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HELLO FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As many of you know, Allan has stepped down as Unit President to move closer to family in Missouri. We wish Allan and Roxanne all the best in this new chapter! I've moved into the President role a little early, Barb Hanson is now 1st Vice President, and Bob Maier has taken over as Treasurer.

North Dakota is excited to host the International Airstream Rally this August, and we hope it brings new members and fresh energy to our club. If this is your first International Rally, here are a few tips:

- Download the CVENT app if you haven't already. It's your go-to source for schedules, maps, seminars, vendors, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Check your July 8 email titled "RALLY 2026 APP."

- If you can, arrive Thursday or Friday to avoid the busiest parking day on Saturday. If you're planning to park with friends, be sure to review the parking guidelines in the app. Hansons and Maier's will arrive on Tuesday, August 18—we'll be there helping with events, so come say hello!

- Watch for details about our NDPG Unit get-together at the Rally. We'd love to see everyone there and hear your ideas for future club activities.

- Most importantly, get involved and have fun! This will be our fourth International Rally, and it's always a wonderful chance to meet people and enjoy everything the event has to offer. There's still time to register if you're thinking about attending.

We're also busy planning our 2027 rallies and hope to host one in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Manitoba so everyone has an opportunity to attend. If you have ideas for dates, destinations, or activities, I'd love to hear them.

Safe travels, and I look forward to seeing you down the road!

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Summer Rally Schedule

69th Airstream Club International Rally
Minot, ND Aug 22-27

Sun Valley RV
Beulah, ND. Sep 10-12
Mention Airstream Club
701-873-4360

2026 Peace Garden Officers

Unit President-Mary Maier

1st Vice President-Barb Hanson

2nd Vice President-Vacant

Treasurer-Bob Maier

Recording Secretary- Bev Wells

Trustees

Larry Ruebel

Chris Wells

Jeff Hanson

Membership-Jeff Hanson

Newsletter-Jeff Hanson

Website-Jeff Hanson

Icelandic State Park Rally

Our first rally of the year was held at Icelandic State Park near Cavalier, ND on June 10-14. We had 8 trailers brave a chilly weekend in North Dakota. Thursday night our group attended a car show and a burger fundraiser at the Pembina County Museum. Every morning we had a group breakfast followed by the day's planned activity. Friday morning some of the ladies participated in an art project. Friday afternoon we toured the Pembina County Museum which was highlighted by the combine collection donated by Loren and Lynette Winters, ND Peace Garden members. Loren explained the evolution of harvesting grain throughout the ages. It was very interesting seeing the progression of the combine over the last 100 years. Saturday morning we had our business meeting at the Pembina County Museum which graciously let us use their conference room. It was a cold and windy day so the conference room was much appreciated. Saturday afternoon we toured the RSL #3 missile site. This was an Anti-ballistic missile site built in the early 1970's that was decommissioned shortly after it was finished. It has sat empty for the last 50 years but has now been purchased by an individual who now gives tours. He ran a video explaining the building of the site and then we walked down a ramp through the two steel doors into the underground bunker. The bunker has been pretty much stripped of all the machinery and was very damp and wet. I tried to get a group photo but everyone was so chilled they just wanted to get into their warm cars. Barb humored me and took a picture with me.



Summit SD Rally

Our second rally of the summer was held July 9-12 at the County Line Campground in Summit, SD. We only had 5 trailers but it was a very fun weekend. We all arrived Thursday afternoon and after everyone was set up we had a heavy hors d'oeuvres happy hour. As usual, no one went back to their trailer hungry. Friday morning, after another camp breakfast, we drove to Watertown, SD to the Terry Redlin Art Museum. It was an amazing experience seeing all of the paintings and the museum building itself donated by Terry Redlin. If you have driven by Watertown and never stopped at the museum, make time to visit the next time you're passing by. Friday night the campground hosted a pulled pork pot luck. It was another high calorie evening. We also experienced another first Friday night at happy hour when Rollie and Wanda broke out a bag of gelatin shots. It was their granddaughter's recommendation and it was something new for all of us. Saturday's activities all took place on or near the campground starting with a parade at 10:30. The parade route went right by our trailers so we had a nice shady spot to watch the parade. There was a classic car show and vintage camper show during the day with voting for the best cars and campers. Chris and Kay Olsson, our Region 7 president, got second place for their 1972 Sovereign Airstream. Some of us allowed visitors to our Airstreams during the day. A lot of people had never seen the inside of an Airstream and it was interesting listening to their comments. Saturday was a hot and windy day so when Mary broke out her blender for happy hour and made us strawberry margaritas, it was a welcome relief. After another great breakfast Sunday morning, we said our goodbyes and headed home. Our next rally is in Beulah, ND on Sept 10-13. I sure hope more people will be able to attend.



69th Airstream Club International Rally

I know a lot of us are getting excited for the International Rally in Minot this August 22-27. Right now there are currently 19 trailers from the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit registered. Here is a list of who is going from our unit.

Bob and Mary Maier, Jeff and Barb Hanson, Deb Peters, Gordon Picken, Chris and Bev Wells, Floyd Carter and Laurie Capp-Carter, Ray and Laura Jilek, Loren and Lynette Winters, Don and Lillian Thomson, John Fikkert, Rollie and Wanda Wall, Erik and Collette Lee, Stephen and Carissa Schnell, Tim and Tana Mundwiler, Jerry and Darlene Jaeger, Eric Jensen and Deborah Metcalfe, Randy Mathern and Betty Aman, Bob and Anna Berryman, Ron and Rose Larson.

I know the Maier's and Hanson's are arriving Tuesday because Mary and Barb have volunteered to be Committee Chairs for Tours and Community Service. If you want to park with someone in our group you must arrive together, otherwise you will be parked where they put you. The only exception is if you have already signed up to park with Grapes and Grains or the Vintage Airstream Club Campgrounds. It's not a big deal if you don't park together. We're excited to catch up with the new friends we met at York last year.

You should have loaded the Cvent app on your phone by now. You can see the schedule for the week and add events to your calendar to help plan your week. The arrival procedures and the State Fair map are also on the app. Once everyone is set up there is also a locator page where you can where your friends are parked. We are tentatively planning a unit get together on Monday, Aug 24 from 5-7 pm. We will let you know a location once everyone is settled. If this is your first time attending an International Rally it can be a little overwhelming. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you might have. It's going to be a great week.

WHERE ARE WE GOING AS A UNIT

I was checking out our Unit membership numbers after the last Rally, and our membership is 33 Regular members and 11 Affiliate members. Pretty good numbers for our unit, BUT, rally attendance is pretty dismal. We had 5 units at the Summit SD rally, 4 regular members and 1 affiliate member. Unfortunately, we could not have a business meeting because there was not a quorum, as required by our constitution.

Where is the Unit going?? What do you as members want for rallies? International requires 2 rallies per year for our Unit. There is considerable effort put into planning, hosting and making a rally work.

I know that it is impossible for some members to attend a rally for various reasons. We try to spread our rallies across our large area, and plan times that are workable for members to attend. The Unit President has, in the past, planned the rallies in the fall for the next year, giving plenty of notice for members to plan their schedules to attend the rally. We have always tried to have several interesting things to do, or sites to visit at these rallies. THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE WORKING!

What do you, as Unit members want to see or do? What can the unit do to get attendance at the rallies?

Input is needed or the Unit will not survive.

Myself and John Fikkert are working on a rally in Manitoba for next year. We will be putting in a lot of time, mileage, and planning for this rally, BUT, if there is a turnout like Summit, it is a waste of our time.

Our unit President Mary, is doing a lot of work and planning for next year. We need you to become active in the Unit, participate in rallies and help keep the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit existing.

Unit members, let us know what is needed to keep the unit alive!

Submitted by Past President and Trustee Chris Wells

Editor's Message

I greatly appreciated Chris's article on participation. I was so happy last fall when we had 13 trailers attend our fall rally at the Nome Schoolhouse. I was hoping it was a sign of more people showing up to our events. I know summer can get very busy for everyone but I would hope people would try to make at least one rally this year. I know having the International Rally in Minot probably affected everyone's schedule too. With 19 trailers coming to Minot, please bring some ideas for increasing attendance at our local rallies. Our unit get-together will be a good opportunity to exchange ideas among our members. If you're not at Minot please reach out to me or any other club officers.