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Luncheon & Campout kicks off 2014 Season in North Dakota

Photos by Roxanne Towles-Campout at Art Idso's in Absaraka following the May Luncheon and Business Meeting

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Who ever was in charge of the weather for the Luncheon and Spring Campout on the weekend of May 10th deserves a silver star. With the way this winter dragged on, it could have been so much different. Airstreamers gathered in Casselton's Days Inn for the luncheon.

Following the meal and Birthday cake, the unit got down to business, taking care of selecting delegates for the upcoming International Convention and Rally in Gillette, Wyoming. You will find the Minutes o9n page 4 of this newsletter.

Another item that came up on the agenda, and was decided at the later Executive Board meeting, is that the unit dues will be going up from $10 to $15. This will apply to all memberships for the 2015 membership period.

From Casselton, a number of members who had brought there trailers reconvened for a good old fashioned campout at Art Idso's place in Absaraka. Art had ample room in a park-like setting complete with a gazebo and hot tub. The weather held long enough for everyone to get settled in and relaxing before the spring rains arrived.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Art and Kathleen for their gracious hospitality and hard work in hosting the campout - your efforts are most appreciated!

Flag Day June 14

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Don Thomson #4304

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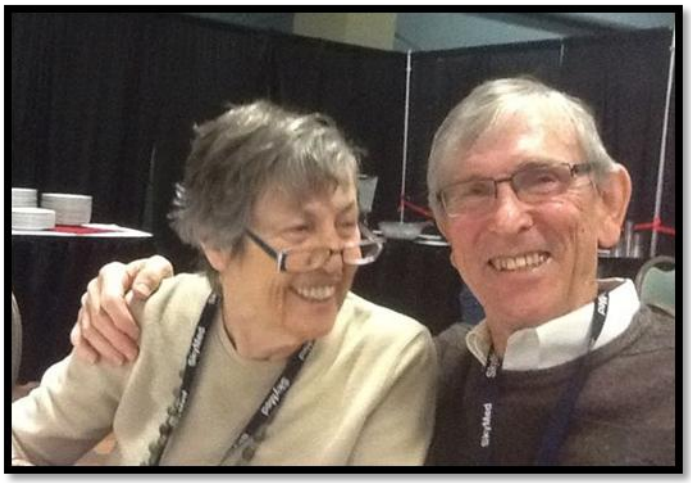
Cathy Ruebel #10081

Keeping in Touch with Old Friends

Thanks so much for keeping me on your mailing list for your fine newsletter. I always enjoy reading about the North Dakota unit and all of my friends I have met over the many years of Airstreaming.

FYI, Bobbi is now a resident of Sunrise Senior living in Golden Valley, MN. She has been transferred from the assisted living floor to the memory care floor, called "reminisce"



I continue to work almost full time for SkyMed as now an ambassador representative. My residence is in NTAC in Hillsboro, Texas. I am currently living in the Airstream Park in Clear Lake, MN.

John & Bobbi Tetzlaff

2014 Calendar of Events

June 12 - 15, 2014	Summer Opener Buddy Rally, Medora, ND. Hosted by Rose & Ron Larson
June 28 –July 4, 2014	57th International Rally, Gillette, WY
June 29, 2014	Region 7 Get-Together, Gillette, WY
Aug 6-14, 2014	2014 National Event Region 7 Rally "Around the World" with Folklorama Oakbluff Community Centre Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Sept 12 - 14, 2014	Fall Installation Rally, Fairgrounds, Aberdeen, SD

June Buddy Rally
June 12 - 15, 2014
Red Trails Campground, Medora

Reservations at the Red Trail Campground
Phone 1-800-621-4317
Campsites reserved under
"Airstream - Rose Larson"

If you plan on attending the **Medora Musical** and/or **Pitchfork Steak Fondue** on Friday June 13, you need to make reservations at 1-800-633-6721 or go to
http://www.medora.com

OR You can purchase your tickets when you arrive in Medora. NO seats have been reserved for this rally. (Some of us are in the center section, Row H, if that helps where to choose.

National Flag Day is Saturday, June 14
Bring your flags along to put up, especially on Saturday, weather permitting.

Thing to do during free time:

- Theodore Roosevelt National Park
- Cowboy Hall of Fame
- Bully Pulpit Golf Course
- Chateau de Mores
- Trail Rides
- Medora Fudge & Ice Cream
- Shopping

Rally Schedule – Mountain Time

THURSDAY JUNE 12
Arrival and set up

4:30 Social Hour – Bring your own drink and a snack to share
6:00 Pizza – Please bring a salad or dessert. Need volunteers to bake pizza.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13
8:00 Breakfast – Pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee
Lunch on your own
FREE TIME
Supper – Pitchfork Fondue & Medora Musical

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 - FLAG DAY
8:30 Breakfast – Oatmeal & Ice Cream, dry cereal, toast, juice & coffee

Today in Medora: All Horse Parade
Time of Parade will be announced

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
Lunch – on your own

FREE TIME

4:00 Social Hour – Bring your own drink and a snack to share

5:30 Potluck Supper - Bring your own meat to grill & a dish to pass. We will need some grills.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 Potluck Breakfast - Bring a dish to share
Juice & coffee furnished

Farewells & Safe Travels

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE TO ALL MEALS

Unit Minutes

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit
Luncheon and Business Mtg.
Days Inn, Casselton, North Dakota
May 10. 2014

Attendance: Towles, Bailey, Ruebel, Idso, Wall, Harrower, Thomson, Zink, Larson, Koester

The May 10th Luncheon business meeting was called to order by President Allan Towles at 12:40 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. It was determined a quorum was present.

Roll call of Officers

President Allan Towles
Vice President Art Idso
1st Vice President Larry Ruebel
Acting Recording Secretary Lillian Thomson (in Bev Wells absence)
Corresponding Secretary Roxanne Towles
Treasurer Bev Zink

Minutes from September 2013 meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections. Kathy Ruebel moved, Judy Koester seconded , Motion carried.

Treasurers report given by Bev Zink. Balance of $574.58. Treasurers report attached. Approved with no additions.

Discussion of need to increase unit dues. This was referred to the Executive Committee for action as stated in the By-Laws. Art Idso moved, Ron Larson seconded that the meeting room fee of $50 be reimbursed to Allan Towles. Motion carried.

Report of Committees

Region 7 report by Gail Harrower.

Region 7 has an opening for 2nd vice president. Anyone interested may contact Don Rogers. Nearly 300 units have registered for the International Rally at Gillette, WY. There are openings for volunteers to assist with registration and to sell luncheon tickets. The drawings for the prizes will be June 26th. The Rally opening will be the evening of June 28th. The Delegates meeting will be June 20th.

The Region 7 rally has 21 units registered for the Folkarama rally at Winnipeg, MB August 6 – 14.

Cindy Reed, Corporate Manager WBCCI has resigned effective July l, 2014. No replacement has been announced.

The "Hands of Peace" project has been renamed to "**Monument of Peace**" as of February 23, 2014. All "Hands of Peace" information has been removed from web sites and no longer is advertised. This is due to a contract problem with the artist. The Peace Garden Project Committee will meet following the business meeting. Monies collected for this project are currently over $28,000.

Old Business – None

New Business

Bev Zink moved, Jack Bailey seconded, motion carried that **delegates for the International Rally** be Bruce Harrower, delegate and Don Thomson Alternate delegate.

A discussion of the amendments to be voted on by delegates was conducted. Don Thomson moved, Jack Bailey seconded that a vote of "yes" be cast for all three amendments by the delegates. All amendments passed unanimously.

A summary of the amendments is as follows:

Amendment 1 Streamline procedure for establishing unit charters outside present geographic areas. (overseas)

Amendment 2 Change dates of International Rally from including July 1/Canada Day and July 4/ Independence Day to period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegates meeting shall be between June 20th and July 30th.

Amendment 3 Allow payment of International and unit dues using online system.

The **Wounded Warriers Project** was discussed . It was determined that individuals support this project as they desire. The unit will not have a special project for this but do support our military.

Bev Zink made a motion to adjourn. Larry Ruebel seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

Executive meeting was held for the purpose of addressing unit dues increase. Those present were Allan Towles, President, D Thomson, B Zink, V Zink, L Ruebel, A Idso. It was noted a quorum was present.

It was decided to increase the unit dues to $15.00 beginning with 2015 dues. This will apply to new members.