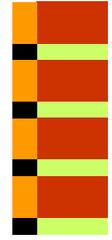


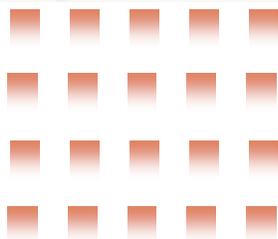
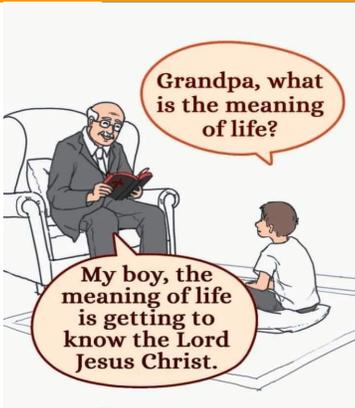
Ramblin' NoDaks



October 2022

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Hello, and Happy Fall!

Brrrrr..... It's cold out today. Definitely Fall is in the air.

This will be the last newsletter of the season. It's been a great year. As always, let me know if you have anything to add to our newsletters. Have a safe winter!

Pam

Rallies for 2023

- March 15-18, 2023—International at Perry, GA
- May 4-7, 2023—Mandan (Ringland/Hoirup)
- June 9-18, 2023—Rolling Rally to and from WI (Eckenrode) (more info coming)
- June 13-16, 2023—Midwest Area at Chippewa Falls, WI
- July 13-16, 2023—Grafton (joint CNL and RN), hosted by CNL
- August 18-20, 2023 - Spearfish, SD (Meier, Roberts-Titze)
- August 21-27, 2023 - Gillette, WY (International Convention)
- September 7-10, 2023— Hazen (Beckman)





Our Ramblin' NoDaks Officers for 2021-2023:

President—Dave Eckenrode—701-202-5411

Vice President—John Meier—701-440-1359

Secretary—Sandy Eckenrode—701-426-7757

Treasurer—Duane Heinrich—701-535-0830

Parliamentarian—Karen Grimm—701-371-3093

FMCA National Director—John Emmett—605-228-4075

FMCA Alt. National Director—Wayne Bohnet- 701-400-3258

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Chaplains—Kathy Heinrich, Kent Roehl

Security—Bill Sommers, Larry Grindy, Dean Little

Nominating Committee—John Ringland, Darlyne Roed, Karen Grimm, Pam Meier





**Welcome to our new
members!**

Adam & Judy Leier

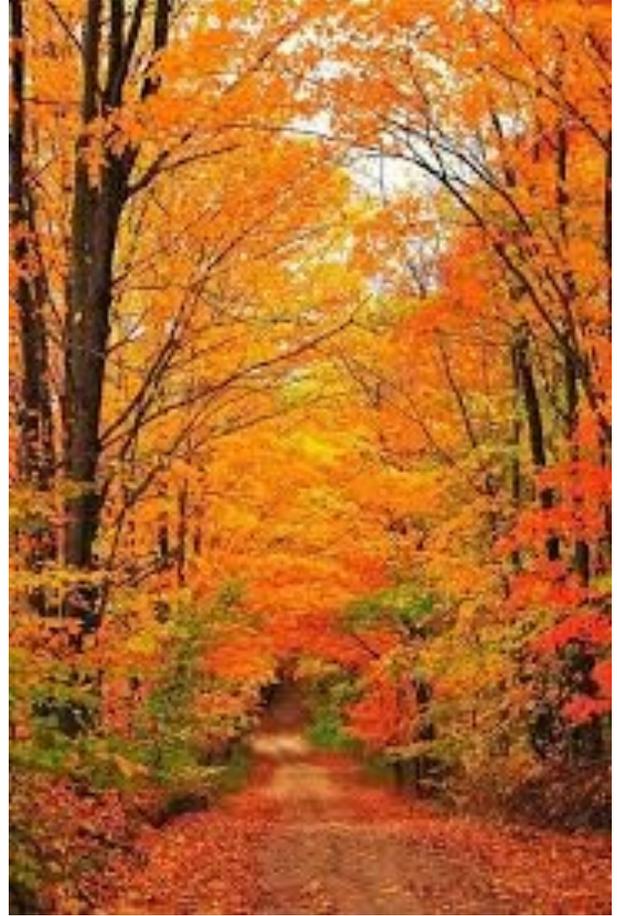
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Hjalmer & Karen Carlson

Garrison

We look forward to
spending more time to-
gether.

Welcome!

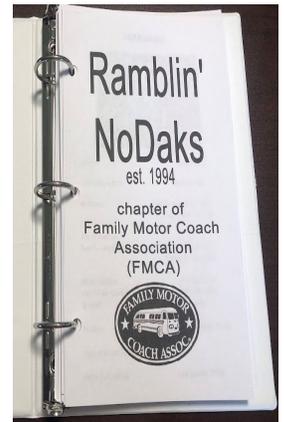


Ramblin' NoDaks membership books for sale

We have membership books for sale. They are \$10.00 each. There is a page designated to each member unit. In the book you will also find the chapter standing rules, the by-laws, past Presidents, and Charter Members.

If you have a book and in comparing it to the roster you find that you are missing someone, please let me know and I can email you their page. You can also contact me if you need the information changed on your personal sheet.

To purchase a book or to have pages emailed, contact Pam Meier, jpmeyer@midco.net or 701-440-1189.



Crab Salad or Dip

14 oz. crab meat

1/2 cup mayonnaise

12 stalks celery (finely chopped)

1/4 tsp. celery salt

1/4 tsp. paprika

1/2 tsp. dill

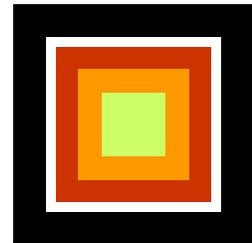
Salt and pepper to taste

Separate crab into individual pieces and chop into 1/2 inch pieces. Add remaining ingredients and gently stir until well combined. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate. Enjoy!



Don't forget to check out our website:

www.ramblinnodaks.com



From Sandy Eckenrode:

Our chapter has tri-folds to hand out to prospective new members. If you would like to have some, please contact me and I will mail them to you.

701-426-7757

We all have a great time and love our rallies. Will you please consider hosting one? Let President Dave know if you would be willing to host one in 2024? The NoDaks will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary!



President's report for October 2022 newsletter

By David Eckenrode

Well, the 2022 rally season has come to a close after a very successful September rally that was held on September 22-25 at the North Dakota State fairgrounds in Minot ND prior to Norsk Hostfest 2022. I would like to thank Larry and Joan Grindy, Mark and Kim Hunt, and Tom and Lucy Pierce for hosting the September rally. We had 21 RV families (18 RVs and 3 drive-ins) attend the rally. There were 3 tours: Minot Airport "Behind the Scenes" Tour, Dakota Air Museum Tour and Scandinavian Heritage Center tour. Along with the tours there was plenty of time to eat, visit and play games. Every morning we were greeted with a hot breakfast delivered by the Homesteader Restaurant and sponsored by Swenson RV. For Friday night's supper we ventured to Pizza Ranch to enjoy their chicken and pizza. On Saturday, we enjoyed a lunch at the Sports on Tap rooftop followed by a potluck supper that night. We enjoyed the evening by visiting and playing games.

Once again members of the Ramblin' Nodaks volunteered to work at Hostfest. Most of our members worked on RV registration and RV parking, Some members volunteered in other areas like ushering for the bigger concerts and working in booths.

Now that the 2022 calendar is nearing the end, it's time to move on to 2023. We have a full schedule of rallies scheduled to-date for 2023:

March 15-18, 2023 - FMCA's 106th International Convention & RV Expo, Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, Perry, GA, hosted by FMCA

May 4-7, 2023 - Midway Lanes, Mandan ND, hosted by Ringland & Hoirup

June 09-18, 2023 - Rolling Rally to Minneapolis, MN/Midwest Area Rally in Chippewa Falls, WI, hosted by Eckenrodes and FMCA. The Midwest Area Rally is June 13-16. A schedule for the rolling rally to Minneapolis, MN/Chippewa Falls, WI will be sent out later.

July 13-16, 2023 – Joint Ramblin' Nodaks/Canadian Northern Lights rally. Hosted by the Canadian Northern Lights and held in Grafton ND.

August 18-20, 2023 - Elk Horn Ridge Resort, Spearfish, SD, Hosted by Meiers and Roberts-Titze

August 21-26, 2023 - FMCA's 107th International Convention & RV Expo, CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities, Gillette WY (Aug 23-26), hosted by FMCA

September 7-10, 2023 - Lewis & Clark RV Park, Hazen ND, hosted by Beckman's.

With the 2023 rallies scheduled, it's time to be thinking to 2024. If you would be interested in hosting a rally in 2024 or have suggestions for a rally. please contact me at (701) 202-5411. The Ramblin' Nodaks 30th anniversary will be in 2024.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the 2022 rally season. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mandan rally in May to start the rally season for 2023. Please have a safe, healthy and happy off season.

From Treasurer Duane: At the time of this newsletter, the balance is: \$3540.53. Dues for 2023 are due by January 1st. Please mail your dues at your earliest convenience to: Duane Heinrich, 4333 47th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104. Remember you can pay more than one year at a time.

NOTE: Please mail your dues by the first week in December so I can deposit before we head South!

The following owe \$15 for annual dues.

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| Baumann | McDonald |
| Burdeniuk | McMillan 22&23 |
| Champagne | Morgan |
| Coulson | Morrow 22&23 |
| Davis | Mychasiw 22&23 |
| Dukart | Paquin 22&23 |
| Emmett | Rutledge 22&23 |
| Grindy | M Sommers |
| Heen | Sperbeck |
| Hellman | Stainbrook |
| Hepworth 22&23 | |
| Hodgson 22&23 | |
| Hoff | |
| G Jaeger 22&23 | |
| King 22&23 | |
| Kitzan | |
| Koppinger | |



Dropped Members: Davis



FMCA Bylaws Article III #4E

ARREARS: Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than 6 months after becoming due shall be considered delinquent; after 12 months, membership is cancelled.

The following owe \$10.00 for Honorary annual dues.

- Ackerman
- Borud
- Carvell
- Gjerstad
- Schmidt
- Sigurdson



National Director Report – FMCA Lincoln by John Emmett

The Lincoln NE FMCA Rally is in the books. It was a good rally with very limited attendance. There were less than 700 total RV's in attendance. It is lowest attendance of any International Rallies that I have attended. This is my 7th or 8th.

On a very positive note, the Ramblin' NoDaks had a booth at the Chapter Fair. It was the best Chapter Fair that I have attended. Duane Heinrich coordinated our booth. Lots and lots of information was handed out. There is a group that is trying to get a South Dakota chapter organized. I am not sure how far the effort will go, but I will keep you all informed.

The Governing Board was a very interesting experience for me. I was surprised with the "security" surrounding the meeting and who was eligible to vote. Three items were voted on (besides the minutes and the treasurers report)

A statement in the President's report sparked a very heated discussion from one of the voting delegates. The statement was, ***"COVID-19 POLICY: We lost a few employees who were concerned that we were going to require COVID-19 vaccinations to remain employed. We did not enact the requirement for current employees being vaccinated, but we decided any new employees would have to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination before starting work at FMCA."*** One voting delegate took extreme exception to requiring new hires to be vaccinated. It was very interesting.

The first vote was on the standing rules. That passed with little discussion.

The second was on By Law proposal #1. It read, ***"The Area Vice President, ~~who also serves as the area association president,~~ shall preside at area association meetings and/or conduct issue forums at FMCA conventions, and serves on FMCA's Executive Board.*** This item passed without much discussion.

The second By Law Proposal read, ***"A chapter ~~shall~~ will elect a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, a national director, and an alternate national director for a one- or two-year term. An associate chapter shall elect a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer for a one- or two-year term. A chapter may elect in their Bylaws to combine the positions of secretary and treasurer into a single position. A chapter has the option of whether to elect an alternate national director. However, a chapter, other than associate, must maintain at least three (3) members holding the officer positions in that chapter. An FMCA member may hold no more than two chapter offices simultaneously.***

National Director Report continued

A member may hold an office in two chapters, however he/she may not hold the offices of national director or alternate national director in more than one chapter. This item was voted down on the recommendation of the Executive Committee as needing additional work.

Here are a couple of facts you might be interested in:

Financially during the past fiscal year, FMCA saw expenses exceed revenue by \$584,601. Several reasons for this, but the biggest was a new roof for one of the buildings at headquarters.

For the first seven months of this fiscal year, membership is down 257. This is compared to a loss of 1031 last year. That's good news.

Non motorhome membership is up 1196 this year. Motorhome membership is down 1435. Interesting.

That's all for now. Thank you again for allowing me to represent the Ramblin' NoDaks.



A little humor:

A lady in her 90s had recently gotten married. Because of this, she had become a sort of local celebrity. The local news station decided to interview her. When asked what it was like to get married in her nineties, she smiled and replied, "This isn't my first husband, so it's not much different than the others."

"Oh? How many husbands have you had?" asked the interviewer.

"This one will be my fourth," replied the lady.

"When I was 20, I married a banker. Then, I married a circus performer in my 40s," she continued. "And after that, I married a preacher."

"And what does your current husband do?"

"He's a funeral director."

The interviewer laughed, and asked how she came to marry men from such different backgrounds.

"It always made sense to me," she replied.

"I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Charlie Swenson
- 2—Grace Stainbrook
- 3—Charlie & Ginny Swenson
- 4—Alice Gunter
- 5—Francis & Diana Dukart—1973
- 6—Bruce Stainbrook
- 10—Ralph Rutledge
- 13—Jackie Bohnet
- 13—Kim Hunt
- 14—Judy Leier
- 15—Helen Wolfe
- 16—Phyllis Hodgson
- 16—Karen Carlson
- 17—Sherrie Borud
- 20—Karen Grimm
- 20—George & Margaret Jaeger—1997
- 23—John Meier
- 31—Mark Morgan



*Happy
anniversary*

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Adam Leier
- 5—Betty Hopfauf
- 8—Paul Hepworth
- 14—Walt Mychasiw
- 16—Ann Malyon
- 17—Larry Heinle
- 20—Walt & Adele Mychasiw—1971
- 25—Duane & Irene Hellman—1967
- 25—Jerry & Betty Hopfauf—1988
- 25—Larry & Audrey Heinle—2000

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3—Beth Richard
- 5—Wayne & Jackie Bohnet—1983
- 7—Adele Mychasiw
- 14—Audrey Heinle
- 15—Dave Baumann
- 19—John Ackerman
- 19—John Ringland
- 21—Mac & Janet McMillan
- 23—Pam Meier
- 23—George Brackin
- 24—Ardell Lynne
- 26—Gene & Karren Grimm—1971
- 29—Margaret Jaeger
- 31—John & Jerri Morrow

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2—Bruce King
- 4—Duane Heinrich
- 8—Doug & Gloria Davis
- 9—Sharon Sigurdson
- 17—Cathy Emmett
- 17—Bill Sommers
- 17—Francis Dukart
- 20—Harold Schmidt
- 20—Diana Dukart
- 22—Tammy Koppinger
- 26—Ione Schmidt
- 28—Larry Hodgson
- 30—Donna Grunett

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2—Gordon MacDonald
- 2—Char Roehl
- 5—Kent Roehl
- 6—Bonnie Knell
- 8—Dave Eckenrode
- 23—Larry Grindy
- 28—Wayne Bohnet



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Kevin Champagne
- 4—Sharon Baumberger
- 7—Bill Leier
- 8—David Kitzan
- 9—Mike Sommers
- 13—Wanda Sutheimer
- 15—Becky Sommers
- 18—Duane Hellman
- 21—Mark Kauer
- 22—Louise Champagne
- 23—Kathy Heinrich
- 25—Garda Hoirup

April days Anni- versaries



Birth- and

- 2—Adeline Wettlaufer
- 4—George Jaeger
- 10—Jenean Baumann
- 10—Clara King
- 11—Ginny Swenson
- 11—Dave & Barb Kitzan—1966
- 14—Brian & Karen Little—1979
- 23—Rod Baumberger
- 24—Dennis Richard

Coffee & donut volunteers at the International Convention in Lincoln, NE.



Touring Minot airport "Behind the scenes"



Touring Dakota Air Museum



Eating lunch at the Sports on Tap rooftop!



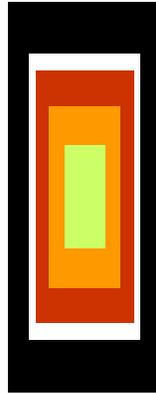
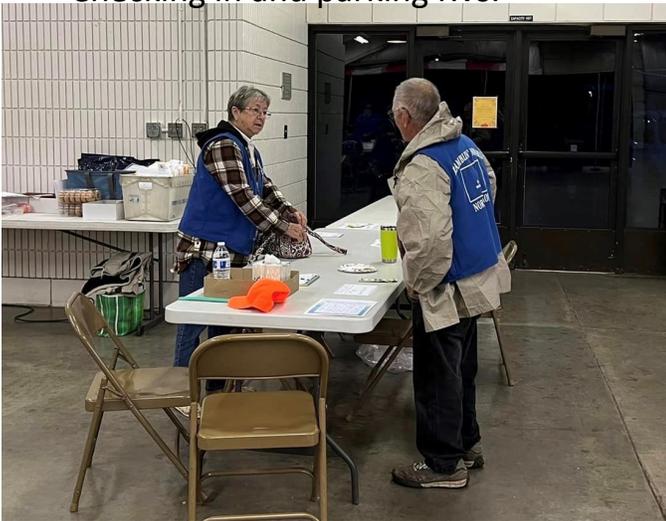
Scavenger hunt to find out facts about your fellow RVers.



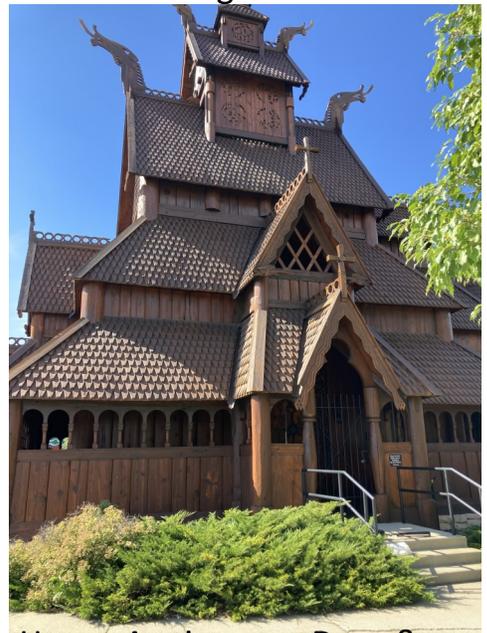
Fellowship and visiting



Butch & Rita volunteering.
Checking in and parking RVs.



Touring the Scandinavian
Heritage Center



Happy Birthday Sandy!



When Gene is on clean-up
duty, he even does the
parking lot!



Happy Anniversary Dave &
Sandy!



Happy Birthday Darlyne!



Four "real" Vikings!

