1
Aug. 11-15, 2008	Region 7 Rally - Confederation College, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
Aug. 13, 2008	Unit Picnic Potluck Luncheon - Trailer Parking, 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

Region VII Voyager Rally
August 11th -15th


Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park

Here is the Schedule of events for the Rally in Thunder Bay. As will all things, minor changes can always take place, but this is the major content of the Rally. Note again there are NO SKITS this year. We are having a fun dance instead. Please share this with your units. Also Bob [Manak] is going to put it in the newsletter which you can access on the new Region 7 website for your units. Unit Presidents....if you could get us an idea of how many will be coming from your units and get that to us...it would be helpful.

Thanks, Don and Terrol Rogers

Sunday, August 10
Early Worker's parking
12:00 Lunch on you own
1:00 Set-up & Decorations
5:00 Early worker's Dinner

Monday, August 11
9:30 Parking/Registration/Sign-up sheets
12:00 Lunch on your own
1:00 Parking/Registration/Sign-up sheets
4:00 Meet & Greet Social Hour (odd #'s bring snacks)
5:30 Welcome Bar-b-que
7:00 Opening Ceremonies/Flags/ Special Guests

Tuesday, August 12
8:00 Minnesota Breakfast
9:00 Convoy to Amethyst Mines
12:00 Lunch on your won
1:00 Continue to Ouimet Canyon & the Swinging Bridge
6:00 Catered Dinner - Confederation College

Wednesday, August 13
8:00 North Dakota Breakfast
9:00 Convoy to Fort William

Wednesday, August 13 (cont'd)
12:00 Lunch on your own *[North Dakota will have its Unit Potluck Picnic Luncheon at the trailer parking area]*
1:00 Region Meeting
4:00 Social Hour (even #'s bring snacks)
5:00 Catered Dinner – Confederation College
7:00 Outdoor Concert at City Park

Thursday, August 14
8:00 Wisconsin Breakfast
9:00 Golf-Fishing-Kid's Zoo tour-Swimming
12:00 Lunch on you own and Ladies HAT TEA (Prizes for unique hats)
1:00 Free Time
4:00 Social Hour
6:00 Dinner & Dance at Royal Canadian Polish Veterans Legion
(Please note that there will be no skits this year)

Friday, August 15
8:00 South Dakota Breakfast

Farewells and Hugs and Kisses

Message from the Int'l President & First Lady

Dear Cathy and members of North Dakota Peace Gardens Unit,

We recently received copies of your 2008 Membership Directory and latest newsletter. They are some of the best and most complete Unit publications we've had the pleasure to see! And we've seen a lot of them from all over WBCCI over the past few years.. We urge you to enter both of them in the Publications contest at the upcoming International Rally in Bozeman.

Further, we suggest that you furnish copies to Bill Schrader, the presenter for the Unit Publications seminar and to Dianne Pons, the Unit Officers Workshop Chairman, for their use as examples of outstanding Unit publications. If you will bring copies to Bozeman, we will introduce you to both of them.

Please extend our appreciation to the member(s) who assembled these outstanding publications; they represent WBCCI and your Unit very well. The format and information they contain serve as great recruiting tools. As examples of the quality of the Unit as a whole, they will help retain members as well. Look us up in Bozeman and, until we can congratulate you personally, give yourself a pat on the back.

Sincerely,
Jerry and Marilyn Collins,
Intl. President and First Lady

REMINDERS To-Do's Hints

For the Spring Opener Buddy Rally...

☑ RSVP to the Ruebels by May 28th for the Spring Opener Buddy Rally, with number attending and children/ages, if any.

☑ Time to read up on the candidates for International office, to be voted on by the Unit Delegate. See the April *Blue Beret* for many of the candidates' resumes.

☑ If you are not going to the International Rally this year, bring your aluminum can pull tabs, knit and crocheted hats, and pennies to the Minot Spring Buddy Rally and someone will take them to donate at Bozeman.

☑ Potluck supper Thursday evening—bring a dish to share. See the Rally schedule to other food items to bring.

☑ We're having Winter Show & Tell - bring something along that you brought back home this Spring

☑ This will be dry camping at it's finest. Come with full fresh water and empty sanitary tanks. If you run low, we'll have water nearby and generators.

☑ Bring your buddies - they will have a great time!

Region 7 Voyageur Rally...

☑ If you haven't already, make sure you have your paperwork ready for travel to and from Canada for the Region 7 Voyageur Rally in Thunder Bay, including passports or appropriate identification papers, proof of vehicle insurance, pets health certifications. See **RC 4161 Information for Visitors to Canada and Seasonal Residents** for what you can and can't bring into Canada, at the following website:

http://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/rc4161-eng.html#P020

And for United States Information:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/

☑ No unit skit this year, but bring you golf clubs, fishing gear, and your dancing shoes.

Installation Rally - Bismarck - September…

☑ Don't forget to make your reservation at General Sibley Park—reservation is under the "Ruebel Airstream group", phone 701-222-1844. See the Unit Directory for additional information.

The Detlaff Farm Rally is Ready!

The tables are set, the party lights are hung, the grills are warmed up and the entertainment is in place. We are even working on some moisture for the Minot area so we will be able to have our evening campfires. Please join our hosts Robert and Shirley Detlaff for some good old fashioned relaxation May 29 through June 1, rural Minot.

Spring Opener Buddy Rally

May 29 - June 1, 2008 Detlaff Farm 10 miles north of Minot, ND

All times listed are LOCAL (CENTRAL) TIME Location: Hwy 83 North, Mile Marker 214

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Afternoon	Parking for early arrivals
4:30 PM	Happy Hour for early arrivals; bring a snack and your own beverage.
6:00 PM	Potluck please bring your favorite dish to share, your own beverage and table service, and good stories.
7:30ish	Bring your Winter Show & Tell around the Campfire (actual or simulated).

Friday, May 30, 2008

8:30 AM	Breakfast provided, Cook's Choice
10.00 AM	Business Meeting
11:30 AM	Lunch on your own
12:45 PM	Carpool to Minot for Tour
1:30 PM	Tour of Minot Milling
4:00PM	Happy Hour; bring a snack and your own beverage.
5:00 PM	Supper: Please bring "heavy" hors d'oeurves to share, or a new recipe you want to try out on the group.
6:30ish	Free time for relaxing at the campground.

Saturday, May 31, 2008

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Sunrise Café, Glenburn.
10:00 AM	Drive to the Roosevelt Park Zoo in Minot
Noon	Lunch on your own
2:00 PM	Free time
4:30 PM	Happy Hour; bring a snack and your own beverage.
5:30 PM	Supper - Burgers on the grill with all the fixings, and ice cream for dessert provided - feel free to bring any other dish to share if you want
6:30ish	Relax around the campfire

Sunday, June 1, 2008

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Toast, coffee & juice
9:00 AM	Sunday Morning Reflections
9:30 AM	Optional: Service at Lynch Immanuel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
	Time for farewells – Have a safe trip!

RSVP to the Ruebels by 5/28/07, by phone or e-mail if you are planning to attend, how many, and number of children/ages if any.

Rally Information - Things to Know - Stuff to Bring

- Emergency: Dial 911
- Severe Weather - Go to the Detlaff's mobile home or the Church across the highway
- Rally Fee will be about $10 per person.
- Camping Fee - Free.
- Help will be gladly accepted on the food preparation and clean-up.
- Bring Food to Share for Happy Hours, Potluck Thursday supper, Friday supper "heavy" snacks.
- Continental breakfast provided Sunday.
- A volunteer would be appreciated to make Coffee in the morning.
- Please bring your own table service and beverages.
- We are here to relax - you could sleep in if you want, and naps are pre-approved.