



# Prairie Rose



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## Summer Buddy Rally in Friendly Manitoba

This year's Rally was held at Bry-Mar Campground near Brandon, Manitoba from June 22 - 25, 2017. The weather was windy with damp and sunny times, but a big thank you goes out to Bryan Abby of Bry-Mar Campgrounds for allowing the Airstreamers to use the shop for breakfast, supper and fellowship. Thank you goes out to the Larsons, Sylvestre and Zinks for all their assistance with the breakfast preparations and advice on purchases.

Wonderful to see all the Airstreamers in attendance, joining the Wells were Bruce and Carolyn Coonrod from Pierre, SD, Jim and Jan Hall from Streeter, ND, Doug and Marie Jensen from Aberdeen, SD, Judy Koester from Cando, ND, Ron and Rose Larson from Bowman, ND, Gordon Picken from Falcon Beach, MB, Larry and Cathy Ruebel, from Mandan, ND, Joe Sylvestre (Ernie Murray from Marshall, MI) from Estevan, SK, Allan and Roxanne Towles from Hazel, SD, Rolly and Wanda Wall from Argusville, ND and Vern and Bev Zink from Bismarck, ND.

To welcome everyone to Friendly Manitoba the Wells prepared a barbeque beef and baked potato supper on Thursday night, with those in attendance providing side dishes.



Photo courtesy of Cathy Ruebel

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## Calendar of Events

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| Aug 24-27  | R & R Rally Downstream Campground, Riverdale, ND        |
| Sept 14-17 | Installation Rally, Jamestown Campground, Jamestown, ND |

## North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Officers

**Unit President**  
Chris Wells #7394

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
Jack Bailey #236

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
Rolly Wall #4008

**Treasurer**  
Roxanne Towles # 4103

**Recording Secretary**  
Bev Wells #7394

**Membership Co-Chairs**  
Doug & Marie Jensen #1753

**Nomination Chair**  
Larry Ruebel #10081

**Past President**  
Larry Ruebel #10081

**Newsletter Editor**  
Bev Wells #7394

## Notes from the North ....

Greeting from Manitoba! I was glad to see such a great turnout at the Brandon Rally. Hope everybody had a great time, considering the bit of bad weather. I received a nice email from Bry-Mar Campground and will share with you all at Downstream. Hopefully the weather will be better.

I had an interesting conversation with a couple late last week. I had stopped for fuel and a break east of Brandon and there was a couple with an Airstream parked after getting fuel. It did not have any "numbers" on it, so being the club guy, I walked over and introduced myself. (Reminder to get business cards made.) Asked the folks if they were members of WBCCI, and the answer was "no". We talked a bit about WBCCI, and one of the questions asked "what is the benefit". Easy to answer!! They asked what we did and I told them about rallies and the places that we go and the kind of things that the club does. We talked about camping and they asked how we picked where the rallies were going to be. Good question!!! I answered as best I could on the spur of the moment. Gave them my number, got some info from them and told them I would get info to them ASAP.

When I got home, I started to think about their question of how rallies are picked. After the shock of being told the president is the one having to decide on where and when rallies would take place, Bev and I gave it some serious thought. There has to be some criteria for holding rallies, but couldn't find anything other than talking to other club members. So I came up with my own list.

First and foremost there should be electricity. Why? Several of our members require electricity to run medical equipment. Having to carry around a generator is not a viable option for most members, and most units do not have a built in generator. Also, because of the summer heat, most of us like our A/C so we can sleep. The hum of generators running, and the fumes, is much like sleeping at a truck stop!! I have the ultimate brand of RV, so I want to camp and enjoy the benefits. Water supply is important, but all of us have our on board tank. It is nice to have a water hook-up, but not critical, like power is.

Second major thought was location. Because our Club covers such a wide area, we wanted to try and have rallies in locations that as many members as possible would be able to attend. Picking dates is like a crap shoot, and I know that members have family and other commitments that have to be attended to. Pick a date and hope for the best!!

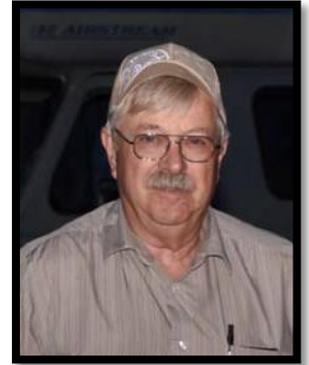
Third thought. What to do at a rally. Many members drive a long distance to attend and I didn't want to overload them with "things to do". Several of us enjoy visiting and relaxing with members that we only see a few times a year. It is nice to catch up and share the things that are going on in our lives and around us. The world is running at a hectic pace and it is nice to relax. However, some enjoy the hectic pace, so I tried to balance the "things to do" with "the time to visit".

Fourth and final thought. FOOD!! We all love it, however many people have special needs. Our thoughts were to let people bring their own "meat" and everybody loves a buffet, so a dish to share works. That way we can get to sample some foods that we have never had before. The food is always awesome, as I gain a few pounds at every rally.

These are some of my ramblings on rallies and how Bev and I put this year's rallies together. Everybody has different ideas, but we must keep in mind the things that are important to each and every one of us. Comfort at a rally is important, as nobody wants to go home exhausted and regretting that they went. We must make things enjoyable so that we all look forward to the next great rally!!!

See you all at Downstream, August 24-27<sup>th</sup>!!!

By Chris Wells



- Chris -

## Summer Buddy Rally in Friendly Manitoba

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On Friday morning the group traveled to Shilo, MB for a guided tour of the Royal Canadian Artillery Museum. The museum focuses on telling the story of the Canadian gunners service in the war and peace effort since 1855. In the afternoon the group visited the Riverbank Discovery Centre. This is a tourist centre along the Assiniboine River which provided an opportunity to observe indication of severe flooding that has taken place in the past. The balance of the afternoon was open to shopping, visiting a favorite bakery or touring the Commonwealth Air Training Museum.

On Saturday a trip was taken to Riding Mountain National Park, with an opportunity to visit the tourist shops in the community of Clear Lake. The change of scenery is impressive as the drive takes you from farm land to forest with a climb in elevation of 1499 feet.

On Sunday morning everyone woke up to a beautiful sunny and calm day. Breakfast was held, Vern provided his thoughts and farewells were made.



Photo courtesy of Cathy Ruebel

## Shake Out the Cobwebs Rally

The Spring Luncheon on May 20 included a campout from May 19-21, 2017, for those who were able to attend. The events took place at Carrington, ND in the City Park with lunch at the Chieftain Motel on Saturday. The weather did not cooperate and thank you to the Larsons for the tarps to help protect everyone from the wind. Thank you to the Zinks for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Everyone enjoyed visiting the local haunts including the fabric store, gun shop and hardware store. Thank you to Cathy Ruebel for arranging for the tour of the Carrington Research Extension Center.

## Best of Show

At the W.B.C.C.I 60th International Rally held in Escanaba, Michigan, the North Dakota Peach Garden Unit 2017 Membership Directory received the Best of Show.

Thanks to Cathy Ruebel for your dedicated achievement in creation of a superb directory for the NDPG Unit.



# R& R Rally ★ Aug 24-27, 2017 Downstream Campground, Riverdale, ND

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## Rally Schedule

### *Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017*

Arrival—when you get here

6:00 PM Please bring your meat and a dish to share, your own beverage and table service.

### *Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017*

8:30 AM Pot Luck Breakfast

Business Meeting – Short and Sweet!

Noon Lunch on your own.

6:00 PM Please bring your meat and a dish to share, your own beverage and table service.

### *Friday, Aug. 25, 2017*

8:30 AM Breakfast of Pancakes and Sausages provided, bring your own table service.

Noon Lunch on your own.

6:00 PM Please bring your meat and a dish to share, your own beverage and table service.

### *Sunday, Aug 27, 2017*

8:00 AM Breakfast of French Toast and Bacon

9:00AM Reflections by Vern Zink

Good-bye's and see you down the road.

Happy Hour - Every day whenever it starts!

### **Notes on the Campground**

Please fill with water when you arrive, the campground is electric only.

**There is NO STORE close by, so bring all supplies.**

There is a new restaurant in Riverdale and Ron and Rose are going to check out so we may have a lunch there one day.

## Airstream 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Art Idso's

By Kathleen Schultz

Arthur Idso and Kathleen Schultz hosted Airstreamers on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>. Elroy and Myrna Boschee from Telby, SD came. Sunday arrivals were Ron and Rose Larson from Bowman, ND. Monday brought Doug and Marie Jensen from Aberdeen, SD and Rolly and Wanda Wall from Harwood, ND.

Tuesday for the 4<sup>th</sup> celebration came Arlene and Jack Bailey from Wyndmere, ND, also Mark Schultz and family from Hunter, ND.

On Monday afternoon Art received a call from an Airstream traveler looking for an overnight camping spot. She was a retired Lt. Colonel from the US Marines.

The Faughts put on a great pot luck supper and had truly beautiful fireworks display. It was a fun night.

# Unit Meeting Minutes

SPRING BUSINESS MEETING  
NORTH DAKOTA PEACE  
GARDEN UNIT  
Carrington, North Dakota  
May 20, 2017

The Spring Business meeting was called to order by President Chris Wells at 1:24 pm. President Wells declared a quorum present. Members present were Koester, Larson, Ruebel, Sylvestre, Thomson, Towles, Wall, Wells, and Zink.

## Roll Call of Officers:

Present:

President Chris Wells  
1st Vice President Jack Bailey (absent)  
2nd Vice President Roland Wall  
Recording Secretary Bev Wells  
Corresponding Secretary Bev Wells  
Treasurer Roxanne Towles  
Past President Larry Ruebel

Secretary's Reports Minutes from Fall Business Meeting of September 16, 2016 were circulated among the members. A motion was made by Vern Zink to approve the minutes as circulated and seconded by Wanda Wall. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report was given by Roxanne Towles. The current bank balance is \$1,071.51. There was \$510.00

income and \$369.02 in expenses. Fees will be submitted by Cathy Ruebel for membership directory. Rally fee is \$5.00 per person.

## Old Business:

Monument of Peace Committee: President Wells requested Don Thomson provide a report, Don confirmed that the committee had been dissolved. Plasticized bond copies of the history of the Monument were to be created at a cost of about \$1,800 this would be paid from existing funds. Approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000 was raised that will be used for maintenance of the Monument. The money collected from the foundation would be donated towards maintenance.

A motion was made by Judy Koester that Vern Zink be directed to complete the project with creation of plasticized historical documents, and filed with Bismarck Historical Society, Manitoba Archives, Jackson Centre and the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit and International Peace Gardens and seconded by Cathy Ruebel. MOTION CARRIED

## New Business:

a.) Airstream Name License Agreement - A motion was

made by Vern Zink that President Chris

Wells be authorized to execute the agreement and seconded by Joe Sylvestre. MOTION CARRIED

b) North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Constitution – Every five years the constitution must be updated with notice in the newsletter and on the website.

A motion was made by Vern Zink that the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Constitution be automatically adopted with the International Unit Model by-law of the day, copy be sent out for review and without any opposition be accepted and seconded by Don Thomson. MOTION CARRIED

c) Vice President Don Thomson Report – Greetings from President Peter Yanke, Regional Rally is June 5-11 at St. Paul, Minnesota State Fair Grounds. The International Rally is July 22 – 29th at Escanaba, Michigan. Thomsons and Walls will be attending.

A motion was made by Ron Larson that Rolly Wall be appointed a voting delegate for the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit, with Wanda Wall as alternate, with his / her to vote their conscious and seconded by Vern Zink. MOTION CARRIED

# Unit Meeting Minutes Continued

Next Rally: Summer Buddy  
Rail is at BryMar Campground  
near Brandon, Manitoba  
Jun22-25, 2017.

## **Other Business:**

A motion was made by Bev  
Zink that a donation of \$25.00  
be given to Shirley Detlaff to  
donate in memory of Robert

Detlaff and seconded by  
Lillian Thomson. MOTION  
CARRIED

Don Thomson requested  
suggestions for the Region 7  
Rallies to be held in 2018 and  
2019.

## **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ron  
Larson that the meeting be  
adjourned at 2:34 p.m. and  
seconded by Bev Zink.  
MOTION CARRIED  
Bev Wells Secretary

# NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN UNIT CONSTITUTION

## **ARTICLE I NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

Sec. 1 This organization is a chartered Unit of the  
Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.  
and shall be known as the NORTH DAKOTA  
PEACE GARDEN UNIT of the Wally Byam  
Caravan Club International, Inc.

## **ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES**

Sec. 1 The objectives of this non-profit  
organization shall be:

- To furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Unit and thus afford fraternization for recreational vehicle owners.
- To encourage safe driving and assist in improving the general welfare of the recreational vehicle public through assistance and active participation of all its members in building a strong organization for the betterment of good will toward recreational vehicle travel.

- To coordinate with and participate in the interests and activities of the International and the Region.
- To cooperate with other organizations and units within our sphere which are seeking to elevate the standards and ethics of the various groups.
- To disseminate information of an advisory and educational nature which will be of value to its members and the public.
- To study, advise and recommend legislation which is in the interest of the recreational vehicle public and oppose all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the recreational vehicle public.
- To encourage government and private agencies to provide more and better recreational vehicle parks and facilities.

# NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN UNIT CONSTITUTION, Continued

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- Sec. 1 An adult who owns a hard-sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. shall be eligible for membership.
- Sec. 2 There are two classes of membership in this unit--Regular Members and Affiliate Members.
- Sec. 3 An applicant for membership in this Unit must submit an application in writing and, upon the payment of International and Unit dues, shall be a Regular Member of this Unit.
- Sec. 4 Regular Members who have sold their recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members of this Unit pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 2 ARTICLE VI of the International Constitution. Such Regular Members shall possess all the rights and privileges of the International Club, including full voting rights in all elections and on all questions.
- Sec. 5 Regular Members of another Unit may become Affiliate members in this Unit by an application to the Membership Committee and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of the Unit except:
- The right to hold office in the Unit.
  - The right to vote in the selection or election of officers in the Unit, Region or International or on any amendment to the Unit or the International Constitution.
  - The right to vote on the dissolution of the Unit, consolidation of the Unit with

one or more units, or the merger of the Unit with another Unit.

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- Sec. 6 Applicants for Affiliate membership in this Unit must submit dues and show evidence of membership in the International Club through another duly chartered unit.

- Sec. 7 Failure to pay either Unit or International dues will automatically terminate membership in the unit.

Sec. 8 In those cases of co-ownership of a hard-sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., the rights and privileges of membership shall be deemed to include the spouses of such co-owners but collectively such co-owners shall possess one vote only except such co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this Unit shall each have one vote. A co-owner is defined as one of two WBCCI members who own a single Airstream Recreational Vehicle. Existing co-owners with more than two memberships on June 25, 2005, are not subject to this two membership limitation, as long as they maintain continuous membership in WBCCI.

## ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

- Sec 1 The officers of the Unit shall be Regular members of the Unit and shall consist of:
- President
  - First Vice President
  - Second Vice President
  - Corresponding Secretary
  - Recording Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Three Trustees.

# NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN UNIT CONSTITUTION, Continued

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- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Three Trustees.

Sec. 2 The Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall be installed and shall assume office at the fall rally. An officer, except for Trustees, shall serve in office for a term of one year or until a successor is elected but in no case shall an officer be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office except the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer provided said officers are duly nominated and elected for each term of office.

Sec. 3 The Trustees shall be elected at the annual business meeting, each for a term of two years, but arranged so that only one-half such Trustees terms expire in any one year. No Trustee shall serve more than one two year term consecutively.

Sec. 4 An officer who advances to an office pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 5 of this ARTICLE shall not be deemed to have

served a full term in such office unless said service is for a period of greater than one-half (1/2) the term of such office.

Sec. 5 In the event of the death or resignation of the President or the death, advancement or resignation of a Vice President, or an officer's inability to fulfill the duties of office, the next ranking Vice President (in the order first, second) shall advance thereto. All other vacancies on the Executive Board, except that of the Immediate Past President, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Sec. 1 The Executive Board shall consist of all of the unit officers plus the immediate Past President of the unit.

Sec. 2 The Executive Board shall be the administrative body of the Unit and shall define the policies of and have full administrative authority in all matters pertaining to the Unit, and shall exercise general control and supervision of all officers and committees.

Sec. 3 The President or any two members of the Board may call a business meeting of the Executive Board at any time deemed necessary.

Sec. 4 A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of its members.

# NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN UNIT CONSTITUTION, Continued

## **ARTICLE VI UNIT BUSINESS MEETINGS**

- Sec. 1 The annual business meeting of the Unit shall be held during the month of September. Additional business meetings may be held during any rally of the Unit, and also may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The date, time, location and purpose of all Unit business meetings shall be announced to the members in writing at least fifteen days prior to the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at any business meeting shall be not less than ten (10) percent of the membership.
- Sec. 2 All Regular Members voting at the annual or additional business meetings of this organization, and each such membership, identified by the International Club membership number, shall be considered one vote, except for co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this unit as provided for in Article III, Section 8.
- Sec. 3 Ballots submitted by email, regular mail or facsimile may also be accepted from Regular members unable to attend regular or special business meetings. The President and Recording Secretary shall ensure no member casts more than one ballot. Votes allowed in this manner should be received by the unit no later than two (2) days before the regular or special meeting at which a vote is to be taken. These votes must be kept confidential until voting at a meeting has taken place.

## **ARTICLE VII BYLAWS**

- Sec. 1 Bylaws consistent with this Constitution and with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., embodying additional provisions for the government of the Unit may be adopted by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS**

- Sec. 1 Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board in writing. The Executive Board shall submit all such amendments to the members for their consideration.
- Sec. 2 Any Article or Section of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting at a business meeting of the Unit or a special meeting called for that purpose, providing in either case, a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been distributed to each member of the Unit at least fifteen days prior to such a meeting.
- Sec. 3 All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption.

This Constitution, as last amended, was adopted on May 20, 2017 at Carrington, North Dakota.

## I Spy .... an Airstream!



Photo Dubai Marina © Joachim B.

**By Cathy Ruebel**

A few of you know that one of my interests outside of this club is something I have been actively doing for more than forty years. I have a short list of lifetime friends from around the world who I've had the pleasure of getting to know through correspondence – yes, I have pen pals!

A couple weeks ago, Maureen from Dublin, Ireland shared with me a treasure trove of photos from their holiday in Dubai this past February - about the same time we were basking in the pleasures of a North Dakota winter [sigh]. One particular photo caught my eye and Maureen agreed that I could share it with you. You just never know where you will find an Airstream!

“The reason I asked Jo to take it was that it reminded me of pics that you had sent of your caravan.... so you were in my thoughts when we took the pic.” Maureen and I have been

corresponding for a long time – this year marks our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! One thing for sure, there are very few gifts in this world that are more valuable than lifelong friendship, or the wisdom to know it when you've found it. Thank you, Maureen and Jo for sharing your adventure!

