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Front row seats for a line of Airstreams at the Hawk Museum Festival Buddy Rally June 9 - 12, 2016

Upcoming Events

- ♦ July 18-20 Region 7 Pre-Rally, Int'l Peace Gardens, Dunseith, ND
- ♦ July 20-25 Promise of Peace Dedication Rally, Int'l Peace Gardens
- ♦ Aug 17-22 Region 7 Tall Ships Rally, Duluth, MN
- ♦ Sept 2-5 MN Unit Rally - Rollag Steam Threshers Reunion, Rollag, MN
- ♦ Sept 15-18 Installation Rally, Harmon Lake, Mandan, ND



Keep those wheels rolling! Summer Rally Season in Full Swing

By Cathy Ruebel

Here we are at the beginning of July and there are so many places that your Airstream hasn't seen yet this season, and all the friends you haven't met up with- What's the hold up? All the activities on the schedule are waiting for you!

So far, we have taken in the metro Absaroka area with our spring opener campout at Art's place (see page 3) and luncheon in Cas-selton. Good times, abundant food, and great company!

Old friends from the Minnesota Unit, Harry and Sharon Ramler are hosting a rally at the annual Western Minnesota Stream Threshers Reunion at Rollag, MN and they have invited all of us to attend - See the Rally information on Page 8. You need to let them know by July 15 if you are planning to attend, and mail the small rally fee to them by Aug 4. This will be dry camping - bring your generator if you need electricity! Good times are guaranteed for the young and the higher mileage folk alike!

The Hawk Farm Museum Buddy Rally had a perfect run of weather as well, with warm daytime temperatures and a rain shower during the night to settle the dust. The Hawk Museum volunteers

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President's Note

We are now in mid-summer with having had a unit rally at the Hawk Museum and the Spring Luncheon in Casselton and campout at Art's place in Absaraka. The folks at the museum were very accommodating to us, almost as well as Art treats us.

Upcoming events to look forward to - Monument of Peace Rally in the International Peace Garden, Region Rally in Duluth, MN, and our installation rally in Mandan.

In addition, **we have been invited** to a Minnesota Unit sponsored rally at the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion in Rollag, MN over the Labor Day weekend. Rollag is SE of Fargo about 25 miles as the crow flies, or 45 miles driving. This place is hard to describe in words, so I would recommend a visit to their web site. More details on how to attend are included in this newsletter. **They need a tentative number of units by July 15th.** I hope everyone gets an opportunity to attend one or more of these upcoming events. *-- Larry --*



By Larry Ruebel

Courtesy Parking with the Jim & Janice Hall

I noticed in the directory that some folks indicated that they could provide parking for members that were passing through the neighborhood. I would like to do that also. We have plenty of room, 50 amp electric, plan to add 30 amp soon, also have water and could often provide enclosed shelter if a storm was predicted. We are located about 5 miles SW of Streeter, North Dakota. at the corner of 55th Street SE and 48th Avenue SE.

2016 Calendar of Events

July 18-20, 2016	Region 7 Work Rally, International Peace Gardens, Dunseith, ND
July 20-25, 2016	Promise of Peace Dedication Rally, International Peace Gardens, Dunseith, ND
Aug 17 - 22, 2016	Region 7 Tall Ships Rally, Duluth, MN
Sept 2 - 5, 2016	Minnesota Fall Rally - Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion, Rollag, MN (34 miles East of Fargo)
Sept 15-18, 2016	Street Fair Installation Rally, Mandan, ND
July 22-29, 2017	60th International Rally, Escanaba, Michigan

Mother's Day Weekend Campout in Absaraka



Who would have guessed that camping on Mother's Day weekend in North Dakota would mean sitting around the campfire in sandals and shorts and thinking about air conditioning? We're hardy Airstreamers and we were up to the challenge faced in Absaraka at Art Idso's place. Joining Art and Kathleen Schultz and her grandson Wyatt were members coming in from Estevan, Saskatchewan, Bowman, Bismarck, Wyndmere, and Argusville, North Dakota, and from St. Cloud representing the Minnesota unit.

Friday morning inspiration was watching Absaraka centenarian Roy Faught Jr. mowing his lawn. After interrupting him to chat, the mower wouldn't start – he said battery was going bad and that he had to jump it to get it started that morning.

In the afternoon, the group was treated to a tour of the Dale E. Herman Research Arboretum by Woody Plants Research Specialist Greg Morgenson. Spring had arrived at the Arboretum with new leaves popping out everywhere, and blooms of juneberries and even magnolias in North Dakota! We were shown what was growing well, some trees that were struggling in our climate, and heard about future efforts to expand crop options for growers and gardeners in North Dakota.



A luncheon was held Saturday at the Pizza Ranch in Casselton, where the group was joined by other members from Warren, Manitoba, Cavalier, ND and former Casselton residents and members of the Minnesota Unit, Tony and Kris Antoine and their family. Our thanks to the Pizza Ranch who kept the pizza and coffee coming!

A big thank you goes out to Art, Kathleen and Wyatt for their exceptional hospitality, relaxing setting, and superb camping amenities!

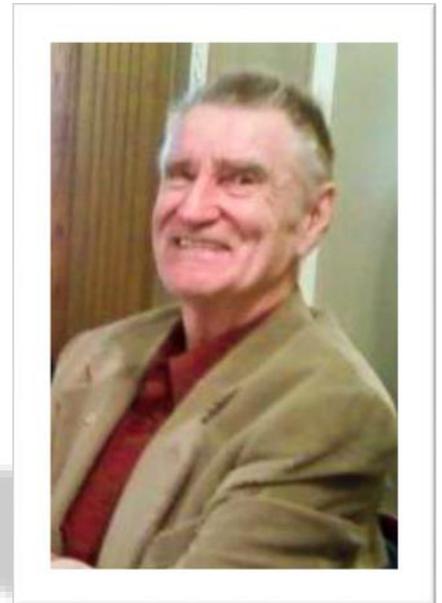
Another Goodbye

Werner lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Grace Hospice, at the age of 82 years. Werner was predeceased by his beloved wife Annemarie, in 2013. He will be lovingly remembered by his sister Gerda Suessengut; sisters-in-law, Liesel Jansson, Christel Dyck and many nieces and nephews in Canada and Germany. Werner loved his motorbike and travelling with his motorbike buddies. He and Annemarie enjoyed many travels in their Airstream.

A celebration of Werner's life will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Glen Lawn Funeral Home, 455 Lagimodiere Blvd. Werner will be reunited with Annemarie in the family niche at Glen Lawn Memorial Gardens. Any biker buddies wishing, may bring their bikes and park them in front of the funeral home beside Werner's Baby.

Family wish to thank the hospital staff of St. Boniface and Grace, for their loving care and support of Werner and his family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Werner to the Cancer Society of Manitoba. Always Loved and Remembered

Family and friends may sign a Book of Condolence at www.glenlawn.ca Glen Lawn Funeral Home 204-982-7550
Winnipeg Free Press—June 11, 2016



Werner Bernhard Niederdellman
1933 - 2016



**Membership Chair Linda Agre & Outgoing
Region 7 President Gail Harrower**

Region 7 News

As the the 59th International Rally & Convention at Lewisburg, WV, wraps up, some news is beginning to filter out. Watch for future updates on WBCCI's efforts during the flooding disaster that hit West Virginia area while they were there.

Other news - Region 7 took **top honor** in percent of increase of new members. Well done gang! —Linda Agre, Region 7 Membership Chair

In the Unit Publications Contest. Wisconsin's Unit Directory was awarded the **Second Place** Ribbon and the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit's Directory took home the **Best in Show** rosette. Thank you to all for your efforts!

Outgoing Region 7 President **Gail Harrower** was installed as the **International Treasurer** on July 3, 2016. Best wishes to her and Bruce as they begin their duties.



Relaxing among Friends at the Hawk Museum Rally...cont'd

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rolled out the red carpet for us, making sure we were all parked together in a prime location - Our thanks and appreciation goes out to all of them, especially Don Lentz for making sure everyone was happy throughout the show.

The rally started off with an informational meeting to take care of instructions to our delegate to the International Rally—we did not have a quorum of officers present, so no business meeting was held. Region 7 2nd VP Don Thomson gave some background information on the two items that will be voted on by the delegates. He also urged our unit members to come to the **Monument of Peace Rally** at the International Peace Garden **July 20—25**, as rally helpers are needed to parking, registrations, etc. Don wasn't able to stay as he was headed out immediately for the International Rally in West Virginia.



Museum Volunteer Don Lentz



Carolyn catching some WiFi



Kathleen & Art at the Parade



Friday evening after a barbecue ribs dinner, there was a musical recital by the youngest performers and those with a few more shows under their belts. Throughout the days, there was sawmill and threshing demonstrations, engines of all sizes, from

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Spring Business Meeting Minutes

SPRING BUSINESS MEETING
NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN
UNIT
Casselton, North Dakota
May 7, 2016

The Spring Business meeting was called to order by President Larry Ruebel at 1:04 pm. President Ruebel declared a quorum present. Members present were Bailey, Wall, Larson, Towles, Reubel, Thomson, Zink, Sylvestre and Idso. Visitors Antonie and Harry & Sharon Ramler.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present: President Larry Ruebel
1st Vice President Chris Wells
2nd Vice President Jack Bailey
Recording Secretary Bev Wells
Corresponding Secretary Lillian Thomson
Treasurer Roxanne Towles
Past President Art Idso

President Larry Ruebel thanked Art Idso and Kathleen Schultz for hosting the rally at Absaraka.

Secretary's Reports Minutes from Fall Business Meeting of September 26, 2015 were circulated among the members. A motion was made by Joe Sylvestre to approve the minutes as circulated and seconded by Don Thomson. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report was given Roxanne Towles. The current bank balance is \$999.27. The printing and mailing of the membership books will be about \$200.00

Old Business: Logo Committee Allan Towles reported that an outline of the two state and province was considered recommended investigate another layout.

Monument of Peace Committee: Vern Zink reported that the committee is working on the dedication even, confirmed the project has been funded. Funds are being

collected for an endowment to provide for maintenance of the statue. Lillian Thomson reported on the Work Rally July 18-20, 2016 the Monday, Tuesday and to mid Wednesday. Where the monument is to be placed the Unit can plant the flowerbed, suggestions welcomed, possibly Morden Peace Shrub Rose. If participating, notification is included with the registration. Promise of Peace will be the legal name as per the International Peace Gardens.

New Business: Betty Stephen, Past International President First Lady passed away. A motion was made by Chris Wells that the unit donate in memory of Betty Stephen to the Monument of Peace \$25.00 and seconded by Lillian Thomson. MOTION CARRIED

Next Rally: The June 9-12, 2016 Buddy Rally is at Dale and Martha Hawk at WOLFORD, ND. For more details look up Hawk Museum. Camping Thursday night \$35.00 and Friday \$25.00. There will be 20 amp services available, will need the longest extension cord possible, park along the machine shed. Entrance fee is \$10.00 per person for whole weekend. There are 123 electrical sites, no water, no sewer and food concessions available all day. You can use generators. This is an annual fund raising festival. Email will be sent out two weeks in advance to confirm who will be attending.

Harry and Sharon Ramler invited everyone to Minnesota Unit of WBCCI rally at "WINSTR" Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion Labour Day, weekend September 2-5, 2016, hosted by the Ramlers Unit #5332. Confirmation of attendance is required by July 15, 2016. There will be dry camping and you will be able to use generators. Request that anyone wishing to attend and if you want to park

with the Ramlers let them know so they can give the Parking Committee an approximate number of spots to keep together. Contact information for Harry is (320) 250-3956 or h47ramler@gmail.com and Sharon is (320) 290-2653 sharon.ramler 5332@gmail.com.

International Rally – Larry and Cathy are unable to attend need to know if someone else can attend. Inquire if Bruce Harrower can attend for the unit.

Other Business: Voting – Balloting information is in the newsletter. Send by June 1st or bring to WOLFORD, ND. Will discuss at WOLFORD about how the voting will take place. Need to give authority to the delegate on how to vote after the first ballot.

Kathleen Schultz recommended that the Unit purchase a coffee maker. A motion was made Allan Towles that a 40 cup coffee maker be purchased and seconded by Rose Larson. MOTION CARRIED Roxanne Towles will purchase the coffee maker.

Larry Ruebel recommended that a unit inventory be reviewed and consideration whether items should be retained and items distributed among the membership for storage instead of the President having everything.

Dedication – Don Thomas reported on the dedication for the Monument of Peace to be held July 24, 2016. Will need help for parking, clean up at site, help in welcoming, please confirm your assistance. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride is at Boissevain on Monday July 25, 2016.

Roxanne Towles made a motion to adjourn at 1:50 p.m.

Bev Wells
Secretary

Relaxing among Friends at the Hawk Museum Rally...cont'd

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the small pop and squeak engines all the way up to the massive wood fired engines that ran the equipment.

The daily parade brought a lineup of every tractor and powered piece of equipment they could bring to life, many of which were owned and restored by Dale Hawk. The pace of the rally was exactly as you wanted it—no place you had to be, except if you didn't want to be late for dinner! Kathleen Schultz provided cookies and refreshments while the old farmers in the group discussed the merits of various tractors they checked out, especially that loud tractor they were plowing the field with. There might have been a few eyes glazing over by those not so enthralled by all these tractors' attributes....

Ice cream was plentiful all hours of the day - you could have it twice a day if you wanted! Saturday evening was prime rib dinner with all the fixings, followed by a concert and dance in Mylo Hall.

Attending the Rally were Judy Koester from Cando, Bruce and Carolyn Coonrod from Pierre, SD, Rolly and Wanda Wall from Argusville, Don Thomson from Cavalier, Bev and Vern Zink of Bismarck, Art Idso of Absaroka and Kathleen Schultz from Lidgerwood, and Larry and Cathy Ruebel from Mandan.

Storm clouds were gathering to the west, so most of the group decided to pull out while they could do it without getting soaked to the skin. ☺



Carolyn and Bruce with Rio and Max



Live entertainment was provided all day long



Wanda, Rolly, Art & Kathleen enjoy a chat before Happy Hour

Join Airstreamers from the Minnesota Unit
Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion ★ Rollag, MN
Labor Day Weekend Sept 2 - 5, 2016

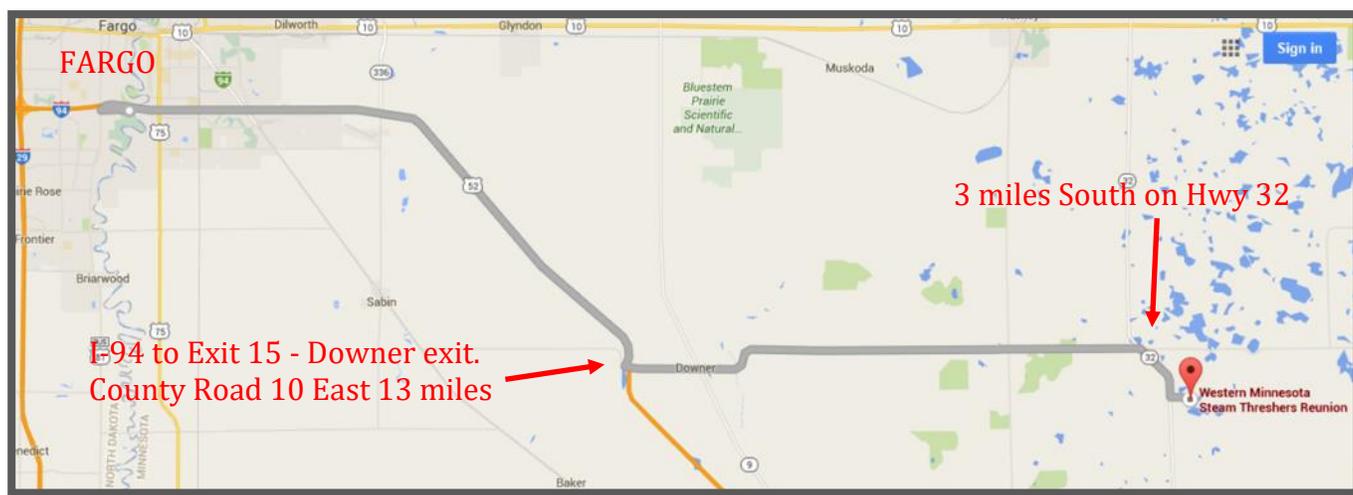
Harry and Sharon Ramler (#5332) will host a Rally at the Steam Threshers Reunion. Everyone will pay their own admission fee to the site at the gate (listed on the website as \$20.00 per person) for the entire weekend and the camping fee of (estimate of \$35.00) for the weekend. The parking chairmen of the show asked us to give them an approximate # of units **by July 15th** and a firm # by August 10th. The parking committee will park us all together based on that number.

This is dry camping. Come with a full fresh water tank and empty holding tanks. Bring a generator if you have one. Camping with more

amenities is available in Barnesville & surrounding area; however, you make your own reservations.

We would envision getting together on Friday and decide if we want some pot lucks or whatever the group would like to do.

Directions: Rollag MN is A small town with about a dozen houses. The event is on the north side of town. You will follow the camping signs, until you pay your fees. You will ask where the Airstreams are parked and hopefully they will direct you. Camping could be on grass or a wheat field.



Make sure to let them know you are planning to come by July 15th

Rally Fee per person is \$10.00 each x _____ = \$ _____

Total Enclosed. \$ _____

Mail Rally Fee by **August 4** to :
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