

PRAIRIE ROSE

Notes from the North Eh!



The second Unit rally of the year has come and gone. Everyone that attended had a great time and enjoyed our Manitoba hospitality. We had 15 rigs on site, from North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Texas, and the UP of Michigan. What a great turnout and a rally to remember. From Texas we had Kevin and Melissa Katz who pulled in with their 1949 Curtis Wright. That got lots of

attention and plenty of tours for them.

Our unit welcomed our Region 7 President Ginger Slattery, and husband Joe, who joined us for our weekend of fun and tours.

Things started a little early, as several rigs pulled in a day or two early, which is great, as the visiting started. Thursday the rally got going with a happy hour and the usual great supper. After supper the visiting continued and getting to know the people that we hadn't met yet began. We had Tim and Hilda Klassen from Winnipeg (members of the Sask/Alberta Unit), Erik and Collette Lee from Portage La Prairie MB (members of the Minnesota unit) and Deb Peters from St Anne MB (not a member yet).

Friday morning started with a breakfast cooked by Gord with the help of Tim. We put Tim to work early! Then our group headed for Northern Goose Processors in Teulon. This facility processes geese for the Canadian and overseas markets as well as feathers and down for the manufacture of clothing and many other products. If you own any Canada Goose down or feather filled clothing, it may have started in this facility. Plant manager Jim Greig gave us the royal tour, which lasted almost 2 hours. The tour was tremendously interesting how everything was processed and sorted. I was very surprised when Jim told us that this was the first tour by a group like us, had ever taken place at the plant, since it opened in 1976.

Friday afternoon was optional touring at the Oak Hammock

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List of attendees : Ron and Rose Larson, Rolly and Wanda Wall, Bruce and Carolyn Coonrod, John Fikkert, Jeff and Barb Hanson, Eric Jensen, Bill Kuehn, Bob and Mary Mair, Gord Picken, Joe and Ginger Slattery (Region 7 President), Chris and Bev Wells, Eric and Collette Lee (Minnesota Unit), Tim and Hilda Klassen (Alberta/Sask Unit), Kevin and Melissa Katz (Texas Highland Lakes Unit), Deb Peters (Prospective member)

Marsh Ducks Unlimited Discovery Centre, and several people went there for lunch and tours. The Teulon Farmers Market was also a stop for several of our group. Everyone enjoyed both the morning and afternoon tours. More visiting in the evening, and I think some reminiscing from the International Rally in Rock Springs.

Saturday morning, we put Gord and Tim to work again with Saskatoon pancakes and sausage breakfast. Most of our group had never eaten Saskatoon pancakes before. The saskatoons grow wild in my yard and these were hand picked by myself, mostly without having to leave the lawn. A "Taste of Manitoba"! A short informal meeting was held, and I brought everyone up to speed on the need for Officers for our Unit, which will be decided at the Big Stone City rally in September. Our Region 7 President Ginger then gave a report on the happenings at the international level in regard to the Blue Beret magazine and the membership

directory. Discussion on our own unit directory also took place. The biggest problem is the increased costs for postage as well as publication printing. Both have jumped tremendously in the past year. Ginger also talked about the liability insurance on rallies that is provided by Airstream Club International, and how it affects all units and the people that attend rallies. The only rally that a non ACI member can attend is a "designated Buddy rally", and all rallies must be registered with ACI to be covered under the insurance plan. This is also in the International constitution, as well as our Unit constitution.

At 10:15 we all left for the Overby Bison Ranch, a short drive from Teulon. Eric Jensen arranged for a tour of the ranch, and it was phenomenal! Ken and Iris Overby own the farm and have almost 150 bison. Ken gave us a brief history of Bison, from the wild to farm animals, and the difference between plains bison and wood bison.



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Our group had lots of questions, and Ken was able to answer every inquiry. Then we loaded onto the tour wagons and headed out to see the herd. We had Bison up close! No touching or loud noise is allowed but there had to be hundreds of pictures taken, with the animals sometimes only 5 feet from us in the wagons. Again, lots of questions about the animals, their grazing habits and other things. Again, Ken and Iris had all the answers. Back to the farm and Ken and Iris hosted us for Bison burgers, salads and desert. Everyone had a great time, and some stayed after lunch for a tour of the corral and handling facilities. It was interesting when Ken told us that the Bison are shipped to New Rockford North Dakota for processing. I had driven by the facility several times and never realized this is where most of the Bison meat for sale is processed. Saturday evening was visiting again after supper, with some getting ready to head out early Sunday morning.

Sunday morning all of us that hadn't left went to the Teulon Golf Club for a delicious breakfast.

I believe we had a great rally, with thanks going out to Eric for arranging a very entertaining and informative tour of the Bison ranch, Gord and Tim, for making breakfasts as good as always, Yvonne Dola from the Town of Teulon Recreation Department, for all her support and helping us plan the Rally and making it a success. Also, thanks to John Fikkert for getting our trailer to and from Teulon, because of our truck being in the shop for repairs.

Hoping to see everyone in Big Stone City, RV

109 Campground, for our "Let the Leaves Come Down" Buddy and Installation Rally, September 14-17, 2023. We have lots of great things planned so call Pat now, at 1-605-862-7650, or email rvcamping109@gmail.com to book your site. Don't forget to tell him that you are with the Airstream group. Pat and his wife Rose are planning to make our stay with them another wonderful weekend.

That's all for now folks! See you down the road!

As a footnote, unit officer openings must be filled at this rally! Don't be afraid to step up!

~ Chris





2023 Peace Garden Unit Fall Rally

September 14-17, 2023
Big Stone City, South Dakota
RV109 Campground
14144 SD Highway 106
(About 4 miles north of Big Stone City)
Reservations call 605-862-7650
Email: rvcamping109@gmail.com

If you are planning to attend the rally at Big Stone City, confirm by email to text that you will be attending!

We need to know this information so that the venues that we tour will be prepared for us, as well the quantity of food to purchase for breakfasts. Host email is cbwell@mymts.net and phone numbers are 204-461-1675 and 701-715-2479.

Please note: CASH ONLY! Credit cards not accepted.

THIS IS A BUDDY RALLY! Bring a friend or two!



This and That from Region 7

By Ginger Slattery, R7 President

Wow! We had an awesome trip out west with our granddaughters. We left June 12 and visited House on the Rock in Spring Green, WI. Then we went to Mitchell, SD to see the Corn Palace and the excavation site of a prehistoric Native American village! Next, we traveled to Rapid City, SD. There we did a bus tour of two scenic highways, saw buffalo in Custer State Park, went to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument. The girls wanted to return to Crazy Horse the next day, so we did! Spent at least half the day there. They were very taken with the Native American dancers. Off next to Cody, WY and Yellowstone! Finally parked at the International Rally on Wednesday the 21st. We were parked with The Future Streamers and took part in many of their activities. I have to admit that as an officer, it was really nice not having to



attend so many meetings this year!

During the rally, there were 65 members who attended our lunch buffet at the Santa Fe Southwest Grille! The food was great and the drawing for door prizes was quite entertaining with our granddaughters doing the drawings and deliveries! I also had an opportunity to share with attendees some of what is going on with the IBT.

The R7 Meet and Greet hosted by Anita Olson and Lizann Skelton was well attended and a lot of fun! We were introduced to a Camper Scavenger Hunt that we completed the next evening. A great

R7 2023 RALLY CALENDAR

- Sept 7-10 MN Fall Installation Rally @ MN Airstream Park. Host: Brenda Schultz
- Sept 15-21 "Spring Into Fall In Spring Green" Region 7 Rally @ Wisconsin Riverside Resort. Host: Ginger Slattery
- Sept 14-17 NDPG "Let The Leaves Fall" Installation and Buddy Rally @ 109 RV Park Big Stone City, SD
- Oct 12-15 Wisc-UP Fall Business Meeting & Rally @ TBD

big thank you to our hostesses! They are already making plans for next year!

At the beginning of the Meet and Greet,



International President Eric McHenry installed Chuck Zellermayer as our 2nd VP! Thank you, Chuck! I feel much better knowing someone else is on the team, and Chuck and Chris will work together really well!

Overall, we enjoyed the rally very much! Then came the 3-day trek to get home by July 3! We did it! Came back to a home bursting at the seams with family! It was awesome! I hope everyone who went to the International Rally enjoyed it as much as we did!

Joe and I next traveled to Teulon, Manitoba for a NDPGU Rally. This was the first opportunity I have had to spend any time in Canada. Looked a lot like the UP. It was an activity-packed weekend. We met new members and got reacquainted with old friends. Food was great, weather was perfect, and a good time was had by all! Thank you to Chris and Bev Wells, Gordon Pickin and Eric Jensen for

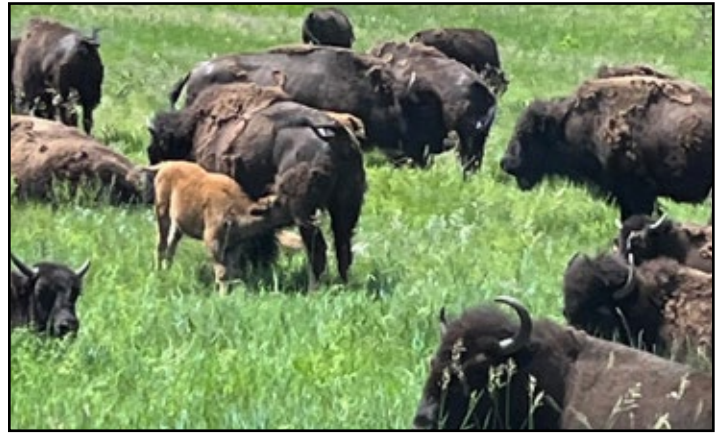
co-hosting!

The best part of being your Region President is meeting and talking with all the members. There have been some big items happening on the IBT, and I have enjoyed and value everyone's comments, especially if one doesn't think the same way I do. I am there to represent the Region as a whole, and my vote reflects what I hear from all of you! So please keep those comments coming!

Our next rally is Northfield, MN. We have never done an urban rally, so another first! This one will also be fun as the newly reorganized dealership from Minneapolis is participating! They used to be known as Lazy Days but now will be known as an Airstream exclusive dealership, Airstream, MN. They will be having a Grand Opening coinciding with the Minnesota Airstream Club's Fall Installation Rally the first weekend in September! Very exciting with lots of joint activities happening.

The Region 7 "Spring into Fall in Spring Green" Rally currently has 30 Airstreams signed up! I am super excited about that! We have lots planned for that week! All we need now is nice weather! There are still spaces available if you want to join us! Call Wisconsin Riverside Resort at 608-588-2826 to reserve your campsite and let them know you're with the Airstreamers. Then click this link to register for the rally <https://airstreamclub.org/region-7-spring-green-rally-2023>. It will be here before we know it!

Summer is flying by so quickly! Travel safely and I hope to see you down the road soon!



Attention!

Membership Renewal Season is here!

For many of our members, the 2024 Membership Renewal season will begin Sept. 3. Below are a few highlights to remember:

Membership dues are \$75 per year.

The primary or partner member **MUST** be logged in to the member-only portal to renew online.

Members with multiple Big Red Numbers (BRN) can renew their additional BRN in the member-only portal at the time of renewal.

HQ is collecting Affiliate and Intra-Club dues.

All Lifetime members must go through the renewal process.

HQ will be notifying members it is time to renew by postcard, email and social media starting September 3rd.

HQ will notify Local Clubs if there is an issue contacting a member.

The deadline for the 2024 Published Membership Directory is Dec. 31, 2023.

Follow this link to the 2024 Reminders/Guidelines for Renewals for additional information.

Membership chairs are able to pull current membership lists through the Membership Chair Dashboard.

If you have any questions, email Amanda at membership@airstreamclub.org or call 937-596-5211.



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For membership and rally information please visit airstreamclub.org



Looking Ahead

2024 Region 7 Rally

Dates: September 12 - 19, 2024

Location: Elkhorn Ridge RV Resort in the Black Hills area:

20189 US Hwy 85
Spearfish, SD 57783

Phone: (605) 722-1800

Website: <https://elkhornridgeresort.com>

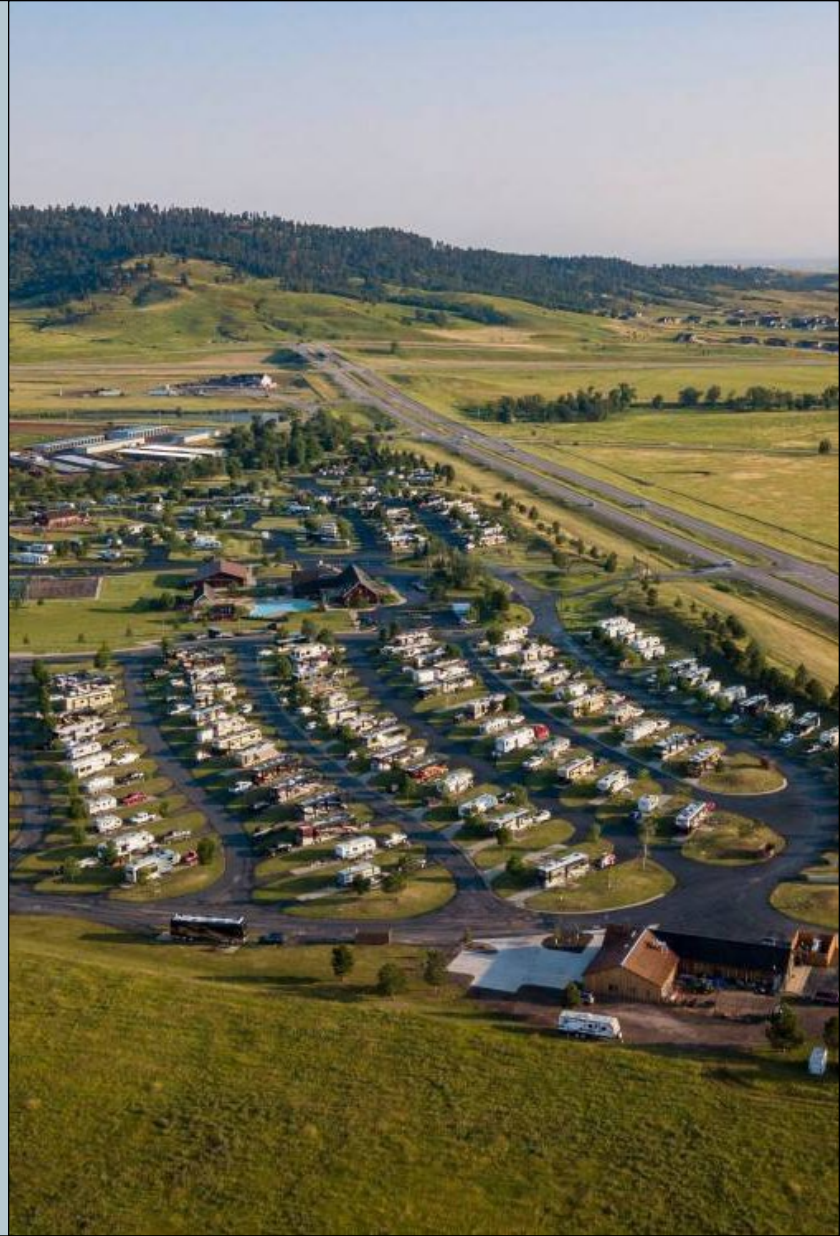
Host: Chris Olsson (cwoolson@comcast.net)

We have 45 sites reserved for the rally. All are pull-through sites with full hookups in one area of the campground. We are working on the planning for the rally. Some of the things we're looking at are:

- Buffalo feeding tour
- Golf outing
- Bus tours of the Black Hills area
- A potluck dinner
- Happy Hours and campfires
- A catered dinner on the last night

You can call and reserve a campsite anytime. The sites are being held until 2 months before the rally. 2023 costs are ~\$70 per night. There is a weekly rate plus they offer Good Sam, AAA, Military/Veteran, First Responder/Nurse discounts.

If you call to reserve a site, let them know you are with the Region 7 Airstream Rally. ■



Airstream Notes:

IMPORTANT!

Membership dues are due.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

EDITORS NOTE:

We would love to hear more stories from all of you on your travels. Please include a photo or two if possible for us to add to these newsletters. We would also like to know if anyone has some content and story ideas they would like to submit. We're open to anything!

- Ryan & Kelley