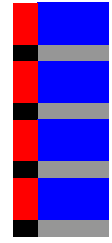
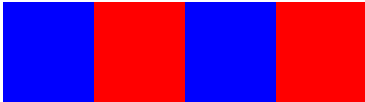




Ramblin' NoDaks



June 2023



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Hello, and Happy Independence Day!

We thank God for the freedoms that we have in this great Country! Thank you to the brave men and women that have fought so hard to sustain that for us! Please keep our country in prayer as we celebrate this great Holiday!

Please see the attachments to this newsletter!

Pam

Rallies for 2023

July 13-16, 2023—Grafton (joint CNL and RN), hosted by CNL
 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—need place and hosts
 September 2024— NoDaks 30th Anniversary—TBD (officers)

Rallies for 2025

June 2025—Medora, ND (Eckenrode & Meier)
 September 2025—TBD (Bohnet & Roehl)

May Mandan Rally recap

The May rally turned out to be such a great and well attended rally! There were 13 RV's and 8 drive-ins for a total of 44 people! One of the biggest rallies to ever be held in May. Thank you to our hosts, Garda Hoirup and John Ringland for the wonderful time! We were blessed to have Canadian's join us again. We've missed you! And..... Sheriff Dean was back in town. We had to all be on our toes and be sure that we were wearing our badges!

Arrival was anytime on **Thursday**. It was a beautiful day and it allowed us to sit outside and enjoy the company and the weather. The group then traveled to Bennigan's in Mandan for supper. For one table, "Patience was a Virtue"! On Friday, we had a wonderful breakfast, and our group toured the State Library. It's crazy to think we have lived in ND all our lives and aren't aware of what our small state has to offer. Everyone scattered for lunch and then we all met back for Happy Hour at the bowling alley. Potluck supper was served and as usual, we have great cooks in our midst! Some were lucky at card bingo and well..... some not so much! Either way, it was a fun and great time. On **Saturday**, after a tasty breakfast, we had our business meeting. People did various errands, and we were gathered back for Happy Hour at 3:00. 41 people trekked over to Jack's Steak House for supper. To say the food and service were excellent is an understatement! We all left with full and satisfied tummies! 28 of us gathered back at the bowling alley for competitive games of "left, right, center". One very big winner, right Pres? On Sunday, God woke us up to a beautiful day. It was a great breakfast again, followed by worship from Kathy Heinrich with a beautiful message. Thank you, Kathy! We were all able to "earn" some angel wings. Music was provided by Adeline, Duane, Ken, and Pam. Hugs were given and good-byes said until we meet again! I know many left with their heart full! Thank you, John and Garda!





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

Parliamentarian—Karen Grimm—701-371-3093

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

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



President's report for June 2023 newsletter

By David Eckenrode

I hope everyone is having a wonderful spring. We have had 2 great rallies already this spring and have 3 more coming up this summer. The May rally held at Midway Lanes in Mandan, ND was well attended with 13 RVs and 8 drive-ins attending. Thanks to John Ringland and Garda Hoirup for hosting the Mandan rally. The June rally was a rolling rally to the Midwest Area rally held in Chippewa Falls, WI. We stayed 2 nights at the Wagner Campground in Barnesville, MN and 1 night at Treasure Island Casino in Welch, MN. We had 13 RVs at Barnesville and 15 RVs at Treasure Island. We had a total of 14 RVs in attendance at the Midwest Area Rally. I would like to thank all the Ramblin' NoDaks that volunteered for various duties at the Midwest Area Rally. Thanks to Dave/Sandy Eckenrode and John/Pam Meier for hosting the rolling rally.

We have 3 more rallies scheduled for 2023. The July rally will be a joint rally with the Canadian Northern Lights held on July 13-16, 2023, in Grafton, ND. 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 all the rallies. Registration forms can be found in the newsletter or on the Ramblin' NoDaks Website.

It's time to start planning rallies for 2024 and 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 schedule 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 Springs 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

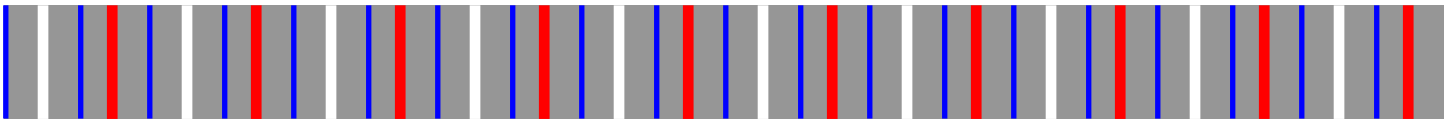
Mid-Late June 2025 – Medora ND, Hosted by Dave/Sandy Eckenrode and John/Pam Meier

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

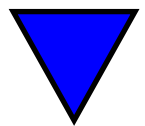
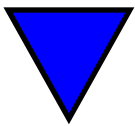
President's report (cont)

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 Darlyne Roed, Pam Meier, 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.



This is the information for booking your RV site for Grafton and Spearfish, SD. Please read it carefully!



It's time to reserve camping sites for the July and August Rallies. The July rally will be held July 13-16, 2023, at the Grafton (Leistikow Park) Campground in Grafton ND, hosted by the Canadian Northern Lights. The August rally will be held August 18-21, 2023, at Elkhorn Ridge RV Park in Spearfish, SD, hosted by Don Roberts and Peggy Roberts-Titze. It is urgent that you reserve a campsite ASAP at these campgrounds if you plan to attend either rally. The registration and schedule for Spearfish will come out in the July newsletter. Remember you can attend the Spearfish rally even if you aren't attending the International rally in Gillette, WY.

For reservations at the Grafton (Leistikow Park) Campground, call 701-352-1842. Tell them you are with the CDN Northern Lights/NoDaks Rally. The cost is \$25/night. You will need a credit card to reserve a site. They also need to know the size and type of RV. The address of the campground is 715 West 5th Street, Grafton, ND.

For reservations at Elkhorn Ridge RV Park, call 605-722-1800. Make sure you are talking to the main desk. Tell them you are reserving a site set aside for the Ramblin' NoDaks. We have pull-through sites 306 through 312, 319 and back-in sites 320 through 337. The rates are \$65.72 for pull through and \$55.92 for back in. The address of the campground is 20189 US HWY 85, Spearfish, SD. **These sites will only be held until July 18th!**



Welcome to our new members!

We are happy to have you join us!

Dennis & Coral Willer—Bismarck, ND

Jim & Karen Sparke—Bemidji, MN

Jim & Doris Mutzenberger—Hazen, ND



International Convention (Gillette)
information

Registration is now open for the FMCA 107th International Convention & RV Expo in Gillette, WY on August 23-26, 2023. The Ramblin' NoDaks will be volunteering to serve coffee and donuts. Our August rally will be held at the Elkhorn Ridge RV Resort in Spearfish SD on August 18-20. We typically go into Gillette on Monday, August 21.



Thank you to Ken & Darlyne Roed for the donation of an amplifier to go with the keyboard that was donated by Margaret Gjerstad! So thoughtful and we appreciate it!

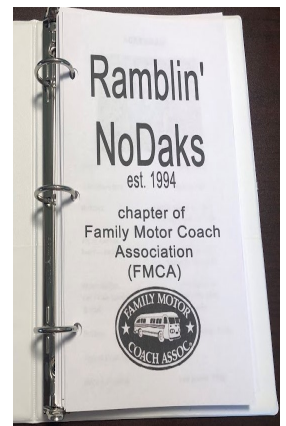


Ramblin' NoDaks membership books for sale

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.



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

1—Weidner—1974
2—Charlet Sperbeck
2—Wettlaufer—1952
4—Alice Bergan
5—M & S Sommers—1965
7—MacDonald—2019
10—Lynne—1956
11—Schmidt—1961
11—Wolfe—1972
11—Emmett—1977
12—Baumann—1971
13—Karen Little—1958
14—Stainbrook—1963
16—Dan Knell
17—Jerry Hopfauf
17—Bonnie Brackin
17—Knell—1977
18—Sutheimer—1976
18—Willer—1976
23—Marvin Sutheimer
25—Richard—1976
27—Meier—1975
28—Bill Tveit
28—Baumberger—1964
29—Gunter—1957



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

1—Tveit—1967
2—Carol Adams
4—Denise Kauer
4—Beckman
5—Dean Little
6—Butch Wood
6—Clayton Beckman
6—Burdeniuk—1968
11—Vivian Lynne
16—Dave Wolfe
22—Dan Koppinger
23—Francis Fritz
24—Roehl—1982
26—Hjalmer Carlson
27—Pam Weidner
30—Brian Little



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.

Champagne
Coulson
Heen

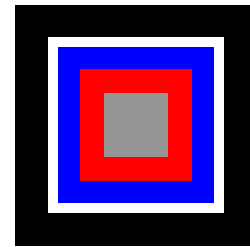


FMCA Bylaws Article III #4E

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.

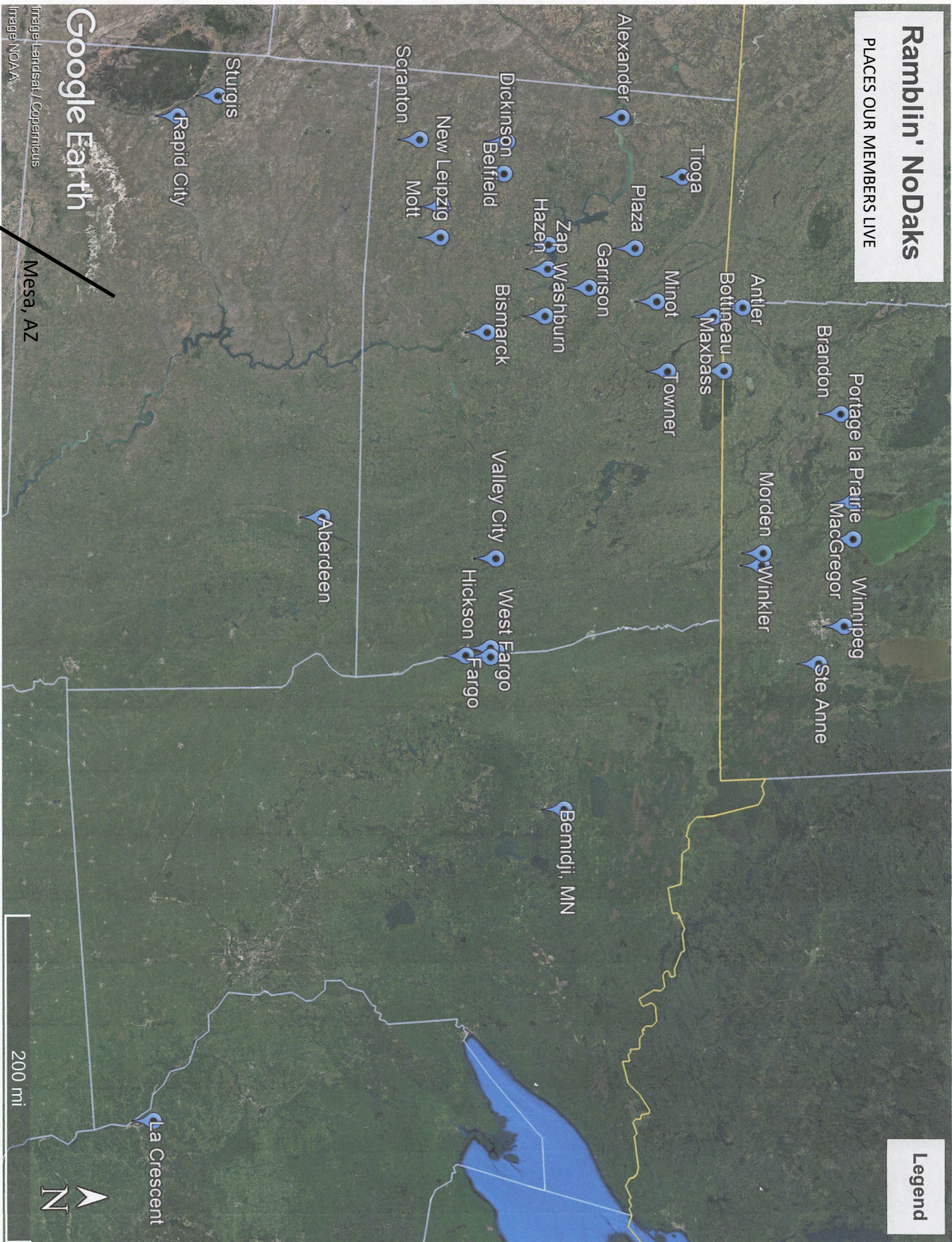
701-426-7757

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!

Ramblin' NoDaks

PLACES OUR MEMBERS LIVE

Legend



Rolling Rally to Chippewa Falls, WI – June 2023

After much planning by Eckenrode's and Meier's, the time finally came for the wheels to start rolling.

Friday – 22 people gathered at Fargo for lunch before travelling onto Barnesville, MN. At that time, we were also able to see Gene and Karen's beautiful new corvette! By the time happy hour rolled around in Barnesville, there were 13 RVs parked. We had our 1st Poker Run drawing. We had a delicious supper at The Pitchfork followed by sharing camping stories. Lots of laughs and a few tears.... But oh, the memories! Also, I must add that we were all on our toes throughout the time together with Sheriff Dean present! You dare not be without your name badge!

Saturday – We gathered in the morning for trivia and our 2nd Poker Run draw. Trivial winners were 1st Place – Old Wingers aka Bohnet's and Roehl's, 2nd Place – CanDak aka Little's and Heinrich's, 3rd Place – U Neek aka Richard's and Tveit's. The trivia questions are listed somewhere in the newsletter. Check them out and see how you do! In the afternoon, we had a friendly competition of outdoor yard games (ladder golf, corn hole, and yardzee). The weather was beautiful, and it was a fun time. Winners were: 1st John R, 2nd Duane, 3rd a tie between Laurel and Char, and last 😊 Francis. We also had 2 games of yard Jenga going the whole day. Dean is like a pro at it! We then had our 3rd Poker Run draw, and a picnic supper was provided by the Ramblin' NoDaks chapter. We ended the night with Card Bingo and the big winners for that were Donna and Kent.

Sunday – On the road... We caravanned to Clearwater, MN. There we met up with another of our group. We made a pit stop, fueled up and of course, many had to buy one of the HUGE donuts sold there. We continued onto Treasure Island Casino in Welch, MN where we met another RV in our group. We were all happy campers together with 15 RVs gathered. (Baumann, Beckman, Bohnet, Dukart, Eckenrode, Grunett, Heinle, Heinrich, Little, Meier, Richard, Ringland/Hoirup, Roed, Roehl, Tveit) We also had one drive-in join us. Charlet Sperbeck lives 1 ½ hour away. What a joy to see her again! We had a short church service and drew our 4th Poker Run drawing. A bus came and transported us to the marina where we boarded the *Treasure Island Spirit of the Water* for our dinner boat cruise. It was a fantastic meal and cruise. More than I think any of us expected. The experience of going through the locks was exciting to many of us. The captain positioned the boat, so we were able to write on the cement walls with chalk. It was a great day!

Rolling Rally (cont)

Monday – On the road again... This bright beautiful morning found us ready to go again. We left Tveit's behind as they were going onto a different destination. The rest of us were heading to our final destination, the Midwest Area rally in Chippewa Falls, WI. We got parked, hooked up electricity and water. The water required very looooooong hoses for some. We had our 5th and final Poker Run drawing. Winners were: 1st place winner was Dennis with (3) 10's, Jackie was 2nd place with (3) 8's and Donna won for lowest hand. FMCA provided us with supper, and it was time to call it a day.

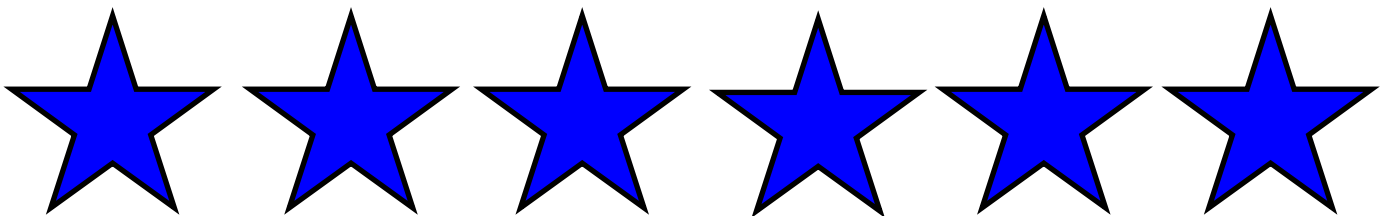
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – The Midwest Area Rally was filled with meetings, seminars, entertainment, visiting, vendors, games, coffee & donuts, ice cream, meals, ladies' luncheon, devotions, and S'mores. Just for the record.... from the members in attendance, most like their marshmallows BURNT!

Saturday – We said our good-byes to some that were leaving and travelling onto be with family, other destinations, or home. Six RVs remained and stayed one more night to take in the Leinenkugel Brewery Summer Celebration or to tour the area.

Sunday – Everyone left and headed onward home or to see friends or family.

It was wonderful spending time together. Thanks to Eckenrode's and Meier's for organizing and planning this fun time. It didn't all go without a hitch though. We had some bumps along the way such as: broken belt, replaced alternator, no hot water, no a/c, power cord replaced, loose muffler clamp, park brake locked on car, wheel chocks not removed. With the great help and knowledge of our group, it all worked out! What a great group we have!

All in all, it was a very successful journey and God saw us all home safely!



Attached on Page 12, you will find the trivia questions that we had on the rally. See how many you can answer correctly. Answers are on Page 13.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. California has the most solar installations of any US state with over a million, but which northern state has the least with fewer than fifty?
2. Is it possible for a human to lick their elbow?
3. Which passenger jet is the longest?
4. Add together the number of US states and Canadian provinces that North Dakota borders. What is the sum?
5. In a deck of cards, which King does not have a mustache?
6. What is Mrs. Howell's first name on Gilligan's Island?
7. What Democratic president won the 1964 election by a massive 486-52 electoral vote margin in the last election where the western states of Idaho, North Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma voted Democrat?
8. North Dakota is the only state in the nation to never have had what natural disaster?
9. What was Bonnie & Clyde's last car?
10. What is Barbie's little sister's name?
11. North Dakota has more _____ than it has residents.
12. What is the Grinch's dog's name?
13. What is North Dakota's official state beverage?
14. What is the only animal that can't jump?
15. How many US states are further north than Canada's most southern tip?
16. What year were the Ramblin' NoDaks formed?
17. What's the highest point in North Dakota?
18. What's the highest mountain in Canada?
19. On 2-17-07, a Guinness World record was set in Bismarck at the state capital. What was it for?
20. The coastline around what North Dakota lake is longer than the California coastline along the Pacific Ocean?
21. Who was the first president of the Ramblin' NoDaks club?
22. What color are Mickey Mouse's shoes?



Tour at the North Dakota State Library



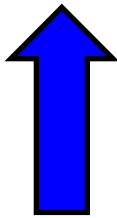
Food, fellowship, and fun



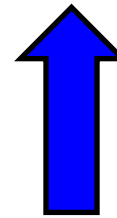
Enjoying the fabulous meal at Jack's



A beautiful day outside



Photos from the Mandan May Rally



TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. North Dakota
- 2. No.
- 3. Boeing 747-8 – 250'
- 4. 5
- 5. King of Hearts
- 6. Lovey
- 7. Lyndon B. Johnson
- 8. Earthquake
- 9. A stolen 1934 Ford V8
- 10. Skipper
- 11. Registered Vehicles
- 12. Max
- 13. Milk
- 14. Elephant
- 15. 27 The south point of Middle Island, Ontario in Lake Erie
- 16. 1994
- 17. White Butte in Slope County
- 18. Mount Logan
- 19. Snow Angels – anyone know how many? 8962
- 20. Lake Sakakawea
- 21. Moby Dick
- 22. Yellow

A little humor.....

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, this driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies -- two in the front seat and three in the back -- wide eyed and white as ghosts.

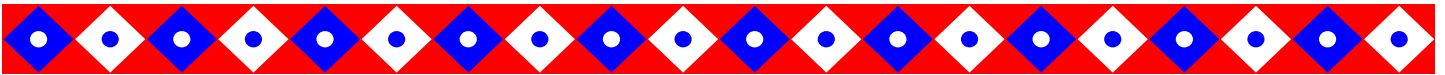
The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... Twenty-two miles an hour!" The old woman says a bit proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that 22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error. But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."



Chilly night



Art work on the wall



Creating art on the wall



Dean, show him how it's done



Now this is some serious business



Gene with his beautiful Corvette



Welcome to our camp!



Hmmmm, which one Bill?



Corn hole competition



Our group on the Spirit of the Water

Enjoying the day and company



Serving donuts



12 of the RVs at the Midwest Rally

And 14 are ready to roll on

Ladder golf



Leinenkugel Festival



It takes a village to keep these units going



It's chilly but fun to be together, especially making and eating S'mores

Geocaching fun



The Chapter Block Party

Names you can recognize



Serving coffee

Ready to roll for home



It's a great day to be alive

Let's figure out where to park these rigs and get 'er done



Looking for high numbers



Titanic reenacted



Serving up hot chocolate



We never get tired of visiting

Making our mark in history



FMCA
Midwest Area Rally
Attendees
195 RV Units – all types
From 25 US States and Canada
> 86 First Timers
> 128 Volunteers



Be steady Karen, it's ready to go



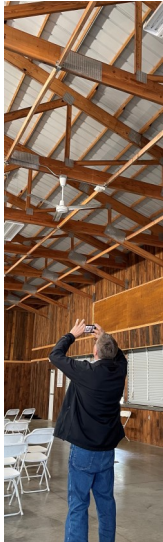
Old Glory proudly waving



More names on the wall



Francis, just what do you see?



There's nothing better than being together



Roll a big one Brian



Proudly representing our Chapter



Don't sneeze!



But the chair was just too big!



Visiting on the riverboat



Getting all set up for coffee and donuts. What a great team!



Winner, winner, chicken dinner



6 beautiful ladies at the Ladies' Luncheon



Who can do it faster?



Something is pretty funny



You've got this, Dean



Great job guys keeping the line moving in the right direction



Clean up duty

