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Ready for the tour around the Hutterite Colony farm are Allan and Roxanne Towles, Rose and Ron Larson, John and Sandi DeYoung, and Arlene and Jack Bailey.

Campfire later one brought the challenges of trying to roast marshmallows over smoldering and slightly wet firewood—puts extra flavor into the marshmallows.

The unit meeting was held on Saturday morning, with an update on the upcoming Region 7 Rally by R7 1st Vice President Linda Agre, and a briefing members of the Hands of Peace Restoration Committee, Vern Zink leading the briefing. (See update in this newsletter.) Several unit positions will be open this coming fall—Arlene Bailey said that this would be her last year as Unit Secretary and Cathy Ruebel indicated that she was stepping down as the newsletter editor. Please consider stepping up to volunteer for these critical unit jobs. Meeting Minutes will be published in the next issue of this newsletter.

Saturday, the group toured Aberdeen's historic downtown, including the Dakota Prairie Museum and the Ward Hotel, and numerous boutiques and shops in between.

Great Turnout at June's Aberdeen Rally

Toasty temperatures greeted everyone at Aberdeen's Wylie Campground in early June to open this year's rally season. President Bev Zink and her First Mate Vern had everything lined up and ticking like a clock, with supper ready for everyone on Thursday evening.

Friday, everyone carpoled for the day's activities—tours of a nearby ethanol plant, in the morning, then lunch at a local Hutterite Colony and a hay-ride tour of their farming operation.

Back at the campground, the afternoon flowed at a relaxing pace with plenty of snacks for Happy Hour and right into supper.

Campfires plus marshmallows equals sticky fingers and good times. Madison enjoys the sweet end to the day.



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Garden
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For those interested in attending the Krabseth's 60th Anniversary Party in October, while hotel accommodations can be slim pickin' in that corner of the state, Lewis & Clark State Park will still be open with electricity, but likely no water.

The park is located about 18 miles east of Williston and you will need a State Park Permit to get in.

We're Airstreamers from North Dakota - a little bit of autumn weather won't deter us from having a good time - just be prepared for any season Mother Nature would like to throw at us.

President's Message

...by Bev Zink

Recovering from a fun rally in Aberdeen - fun because so many of you were there; we are now looking forward to the July Rally in Bottineau. This, our summer "vacation" rally - more relaxing and casual. It is also our Buddy Rally—That means we expect that you will invite your friends to join us. They do not need to have, own, or come with an Airstream RV.

We will be at the Bottineau County Fairgrounds. There we will have water and electric hook-ups for \$10 per night. We will have an indoor room with cooking facilities and air conditioning included in the \$10.

We will have a couple short tours, a pontoon ride on Lake Metigoshe, and we will eat out Saturday night at a dinner club on the lake. For those who volunteer, it is not all play and no work. The rally will end on Sunday; Monday, we will carpool to the Peace Garden for a day of donated labor to work in the flower gardens, on the grounds, and whatever they ordinarily assign to public volunteers.

We do need you to let us know the number of guests to help us plan the food. You do NOT need to make reservations with the Fairgrounds, as there is sufficient sites for all of us and more.

Workers, please bring your own work duds. Everyone should bring their bug spray and sunblock. Looking forward to another fun rally.

And lastly, we want to extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our Unit Member, **Michael Baron** of Winnipeg, who passed away June 14th. A memorial has been sent in Michael and his wife Irene's name to the Hands of Peace Restoration Fund.

Bev Z.



2012 Calendar of Events

June 28 - July 4, 2012	WBCCI International Rally Sedalia, Missouri
June 29, 2012	Region 7 Luncheon, Ivory Grille Sedalia, MO
July 19 - 22, 2012	Bottineau—Lake Metigoshe
Aug 8, 2012	Unit Officers' Workshop, Spicer, MN
Aug 8 - 13, 2012	Region 7 Rally, Spicer, MN
Aug 30-Sept 2, 2012	Fall Installation Rally - Bismarck, ND
Oct. 13, 2012	Krabseth's 60th Anniversary Party Williston, ND

Summer Vacation Buddy Rally July 19-23, 2012 Bottineau County Fairground ✦ Bottineau, ND

Rally Schedule

Rally Parking at the Fairgrounds is \$10 per night for water & electricity. Rally fee TBD.

Directions: In Bottineau, go north on Main Street, just north of the railroad tracks on the east side of the street—watch for the signs

For all meals—You may bring potluck foods—including salads, veggies, breads, pickles, fruit, and desserts. Please bring your own plates and utensils.



Thursday, July 19

4:00 PM - Happy Hour
6:00 PM - Dinner – Hotdish
7:00 PM - Fire Pit conversation followed by ice cream

Friday, July 20

8:30 AM Breakfast - Omelets-in-a-bag with juice and coffee provided
10:00 AM Tour - Deva Clothing Factory (outerwear)
10:45 AM - Visit floral and gift shop
11:30 AM - Lunch at M&D Pizza and More
12:30 PM Return to camp
4:00 PM - Happy Hour
6:00 PM - Dinner Pork loin and dressing
7:30 PM - Perhaps Summer/Community Theatre

Saturday, July 21

8:30 AM Breakfast - French toast and sausages with juice and coffee provided
10:00 AM Unit Meeting
12:00 Noon - BLT sandwiches and watermelon
???? PM Open for a talk in camp about Annie's House - a ski lodge dedicated to a Bottineau 9/11 victim
4:00 PM Carpool to Twin Oaks Resort
4:30 PM Pontoon ride around Lake Metigoshe
6:00 PM - Return to Twin Oaks Resort
6:30 PM - Dinner - Twin Oaks—Upper Level
8:00 PM - Return to camp/return on your own time

Sunday, July 22

8:30 AM Breakfast - Oatmeal & Ice cream or dry cereal and toast.
9:30 AM Church Service
10:00 AM Leave for home , except for Volunteers for work on Monday at the International Peace Garden

Monday, July 23

???? AM - Departure for the Peace Garden dependent on their schedule. We will carpool. Bring your own box lunch, or eat at the Peace Garden restaurant. Return to the camp at the end of the work day.

Hotels:

Super 8 - Bottineau, 701-228-2125
Norway House Motel, 701-228-3737
Turtle Mountain Inn, 701-228-2296
Twin Oaks Resort, Lake Metigoshe, 877-326-4295



UPDATE : Hands of Peace Restoration & Replacement Project

For and on behalf of Gail Harrower, Chairperson I (Vern Zink) am preparing this report mainly on the more technical aspects of the project. Member Chris Wells, and Chris Bauer, PE – Structural Engineer (an advisory member only) and myself are the subcommittee working on the more technical aspects of the project, i.e. the design, pattern, casting, production, finishing, site and base preparation, and installation of the monument. We report to the full committee.

Alternative foundries and fabricators have been investigated and we have interviewed principals and production people to ascertain their capacity and previous work experience. Considering proximity to the site as a factor for accessibility and the responses to our stated goals', we have concluded that the originally proposed production companies are capable and acceptable for this project. Some site visits have been made and more are planned as the project progresses.

The project has been well received by Keystone Pattern and Matrix Industries. Their enthusiasm for the project was apparent and sincere. Once the project is funded, the detailed CAD (computer-aided design) renderings for the pattern makers will first be reviewed by the Committee and the Artist, Barry Burdeny (the original and now world renowned) for conformity of aesthetics and imagery.

The aforementioned meetings have resulted in confirming that



*This is not what I have done,
nor is it what we might
accomplish, but rather it is ..
"That two great nations acknowledged the dignity of man, insured his freedoms, achieved two hundred years of Peaceful co-existence; now these two hundred years are re-dedicated as a model to future generations all around the world as a way of life".*

the original quotes are being adhered to for the phases of the project through this year and the first portion of 2013. Some adjustment may be necessary if the project is delayed much further into the future. Considering ancillary project costs, the final estimate and budget are now before the committee.

Some small amounts of contributions have begun to trickle in.

Also, some local governmental units and corporate entities have been approached to budget for donations to this project. Inasmuch that this project is to be funded entirely by donations, no work orders or contracts can be executed until the project is fully funded. We feel that the technical and production aspects have been sufficiently established to this point. There are stated 'lead times' these companies have given us – i.e. at present 20 weeks minimum.

Chairperson Gail Harrower is working with the technical people to get a web site up and it will be accessible shortly. A brochure detailing the project has been printed and distributed. It is important in that it has all the information for donors in the United States and Canada to remit their contributions and to receive their tax deductible receipts.

A mini replica of the sculpture was produced for the 1975 dedication ceremony. Quotes are being obtained to have this produced again, which collectors may purchase or which may possibly be given for larger donations. Linda Agre, incoming Region 7 President has incorporated a fundraiser, a report, etc., into the Region 7 Rally in Spicer, Minnesota. The committee has been active. With this backing, fundraising can begin with a substantive foundation for marketing.

Respectfully submitted for Gail Harrower
/s/ Vern Zink
ND Committee member

Highlights from the Aberdeen Rally

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A gathering of multiple varieties of Air-streams at this park did not go unnoticed, as a group of people walking around asked for a tour, as they had never seen the inside of one—surely an Airstreamer in the making. And as we were sitting around discussing serious issues of the day, our eyes were all caught by an incoming Argosy. Chris and Larry later on went over to greet the Argosy owners and invited them to join us for lunch, which they did.

Dinner Saturday evening was at the Ward Hotel. The firewood was sufficiently drier this evening, making for perfect marshmallow roasting conditions.

Sunday, following breakfast, Jack and Arlene Bailey led the group in morning reflections. Goodbyes were said and everyone headed out for home or their next destination.

Joining the Zinks were Region 7 1st Vice President Linda Agree, from Clear Lake, MN, Jack and Arlene Bailey from Wyndmere, ND, John and Sandi DeYoung from Watertown, SD, Kathleen Schultz and Art Idson from Absaraka, ND, Ron and Rose Larson of Bowman, ND, Cathy & Larry Ruebel, Bismarck, Lillian and Don Thomson and Granddaughter Madison from Cavalier, ND, Roxanne and Allane Towles from Hazel, SD, and Chris and Bev Wells from Warren, Manitoba.



Top: Bev & Vern Zink and Linda Agree and the rest of the group listen to a briefing from their guide at the Hutterite Colony.

Center: Lillian Thomson and Madison join three young ladies from the Colony.

Bottom: Sunset in Wylie Park in Aberdeen.

Michael Baron 1923—2012

Michael Baron passed away June 14, 2012 at his residence at the Irene Baron Eden Center in Winnipeg, a care facility he built and named after his late wife. Michael was a member of the Manitoba unit and transferred his membership to North Dakota in 2009. Michael joined the Air Force during World War II and trained as a pilot, but served as a chef. He worked for CN Rail for 45 years and during this time entered into the care home business. He donated his WWII link trainer, still in flying condition, to the Canadian Navy Museum to be on display at the HMCS Shearwater in Nova Scotia. He was an avid birder and lover of animals and enjoyed hobbies such as aviation, sailing, canine training and cooking. His wife Irene and daughter Colleen preceded him in death. He is survived by two grandsons and two great grandchildren. A memorial in Michael and Irene Baron's name has been made to the Hands of Peace Restoration Fund at the International Peace Gardens.



This and that ...by Cathy Ruebel

The year is now officially half over and the summer is whizzing by—I hope you are making the most of the lovely warm weather we have been enjoying.

I wanted to touch on several subjects, none of which I could talk knowledgeably - but that's never stopped me before.

Work to be done

Spoke with our delegate to the International Rally in Sedalia, Don Thomson, who said no monumental changes were made to the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws at the Delegates' Meeting. It has been almost five years since our own **Unit Constitution and Bylaws** had been revised, so we are due.

According to Article VIII of our Unit Constitution, any proposed changes or amendments need to be published or sent to all members at least 15 days in advance of the Unit Meeting, to which they are also notified 15 days in advance. Currently, Article 8 states that such notices must be mailed first class to the members. Perhaps that Article could be revised to include electronic mail.

Don also indicated our Unit Directory took the Blue Ribbon in the Publications contest at the International Rally. Good—Keeps us on the map and in their minds.

Unit Positions Open

Arlene Bailey has indicated that she no longer wishes to hold the Unit Secretary position. She is an amazing lady for having performed in that job for at least since 2004 when we joined the unit. Obviously a job well done! A big **Thank You** goes out to Arlene for her tireless efforts on behalf of all of us.

Now it's time for someone new to step up to the plate and help keep this unit functioning. All too frequently we have hearing about other units unable to come up with Unit officers. Ours is not immune – we have been recycling “has beens” and need an infusion of new blood. Thank you to Allan Towles for stepping up to the plate last fall and coming in as 2nd VP. Now we need several more volunteers to take on some club duties.

And speaking of “has beens”, I have been doing this newsletter and the unit directory for nine years and it is time for a change in that area, too. When I announced it at the business meeting, you could feel the “don't make eye contact or you'll get a job” sentiment going around in the group.

There was a whole lot of negative comment about no one qualified to do the job. What qualifications? I know there are any number of people out there that could do it, just don't realize their potential. I would suggest anyone who can write up that chatty accounting of the year's adventures in their annual Christmas Letter is more than qualified and experienced. Yes, you know who you are!

There are boundless styles of newsletters out there that you can take your ideas from, just like I did. Make it your own. You don't need any fancy software—there is free stuff out there on the internet and templates for newsletters — you just paste or type in the words.

Please come to the **Unit Workshops** at the Region Rally next month and learn how you can support our unit—its survival depends on people taking turns volunteering to lead.