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Hold on, Boys & Girls—it's coming!
Are we there yet? Are we there Yet?

By Cathy Ruebel

As I sit here, typing away, it is in the mid 60's in North Dakota, again. In March. Again. And I am inside, looking out. It's just not right. Here is my annual photo of Gracie and George pointed in the right direction, but still with a good coating of winter dust. Those of you who have been around this unit a while know I like to have at least one photo of an Airstream in each newsletter, and pickin's get a little slim this time of year.

We have to focus; constantly remind ourselves, even though that El Niño dude has been making his present known all season, Mother Nature certainly is not done with a winter tantrum or two. Send rain, please! Should you decide to take your trailer out because you just can't resist anymore, keep a jug of the pink stuff ready to protect your water lines, just in case. Such precautions insure that this unbelievable weather continues. Did I mention, "Send rain"?

Very good news on the **Monument of Peace Project** - The Special Committee, chaired by R7 Pres. Gail Harrower reported that the project has been able to pay the artist in full, and remaining funds are being secured for the maintenance of the monument. Dedication will be Sunday, July 24 at the International Peace Garden - see Page 4 for details. Kudos for the Committee in their perseverance to see this project through. Stay tuned for more info.



Farewell, Dear Friend



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President's Note

By Larry Ruebel

Spring is definitely in the air around Bismarck. The last weekend in February we had a record breaking high of 72 and the first weekend of March a record breaking high of 75. If the old saying is true, in like a lamb out like a lion, we should be in for a big one.

As we travel with our Airstreams, please be careful and recognize when conditions are beyond the capability of our equipment or our driving capabilities. There was a big wind event in western North Dakota in February. During this daylong event, sustained winds were 40s to the low 50s with gusts in the 60s to mid 70s. Several campers were overturned on the highways in western ND. Airstreams handle wind better than most, but they have their limits also - please think safety.

I look forward to seeing everyone that can attend our spring luncheon and campout.
--Larry--



2016 Calendar of Events

May 5-8, 2016	Spring Campout, Art's Place, Absaraka, ND
May 7, 2016	Spring Luncheon & Business Meeting, Pizza Ranch, Casselton, ND
June 9 -12, 2016	Summer Buddy Rally, Wolford, ND
June 28 - July 4, 2016	59th International Convention/Rally, Lewisburg, West Virginia
July 18-20, 2016	Region 7 Work Rally, International Peace Gardens, Dunseith, ND
July 20-25, 2016	Monument of Peace Dedication Rally, International Peace Gardens, Dunseith, ND
Aug 17 - 22, 2016	Region 7 Tall Ships Rally, Duluth, MN
Sept 15-18, 2016	Street Fair Installation Rally, Mandan, ND
July 22-29, 2017	60th International Rally, Escanaba, Michigan

Catching up with Friends



We have had a very busy February—On Feb 10th Art and I took parts in the Shangri-La Murder Mystery Happy Hour Cruise. Art was a newspaper reporter and Kathleen was a politician. Art surprised everyone with the extras he put into his part—he received a lot of laughs!

Kathleen entertained eight women, two different weeks with coffee, desserts and all played Las Vegas Rummy. Celebrated Art's birthday on the 19th with an afternoon of playing whist and in the evening attending a concert downtown. So far this winter, we have attended eight concerts. On Sunday evening, 24 of us got together and had a milk can supper—filled the can with many vegetables and sausage—it was super and fun!

On Valentine's Day, we attended a supper and dance in our Rec. Haall. Art danced up a storm. A couple different evenings, we had four couples over to play RCL for quarters. On the 26th, we had a surprise—the Walls came and spent the day with us. Linda Agre came over and we took her to Mexico. She also came over for the Airstream Breakfast—we attend the breakfast once a month. As you can read, we are having fun, fun, fun! **Kathleen & Art**

I'm enjoying the warm weather in Mesa AZ . Went to Waste Management Phoenix Open golf tournament, sat on hillside as Matsuyama, Fowler, Mickelson, and many more golfed past us. Also went to my first NHL game - the Canadian were in town - they lost, but it was great to be there. Leaving for Yuma on March 6 to see friend from the club . **Joe S.**

Educational Concerns for Haiti Organization, or ECHO was formed to reduce hunger and improve lives Worldwide.

The ECHO International Headquarters is located in North Fort Myers, Florida. It includes the Global Farm and Research Center, Reference Library, Seed Bank, Tropical Fruit Nursery, Global Bookstore and Staff Offices.

They have an Internship Program which is a 14 month work experience program for those who have a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent work experience). They work and learn as team members and develop knowledge, skills and experience as they prepare for working with small-scale farmers in developing countries. Each of these interns take ownership of their area at the Global Farm. They currently have



10 Interns working at the farm and Don & Lillian and Bruce & Gail decided to volunteer for two days.

The first day was on Farm Day, where everyone worked at the farm. Don & Bruce helped rebuild part of a fence that housed the farm's cows. Lillian & Gail planted 350 seedlings of cabbage, two kinds of Kale, and onions. We were able to go back a week later and volunteer a second time. This time, Don & Bruce spread mulch over a large area of the complex near the main office using wheel barrows and a pitch fork.

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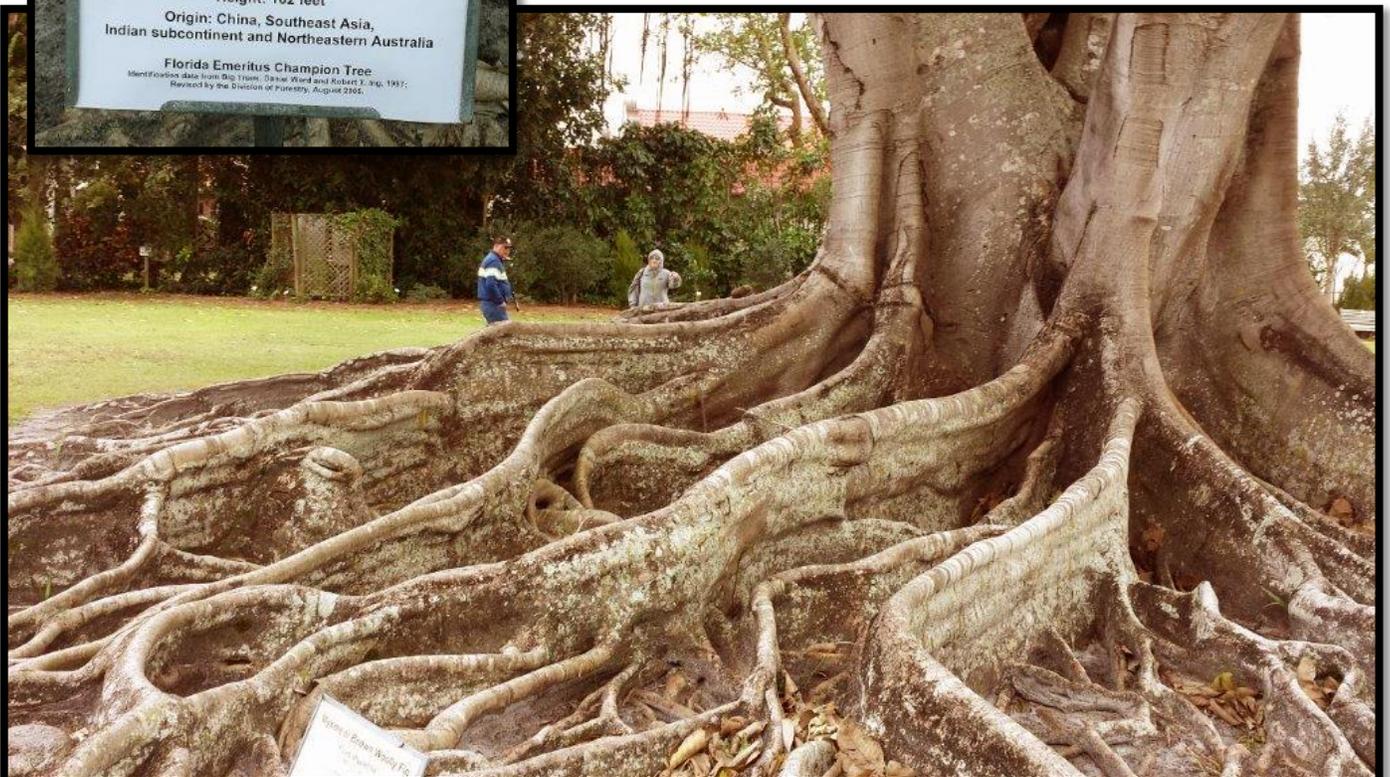


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Lillian & Gail raked the mulch around the plants and trees. Of course, we had to go and check out our plants, and were so surprised to see that they were about 4 times bigger than their first planting. The cabbage and Kale would be ready for their Farm Day Festival in mid March. We were amazed that they grew so fast. The four of us put in 40 hours of work in two days and Don put in another 10 hours in the shop. What a great experience!! **Gail & Bruce H. and Don & Lillian**



On February 9th, the Thomsons & Harrowers visited the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers, Florida. Bruce and Lillian are walking around the tree.



Let the Celebration Begin!

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A Promise of Peace



Garry Enns, CEO of the International Peace Garden has announced that the name "Monument of Peace" will be known at the Peace Garden as "**A Promise of Peace**". The arrival of the monument is prior to the removal of the Twin Towers and is a significant contribution to the Peace Garden that will enhance the formal garden area. The presentation of "A Promise of Peace" commemorates the 200 years of Peace between two great nations of the world – Canada and the United States of America. Yes, Canada did win the War of 1812, but both countries have had the pleasure of Peace ever since.



Another great announcement to make is that the **Rally will start one day earlier** – on **Wednesday, July 20th**. We received notification from the Town of Boissevain that they will be hosting the **RCMP Musical Ride on Wednesday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Boissevain, MB**. What an excellent way to start off such a significant rally!! More updates will be forthcoming. —Gail Harrower, Chair—



Don & Lillian Thomson and Bruce and I had a nice luncheon on Feb 12, 2016 with **Bruce MacLean**, at a restaurant on the bay in Venice, Florida. Bruce was **International President in 1975** when the first monument was placed at the International Peace Garden. He will be 105 years young on April 30th, and is in quite good health for his age. He golfs twice a week and really enjoys it. We tried to twist his arm to get him to attend the rededication ceremony, but not sure if he will attend as traveling is quite tiring for him. We will keep our fingers crossed !! I promised to keep him up to date on the progress of the project and the rededication rally. - Gail H.

Rosemary "Bobbi"

Tetzlaff lost her battle with diabetes and Alzheimers earlier on Saturday February 27, 2016.

Many of us remember Bobbi as First Lady for Region 7, supporting John and the Region in so many roles. Bobbi leaves behind John, her husband of 57 years, and children Michael, Mary, Jeanne and their spouse, and five grandchildren. And a long, long list of friends and fellow Airstreamers her bubbly persona has touched.

Please keep the Tetzlaff family in your thoughts—if you wish, you can send your condolences to John at 200 Walnut Hill Ave. #55, Hillsboro, TX 76645



R7 Rally UpdateThe Tall Ships are Coming!



The Tall Ships are coming to Duluth, MN and Region 7 will again be going aboard. A Special Event/Region 7 Rally is being planned for August 17-22, 2016 with new events and tours. This event will feature something for everyone who loves to travel including a trip on the Scenic Railroad for the day to Two Harbors, and of course the parade of the Tall Ships aboard the Vista Cruise Line. The bustling Duluth Waterfront will also have a full complement of vendors, artisans, music, reenactments, and entertainment. So mark your calendar and watch for further updates. This is an event you do not want to miss.

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Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov _____ Zip _____

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RALLY FEE: (CAMPING IS EXTRA)

Unit w/2 ----- \$410.00

Unit w/1-----\$205.00

Children # _____ X \$205.00-\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

NOTE: Rally fee Does NOT Include camping and is limited to 50 Units

Rally Registration Forms due June 1, 2016

Make checks payable to:
Region 7, WBCCI
Forms due June 1, 2016

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