



Prairie Rose



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Hardy Airstreamers with a Full Belly!

Spring Fling

President Rolly Wall and First Lady Wanda Wall invited everyone to a Spring Fling in Carrington, North Dakota May 17 through 19, 2019. In attendance were Ron & Rose Larson, Gord Pickens, Joe Sylvestre, Don & Lillian Thomson, Chris & Bev Wells and our hosts, with a visit from Art Idso and Kathleen Shultz on Friday.

The "Spring" weather was like early spring, you know like April showers bring May flowers. Despite the weather everyone had a great time visiting in each other's trailers. All the great haunts were investigated Runnings, Quilt Shop, Pizza Ranch, Dry Dock Bait & Tackle and Bordulac Bar & Grill.

On Friday evening Gord prepared and served supper his Mom's stew recipe that included ground beef, tomatoes and cabbage. This dish was served with potatoes and was a hearty, delicious meal, appropriate for a cool day. Thanks, Gord! Everyone enjoyed the meal!

NEWS FLASH

The North Dakota Peace Garden Unit website address has changed to <http://northdakota.airstreamclub.net>.

The old address (nodak.wbcc.net) no longer functions and it does not redirect to the new website address.

If any of us are planning a campout, please send an email to unit members for an impromptu weekend

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Officers

Unit President

Rolly Wall #4008

1st Vice President

Joe Sylvestre #6039

2nd Vice President

Allan Towles #4103

Treasurer

Roxanne Towles #4103

Recording Secretary

Bev Wells #7394

Membership Co-Chairs

Doug & Marie Jensen
#1753

Nomination Chair

Chris Wells #7394

Past President

Jack Bailey #236

Newsletter Editor

Bev Wells #7394



President Notes

Welcome to new NDPG Unit members Nick & Sarah Hegel from Beach, North Dakota! Our Unit Members look forward to seeing you down the road.

The Opener Rally is just around the corner, safe travels to Brandon.

Rolly

... Rolly Wall



2019 Calendar of Events

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| June 20-23, 2019 | Opener Rally
Bry-Mar Campground
Brandon, MB
(204) 573-7067
(204) 724-5435
Email: info@brymarrvpark.com |
| July 11-14, 2019 | Summer Rally
Wall Farm
Harwood, ND
(see directory for contact information) |
| July 20-27, 2019 | 62 nd International Rally
The Meadow Event Park
Doswell, Virginia |
| Aug 7-14, 2019 | Region 7 Rally
Around the World with
Folklorama
Town and Country Campground
Winnipeg, MB (see newsletter for
more information) |
| Sept 12-15, 2019 | Installation Rally
Country Cabins and RV Park
Mobridge, SD
(605) 848-2752
Email: ctrycabins@westriv.com |

Airstream Travels to the Black Hills

Submitted by Bev Wells



Spring Fling at Carrington City Park

Our Airstream Trip started on May 10, 2019, visiting friends at Lenore, MB (located north of Virden, MB), then on our way to Deloraine, MB for Mother's Day. We arrived in Carrington, ND on Tuesday to visit with Airstreamer's attending the Spring Fling. After the Spring Fling Chris and I traveled to the Black Hills, a long-awaited trip after a cold winter.

Our first stop was Bowman, ND, we followed Ron & Rose Larson (Maggie, Pixie and Emma) home. The hospitality was fantastic, giving us a great opportunity to visit and even toured around the community of Bowman. Oh, and by the way the weather did not change, still rainy.

After a couple days we proceeded on our way to the Black Hills and our first stop was Sturgis, SD. This was all well timed. We arrived just as the weather changed, no not from rain to sun but actually snow. We got settled in our campsite at Days End Campground & RV Park to spend a long winter's night.



Larson's Yard with a Fantastic View



Arriving at Sturgis, SD



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The next morning, we woke to 6 inches of snow.



Now being from Manitoba we are accustomed to this kind of weather, so out we go to tour the area. We choose a drive to Deadwood, instead of Mount Rushmore, which was wise as Mount Rushmore was closed due to the snow cover. We arrived in Deadwood to anywhere from 12 to 18 inches of snow,

We toured the Historical Main Street, dropped into a few of the shops and the Franklin Hotel to warm up and play some slots. The walking tour was interesting the sidewalks were cleared, but getting from the sidewalk to the street you had no choice but to tackle the deep snow and big water puddles. Nice to be kids again. If Mom was with us, we would be in trouble because of wet shoes and jeans. Deadwood had more snow than we seen this past winter in our area of Manitoba. After our tour of Deadwood we drove on Spearfish Canyon Highway or 14A to Spearfish. Nothing is more beautiful than driving through a winter scene, the snow on the trees and in the mountains, picturesque yard sites, water running down streams and wildlife. We both agreed that we would have to come back again to Deadwood and take this drive in the summer, not to be disappointed we had the opportunity to do this later in the week.



Anyone for lunch on the patio?



Parking Lot in Deadwood



Don't let those snow banks deceive you there is water under there!

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The following day we toured Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Hill City and Crazy Horse Memorial. Our last tour to Mount Rushmore was about 35 years ago, the faces have not changed, but the major construction of Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center, Avenue of Flags, Buffalo Dining Club, gift shop and modernized parking has changed. The Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the history and construction of the Memorial and the Avenue of Flags was interesting to see the flags from each state and when the state joined the United States. Due to the snow cover we did not venture onto the Presidential Trail.



For lunch we traveled to Hill City and stopped at the Hill City Café for a fantastic salad bar. To defeat the healthy lunch, we dropped into Turtle Town to pick up fudge and the absolutely heavenly cookies, a bottom

layer of white chocolate, another layer of caramel with either pecans or cashews on top. We walked up and down the business section dropping into the various shops. On our bucket list for next time is to ride on the 1880 Train powered by steam that travels from Hill City to Keystone and back. Our next destination was Crazy Horse Memorial where we visited the Orientation Center and attended a video on the history and construction of the carving. Like Mount Rushmore there have been several changes since our last visit and this will be another place to add to our bucket list as several other display buildings were available to tour.



On Friday we spent our day touring Rapid City, SD, visiting Camping World, lunch at Ruby Tuesday and dropping into Runnings and Hobby Lobby and back to the campground for a barbeque. The weather had changed and was warm and sunny.

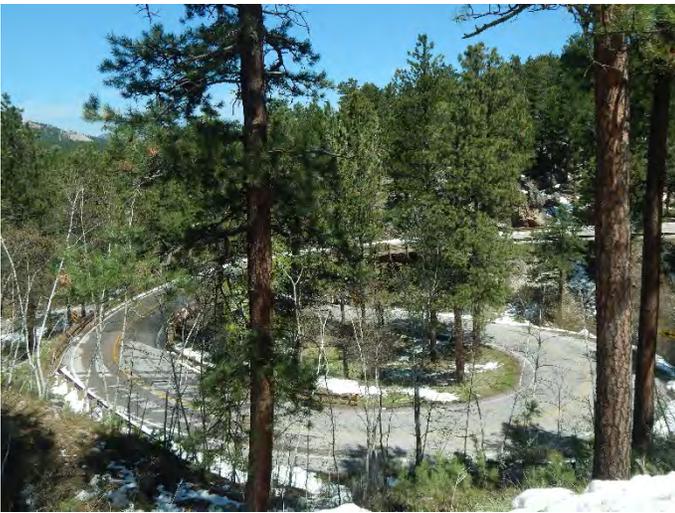


Beautiful day in Sturgis

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The next day we drove through Custer State Park. We started the drive from Mount Rushmore National Park, with the first road to be traversed was Iron Mountain Road. Now if you have no issues with heights this is the road to take. For myself I wish our truck had a bench seat rather than buckets so I could have sat in the middle. The switchbacks were interesting, the steep cliffs were nail biting and the view of Mount Rushmore through one of the tunnels and at the top of the mountain was amazing.



The end of the road led us to Spokane Creek Campground where we stopped for lunch. Next was the drive through Custer State Park following the

Wildlife Loop Road. We drove through Wind Cave National Park, which we have added to our bucket list to come back to. Under the prairie sits a Wind Cave the longest and most complex cave in the world. Tours are available, but the temperature is 53F and runners and a coat are required, not sandals and shorts. Of course, in both parks we saw buffalo and prairie dogs, in some cases buffalo laying down with prairie dogs running around. Overall the change in scenery was amazing, from mountains, to rock cliffs, to rolling hills and prairie grass. We also drove to Hot Springs, too much to see and not enough time in the day. Will be coming back to the Black Hills, camping at the south end next time.



On Sunday we toured around Sturgis and drove on the west side of the Black Hills, to Deadwood, drove through Lead to Cheyenne Crossing and followed 85 Highway south to Four Corners, WY, north to Sundance and back to Sturgis. Interesting how you can go from mountains to farm land and prairie grass in a short distance. We also learned why you should always have your WBCCI Blue Beret Membership Directory in your vehicle, sorry we did not stop and say Hi, Margo and John, could have phoned if we had our directory.

Remarkable how with a blink of an eye the weather can change. Rain, which something Manitoba really needs and the Black Hills not so much. Guess what, rain on our way back to Sturgis. So much for barbeque, so we discussed about possibly getting a

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Downtown Sturgis, quiet this time of year

pizza, well now we have hail, so definitely we are having pizza. About the time Chris is going to pick up the pizza, guess what more hail. We were lucky at the campground pea size or bit bigger, downtown Sturgis quarter size. Wondering if we are really in South Dakota or perhaps Manitoba where it would be normal to go from a snowstorm to a summer storm, who knew.

The next day was rainy and dreary and we spent the time in our Airstream, Chris reading and myself working. All I need is an internet connection and my computer and I can jump on the information highway and process invoices, do payroll and prepare financial statements for my employer. In the evening we wondered to Deadwood to go out for our anniversary supper at the Silverado. Pretty good deal Chris won enough money to pay for our supper. Can now say we have seen Deadwood in various weather snow, sun, rain and fog, only thing missed is ice. Just as well.

I see we missed a few roads Hell Canyon and Needles Highway. Not sure, after I have been on Iron Mountain Road, if I want to travel, so we will keep these roads a secret from Chris.

On Tuesday after doing payroll we traveled to Pierre, SD, camping at Farm Island Recreation Area. Unfortunately, Bruce and Carolyn Coonrod were away, will drop in the next trip. The next day we toured around Pierre and thought this location would be great for a Rally, will keep this in mind. Of course, we

dropped into our favorite spots Chris Runnings and myself Hobby Lobby. We left Pierre to travel to Hazel, ND and take advantage of Allan and Roxanne Towles Airstream courtesy parking. Now taking advantage, we were served a home cooked meal including Chris's favorite roast beef.

On Thursday we parked our Airstream at the Terry Redlin Art Gallery in Watertown, SD to tour the gallery and visit the gift shop.



This is definitely on my bucket list every chance I can get, even though Chris is here every fall hunting at Blacks' Pheasant Field's.

Our next stop was the Flandrau State Park Campground in New Ulm, MN to tour the Schell's Brewery on Friday. While in New Ulm we visited the historical downtown, Hermann Heights Park, the Herman Monument and German Park. The community is beautiful located in a valley, which Chris and I are both partial to, with historical homes, parks and trees.

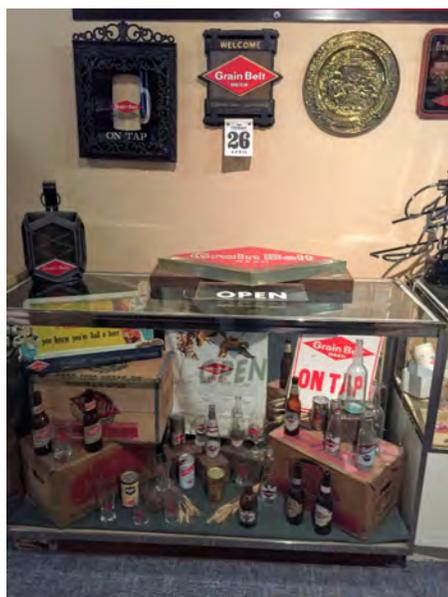
Friday was our tour of the Schell's Brewery, which makes Grain Belt beer. Prior to the tour of the brewery visited the A Schell's Museum of Brewery and the Gift Shop. At the end of the tour there was a tasting of the various beers, unfortunately no Grain Belt, but we learnt about the Schell's brands. They also have a root beer called 1919, which is very tasty. Even if you are not a beer drinker, but love history the tour provides information about Schell's and New Ulm. The brewery has been in operation in the same location since 1860, surviving through Prohibition and acquired Grain Belt Beer in 2002, which doubled their production overnight. Schell is the second-oldest, family-owned and managed brewery in the USA.

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Schell's Brewery Home of Grain Belt Beer



After the tour we hooked up to our Airstream and traveled to McCullough Park & Campground near Lonsdale, MN and spent a couple days, traveling to Cottage Grove, MN to visit long-time friends.

On Monday we left for home with a stop at Harwood, ND to park our Airstream at Rolly and Wanda Wall's. John and Deb Fikkert, Airstream members 7393, joined us and we all had a great visit. Great hospitality with the hosts providing us with a tasty supper, Sloppy Joes.

On Tuesday we all parted ways with John & Deb taking a leisurely tour with their Airstream to Wisconsin eastward and ourselves taking our Airstream home to Manitoba

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit

Opener Rally

June 20-23, 2019

Bry-Mar Campground located along Trans Canada Highway 1 just 6 miles East of Brandon, Manitoba

Make your own campground reservation – Register by calling:

(204) 573-7067 or (204) 724-5435 or emailing: info@brymarrvpark.com

Bring your own table service to all meals

Thursday, June 20, 2019

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Supper - Roast Beef and Baked Potatoes, bring vegetable, salad or dessert to share

Friday, June 21, 2019

8:30 AM Breakfast Burritos

10:00 AM Leave for tour of **The Royal Canadian Artillery Museum – Canada's National Artillery Museum** (for those who missed tour in 2017 or those who wish to attend again, Admission \$6 per person or 65 plus \$4, not included in rally fee)

Noonish Lunch on your own

Afternoon at your leisure to shop, visit or whatever looks good

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Supper bring your own meat and a dish to share

Saturday, June 22, 2019

8:30 AM Breakfast – Pancakes & Sausages

9:30 AM **Spring Business Meeting**

Noon: Lunch on your own

1:00 PM **Commonwealth Air Training Museum, Brandon Municipal Airport, Get Up Close to WWII Planes**, refer to poster, Admission \$10 per person (not included in rally fee)

After Air Show

Happy Hour

6:00 PM Supper bring your own meat and a dish to share

Sunday, June 23, 2019

8:30 AM Breakfast Potluck

9:30 AM Morning Reflections

Goodbyes



Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum

2019 Air Display



Harvard Mark II



Tiger Moth DH82C



Stinson-105 Voyager *



Cornell-PT26

Get up close to WWII planes

Plus, talk with our pilots and crew!

June 22, 2019

Gates open: 1:00 p.m.
(food services available)

Air display: 3:00 p.m.

Location:

Brandon Municipal Airport (CYBR)

Aircraft showcased:

- 3 Tiger Moths
- 2 Harvards
- Cornell
- Fleet Finch 16R
- Stinson 105 Voyageur
- T-28 Trojan
- 2 Stearman

Admission

\$10

(12 & under free)

Unit Meeting Minutes

INSTALLATION RALLY BUSINESS MEETING
NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN UNIT
General Sibley Campground, 5001 South Washington St, Bismarck, North Dakota
August 9-12, 2018

A business meeting was called to order by President Jack Bailey at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2018. President Bailey declared a quorum present. Members present were Bailey, Coonrod, Idso/Schultz, Jensen, Johnson/Stoner, Larson, Ruebel, Sylvestre/Murray, Thomson, Towles, Wall, Wells, and Zink.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present:

President Jack Bailey

1st Vice President Roland Wall

2nd Vice President Joe Sylvestre

Recording Secretary Bev Wells

Corresponding

Secretary Arlene Bailey

Treasurer Roxanne Towles

Past President Chris Wells

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Spring Business Meeting of June 8, 2018 and Business Meeting of July 20, 2018 were read. A motion was made by Kathleen Schultz to approve the minutes as amended, the June 8, 2018 minutes the Treasurer's Report

current bank balance changed from \$1,208.03 to \$1208.23, and seconded by Wanda Wall. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report was given by Roxanne Towles. The current bank balance is \$1,004.47. There was \$658.10 income and \$861.86 in expenses. President Jack Bailey approved the filling of the report.

Membership Committee's Report was given by Marie Jensen, currently no new members, but a total of 4 new members in 2018. President Bailey thanked John Stoner and Margo Johnson for attending rally.

Nominating Committee's Report further discussion tonight.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Forman Rally: Ron Larson recommended a donation to Forman Fair Board for use of

grounds and providing corn in the amount of \$100.00. A motion was made by Rolly Wall that a donation of \$100 be made to the Forman Fair Board and seconded by Vern Zink. MOTION CARRIED.

Membership Fees: Kathleen Schultz recommended that the membership fee for the NDPG Unit be reduced from \$15 to \$10. Further discussion was held are the following items: Funds being used for goodwill donation to assist a charitable donation in the community the rally is being held, for door prizes for rallies or donation for use of facilities. Funds are used for name tags, flags and/or pins for Past President and cake at installation rally. Part of the surplus funds are due to expenses not being

submitted for printing of 2017 directory.

A motion was made by Chris Wells that Cathy Ruebel be paid for printing of 2017 directory, if a bill is not submitted that she be reimbursed in the amount of \$325.00 equal to the 2016 directory cost, and seconded by Joe Sylvestre. MOTION CARRIED.

Charitable Donations: Ron Larson concerned with motions on record not being carried through with. Comment provided by Bev Zink that the President at the time is responsible and the next President to carry on. Lillian Thomson commented that at the International Rally there was discussion regarding donating to a charity.

A motion was made by Chris Wells that any charitable donation to be made, the decision be dealt with on an individual basis at a rally and voted on by the members, and seconded by Joe Sylvestre. MOTION CARRIED.

Region Seven Report:

International Peace Garden Work Rally: President Don Thomson reported the rally was held for four days, with new members Ken and Monica Kubischta attending. The International Peace Garden does not have the youth working, as in previous years, as the youth are working in the oil patch.

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President Don Thomson congratulated Bev Wells for completion of the directory and the unit receiving second prize at the International Rally.

President Bailey thanked on behalf of Arlene and himself, for the help they have received for the rallies, greatly appreciated.

Region Seven Rally: President Don Thomson provided an update for the upcoming rally. Bruce Coonrod has accepted the position as Secretary for Region Seven. Still require representation for Caravan and Historian. Second Vice President is optional as per decision at recent International Rally.

Rally Fee:

The Rally fee is \$5.00 per person.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Chris Wells that the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 a.m. and seconded by Joe Sylvestre. MOTION CARRIED

Installation:

President Jack Bailey called the Installation Ceremony to order at 6:35 p.m.

Jack reported on our new members to the NDPG Unit, Margo Johnson & John Stoner, Arden & Julie Gilbert, Kevin Queen & Anthony Call and Kenny & Monica Kubischta.

Jack's special word is Recycled.

Report of Nominating Committee: Larry Ruebel reported that the current officers would continue with the exception of Rolly Wall as President and Allan Towles as Second Vice President. A motion was made by Kathleen Schultz that the following be the officers, and seconded by Wanda Wall. MOTIONED CARRIED.

President Roland Wall
1st Vice President Joe Sylvestre
2nd Vice President Allan Towles
Recording Secretary Bev Wells
Corresponding Secretary
Wanda Wall
Treasurer Roxanne Towles
Past President Jack Bailey

Each person took their oath of office and were installed as Officers of the NDPG Unit.

Region President Don Thomson reported that Cathy Ruebel's directory was used for lessons at

the International Rally. Second prize ribbon was presented to Bev Wells for the 2018 NDPG Unit Directory.

Future Rallies:

President Rolly Wall provided the membership with a list of the 2019 Rallies:

June 20-23, 2019
Opener Rally
Bry-Mar Campground
Brandon, MB

July 11-14, 2019
Summer Rally - Wall Farm
Harwood, ND

August 22-25, 2019
To Be Announced (Pending until Region Rally dates are known)

September 12-15, 2018
Installation Rally Mobridge, SD

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. back to campground for cake and ice cream.

Respectively submitted
Bev Wells
Recording Secretary

News Articles

Where have you been with your Airstream?? Please provide an article, with or without pictures, to be included in an issue of the NDPG Unit Newsletter.