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Members of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit stop for a moment at the Glensheen Mansion grounds. Left to right, Lillian and Don Thomson and granddaughter Madyson, Carolyn Coonrod, Bruce and Gail Harrower, Allan and Roxanne Towles, Ron and Rose Larson, Don and Terrol Rogers, Art Idso and Kathleen Schultz, and Arlene and Jack Bailey.

A Really Exciting Airstream Summer!

By Lillian and Don Thomson

The spring rally at Stump Lake ND was great. The weather for the eight units attending was just fine – until the bitter end. When we got up to leave in Sunday it was raining – heavy. That made hookups a bit of a challenge, but no big problems, except that breakfast had to be on your own. Fridays tour in the “bus” was to the Engineer Training Center complex on Camp Grafton, the North Dakota National Guard facility south of Devils Lake ND. This new

training facility teaches engineer subjects to both active and reserve soldiers from around the country and worldwide. We also saw the Edwards House which is a very old stone cabin with lots of history. After the tour Don & Lillian made a quick trip home to attend a family service and funeral for a long time family friend.

On Saturday afternoon, we had the NDPG Unit business meeting. The group selected the delegate and

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Project Update



The WBCCI project committee met at the Region 7 rally in Duluth. There were meetings with the Engineer and with the Peace Garden CEO in June and with the artist in Winnipeg in July. Fund raising is continuing as we look to casting the monument this winter.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

**North Dakota
Peace Garden
Unit Officers**

Unit President
Don Thomson #4304

1st Vice President
Allan Towles #4103

2nd Vice President
Art Idso #1397

Treasurer
Lillian Thomson #4304

Recording Secretary
Bev Wells #7394

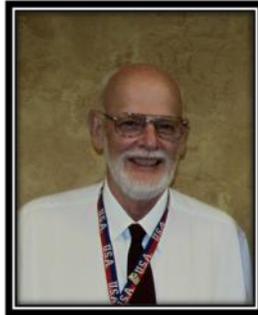
Corresponding Secretary
Lillian Thomson #4304

Membership Chair
Larry Ruebel #10081

Nomination Chair
Bev Zink #4114

Newsletter Editor
Cathy Ruebel #10081

President's Message ...by Don Thomson



Greetings All!

The summer has just been flying past and now it is again installation time. The installation rally is to be held at Icelandic State Park located approx 5 miles west of Cavalier ND on North Dakota highway #5. The dates are September 12 thru 15 2013. This is Thursday thru Sunday.

The regular roadway thru the park is closed because they are rebuilding Renwick dam. The detour to enter the park is approx 4 mi west of Cavalier on Hwy #5 to the C store corner. Go North 1 mile on the pavement, turn left (west) on gravel approx 1 mile, and again left on gravel to the temporary park entrance. The route is well marked.

If you are on the highway in front of the park as coming from Langdon, the detour takes you past the park another mile + east to the C store and continue as above. See the Rally Schedule in this issue of the Prairie Rose. Any questions, please call me. DonT

Welcome!

New Associate Members

Jerome and Joyce Hoffer from Willmar,
Minnesota



ND Peace Garden Unit earns 2012 Superior Merit Award



Region 7 President Linda Agre made the trip to Jamestown in May for the Spring Luncheon and presented a certificate to Past President Bev Zink in honor of the Unit's 2012 Superior Merit Award achievement. Thanks to membership increases, great attendance and participation in activities and reporting, the unit was recognized for its hard work. Region 7 had 100% of its units earning this recognition and President Agre thanked everyone for their participation.

The luncheon was held at the Buffalo Grille in downtown Jamestown and was well attended from far and wide. Vern Zink gave a briefing on the progress of the Hands of Peace Project. Unit President Don Thomson

detailed the proposed activities the unit would likely be involved in with the International Rally in Huron and sought people who would be interesting in going to Huron as early workers. See the Unit Meeting Minutes posted in this issue of the Prairie Rose.

Attending the Luncheon were Don and Lillian Thomson, Allan and Roxanne Towles, Art Idso and Kathleen Schultz, Bev and ChrisWells, Bev and Vern Zink, Arlene and Jack Bailey, Rose and Ron Larson, Terrol and DonRogers, Cathy and Larry Ruebel, Judy Koester and Linda Agre .



A Really Exciting Airstream Summer! continued



alternate to represent the unit at the International Rally in Huron SD. The meeting discussed how the questions should be answered. The group voted to donate \$300.00 from the unit treasury to the Hands of Peace project. Some individual unit members donated additional funds to the project. At Huron, the unit total was



\$650.00 toward the project. While in Huron, members Jerry and Joan Larson matched the initial unit donation of \$550.00. When it was all over, a total of \$1200.00 was sent to the project from the Peace Garden Unit. I would like to personally thank everyone for the support you have given. Hopefully, we will all witness the dedication of the Hands of Peace sculpture in 2015.



Plans were made for Huron noting that this year the International would be held in our unit area, and in the Region 7 area. The unit had volunteered to assist at Huron. We made some plans for a caravan, meeting at Aberdeen SD to caravan to Huron. Grills were provided for "make your own" meals and bring a dish to share. Visions of the last two years of Bev's fantastic, well planned, tasty meals were fondly remembered, but everybody had plenty to eat. We had campfires each night, thanks to all the kids gathering fire wood. Madysen really enjoyed the Towles grandchildren, and they sure looked forward to the campfire and marshmallows.



A Really Exciting Airstream Summer!

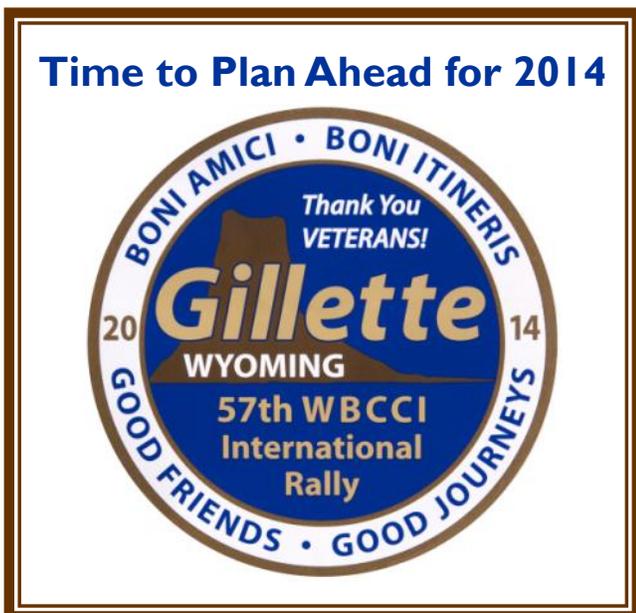
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On to the 56th International Rally in Huron

The **International Rally** went on as planned. Many of our members volunteered to make it happen. We did do the caravan from Aberdeen and that went good. We were assigned to provide tours during the rally. We did tours to a **Mennonite colony** and the **Redlin Art Center** in Watertown, and **Laura Ingalls Wilder Homestead** at Desmet, SD. Doing tours was a new experience and the jury is still out concerning a repeat next year. We used the bus and cars as a commercial bus was many \$\$\$. A benefit of doing the tours was meeting many interesting people, and re-contacting them to visit.

We participated in the Flea Market and donated \$70.00 to the **Hands of Peace Project**. The residue went to the local Salvation Army. Many from Region 7 took part in the Fourth of July parade. We were at the end of the parade and as hosts we all said thank you for coming. We attended the IBT meeting on July 5th. The motor home issue lost again at a larger margin.

Region 2 President Pat McFadden made a motion that the IBT help the Hands of Peace project by furnishing a temporary loan in order to get the pattern and casting done sooner. That motion was defeated 7 to 8, but all were thanked for attempting to help.



Old Friends stop by



By Cathy Ruebel

Back in 2010 at the Region 7 Rally held in Medora, ND, we met Mark and Debbie Hammer and their trailmaster, Belle as they made their way home to the New York Metro Unit from an Airstreamer's pilgrimage to Alaska. They must have liked it here, because after representing their unit at the International Rally in Huron, they decided to visit the Missouri River valley's Lewis and Clark historical site.

They spent several days in the Bismarck-Mandan area and we were able to have dinner with them on a couple occasions.

As we were not able to go to the International Rally, it was great to get first hand reports of what happened, who said what, who they met up with and all the usual pertinent gossip. We traded stories of our units, sharing ideas and thoughts about how to make our club better—we really enjoyed the time we spent with them.

THIS is what WBCCI is about - it's not the politics, or who has more clout than the other person, or even who drives what. It's about seeing this beautiful continent and meeting some awesome people along the way.

Thank you Mark and Debbie, for visiting with us—we hope you had an enjoyable time in North Dakota!

Duluth, Minnesota
July 25-29, 2013

The Tall Ships Festival was the back drop for this year's Region 7 Rally and Airstreamers had a front row seat as these magnificent vessels sailed into the Duluth harbor. Members came from all parts of the continent, representing twelve different WBCCI units. Also joining Region President Linda Agree, was International 2nd Vice President Jim Schwerdfeger and his wife Raisin, and Region 8 President Leonard Sullivan and his wife Betty. Quite a group.

As the norm for any Airstream activity, there was copious amounts of food, from potlucks and restaurant visits, to a Fish Fry at the Buffalo House. The North Dakota Peace Garden Unit served a French toast breakfast and everyone pitched in for duty.

Next year, the Region 7 Rally will also be a Special Events Rally in Winnipeg for the Folklorama Festival. Make sure

But sitting by the side watching was not enough for Art Idso, Kathleen Shultz and Jack and Arlene Bailey, as



they climbed aboard the Linx for a sail around the harbor. The Linx is a square topsail schooner which was launched in 2001, and is an interpretation of a ship of the same name which was captured by the British on its second voyage in 1813. Kathleen said "It was a truly unbelievable experience!"



The schedule was packed each day, with tours of the city of Duluth and a panoramic view of the area from the ski lift on Spirit Mountain, visits to the Harrington Arts Center, Glensheen Mansion, Split Rock Lighthouse, just to name a few.

to keep some time set aside for that rally, and be sure to register early when details are released. Hats off to Linda and her staff for all the work and time put into making this Region 7 Rally such a success!

An a BIG THANK YOU to every one that send in photos and reports on this summer's activities!





A Warm Fuzzy Story

Members who missed the Region 7 Tall Ships rally might like to hear a little story that played out there. No names have been given to respect the privacy of the innocent. Every campground in town was packed for the Tall Ships Festival (see the pictures in the rally report later in this newsletter) and around the densely packed Airstreams in Buffalo Valley Campground were numerous tent campers.

On Saturday morning an Airstreamer noticed a man and two children rather dejectedly walking out of the restroom building and asked if everything was OK. It turned out things were not OK. They had gone swimming the previous day at a swimming pool and when the man dressed after swimming, his wallet had been lost or stolen. He had, separately from his wallet, enough cash for gas to get home Minneapolis) their tickets to the Tall Ships Festival, and little food, but he didn't think they had enough money to stay the rest of the weekend. And the showers required quarters, so they hadn't managed to even get a shower. The Airstreamer who met them immediately invited them breakfast, being served by the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit, and quietly reported their plight to the group. NDPG members working the kitchen and Wisconsin members in the vicinity* immediately chipped in \$80 for the family "walking around" money for the weekend. They also made sure they had all the breakfast they could eat, and quarters for the showers. The man was very grateful for the assistance and got a name and address (Linda Agre) to whom he promised to repay the loan.

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Region 7 News ...by Linda Agre, President

Incoming Presidents - Hopefully you are not overwhelmed right now with what is expected of you. We are so looking forward to the exciting things you are going to offer your members during the year you are president.

You will soon be receiving paperwork from WBCCI headquarters asking you to list your officers and dates of your rallies and other activities. Please, please try not to use TBA. (Remember to send me a copy and also one to your webmaster). Your year's schedule will be posted on your Unit's website and now also on the Region website. As many of you know, the information in the Blue Beret by the time it gets to you is either: 1. Too late to join a rally 2. The rally or luncheon is already over and 3. Too late for you to plan on joining.

Your Region Presidents are working toward a Yearly, 12 Region Calendar to be put on the WBCCI website so if in September, you are planning a January trip down south and you would like to see what WBCCI events are available that you could join in on, you would be able to plan your trip adding in a rally or two in warmer regions.

This year we are going to try something different. We will also have a calendar on the Region 7 website listing all the rallies and activities for all 3 Units. This will then be available to traveling WBCCI members as well as Region 7 members.

Please feel free to ask for help from past Unit officers as well as your Region officers. Let me know that you have received this email and I look forward to receiving your year's schedule.

Hugs, Linda

Unit Meeting Minutes — May 4, 2013

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit
Spring Rally, Buffalo City Rotisserie Grill
Jamestown, ND
May 3 – May 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Don Thomson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Thomson, Towles, Idso, Wells, Zink, Bailey, Larson, Rogers, Ruebel, Koester and Agre.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present:

President Don Thomson
1st Vice President Allan Towles
2nd Vice President Art Idso
Recording Secretary Bev Wells
Corresponding Secretary Lillian Thomson
Treasurer Lillian Thomson
Past President Bev Zink

The secretary's minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$614.08, including a new membership Douglas & Marie Jensen.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Added Housekeeping, Volunteer at Peace Gardens, Rallies.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The following issues have been provided by WBCCI and are to be voted on by the members of the Unit, one vote per Unit. The vote may be electronically, mailed or handed in to a unit officer by the June Rally at Stump Lake. Copies were made available at the meeting. The Unit results will be recorded and presented at the 2013 International delegates meeting at Huron, SD.

The first is a Constitutional amendment No. 1 proposed by the delegates to read as follows "or a Class A motor home manufactured by Thor Industries, Inc., beginning with the 2007 model year, shall be eligible for membership. Ownership of a Thor manufactured class A motor home shall be by a Life or minimum 10 year member.

President Don provided further information that the Airstream motor home is longer being made, but there are still older units that are available. The unit can be rebuilt for about \$100,000 and used for another 15 years. The Airstream factory does the rebuild.

Any questions can be answered by reviewing the last two Blue Beret's which have complete write ups that explain the pros and cons of this issue.

The second issue is the election of officers for the International Officers. The ballot has the name of who is running each Unit may select those nominated or provide an alternate.

Region President Linda reported on the payment of memberships by credit card. An amendment to the constitution moved by 2nd Vice President Joe Perryman that the constitution be amended to allow for renewal of membership on line using Paypal. At this time there will be a \$2.95 fee to use this form of payment. The amendment is considered minor and will retain the section regarding payment with removal of "shall" and insert "may" make through head quarters by using Paypal. Unit Seven has been asked to deal with the amendment a ballot will be sent out by email and should be returned to Lillian. Cathy Ruebel recommended that the ballot be sent by regular mail for those who do not have email. The ballot should be returned immediately upon receipt.

OTHER REPORTS

President Don reported that International President Boutwell has requested that the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit set up a day trip. As the International is in the NDPC Unit area the recommendation is the Unit should proceed with organizing a day trip. Volunteers would be required to go in earlier to arrange the day trip. Don Thomson, Jack and Arlene Baily volunteered.

Stump Lake Buddy Rally – Cost is \$25 per day for camping includes hookup for water and electrical, there is 30 amp may be 50 amp. A reservation has been provided with the Unit in their own area, and tents are allowed, without extra costs. The Rally will be laid backed, an opportunity to relax and visit. May be a tour of Camp Grafton Training Center, which is a reserve training base with engineering type courses. If members are interested Don will see if a tour can be arranged. There is an opportunity to fish for walleye, perch and northern pike, as well potential for tour of the Pioneer Village. The meals will be pot luck, bring your own meat.

International Rally – Meet in Aberdeen, Wiley Park, camp overnight June 20th and Caravan to Huron on June 21st.

Duluth Regional Rally – Caravan will meet in West Fargo at fair grounds and continue to Lake Atasca, Minnesota the second night, will

confirm campsite in June. The next day the Caravan will continue to Duluth.

Alan Towles, Vice President provided information about the rallies the North Iowa Unit does. Different members volunteer to take a rally. Who does which rally is decided the year before and takes pressure off the President. International promotes a rally host. The unit members are interested in volunteering to host the rallies. Hold June and September rallies, the middle rally in July is in conflict with the Regional and International rallies. Have the June and September rallies 1 day longer, could have 2 rallies with 50% being buddy rallies.

Linda Agre, Region 7 President brought greetings, complimented NDPG Unit on the newsletter and directory, thanked Cathy for the work she does. The newsletter is sent to the Regional Officers and two of the articles will be in the Blue Beret. The March Blue Beret had articles from the Minnesota Unit.

Chairman for Publications, Newsletter and Directory, Gail Harrower is willing to do. The Tulip Festival hosted by Minnesota has 9 units, room for 25, dates May 16, 17 and 18. The Tall Ships Rally to date there are 51 units out of 55. The North Dakota Unit will prepare breakfast one day and are serving French toast and sausages.

Discussed the \$1,000 reimbursement, for accommodation and travel provided to the Regional Vice President, to attend the Winter IBT Rally. An expense account must be submitted to be approved by the Regional President.

Green is the colour for the International Rally anyone can order the new Region 7 shirts at the Region Rally.

Briefly discussed a unit logo for the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit that to be used on shirts. Proposal to use the state and provincial flowers, Prairie Rose – North Dakota, Crocus – South Dakota and Manitoba.

Cathy Ruebel reported on receiving a card from Edna Ziegler, North Dakota member, with thank you and money, in appreciation of newsletter she receives.

Vern Zink provided a report on the Hands of Peace Project. This is a NDPG Unit idea and a WBCCI Project.

Unit Meeting Minutes — June 8, 2013

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit
Buddy Rally, Stump Lake
Jamestown, ND
June 6 – June 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Don Thomson at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Thomson, Towles, Wells, Zink, Bailey, Larson, Koester and Sylvester.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present:

President Don Thomson
1st Vice President Allan Towles
Recording Secretary Bev Wells
Corresponding Secretary Lillian Thomson
Treasurer Lillian Thomson
Past President Bev Zink
Absent: 2nd Vice President Art Isdo

The secretary's minutes were approved as read. A motion was made by Bev Zink. Seconded by Rose Larson. MOTIONED CARRIED.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$624.37, sent a thank you to Edna Zeilger for membership. A motion to accept the report was made Jack Bailey. Seconded by Ron Larson. MOTIONED CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

International Rally, Huron South Dakota – Meet at Aberdeen, SD on June 23 and caravan to Huron on June 24, these dates are tentative to be confirmed. For early workers, starts Tuesday June 24th. Caravan includes Thomson, Isdo, Zink and Bailey. Region 7 Luncheon on Friday the 28th and Opening Ceremonies June 28th in the evening. Set up tours from the 28th to the end of Rally, includes Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Homes, Hutterite Colony, Terry Redlin Art Center and Wessington Spring.

Ballots – Need to hand in ballots the first issue is regarding motor homes, needs a yes or no answer. Second issue Slate of Officers, no further information except in the Blue Beret. Third issue ability to pay membership by electronic means, needs a yes or no answer.

Delegates and Alternates for International Rally – Vern Zink nominated the President Don Thomson as Delegate and seconded by Jack Bailey. Chris Wells moved nominations cease. MOTIONED CARRIED.

Allan Towles nominated Art Isdo as Alternate. Motion if Art Isdo is unavailable to attend Jack Bailey to be the Alternate. Moved by Bev Zink, Seconded by Rose Larsen. MOTIONED CARRIED

Regional Rally Duluth – Starts Thursday, July 25th, 2013. Caravan to meet at West Fargo Fairgrounds on July 23rd, leave for Lake Atasca on July 24th, continue to Duluth on July 24th.

REPORTS

Vern Zink reported on the Hands of Peace project progress and financing. A motion was made by Bev Zink that \$300 be donated from the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit funds towards the Hands of Peace monument at the International Peace Gardens. Seconded by Judy Koester. MOTIONED CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Unit Logo – Need volunteers for committee to work on a new logo. Bev Wells, Allan Towles and Arlene Bailey volunteered.

Treasurer will check into the cost of a President's flag.

Peace Garden work bee is scheduled for June 17, 18 or 19, 2013, bring your own tools.

Bev Zink adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

A Warm Fuzzy Story...cont'd

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Since the rally ran through Monday, it was still in progress when the family returned home. The man called Linda to report that he had mailed her a check in repayment, and—better still—had received a phone call from a person who had found his wallet and was sending it back to him by Priority mail, with its contents intact. By prior agreement

with the members in question, Linda donated the man's check to the Hands of Peace project.

* No slight to Minnesota members—this fund raising activity took place in a couple of minutes—few even knew about it.

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Fall Installation Rally Icelandic State Park Cavalier ND Sept. 12 - 15, 2013

RALLY FEE \$20.00 per person, estimated
 CAMPING FEE \$20.00 per night, electric and
 water. Restrooms and Dump
 station available
 PARK PASS \$5.00 per day, REQUIRED - OR
 \$25.00 for the ND ANNUAL
 PASS - Good 'til May 2014

PLEASE NOTE - We must confirm the room and
 the Installation meal BY SEPTEMBER 2—LABOR
 DAY – Please call Dob at 701-265-8662 to con-
 firm. Thanks - DonT

The **DETOUR** to enter the park is approx 4 mi
 west of Cavalier on Hwy #5 to the C store corner.
 Go North 1 mile on the pavement, turn left (west)
 on gravel approx 1 mile, and again left on gravel
 to the temporary park entrance. The route is well
 marked.

Where is it?



How to get there



RALLY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. Sep 12

Arrival and set up
 430 pm Social time
 530 pm Evening meal –BBO, chips, fruit, coffee.
 The meal will be provided
 Evening Campfire

Friday, Sept 13

Breakfast on own
 9:00 am Tour
 Lunch on own
 430 pm Social Time
 530 pm Evening meal - **Bring own meat and a dish
 to share.** We will need some grills
 Evening Campfire

Saturday, Sept. 14

8-9 am Breakfast-French toast, sausage, juice, coffee
 1030 am Unit Business Meeting
 12 noon Lunch-Leftovers? Or Chuck Wagon, or
 Lunch in town
 1-4 pm Tour Heritage center and Pembina County
 Historical Society museum
 4 - pm Social Time
 5 - pm Evening meal - Bistro on Main St Cavalier –
 Serving Turkey/dressing, potato, vegetable, coffee,
 and dessert – followed by Installation of new officers
 by Region 7 1st Vice President Gail Harrower
 Evening Campfire

Sunday, Sept. 14 – Sun

7-830 Breakfast – Pancakes, eggs, juice, coffee
 9 am Church Service
 Good byes and SAFE TRAVELS

August 20, 2013
Notice of Annual Business Meeting
North Dakota Peace Garden Unit

The annual business meeting for this unit will be held as indicated below.

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2013
Time: 10:30 Am
Location: Icelandic State Park Campground
Quorum: Minimum of 10% of 24 Members = 3

Agenda and the Order of Business shall be:

Opening Ceremonies

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to Agenda

Roll Call

Reading and approval of the Minutes

Reading and approval of the Treasurer's Report

Nominating Committee Report – for the 2013/2014

For 1 year term:

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

For 2 year terms:

Three (3) Trustees (vote 2 members one year and vote 1 member the next year).

These elected members plus the immediate past president form the executive board for next year.

Election of officers for 2013/2014

Reports of Officers and Committees

Special Orders

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcements and adjournment