



# Prairie Rose



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## Saddle Up to Medora Rally well attended

Whoever was in charge of weather for the Saddle Up to Medora Region 7 Rally did a superb job getting the storms to go around us, the winds lightly blowing, and keeping the bugs at bay. A couple notches lower on the thermometer would have worked out for many of us, but it's August in North Dakota, after all – this will change all too quickly.

Monday evening after the barbecue, Region President Joan Lahr, together with Past Region President Vern Schultz, Mayor Doug Ellison, and Leona Odermann, of the Medora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau welcomed everyone to Medora under a beautiful setting sun.

The Minnesota Unit prepared yummy breakfast burritos to start out Tuesday. After breakfast, we caravanned out Sentinel Butte and toured a State Radio tower site lead by Larry Ruebel and Bob Stockert from the Department of Emergency Services. Sentinel Butte is one of the highest points in North Dakota, affording everyone a spectacular view for many miles in all directions. In the afternoon, everyone gathered at the

North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame for a tour. The interpretive center features history of Native Americans, ranching, rodeo, and the lifestyle of the region. The Hall of Honorees showcases the people, animals, and events that have played a large role in shaping North Dakota's history. Tuesday evening was capped off with the Pitchfork Steak Fondue up on Tjaden Terrace overlooking Medora, followed by the Medora Musical in the open air amphitheater.

Wednesday morning, we carpoled for a tour of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Starting at the Visitor Center, we were treated to an expert guided tour of Roosevelt's Maltese Cross cabin, which was his refuge after the simultaneous deaths of his wife and mother. From there, we took a self-guided tour around the 26-mile loop in the park, with a side trip up to Buck Hill. Those that made the climb to the very top were afforded a panoramic view of the entire park. We saw buffalo, wild Norkota horses, prairie dogs, and mule and whitetail deer. We even got



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**It's Membership Renewal Time!**

# President's Corner . . .

. . . by John Krabseth

Joyce and I attended the 53rd International WBCCI rally in Gillette, Wyoming. There were cancellations because of cost. As before majority of attendees were gray haired; there was not much available for the younger campers.

We had a big surprise when we parked behind the Energy Center in Gillette—we were parked beside a trailer from Manitoba - Peace Garden Unit members Werner and Annemarie Neiderdellmann, whom we had not yet met.

Discovering that the Peace Garden Unit had take second place for it's bound Directory was no surprise, GOOD JOB CATHY.

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit members joining Joyce and I at the International Rally in Gillette this year were outgoing Region 7 President and First Lady, Don and Terrol Rogers and Werner and Annemarie Neiderdellmann, both from Winnipeg, and Associate Members and Past International President and First Lady, Jerry and Joan Larson, from Hillsboro, TX. We also met Nebraska unit members Dwight and Lana Olson.

WBCCI membership number 16595 has been around a long time; it originally belonged to Mervin and Laura Olson, who at one time lived in Willis-



ton, ND. A teacher at Williston State Collage, Lana Scor literally fainted for Olson's son, Dwight. The couple married a few months after that incident at the blood bank. Members Dwight and Lana Olson now live in Nebraska and have the same number used by Dwight's parents.

Peace Garden Unit Installation Rally is Sept 10-12 at Frontier Fort Campground, Jamestown, ND. For campground reservations call 701-252-7492 and mention that you are with the Airstream group. See page 6 for a map and directions to the campground.

*Photos: John Krabseth accepts the 2009 Unit Merit Award from International First Lady Norma Collier; Region 7 President Don and Terrol Rogers; Werner and Annemarie Neiderdellmann; Dwight and Lana Olson*



## 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 Events Around the Region

- Sept. 10-12, 2010 North Dakota Fall Installation Rally, Frontier Fort Campground, Jamestown, ND
- Sept. 10-12, 2010 Wisconsin Unit VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
- Sept. 10-12, 2010 Minnesota Unit Installation Rally, Airstream Park, Clear Lake, Minnesota
- Oct 1 - 3, 2010 Wisconsin Unit Installation Rally Sparta, Wisconsin
- Oct 1-2, 2010 Minnesota Unit October Fest Rally, New Ulm, Minnesota

## Saddle up to Medora Rally highlights.....*continued*



*Above left, Airstreamers from all over Region 7 and beyond enjoy "Dinner with a View" on Tjaden Terrace and the Pitchfork Steak Fondue and the Medora Musical. Above right, International 3rd Vice President John Boutwell welcomed everyone (photo by Bob Manak). Below, Joan Larson and Roxanne Towles help prepare breakfast muffins for the crowd, and Cathy and Larry Ruebel apply the brakes at the end of the trail ride (photo by Roxanne Towles, NDPGU).*

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an up-close and personal look at a prairie rattlesnake that had apparently established squatter's rights at the picnic shelter we had chosen for our lunch. Eventually, a park ranger came and relocated the snake further afield and away from people.

The Wisconsin unit prepared pancakes and sausages for breakfast Thursday morning. Several die-hard golfers made their way to the Bully Pulpit course, but the outcome is unknown as they said no one was keeping score. The ladies were treated to a luncheon and social hour at the Chateau de Mores Visitors' Center; afterwards the rest of the group joined them for a guided tour of the original Chateau, the 1880's summer home of the Marquis de Mores, and his wife Medora.

We gathered at the Medora Community Center for a dinner catered by a Beach, ND company. Following dinner we had a slide show with historical photos from around the region and this rally's



activities. The Region 7 Board Meeting followed, and notes from this meeting will be available at a later date on the region website.

Friday morning twenty-three hardy souls donned their riding duds and headed out to the Peaceful Valley Ranch for a guided trail ride into the heart of the Badlands. Regrettably, cameras were not allowed on the ride, as your primary job was riding that horse; cameras can be a significant distraction to rider and horse alike. Such a pity! The views were fantastic - not what you are going to see driving around in your car. Upon return, most riders commented on some newly awakened muscles.

In the afternoon President Joan Lahr led the Unit Officers' session. Sharon Ramler from the Minnesota Unit gave a report on mentoring new members, in follow up

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of a presentation she attended at the Gillette International Convention and Rally this past July. Details of the Mentoring presentation will be available on the Region 7 website, [www.region7.wbcci.net](http://www.region7.wbcci.net).

The men in the group were responsible for the preparation of Friday evening's Reverse Dinner, and finished it off by serving their wives and families first.

Saturday morning, the North Dakota Unit served fresh egg and bacon muffins to the crowd. Following breakfast, picnic lunches were packed and a number of vehicles caravanned 45 miles north to Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch site. Roosevelt homesteaded this site along the Little Missouri River after his Maltese Cross cabin became very busy with sympathetic well-wishers, when he only wanted to be alone. While interpretive signs detail life at the Elkhorn Ranch, all that remains are the stones of the house foundation and the tall cottonwood trees from 120 years ago. We ate our picnic lunches at a Forest Service campsite a couple miles away, then headed back to Medora.

Following lasagna dinner and brownies à la mode, the group reassembled for the People's Choice Best Dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl. Cowgirl competition was tight, with Arlene Bailey riding out ahead. Hands-down favorite for best dressed cowboy was Bruce Coonrod, who led the whole group around the park in a good-humored parade. We stopped by the office to request a song from the park's live music duo, Vern & Rita, so the Rodeo Clown and Region President could take a turn on the dance floor...er...cement.

Sunday following brunch, the group headed out to the Home on the Range's Champions Ride Match Rodeo near Beach, ND.

Attending this year's Region 7 Rally from our North Dakota Unit were Jack and Arlene Bailey from Wyndmere, Carolyn and Bruce Coonrod from Pierre, SD, Judy Koester from Cando, Ron and Rose Larson, Bowman, Jerry and Joan Larson, Makoti, Shirley Rohrer and her daughter Judy Hey from Huron, SD, Larry and Cathy Ruebel of Bismarck, Don and Lillian Thomson and their daughter and grandchildren, from Cavalier, Roxanne and Allan Towles of Hazel, SD and Bev and Vern Zink from Bismarck. We also ran into our newest members, Bill and Judy Kuehn from Turtle Lake who were in Medora vacationing with family.

Looking ahead to next year, the 2011 Region 7



*Top, at the Sentinel Butte State Radio Tower site;*

*Middle, hiking out to Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch site.*

*Left, At the picnic shelter, everyone could see how well camouflaged prairie rattlesnakes can be (photo by Sharon Ramler, MN unit.*



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Rally heads to DePere, Wisconsin, just outside of Green Bay. It will be held earlier, July 24th through the 29th, so that rally goers will be able to take in a day at the world's largest fly-in convention, Oshkosh's AirVenture 2011. Leave the purple and white at home and don your cheeseheads, because a visit to a Green Bay Packer practice is also being planned. See you there!



Top, Carolyn Coonrod, Don Thomson and granddaughter Mattie at the Chateau de Mores; Best Dressed Cowgirl and Cowboy Arlene Bailey and Bruce Coonrod; Region President Joan Lahr and the Rodeo Clown take a turn on the dance floor; Past Region 7 President Jack Bailey and his wife dressed sporting western attire for the evening's festivities.

Hi Joyce and John,

Sorry you were unable to get to the Region 7 Rally - you were missed. My daughter Judy and I want to thank the North Dakota Unit members for being so helpful and making us feel very welcome. It was great to see many of the Airstreamers from Region 7. ND did a good job of hosting. Wish I could attend more events, but the distance will make it hard. Thanks for the help with reservations etc. Again thanks for the fellowship - Medora is a pretty area and the musical was great.

Shirley Rohrer and Judy Hey



Don't forget to mail in your membership renewal ...or bring it to the Installation Rally in Jamestown Sept 10-12.

# North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Fall Installation Rally ★ Sept. 10 - 12, 2010 Frontier Fort Campground ★ Jamestown ND

## Friday Sept. 10, 2010

- 9:00 am Breakfast: pancakes and sausage
- 2:00 pm Tour of North Dakota State Hospital
- Friday evening: Combined Happy Hour and Potluck  
- please bring a dish to share.

## Saturday Sept. 11, 2010

- 9:00 am Brunch, Corned beef hash, eggs, etc.  
Followed by business meeting,
- 1:30 pm Installation luncheon at The Depot Cafe Jamestown Mall, 2nd Ave & 3rd St NE - 701-252-1003 (a section is reserved, each one will order from menu  
Informal installation ceremony and awards.

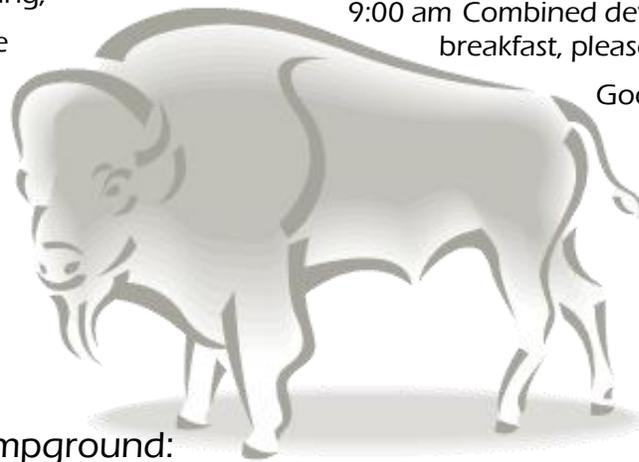
Saturday evening: Taco in a bag, food will be furnished; will solicit help to do some chopping.

Everyone is asked to wear an apron (Or more) and be ready to tell the story behind it, I know there are aprons from Region rallies, or whatever any kind will do - old ones, new ones, etc.

## Sunday Sept. 12, 2010

9:00 am Combined devotion and related breakfast, please bring jelly or jam.

Goodbyes



## Directions to Frontier Fort Campground:

Exit 258, go to second stop light, turn right onto 17th Ave. S.W. Go 6 blocks, and park is on right-hand side of street.

