



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN UNIT

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Jeff Hanson

## President's Message

Since we're spending the 4<sup>th</sup> with our daughter in Mankato, I thought I better get another lesson on making a newsletter rather than a generic email. The pictures are from our rally at the Hawk Museum. The cactus display at the Peace Gardens was amazing. Mary Maier led a crafting class on making Airstream travel bracelets. Our next rally is on July 17-20 at Shadehill Reservoir. I checked the SD website and there are still spots available if you are still interested. If you are planning on attending the Nome rally please check out the Nome Schoolhouse website. We will be deciding what classes, tours and meals we want at the Shadehill rally. If you're not going to be at Shadehill give me your input by July 16.

Jeff



## 2025 Rally Schedule

**July 17-20:** Shadehill Reservoir, Lemmon, SD

**Aug 23-28:** Airstream Club International Rally, York, PA

**Sept 18-21:** Nome Schoolhouse, Nome, ND

***If you plan to attend the rally at Nome Schoolhouse on September 18-21, please let me know by July 16. E-mail me at [jhanson19751980@gmail.com](mailto:jhanson19751980@gmail.com).***

Bev Wells

## City of Bridges Rally

Airstream BRN 7393 and BRN 7394, once again are traveling together with their owners John Fikkert and Chris and Bev Wells. This trip is to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for the Alberta Saskatchewan Airstream Club Rally, being held May 15 to 19, 2025 at the Gordon Howe Campground.

Now if you know Chris everything is a road trip, so I left early to stay at Shoal Lake, Manitoba for a few days, to allow Chris & Bev to visit John and other friends.

On May 14 we left to spend the first night at the City of Yorkton Campground and onto Saskatoon the following day. The Gordie Howe Campground is beautiful. Me and my buddy BRN 7393 just fit into our campsites. My little friend Molly loved the campsite low bushes to hide close to, high trees that she could stretch up to. Molly took a tour of the other campsites, not yet camped in, but like a homing pigeon knew exactly where I was located. Bear even had a few tours around. Thursday started off with the all so favorite Happy Hour and appies, with homemade soup for supper, with variety, tomato, lemon chicken, and vegetable.

The next morning started off with a Continental Breakfast, followed by a carpool to the Western Development Museum. Now there are four of these museums in Saskatchewan, including Moose Jaw, North Battleford and Yorkton, each focused on a specific theme. Moose Jaw is transportation, North Battleford is farm and rural life, Yorkton is stories of immigration and Saskatoon is 1910 Boomtown. The morning was spent touring the museum which really was not enough time, too much to see, and far too much for Bev to read. In the afternoon off to a tour of the Lucky Bastard Distillery. The story goes that the owner was very lucky, using the funds he won to open the distillery, and the name was derived by what some people called him. Enjoyed the tour, a special cocktail and shopping. A Saskatoon Liquor was purchased to be shared at the next NDPG Unit rally. The day ended with Happy Hour and odd BRNs bringing appies and supper on your own.

On Saturday carpooled to Wanuskewin Heritage Park that included a guided tour providing information about the site and the Northern Plains Indigenous People. The Wanuskewin partnered with Parks Canada to establish a bison herd on the site. The rest of the day was on your own, until supper. Carpooled to the Berry Barn that specialized in cabbage borscht, perogies, and of course saskatoons – either eating or drinking.

On Sunday started the day off with Breakfast in a Bag (omelette) with the Business Meeting to follow. The Unit members held a book exchange and flea market. The afternoon was an opportunity to tour Saskatoon. Happy Hour arrived with even BRNs bringing appies and musical entertainment. For supper odd BRNs brought salad and even BRNs brought dessert. Guess what Bev made?? What else, Saskatoon Crisp, with saskatoons hand picked by Chris. right off his riding lawn mower!!

Monday was departure day with coffee and leftovers. Our owners met some great people and formed new friendships! Returned to Shoal Lake, with Chris and Bev leaving for Warren on Tuesday morning.



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# **Summer Opener Rally Business Meeting Minutes**

**Dale and Martha Hawk Museum, 4839 78th St NE,  
Wolford, North Dakota  
June 12-15, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Hanson at 9:04a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025.  
Unit members present were Hanson, Larson, Maier, Ruebel, Wall, and Wells and Chris Olsson President Region 7.

## Roll Call of Officers:

Present:

President: Jeff Hanson

1st Vice President: Allan Towles (absent)

2nd Vice President: Mary Maier

Recording Secretary: Bev Wells

Corresponding Secretary: Barb Hanson

Treasurer:

Past President, Nominating Chair & Trustee: Larry Ruebel

Trustee: Chris Wells

Trustee: Rolly Wall

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Fall Installation Rally Business Meeting of September 8, 2024 were circulated. A motion was made by Barb Hanson to approve the minutes of September 8, 2024 as circulated, and seconded by Larry Ruebel. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff Hanson in absence of Roxanne Towles. Opening balance of \$1,364.92 with income of \$739.00 and expenses of \$298.19, with a current bank balance of \$1,805.73. A motion was made by Chris Wells to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Mary Maier. MOTIONED CARRIED.

## New Business:

Directory: A motion was made by Rose Larson that Bev Wells be reimbursed for the printing and mailing of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit directory in the amount of \$317.37, and seconded by Wanda Wall. MOTION CARRIED.

Rally Fee: Expenses for the rally are \$169.91, with 13 people attending, rally fee of \$13.00 per person. A motion was made by Barb Hanson that the rally fee of \$13.00 per person be approved and seconded by Wanda Wall. MOTION CARRIED.

Tork Lift International Products: President Hanson provided information about the Tork Lift Airstream Outfitter steps for Airstream trailers. A 40% discount gift certificate was provided. To determine the winner those present were requested to guess the number of candy kisses in a glass tumbler. Rolly and Rose each guessed 75, there were 79 candy kisses. Both winners declined the offer which will be presented and the next rally.

Donation: A motion was made by Larry Ruebel that a donation be made to the Dale and Martha Hawk Museum, in the amount of \$50, seconded by Barb Hanson. MOTION CARRIED.

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Request for WBCCI Annual Audited Financial Report: Region 7 President Chris Olsson reported that no independent audit of WBCCI records has been completed for the last 25 years due to cost.

Unit Flag: Currently there are very few Units that use their state flag at the International Rally flag ceremony. Region President Olsson stated that the flag must include WBCCI recognition. The Minnesota flag cost \$95 single sided printing or \$160 double sided. The graphic was completed by a Minnesota member. A motion was made by Mary Maier that President Jeff Hanson investigate a flag for the NDPG Unit providing a design and cost, seconded by Larry Ruebel. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Rallies:

Shadehill Reservoir, Lemmon, North Dakota

Nome Schoolhouse, Nome, North Dakota – Facility includes hotel, event centre, store, restaurant and provides fleece crafting classes. Also nearby is Fort Ransom.

Brick Fund Raising at Jackson Centre: General discussion, individual members could investigate further.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Larry Ruebel that the meeting be adjourned at 9:53 a.m. and seconded by Rolly Wall.  
MOTION CARRIED

Respectively submitted

Bev Wells

Secretary



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## North Dakota Peace Garden Officers

### **Unit President**

Jeff Hanson #6555

### **1st Vice President**

Alan Towles #4103

### **2nd Vice President**

Mary Maier #21606

### **Treasurer**

Roxanne Towles # 4103

### **Recording Secretary**

Bev Wells #7394

### **Trustees**

Larry Ruebel #10081

Chris Wells #7394

Roland Wall #4008

### **Membership Co-Chairs**

Cathy Ruebel #10081

Rose Larson #5606

### **Newsletter**

Jeff Hanson #6555

Ryan & Kelley Jilek #7165

### **Website**

Jeff Hanson #6555

Ryan Jilek #7165



### FLAG UPDATE

Here is a photo of Rachel and me with her original painting of our flag. I received an email today from Chris Olsson that included the formal motion he submitted to International for their approval. We should have their answer by the end of next week. Thanks for all your feedback and enthusiasm.