



# Prairie Rose



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## INSTALLATION RALLY



North Dakota Peace Garden Unit's New Board

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit's new President Chris Wells. Congrats!



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## North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Officers

**Unit President**  
Chris Wells #7394

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
Gordon Picken #14532

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
Larry Ruebel #10081

**Treasurer**  
Roxanne Towles #4103

**Recording Secretary**  
Bev Wells #7394

**Membership Co-Chairs**  
**Cathy Ruebel #10081**  
**Rose Larson #5606**

**Past President**  
Monica Kubischta #5592

**Newsletter Editor**  
Kelley Jilek #7165

**Website Manager**  
Ryan Jilek #7165

## President's Notes

...Monica Kubischta

Our rallies have now come and gone. How the time flew by. I believe everyone had a wonderful time despite sometimes weather conditions. But members stayed strong despite these conditions. We had I believe every type of weather; windy, cold, hot, and rainy. Oh, but not snow! Thank goodness. When that comes, a few of our members are heading south for the winter. Enjoy your time there.

President's Gavel has now been turned over to Chris Wells. Good Luck on your coming year.



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## **INSTALLATION RALLY – General Sibley Campground** (Continued from Page 1)

So, our story begins ... our last rally for the year - our Installation Rally. How enjoyable for Ken and I to only have to travel 20 minutes. Yes, it was in Bismarck.

We arrived at General Sibley Park and Campground about 2:00 p.m. and as we ventured to our campsite, we saw shiny silver in the distance. Yes, fellow ND Peace Garden Unit members had already arrived. We had a very good turnout for the rally with 12 units showing up.



**General Sibley Park & Campground**



**Shiny Silver awaits us**



**Poor little guys – Oops - we forgot their legs!**





That evening after we arrived and set-up, we had social hour with a game. Each member received a card which had 1, 2, or 3 flamingoes on it. 1 Flamingo was to give an activity idea, 2 Flamingoes was the women would have to give a storage idea and the men had to give an airstream maintenance idea. 3 Flamingoes was to a name a new campsite or a memory of a rally. Supper followed this.



**Flamingo Game**



**Campers enjoying visiting**

Due to the weather forecast, it was decided to have our business meeting Friday morning with installation to follow. Our newly installed officers are as follows: Chris Wells, President; Gordon Picken, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Larry Ruebel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Bev Wells, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Roxanne Towles, Treasurer; and Trustees – Rolland Wall, Allan Towles, and Cathy Ruebel,. Afternoon was on their own. Thank you and Congrats!



**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**



Gordon Picken, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Larry Ruebel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Bruce Coonrod conducting installation



Bev Wells, Recording Secretary and  
Corresponding Secretary



Roxanne Towles, Treasurer



Trustees: Cathy Ruebel, Allan Towles,  
and Roland Wall



## FELLOWSHIP/INSTALLATION SUPPER

At 5:00, we headed to Jacks Steakhouse and Seafood for supper. The food was delicious, service was superb and enjoyed by everyone.



## Heritage Center Visit

We were thankful that we changed the schedule as we were greeted by rain Saturday morning but that didn't stop us. We had two canopies to cook and eat under. Some took their meals back to their camper. The rain did let up and we headed for the Heritage Center to tour and do a group picture. Again, we had social hour and supper followed by cake and ice cream to celebrate our new officers. The weather turned out nice, so we sat around the campfire.



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## GROUP PICTURE AT HERITAGE CENTER



Ken & Monica Kubischta, Curtis, Bob, & Anna Berryman, Allan & Roxanne Towles, Bob & Mary Maier, Rose & Ron Larson, Gordon Picken, Carolyn & Bruce Coonrod, Cathy & Larry Ruebel, Wanda & Roland Wall, Bev & Chris Wells, John Fikkert



Ryan and Kelly Jilek were unable to attend our group picture as they were welcoming in a new grandchild. Congratulations to all from our ND Peace Garden Unit.

Welcome little one!



### Displays at the Heritage Center



There is never a lack of food. We have some good cooks in our unit. Talking about good cooks we have an excellent Chef in our group, Gordon Picken. He took a big load off my shoulders by cooking breakfast on Friday and Saturday. It was delicious and the members are very lucky to have him. From the bottom of my heart, a big thank you.



Delicious Food

**GRILLING TIME**



Our Chef, Gordon Picken





Allan Towles dishing out ice cream on our oatmeal breakfast

Sunday morning, we had oatmeal and a variety of ice cream (from maple nut, butter pecan, to peanut butter with chocolate). If you have never had this, you must. Thank you to Rose Larson for telling me about this and to Roxanne Towles suggesting the flavors. After a breakfast and some last conversations, we then hooked up and said our goodbyes.

Another big thank you to Allan Towles for dishing out the cream for both celebration cake and oatmeal breakfast and to Larry and Cathy Ruebel for firewood and Bruce Coonrod for also setting up his canopy and conducting the installation.

Vern and Bev Zink came to our supper on Friday and joined us for breakfast on Sunday. Thank you Vern for giving prayer for food, health, and safe travels.



Vern and Bev Zink  
Previous Members  
Had joined in 1994  
Both were Presidents of the Unit

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Bob and Anna Berryman  
Joined 2022  
Previous members of the  
Greater Bay Area Airstream Club



Berryman Family  
Bob, Curtis, and Anna



Bob and Mary Maier  
Joined 2022



John Fikkert  
Affiliate Member from Canada  
His home club is BC but will be joining our  
unit.





Ryan and Kelley Jilek and granddaughter  
Joined in 2013  
Our new Webmaster and Newsletter Editor



Cooking and Conversation – A good  
Combination



Peaceful Campfire Night



Thank you to all who came. It was a good rally.





Members Eric Jensen and Deborah Metcalfe attended the Minnesota Rally in Biwabik on September 22-25, 2022.

Embarrass Lake at the Biwabik Campground.



Deborah relaxing by their campsite.

Thanks for sharing your photos.

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**This and That**  
**By**  
**Ginger, R7 President**

By now all the new officers have been installed and planning for the next year is underway in earnest! It's going to be a fun year! Congratulations to all and thank you for stepping up to help your units/clubs!

I am excited to plan a very fun Region 7 Rally in Spring Green, WI. The dates have had to be pushed back one week. So the Rally will be September 15-21, 2023. Reservations can be made now at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort. Phone number is 608-588-2826. Anyone answering can help you. Just let them know you are a part of Region 7 Airstream Group and are "claiming" a site. They will be holding our block until the end of April. More information will be coming later. I appreciate your patience with this newbie!

The next Zoom IBT meeting is November 17. As this is a transitional year, the Board will continue adopting new bylaws and changing the Constitution to reflect the outcome of the elections. I will update you as soon as possible as some of these changes may impact your club constitution and by laws.

I hope you all are enjoying some fall camping before winterizing your Silver Twinkies! Ours is already done! Some of you are lucky enough to head south for the winter! Wish you all safe travels! See you down the road!

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**INSTALLATION RALLY BUSINESS MEETING  
NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN (NDPG) UNIT**

General Sibley Park, 5001 South Washington Street, Bismarck, North Dakota

September 15-18, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Monica Kubischta at 10:22 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022. Unit members present were Berryman; Coonrod; Fikkert, Kubischta; Jilek, Ryan; Larson; Maier, Picken; Ruebel; Towles; Wall; and Wells. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was sworn. A Moment of Silence was held for those members who have passed away or with health issues.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present:

President Monica Kubischta  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Vacant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Vacant  
Recording Secretary Bev Wells  
Corresponding Secretary  
Monica Kubischta  
Treasurer Roxanne Towles  
Past President Ken Kubischta  
Trustee Gordon Picken  
Trustee Rolly Wall  
Trustee Chris Wells

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Rally Business Meeting of June 25, 2022 were circulated. A motion was made by Rolly Wall to approve the minutes as circulated, and seconded by Gordon Picken. President Monica Kubischta presented a document with a request from Virginia Slattery to amend the minutes. A motion was made Larry Ruebel to add the

document as an addendum to the minutes and seconded by Roxanne Towles. MOTION CARRIED. The motion to approve the minutes changed to approve the minutes as circulated and amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report was given by Roxanne Towles. Opening Balance of \$1,072.72 with income of \$272.63 and expenses of \$217.24, with a current bank balance of \$1,128.01. A motion was made by Wanda Wall to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Chris Wells. MOTIONED CARRIED.

Old Business:

President's Comments - Audit to be completed by Wanda Wall and Kelley Jilek. President Kubischta did not complete Scrapbooking, updated the candle holders and added names to the gavel.

NDPG Unit Constitution and By-law – Amended Constitution and By-law were emailed to the Executive Board, with no further amendments, copies were provided to the members either by email or delivered.

Constitution:

A motion was made by Chris

Wells that the NDPG Unit Constitution be adopted as presented, and seconded by Gordon Picken. A motion was made by Rose Larson that Article VI, Unit Business Meetings, Section 1 regarding the requirement for a quorum for conducting business at any business meeting shall not be less than ten (10) percent of the membership, be amended by removing ten (10) percent and adding fifteen (15) percent, and seconded by Roxanne Towles. MOTION CARRIED. Based on current membership this would be 4 units instead of 3. Motion to adopt the NDPG Unit Constitution changed adopted as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

By-law:

A motion was made by Allan Towles that the NDPG Unit By-law be adopted as presented, and seconded by Wanda Wall. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Region 7 and International Rally Dates for 2023 -

International Rally – Sweetwater Events Complex, 3320 Yellowstone Road, Rock Springs WY, June 24-30, 2023

Region 7 Rally – Wisconsin



Riverside Resort, S13220 Shifflet Rd, Spring Green WI, September 8-14, 2023.

Rally Fees estimated at \$7.00 per person final amount to be determined, fee to be paid to Treasurer Roxanne Towles. A motion was made by Kelley Jilek that the expenses be paid for the Installation Rally, and seconded by Rose Larson. MOTIONED CARRIED. (The final rally fee \$8.00 per person.)

Report of Nominating Committee:

Rolly Wall presented a roster for the Executive as follows:

President Chris Wells

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gord Picken

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Larry Ruebel

Recording Secretary Bev Wells

Corresponding Secretary Bev Wells

Treasurer Roxanne Towles

Trustees: Roland Wall

Allan Towles

Cathy Ruebel.

A motion was made by Rose Larson, to accept the Nominating Committee report and seconded by Allan Towles. MOTIONED CARRIED.

President Kubischta presented a new member pamphlet received from Joy Dodd of Minnesota Unit.

Other Business:

Ken Kubischta will no longer be responsible for the website or Facebook and Monica will not

be doing the newsletter as of October 15, 2022.

Ryan and Kelley Jilek have volunteered, with Kelley as the Newsletter Editor and Ryan the Webmaster, including the website and Facebook.

New members:

Bruce Coonrod welcomed Bob & Anna Berryman, who joined from the Greater Bay Area Unit in California. Bob & Mary Maier previously attended the NDPG Unit Rally in June of 2021. Also, John Fikkert as a NDPG Unit member instead of an Affiliate, recently moved back to Manitoba from British Columbia.

President Kubischta indicated that Deb Metcalfe and Eric Jensen new members from Winnipeg attended the Peace Garden Rally in August of 2022 and currently attending the Minnesota Rally in Biwabik, September 22-25, 2022.

Installation of Officers:

Bruce Coonrod, Past President of the South Dakota Unit completed the swearing in of the Unit Officers and acknowledged the work completed by the previous officers for the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit. The following Officers were installed:

Chris Wells, President

Gordon Picken 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Larry Ruebel 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Treasurer Roxanne Towles

Recording & Correspondence

Secretary Bev Wells

Trustees: Roland Wall & Allan Towles.

Cathy Ruebel to be installed on Friday night. North Dakota Peace Garden Unit members pledged support to the new officers.

President Chris Wells provided the membership with a list of the 2022 Rallies:

June 1 to 4, 2023

Opener Rally – Hazen, ND

July 20 to 23, 2023

Summer Rally – Teulon, MB – Green Acres Campground

September 14-17, 2023

Installation & Buddy Rally – Big Stone Lake, Campground 109 RV Park

Final information will be emailed to members.

President Wells thanked the members for their support. Thank you to Kelley & Ryan Jilek for volunteering as Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Also, thank you to Membership Co-Chairs Doug & Marie Jensen who have resigned their positions. New Membership Co-Chairs are Rose Larson responsible for badges and Cathy Ruebel Membership.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ryan Jilek that the meeting be

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adjourned at 11:23 a.m. and  
seconded by Bob Berryman.  
MOTION CARRIED

Respectively submitted  
Bev Wells  
Secretary