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Mother Nature was smilin' at the Installation Rally



Enjoying the evening campfire at the Downstream Campground are Bev Zink, Unit President Rose Larson, Judy Koester, Allan Towles, Ron Larson, John Krabseth, Vern Zink, Don Thomson, Mike Lahr, Larry Ruebel, Jack Bailey, John DeYoung, Arlene Bailey, Region 7 1st VP Joan Lahr, Sandi DeYoung, and Roxanne Towles.

Certainly, Mother Nature was smilin' on this year's Installation Rally at Riverdale's downstream Campground September 17-20th. Unlike our snowy Spring Opener, the weather was perfect, with above normal temperatures, not a cloud in the sky, or even North Dakota's signature gale force winds. We could have done with a few less bugs and wasps, but all in all, the only thing to complain about was having to leave on Sunday.

Traveling in for the rally this year were Region 7 1st Vice President Joan Lahr and husband Mike from Wisconsin. Judy Koester, Cando, Larry and Cathy Ruebel, Bismarck, Lillian and Don Thomson of Cavalier, Bev and Vern Zink from Bismarck, Unit President Rose Larson and First

Mate Ron, Arlene and Jack Bailey of Wyndmere, John and Sandi DeYoung, and Allan and Roxanne Towles, from Hazel, South Dakota. Coming in from Minot for the Thursday evening potluck supper were new members Alan and Janet Kurth, who brought with them some fabulous homemade biscuits, the recipe for which needs to be shared among her fellow carbo fanatics. Harvey Pederson from Bismarck joined us for dinner Saturday evening and the Installation of the 2010 Unit Officers.

Friday morning John Krabseth, Vern Zink and Jack Bailey set off for a fishing adventure on "the Big Lake" Sakakawea. We all were hopeful of fresh filleted walleye for supper. The rest of the group carpooled to the

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A Hearty WELCOME to our New Members!



Clockwise: Janet & Alan Kurth, Minot, Don & Terrol Rogers, Winnipeg, Annemarie & Werner Niederdellmann, Winnipeg, Ron & Evelyn Skelton, Winnipeg, Bruce & Gail Harrower, Winnipeg, Jerry & Joan Larson, Hillsboro, TX (A), Sandi & John DeYoung, Shirley Rohrer, Huron SD, Allan & Roxanne Towles, Hazel, SD, Carolyn & Bruce Coonrod, Pierre, SD. No photos yet for Michael Baron, Winnipeg, David & Cheryl Salmen, Wessington Springs, SD, Chris & Bev Wells, Warrens, MB, Edna Ziegler, Anoka, MN, Bill & Judy Kuehn, Turtle Lake, ND, and Richard & Elaine Johnson, Scottsdale, AZ (A). (A)=Associate Member



Unit President

John Krabseth #3682

1st Vice President

Vern Zink #4114

2nd Vice President

Bev Zink #4114

Treasurer

Lillian Thomson #4304

Recording Secretary

Arlene Bailey #235

Corresponding Secretary

Joyce Krabseth #3682

Membership Chair

Larry Ruebel #10081

2010 Calendar of Events

May 1, 2010

May Day Luncheon - Minot, ND

June 10-13, 2010

Enchanted Highway Rally - Regent, ND

June 27 - July 4, 2010

53rd International Rally - Gillette, Wyoming

July 23 - 25, 2010

North Dakota State Fair Rally - Roughrider Campground, Minot, ND

Aug. 2-9, 2010

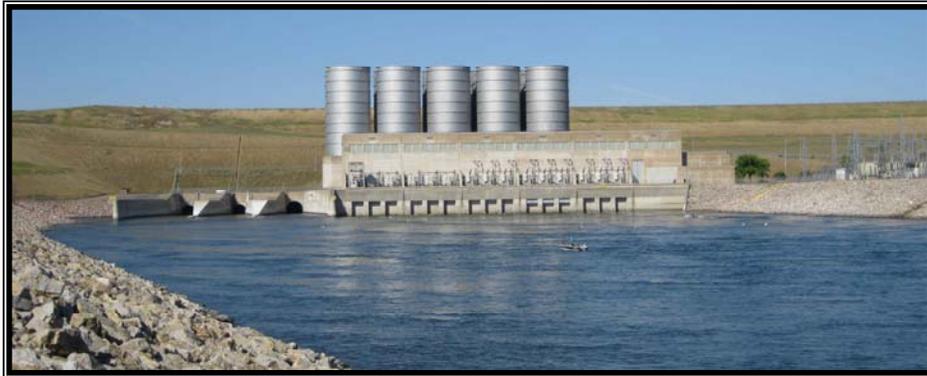
Region 7 Rally - Red Trails Campground, Medora, ND

Sept. 10-12, 2010

Fall Installation Rally - Jamestown, ND



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Garrison Dam where we had a tour of the power generating plant. Our guide detailed the history of the massive earthen dam, its capabilities to generate electricity for the upper Midwest states and beyond, and the stepped up security measures to protect the dam and the people downstream. According to our guide, fish are screened out for the water intakes, however the smallest, smelt will make it through the screens and are pulverized when they enter the turbines. This fresh supply of ground up fish is why the tailrace is such a popular place for birds and fishermen alike. We were able to walk past the massive turbines and out onto the deck overlooking the tailrace. Below in the water you could see large and small fish feeding the turbulent water, including carp and the endangered paddlefish.

From there, we headed over to the North Dakota Fish and Game Hatchery for a self guided tour. While the outside ponds have been drained for the season already, we were able to walk from building to building for an up close and personal look at the cement tanks where thousands of fish are raised for release. About 40,000 small pallid sturgeon were set to be tagged and released shortly. Other tanks contained varying maturities of salmon, the larger of which were in tanks with self feeding devices,

which was interesting to watch the frenzied meals.

Alas, fresh-caught walleye was not on the menu after all, as the lone trout caught went home with John's grandson. As it didn't look like there would be any multiply of the fishes and the loaves for this meal, the Johnsonville brats were a



tasty Plan B. As usually no one leaves our rally meals hungry, and if to underline the fact, the evening was topped off with ice cream sundaes around the campfire.

Our annual fall business meeting was held Saturday, the minutes of which are published in this issue of the newsletter. Among the topics covered were nomination and voting for the 2010 slate of unit officers, the need to update our Constitution and Bylaws to bring them in agreement with changes made by the organization at the International Rally in Madison this summer. There was much discussion about the validity of a previous resolution to automatically update the Unit C&B to agree WBCCI's master C&B without the unit's prescribed amendment process. It was decided to table the matter until this next spring.

We welcomed a number of new unit members and affiliate members, as neighboring Manitoba and South Dakota units terminated their charters at the close of this year.

The afternoon was spent enjoying the beautiful weather, taking walks around the park and its trails, and just moving our chairs from one shady spot to the next. Our longest standing member, Robert Detlaff and his wife Shirley from Minot,



Roxanne Towles, Sandi and John DeYoung, and Allan Towles

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Past Region 7 President Jack Bailey lead the Sunday morning reflection, with his wife Arlene accompanying on the keyboard, with Maggie paying close attention.

joined us for happy hour before we all headed out to the Knight restaurant for an early dinner.

Region 7 1st VP Joan Lahr presided over the installation of the 2010 unit officers and trustees. Leading the club next year will be:

John Krabseth, President
Vern Zink, 1st Vice President
Bev Zink, 2nd Vice President
Lillian Thomson, Treasurer
Arlene Bailey, Recording Secretary

Rose Larson, Cathy Ruebel, Larry Ruebel, and Don Thomson, Trustees

Upon returning to the park, the campfire was lit and a beautiful North Dakota evening was contemplated. And what better way to cap off a great rally than to make sure none of the birthday cake and ice cream went to waste.

Sunday morning, Rose set up the production line for delicious ham and egg muffins, with Ron and John manning the griddle and Sandi, Lillian and Rose filling muffins

as fast as the toasters could put them out. Following breakfast, the group gathered around for Sunday Morning Reflection by Jack Bailey, with Arlene providing keyboard accompaniment. Shortly thereafter, the campsite was cleaned up, tables went back to where they originated, goodbyes were said and everyone headed their own way.

Outgoing Unit President Rose Larson

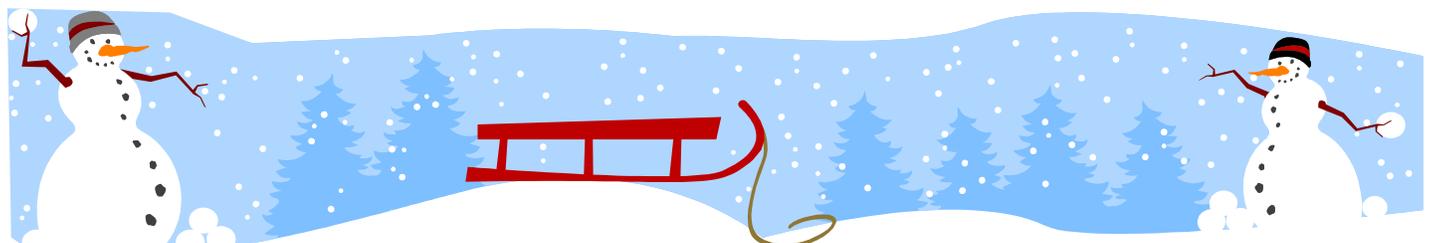


NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

Region 7 is looking for a few good officers. Nominations for 1st and 2nd Vice President positions are open. Please contact Don Rogers if you are interested in serving.

1st VP Joan Lahr has much of the plans in place for the **Region 7 Rally August 2 - 9, 2010** at the Red Trails Campground in Medora. Scheduled activities include Medora Musical Performance and Pitchfork Steak Fondue Dinner, Theodore Roosevelt National Park tour, President Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch tour, North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, Chateau de Mores Historic Site, Ladies luncheon at the Chateau de Mores, crafts, and the Region 7 "flea market", Cowboy & Cowgirl western wear contest (bring your boots and western duds). Horse back trail ride in the Badlands and the Champions Ride Match Rodeo will also be available for an additional fee. For more details and the official Rally brochure and registration form, see the Region 7 website at www.region7.wbcci.net

Keep in your thoughts and prayers Peter Breu #10082 from the Wisconsin unit (Cathy Ruebel's dad) as he recovers from a stroke.



At Southern Manitoba's Spruce Woods Provincial Park Manitoba Unit holds its Finale Rally



Members past and present of the Manitoba Unit enjoy a beautiful weekend at Spruce Woods Provincial Park, in southern Manitoba, September 10–14, 2009.

Back Row: Our tour guide; John Davis, Frank MacEachern (PP), Bob Coulson (PP), Werner Neiderdellmann, Steve Knysh (PP), Don Rogers (PP), Bruce Harrower (PP). Front Row: Lillian Davis (John's mom); Anne Sylvestre (PP); Fran MacEachern, Di Coulson, Anne Marie Niederdellmann, Evelyn Skelton (PP), Bev Wells, Gail Harrower (PP), Terrol Rogers (PP) Missing from the photo are: Chris Wells & Carol Knysh. (Note: PP = Past President)



The Manitoba Unit held its Fall "Finale" Rally September 10 - 14, 2009 at Spruce Woods Provincial Park. Due to a declining membership and lack of incoming officers, it was decided that the unit had come to an end.

"We sent out a total of fifty invitations to all past members of the Manitoba Unit over the last twenty years," said Gail Harrower, a past president. There was a total of 18 people - two more people were supposed to come, but ended up with company, so couldn't make it.

Five units gathered and caravanned together to Spruce Woods on Thursday. They opened the Rally with Happy Hour, followed by hot dogs and corn roast and time to catch up with everyone's news.

Friday morning it rained, but

that didn't stop them from having a pancake breakfast under an awning. The rest of the day was a relaxing day with time for shopping in Glenboro. A Meet & Greet Happy Hour was followed by a Chili Cook-Out, with garlic toast and ice cream—everyone brought their own chili and it was added to the big pot. Quality time was spent contemplating the evening campfire.

Following pancake and sausages for breakfast, they took a covered wagon tour of the Spirit Sand Dunes and Devil's Punch Bowl. The dunes were formed more than 15,000 years ago when the Assiniboine River deposited a massive delta from glacial melting into Lake Agassiz. The delta originally was more than 6,500 square kilometers, and over the millennia, vegetation has

claim all but 4 square kilometers of the sand.

A spud and steak dinner Friday evening was provided with everyone bringing the salads and desserts.

Sunday morning was a French toast and fruit salad breakfast followed by a White Elephant Sale - everyone was encouraged to bring their beautifully wrapped White Elephants to be auctioned off. Burgers capped off the evening with perfect weather to just sit around.

"We had one whopper of a rally!" Gail added. "We ate, and ate, and ate, and ate and ate - what else do we do better?!"

Monday following lunch, farewells and goodbyes were exchanged and several units caravanned back to Winnipeg together.

Chartered in 1962 South Dakota Unit bids Farewell

It has been [more than] five months since our Memorial Day Rally in Rapid City. It was an enjoyable time. It was a sad time. Present for the event were Bob & Ginger Collier, Bruce and Carolyn Coonrod, John and Sandi DeYoung, Kemm Satterfield & Myrtle Letcher.

On Friday, Bob Collier lead the group on an all-day tour, including "All Chocolates" confectionary, where the aroma alone should have been counted on the calorie charts, right

*Above, President Murt presents the South Dakota Unit flag to a representative of WBCCI Archive department.
Below: Bob Collier attends to supper as Bruce Coonrod, and John and Sandi DeYoung look on.*



down in the pit at the gold mine where he works, A1 Auto Recyclers and Hagen Glass.

Our business meeting was held on Saturday, May 23 at the Lake Park Campground, following our potluck evening meal next to the Collier's trailer. President Myrtle called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes of our September 29,

2008 meeting and the current treasurer's report were read and approved. Other business—the message board for International, delegates, Constitutional amendments, expenses for breakfast and postage—were discussed, decisions made. The Ultimate Decision was left till last. As Secretary Sandi's minutes state:

"After much discussion and motion duly made and passed, it was decided that due to few members and no one willing to become officers of our unit, that our unit will disband. No further rallies will be held. The money remaining in the treasury will be divided between the food pantries at Rapid City and Pierre. This will be completed by August 1, 2009. The Coonrod's will have possession of the scrap-books."

It was decided that our Unit Flag and the President's flag would be donated to the WBCCI Archives in Jackson Center, OH. Coffee pots, 5-gallon beverage cooler, table cloths, etc. were appropriately divided or donated to charity. Murt will take any memorabilia pertaining to our WBCCI Unit to sell at the WBCCI International Rally flea market to be held on July 4. (Flea market proceeds, \$82.75, were turned over to Treasurer Kemm when Murt returned home in July. The very few song books and the printed emblems & buttons not sold were given to Kemm to dispose of). Business meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



*THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED ME throughout my year as Unit President!! I took the job reluctantly but in the end I'm grateful for the experience. Thank you for welcoming me into 'Your Unit' and for the friendships that resulted. May we continue to communicate from time to time. AND may God bless us all!!
~~Murt Letcher~~*