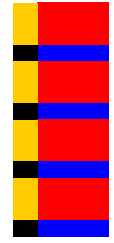


Ramblin' NoDaks



July 2023



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**HAPPY
SUMMER**

Hello, and Happy Summer!

The days are slipping away with our beautiful weather. I think most have had beautiful rains and for the most part, crops are looking very nice. Praying that God will keep the bad weather away. Get out and enjoy the wonderful days that God has created.

Please see the attachments to this newsletter!

Pam

Rallies for 2023

August 18-20, 2023 - Spearfish, SD (Roberts-Titze & Roberts)
August 21-27, 2023 - Gillette, WY (International Convention)
September 7-10, 2023— Hazen (Beckman)

Rallies for 2024

May 2-5, 2024—Mandan, ND (need hosts)
June (mid-late), 2024—rolling to Chico, MT (Richard)
July 11-14, 2024—Icelandic Park, Cavalier, ND (Hunt)
August 2024—Location and hosts are needed
September 2024— NoDaks 30th Anniversary—TBD (officers)

Rallies for 2025

June 2025—Medora, ND (Eckenrode & Meier)
July 2025—TBD—Canadian Northern Lights
September 2025—TBD (Bohnet & Roehl)



Our Ramblin' NoDaks Officers for 2021-2023:

President—Dave Eckenrode—701-202-5411

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Secretary—Sandy Eckenrode—701-426-7757

Treasurer—Duane Heinrich—701-535-0830

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

Webmaster & Newsletter Editor—Pam Meier-701-440-1189

Chaplains—Kathy Heinrich, Kent Roehl

Security—Bill Sommers, Larry Grindy, Dean Little

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



Grafton Rally Re-cap

What a special rally this was! It was so good for our two chapters to be together again; re-kindling friendships and meeting new friends. The Canadian Northern Lights hosted the weekend with Ron Chesla/Anne Malyon and George/Margaret Jaeger as hosts. There were a total of 24 RVs and one drive in. It was an honor to have the Midwest Area Vice-President Chris Czerwinski from Omaha join us.

Thursday found us arriving , joining in happy hour, and enjoying a delicious supper consisting of Skinners hotdogs (Winnipeg Old Country Sausage wieners first made by Manitoba Sausages in 1914. The wieners were named Skinners hotdogs in 1929 from Winnipeg's Skinners Lockport and were sold for twenty cents.). Along with the hot dogs, we were served beans, coleslaw, and chips. The evening ended with a campfire.

Friday, we gathered for breakfast and then went on the Marvin Windows tour. Fantastic tour!! I think we were all shocked at the beautiful factory in the small town of Grafton ND. They produce 800 windows per day. At "President's" happy hour, we recognized the Presidents from our clubs, Vice President Margaret Jaeger stood in for President Mark Morgan from the Canadian Northern Lights and Dave Eckenrode of the Ramblin' NoDaks. We were also joined by the tour guides from Marvin Windows. Canadian Northern Lights provided beer and wine for all. We all gathered around the campfire to finish out the evening.

Saturday morning, we greeted each other at breakfast and then lined up for our tour. We went to the Heritage Village. It was a little village laid out with so many interesting relics and items. Crazy to think that some of the items were things we could remember using in our time. I think the highlight of that tour was riding the horse and benches on the old-fashioned carousel. What a great memory! It was not for the faint of heart though.... That was the fastest carousel we have ever been on. The operator told us, "Get on and hang on." What fun! Our tour in the afternoon was not to be outdone by the other tours. We went to the Historic Elmwood House that was built in 1895. The furniture, accessories, flooring, stained glass, and the yard were absolutely stunning! It was another great spot for a photo op. The only access was across an old plank bridge. Back at camp, everyone enjoyed visiting at happy hour and then each went their own way for supper at various restaurants. We all gathered back to sit around the campfire to visit and listen to stories.

Grafton Rally Re-cap (continued)

On **Sunday**, God greeted us with a beautiful clear day. We again gathered for breakfast. We gave hugs and said our good byes until we meet again.

Thank you again to Ron, Anne, George, Margaret, and the Canadian Northern Lights for the opportunity to experience this beautiful campground and amazing town. Your hospitality was second to none. I know that we all departed with full and happy hearts. Thank you!



Welcome to our new members!

We are happy to have you join us.

George & Margaret Jaeger—Austin, MB

John & Jerri Morrow—Winnipeg, MB

Walt & Adele Mychasiw—Rossburn, MB

Bryan & Dale Paquin—St. Francois Xavier, MB

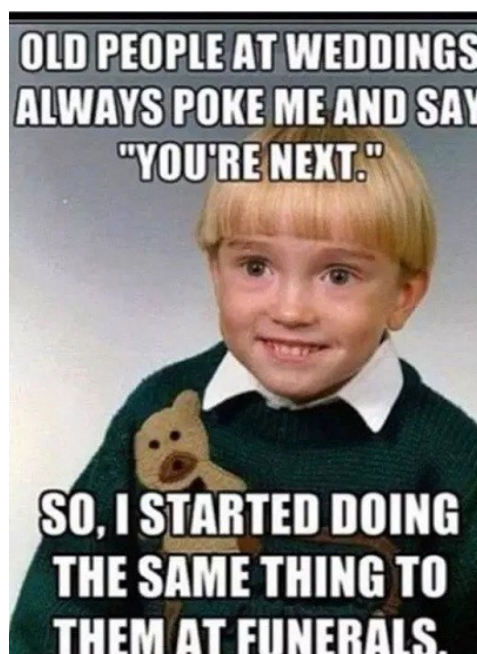
Ralph & Ruth Rutledge—Portage la Prairie, MB

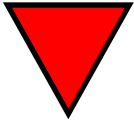


Facebook



If you are not a member of our Facebook page and would like to be, please go to Facebook, search for Ramblin' NoDaks and request to join. This is a private page for our members only. Along with our website, Facebook is a great way to stay connected with our chapter.





Volunteering at the Hostfest at Minot, ND



Volunteering dates: Thursday September 21 – Saturday September 30

Hostfest dates: Wednesday September 27 - Saturday September 30

If you are willing to volunteer at the Minot Hostfest, this is the information. Our jobs will consist of parking RVs, manning a gate, and registering RV's. The registration and parking will begin on Thursday September 21st. You won't have to be there on Thursday but probably soon after. The parkers will hold your parking spot until Saturday the 23rd. There will still be parking spots after that time but you will have to park in random spots that are available.

There is NO fee for parking this year! We will run (3) four hour shifts for each job per day. For a free one day admission pass to Hostfest (concerts not included), you will be asked to work a four hour shift. We have a total of 72 shifts to fill with people.

You will need to contact Pam to sign up. Larry Grindy has asked that I take all the names and set up the schedules. If you are interested, please text (701-440-1189) or email (jpmeier@midco.net) by **September 1st**. At that time, we will be in contact with you to set up schedules.

What I will need to know:

1. Persons that are volunteering
2. If you need an RV parking spot
3. Day you plan to arrive (tentatively)
4. What area/job you prefer to volunteer in
5. How many shifts you are willing to work



President's report for July 2023 newsletter

By David Eckenrode

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. I want to remind members that the Ramblin' NoDaks membership list is for personal use only and is not to be shared with any other business, group or organization. As of June 6, 2023, FMCA has 71,435 RV units of which 10,014 are towable. I received these statistics at the Midwest Area rally,

There were 24 RVs and 1 drive-in attending the July rally in Grafton, ND with the Canadian Northern Lights. Thank you to the Canadian Northern Lights for hosting the July rally. We are going to try to have 1 joint rally with the Canadian Northern Lights each year. Chapter hosting for the rally will alternate every other year. We only have 2 rallies left for this year. The August rally will be held August 18-20 at the Elkhorn Ridge RV Park in Spearfish, SD. The September rally will be held September 7-10 at the Lewis and Clark RV Park in Hazen ND.

Pre-Registration is required for both rallies. The registration form for the August rally can be found in the email with this newsletter or on the Ramblin' NoDaks Website. The registration forms for the September rally will be coming out in an email with the August newsletter.

We continue planning rallies for 2024 and 2025. I still need hosts/locations for August 2024, May 2025 and August 2025. If you have suggestions on dates, locations or would like to volunteer to host a rally in 2024 or 2025, please contact me. I would encourage everyone to consider hosting a rally. If you don't want to host on your own, find someone to partner with. Here's the rallies already scheduled for 2024 and 2025.

May 2-5, 2024 – Midway Lanes, Mandan ND, host(s) is needed.

Mid-Late June 2024 – Rolling Rally to Chico Hot Spring and other parts of Montana (Yellowstone, Livingston, Bozeman,) hosted by Dennis and Beth Richard.

July 11-14, 2024 – Icelandic State Park, Cavalier ND, hosted by Mark and Kim Hunt.

Early September 2024 – Ramblin' NoDaks 30th Anniversary Rally, location TBD, hosted by Ramblin' NoDaks officers.

Mid-Late June 2025 – Medora ND, hosted by Dave/Sandy Eckenrode and John/Pam Meier.

Mid July 2025 – Canadian Northern Lights/Ramblin' NoDaks, location in Canada TBD, hosted by Canadian Northern Lights.

Early-mid September 2025 – Location TBD, hosted by Wayne/Jackie Bohnet and Kent/Char Roehl.

President Dave Eckenrode report (continued)

This year is the election year for Ramblin' NoDaks officers (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director and Alternate National Director). We will be holding the election at the September rally in Hazen, ND. If you are interested in running or rerunning for an elected office, please contact someone on the nominating committee. The Nominating Committee members are Pam Meier, Darlyne Roed, Karen Grimm and John Ringland. Other Ramblin' NoDaks positions you might be interested in are: Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarian, Chaplains, Security, Nominating Committee and Webmaster.

Hopefully we can see everyone at one or more of the rallies this year. Please be healthy, drive safely and have a wonderful summer.

Couple of camping quotes:

"Camping makes me feel like a hero! It's an opportunity to be able to do something that not everyone gets to do and share those experiences with my favorite people"-Brittney Garcia

"Camping: The art of getting yourself deeply immersed in something without having any idea how you got there"-Iain Rogers



Report from John Emmett, National Director

Greetings fellow NoDaks. I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. Cathy and I recently returned from a weeklong trip to Boston to attend the International Lions Club Convention. We both ate way too much wonderful seafood.

The upcoming FMCA Rally in Gillette is just around the corner. And the Governing Board will have several items to deal with. There are seven proposed changes to the FMCA constitution and by-laws. I have included a link to those changes below.

We will also be electing a Midwest Area National Vice President. John Jacobs, our current VP, is up for reelection. He is the only candidate as of yet.

A chapter fair will be held in Gillette on Tuesday, August 22 at the Central Pavilion. This will be a great opportunity to recruit new members.

And finally, we will be electing a new national president. Gary Milner is running for that position. We all know Gary as he was the Midwest Area President (as it was called at that time).

That's all for now. I am looking forward to seeing everyone next month.

<https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/>



Dill Pickle Dip

From: Secretary Sandy

8 oz cream cheese

1/2 jar of dill pickles (finely chopped)

Mix softened cream cheese and chopped dill pickles together. Add pickle juice to make the right consistency. It's a great refreshing dip to serve with potato chips.

Enjoy!



A little humor

Realized I had to use the bathroom.

Got up and walked across the house, to the pantry.

Couldn't remember why I was in the pantry.

remembered I had to use the bathroom.

Walked across the house to the bathroom.

Sitting on the throne I remembered why I went to the pantry...

Toilet paper.

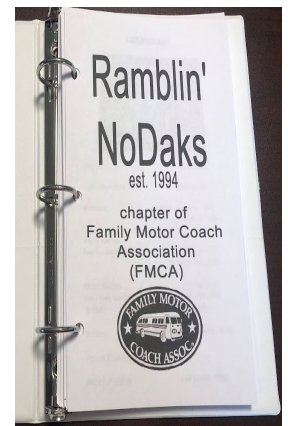


Ramblin' NoDaks membership books for sale

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, jpmeier@midco.net or 701-440-1189.



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Bill & Laurel Tveit—1967
- 2 – Carol Adams
- 4 – Denise Kauer
- 4—Clayton & Irene Beckman—1980
- 5—Dean Little
- 6—Clayton Beckman
- 6—Butch Wood
- 6—Izzy & Vivian Burdeniuk
- 11—Vivian Lynne
- 16—Dave Wolfe
- 22—Dan Koppinger
- 23—Francis Fritz
- 24—Kent & Char Roehl—1982
- 26—Hjalmer Carlson
- 27 – Pam Weidner
- 30—Brian Little



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Shirley Sommers
- 4—Donna Harper
- 4—Don Roberts
- 4—Mark & Kim Hunt—1984
- 8 – Wade Weidner
- 10—Bryan Paquin
- 11—Larry & Joan Grindy—1963
- 11—Duane & Kathy Heinrich—1973
- 13—Deb Heen
- 15—Ron Chesla
- 15 – Marlys Carvell
- 15—Ron & Ann Chesla—1992
- 17—George & Bonnie Brackin—1963
- 20—Hjalmer & Karen Carlson
- 21—Dick Gunter
- 21 – Dennis Willer
- 22—Laurel Tveit
- 23 – Jim & Karen Sparke - 1986
- 24—Vivian Burdeniuk
- 31—Margaret Gjerstad
- 31—Dayle MacDonald



From Treasurer Duane: Dues for 2023 were due by January 1st, 2023. 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.



The following owe \$15.00 for dues.

Coulson

Heen

McDonald

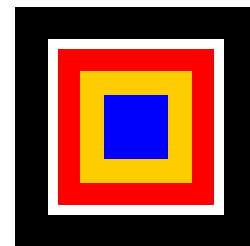


FMCA Bylaws Article III #4E

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.

Don't forget to check out our website:

www.ramblinnodaks.com



From Sandy Eckenrode:

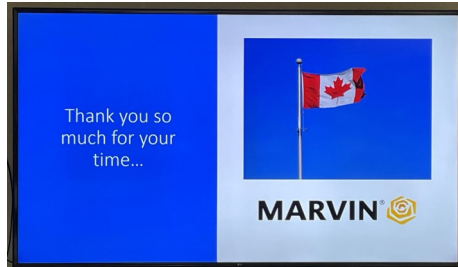
Our chapter has tri-folds to hand out to prospective new members. If you would like to have some, please contact me and I will mail them to you.

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 or 2025. The NoDaks will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary in 2024!



Tour at Marvin Windows



Welcome and billboard signs



V-Pres Margaret, Chris, and Pres Dave



Horse and machinery display at Heritage Village



Our Sweet Adeline



Touring the Historic Elmwood House



Our group at the Historic Elmwood House



Sheriff Dean



Fun with Jenga



Campfire time



Dale & George



Irene & Wanda & Pam



Chris & Gordy & Dave



Bryan & Margaret & Dale



Gordy & Brian



Gene & Karen



Sandy & Beth & Dennis



John & Donna & Sandy & Beth



Jerri & Ron



Wade & Gene & Wanda & Clayton & Irene



Pam



Louise & Irene



Jerri & Ron & John



Brian & Louise & Irene



Brian & Marvin



Sandy



Beth and Dennis, sitting on a bench, K-I-S-S-I-N-G
First comes love, then comes marriage,
then comes Dennis with a baby carriage!

Canadian Northern Lights Ramblin Nodaks



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July 14, 2023
Grafton, ND

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