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"Walleye Up" in Mobridge, ND

Photo Courtesy Ryan Jilek

Fall Installation Rally

The Installation Rally was hosted by Marie & Doug Jensen and Roxanne & Allan Towles at Country Cabins and RV Park, Mobridge, South Dakota, starting on Thursday September 12, 2019. Joining the Jensen's and Towles' were Rolly & Wanda Wall, Bruce & Carolyn Coonrod, Arden Gilbert & Julie Cavanaugh, Mark & Jane Halvorson, Ryan & Kelley Jilek, Kenny & Monica Kubischta, Gordon Picken, Larry & Cathy Ruebel, Joe Sylvestre & Ernie Murray, Don & Lillian Thomson, Chris & Bev Wells and Vern & Bev Zink. Ray & Laura Jilek, members of the Wyoming Unit joined the rally.

For those early arrivers on Wednesday the weather was wet, but the rally weekend was beautiful fall weather. Great opportunities to sit outside and visit, go for walks in the scenic campground and sit around a campfire. The rally meals and meeting were held at the Club House thanks to Gene.

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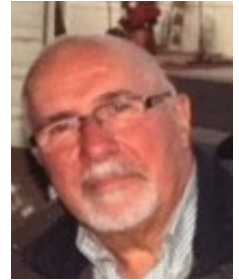
President Notes

By Joe Sylvestre

Rally Season is fast approaching. Rallies for 2020 will take place in Bismarck, Jamestown and Williston.

The season will kick off in Bismarck, North Dakota at General Sibley Park and Campground from June 11th to 14th, 2020. Please make your reservations early by going to www.bispark.org or call 701-222-1844. I am hoping to reserve around site 52. If you call please let reservations know you are with the Airstream Rally.

Summer Rally will be in Jamestown, North Dakota at the Jamestown Campground from July 16th to 19th, 2020. Reservations can be made by calling 701-252-6262, after April 30, 2020. Confirm you are with the Airstream Rally. The Installation Rally will be held in Williston, North Dakota at the Louis and Clark State Park from September 10th to 13th, 2020. Camping sites can only be booked 95 days prior to our rally, which is June 8th. Group camping is available with electrical and water hook up. Will keep you posted as to which group site our rally is booked in.



2020 Calendar of Events

June 11-14, 2020

Kick Off Rally
General Sibley Park and Campground
Bismarck, ND
(701) 222-1844
Website: www.bispark.org

June 20-27, 2020

Loveland 2020 63rd International Rally
The Ranch Events Complex
Loveland, Colorado

July 16-19, 2020

Summer Rally
Jamestown Campground
Jamestown, ND
(701) 262-6262

Aug 20-25, 2020

Region 7 Rally
"Anatomy of a Murder"
Rippling River Resort
Marquette, Michigan (see page 6 of
newsletter for more information)

Sept 10-13, 2020

Installation Rally
Lewis and Clark State Park
Williston, ND
800-807-4723
Website: travel.parkrecnd.com

Fall Installation Rally

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On Thursday the rally started at the Club House with Happy Hour and a supper of South Dakota beef brats and that ever so bountiful dish to share. The evening concluded with a campfire and music by Ryan Jilek.

On Friday morning the Airstream chefs cooked up pancakes, sausage and eggs. A business meeting was held after breakfast. The rest of the day was an opportunity to tour Mobridge. In the morning The Scherr-Howe Event Center could be visited to view The Oscar Howe Murals. The murals depict Dakota life at contact and interactions



Photo courtesy C. Ruebel

I got Friends in Lowly Places

with settlers. In the afternoon the guys toured a car restoration shop and the gals and guy toured Mobridge. Including Weigum’s Great Plains Landscape Arboretum where Jeanne Weigum provided information on various plants that will grow and flourish in the area. Stopped at the Mobridge City Park and also visited A.H Brown Public Library, built by Albert Henry Brown and donated to Mobridge to always remain as a library. Dropped into Art on the Corner for ice tea and dessert, with an opportunity to purchase local artist’s pictures, jewelry or even a cook book.



Photo courtesy R Towles

Breakfast Crew



Photo Courtesy R Towles

Art on the Corner



Photo courtesy R Towles

Group with Jeanne Weigum at Great Plains Landscape Arboretum

The day concluded with supper at the Club House, including Pizza Ranch chicken and the far too many selections of a “dish to share”, with an opportunity to gather around the campfire afterwards.

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Saturday was Beef N Fun Weekend in Mobridge! If you wished the morning started off with caramel rolls picked up at the American Legion by those ever- thoughtful husbands. The day had a selection of events, including Rummage Sale, Car/Motorcycle Show, Flea Market, Pet Parade or a visit to the Klein Museum for lunch and a tour. Later in the day everyone met at the “Walleye Up” Statue, sculpted by South Dakota artist John Lopez, for a group photo. The Installation Supper was at the Windjammer, with the installation meeting and swearing in of 2020 North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Officers. Everyone returned to the Club House for cake, ice cream and fellowship.

Sunday concluded the Rally with a potluck breakfast and devotions provided by Allan Towles and Laura Jilek offered the prayer.

The end of another season of NDPG Unit Rallies and looking forward to 2020 rallies. A great opportunity to camp with friends, enjoy great food and tour the NDPG Unit’s prairie.



Beef N Fun Weekend Car Show



Photo courtesy C Ruebel

Happy Hour



Photo courtesy C Ruebel

62nd International Rally, Doswell, Virginia

Submitted by Wanda Wall

Rolly and I left July 12th for the International Rally in Doswell, Virginia which was around 1600 miles. Stayed in Janesville, Wisconsin the first night and Cambridge, Ohio the next night. The next day we made it to Doswell around 4:30 pm the temperature was 101 degrees and humid, so we got set up and put the air on. We learned from Don and Lillian to put silver insulation in the sky lights and windows which helps to keep the heat out. Also went and got a fan for the camper.

Took a tour of the Meadow Event Park where Secretariat – the race horse – was born. We learned the history of the Chenery family's ancestral homeplace and its famous thoroughbreds. Got to see all the memorabilia from the races, horses, etc.

The opening ceremony was on Saturday night where Rolly carried the unit flag. The ceremony is real impressive. Afterwards there was entertainment of Mountain Highway which was a father and his family – 3 girls – ages 13, 15 and 18 and one boy 16. They all played instruments and sang bluegrass and gospel. They were really good.

We took a bus tour which was a narrated tour of the escape route of Lincoln's assassin John Wilkes Booth and his co-conspirators. Toured the Surratt House in Maryland and had lunch at Captain John's Seafood and went to Bowling Green Art Museum. Tour guides pointed out sites of Caroline County. The tours are educational and well worth the money.

Rolly had delegate meetings and we walked thru the vendors, etc. They had classes you could attend I went to a couple.

We left a couple days early and stopped at Sassafras Winery, which was really interesting. We came home a little different route so we could stop at my nephew's in Mansfield, Illinois. Spent Saturday and Sunday morning with his family. We left there around 1:00 pm and got home Monday July 28th around 4:30 pm.

We really had a nice trip and the scenery was just beautiful, the traffic was a challenge at times but thanks to GPS we did fine. We are looking forward to going to Loveland Colorado this summer.



Highway 95



The Meadows



Rolly carrying NDPG Unit Flag

2020 Region 7 Rally “Anatomy of a Murder”

Here is your access to information about the 2020 Region 7 Rally being held in Marquette, MI August 20 - 25, 2020, <https://region7.airstreamclub.net>.

We have 55 campsites already spoken for-- so the next step for those Airstreamers will be to pay the rally fee.

You may pay your Rally Fee by going to the Region 7 website and selecting one of the listed options.

You will receive a confirmation for your payment, a duplicate of the information you entered, and a great big Thank You from your Region Treasurer, Gail Harrower.

It is an easy way for you to pay and definitely makes our work as rally planners much easier.

So pay and relax. Check out the R7 Website where the Rally flyer is available to download. More info with details will be posted as we get closer to the event.

Here’s a taste: One Yooper has offered to donate wood for our community campfires. Guess who? The Minnesota Airstream Club has agreed to provide coffee urns. Wisconsin UP Airstream Club will serve dessert one night. And, a member has offered to perform for us.

Just a taste. Please stay tuned for more info at the Region 7 website!

Your Region 7 Rally Organizers
Volunteering for You

Unit Meeting Minutes

INSTALLATION RALLY BUSINESS MEETING
NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN UNIT
Country Cabins and RV Park, 2712 West Hwy 12, Mobridge South Dakota
September 12-15, 2019

A business meeting was called to order by President Rolly Wall at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, September 13, 2019. Trailers present were Coonrod, Gilbert/Cavanaugh, Halvorson, Jilek, Kubischta, Picken, Sylvestre, Thomson, Towles, Wall, Wells, and Zink and from the Wyoming Unit Ray & Laura Jilek. President Wall declared a quorum present. An introduction of all members was completed.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present:

- President Roland Wall
- 1st Vice President Joe Sylvestre
- 2nd Vice President Allan Towles
- Recording Secretary Bev Wells
- Corresponding Secretary Wanda Wall
- Treasurer Roxanne Towles
- Past President

Jack Bailey (absent)

Secretary’s Report: Minutes from Spring Business Meeting of June 22, 2019 were read. A motion was made by Chris Wells to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Bev Zink. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer’s Report was given by Roxanne Towles. There was income of \$232.00 and expenses of \$559.28, with a current bank balance of \$916.02. A motion was made by Wanda Wall to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded by Joe Sylvestre. MOTIONED CARRIED.

Nominating Committee’s Report further discussion tonight.

Old Business:

President Wall reported that at the Summer Rally, July 11-14, 2019 a rose bush was presented to Cathy Ruebel as a thank you for volunteering to complete NDPG Unit directories and the donation of the cost of the 2017 directory.

Bev Wells recommended that NDPG Unit directories include business cards to hand out to prospective members. The card would include International and Unit information, with space for personal information. A motion was made by Bev Zink that the Unit directory include business cards with Club and Unit information and seconded by Wanda Wall. MOTIONED CARRIED.

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President Wall reported that directional signs were ordered and printed, but will need to be reprinted due to a printing error, states Rolly instead of Rally.

New Business:

Region Seven Report – President Don Thomson reported on the International Rally and Region news. The 62nd International Rally was held in Doswell, Virginia with temperatures of 103 degrees F and humidity of 90 degrees F. The NDPG Unit directory received first place.

The International Unit is doing a major transition, working on being able to communicate in every mode, including Facebook, payments completed by PayPal, in order to enhance membership and benefits to the larger group.

Don's term is expiring at the 2020 International Rally. Currently 1st Vice President is Jane Carmichael from the Wisconsin Unit and 2nd Vice President is Beth Zelton from the Wisconsin Unit. A 2nd Vice President is needed for the region in 2020, usually rotated between Units.

International Rally Doswell,

Virginia – Wanda Wall reported on the Rally from July 20-27, 2019. Over 700 Airstreamers were in attendance. Wanda & Rolly wrapped up the Summer Rally at their farm on Sunday and left Monday arriving at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday July 17, were 1560 miles from home. Purchased

aluminum installation panels for the windows and skylights to help reduce the heat in the trailer. During the day stayed in the main building with air conditioning. Rolly carried in the Unit flag for the opening ceremony, in the evening, on Saturday July 20. Traveled the area and attended various tours and seminars. Rolly attended the delegate meetings. Already registered for the Loveland, Colorado International Rally in 2020.

Directory.

Rally Fee:

The Rally fee is \$10.00 per person.

Other Business:

Allan Towles reported that the Country Cabins and RV Park provided the kitchen and dining area for the Unit Rally at a reduced rate of \$100.00 for the weekend, typically \$99.00 per day. Roxanne paid for the use of the kitchen. A motion was made by Arden Gilbert that Roxanne Towles be reimbursed \$100.00 for the use of the Country Cabins and RV Park kitchen and dining area and seconded by Joe Sylvestre. MOTIONED CARRIED.

Rolly, on behalf of Wanda and himself thanked everyone for their assistance during the 2019 season.

Gordon Picken suggested small towns be considered to host a rally in a place that the Unit has never

attended and when there is a town event. Devil's Lake has a car rally the beginning of June.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Chris Wells that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 a.m. and seconded by Gord Picken. MOTION CARRIED

Installation Supper

The installation meeting was called to order by President Rolly Wall at 6:50 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Trailers present were Coonrod, Gilbert/Cavanaugh, Jilek, Kubischta, Picken, Sylvestre, Thomson, Towles, Wall, Wells, and Zink and from the Wyoming Unit Ray & Laura Jilek. President Wall declared a quorum present. Rolly's special word is Companionship.

Report of Nominating

Committee: Chris Wells presented a roster for the Executive as follows:

President Joe Sylvestre
1st Vice President Gord Picken
2nd Vice President

Kenny Kubischta

Recording Secretary Bev Wells

Corresponding Secretary

Ernie Murray

Treasurer Roxanne Towles

Past President Roland Wall

Trustees: Jack Bailey

Chris Wells

Larry Ruebel.

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Ernie Murray declined the position of Corresponding Secretary as she is not a member of the Unit and is ineligible. As per the Unit and International membership qualifications Ernie confirmed she does not own an airstream or a spouse of a member who owns an airstream unit.

A motion was made by Wanda Wall the Unit Officer of the Unit shall be:

- President Joe Sylvestre
- 1st Vice President Gord Picken
- 2nd Vice President
 - Kenny Kubischta
- Recording Secretary Bev Wells
- Corresponding Secretary Vacant
- Treasurer Roxanne Towles
- Past President Roland Wall
- Trustees: Jack Bailey
 - Chris Wells
 - Larry Ruebel

and seconded by Larry Ruebel.
MOTIONED CARRIED.

Region 7 President Don Thomson completed the swearing in of the Unit Officers for the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit.

Future Rallies:

President Joe Sylvestre provided the membership with a list of the 2020 Rallies:

Mid June 2020 Opener Rally – General Sibley Campground, Bismarck, ND

July 2020 Considering a Campground Crawl

September 11-14, 2020 - Installation Rally Williston, ND

Region President Don Thomson reported that Cathy Ruebel’s directory has been used as a training sample at the International Rally. First Place ribbon was presented to Bev Wells for the 2019 NDPG Unit Directory.

Adjournment:

Arden Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m., back to campground for ice cream cake.

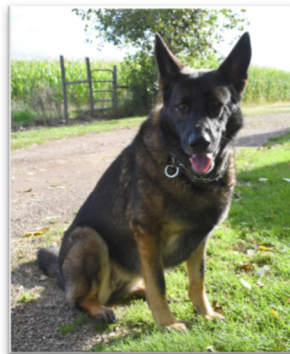
Please note that Monica Kubischta volunteered to be Corresponding Secretary.

Respectively submitted
Bev Wells
Recording Secretary



Happy Hour

Photos courtesy C Ruebel



Harley

Rally Furry Friends



Molly