

Ramblin' NoDaks

April 2024

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Hello....Spring Has Sprung

Well, camping season is here! Time to get everything washed and shined up for our upcoming rallies. We've got some great ones planned for the coming year!

Hoping you all had a Blessed Easter and celebrated our Risen Lord. See you soon!

Pam

Rallies for 2024

May 2-5, 2024—Mandan, ND (Meier & Eckenrode)
June 23-July 3, 2024—rolling to Montana (Richard)
July 11-14, 2024—Icelandic Park, Cavalier, ND—Joint rally with the Canadian Northern Lights (Hunt & Crockett et al)
August 22-25, 2024—Dickinson (Weidner & Sutheimer)
September 12-15, 2024—NoDaks' 30th Anniversary—Bottineau (officers)

Rallies for 2025

May 2025—(need hosts)
June 19-23, 2025—Medora, ND (Eckenrode & Meier)
July 11-14, 2025—Spearfish, SD—(need hosts)
July 14-19, 2025—International Convention—Gillette, WY
August 28-31, 2025—Canadian Northern Lights/Ramblin' NoDaks joint rally—Canada (CNL)
September 11-15, 2025—New Leipzig, ND (Bohnet & Roehl)

President's Report—Dave Eckenrode—April 2024

Happy spring to everyone. I hope everyone had a good and healthy winter. Sadly, we have lost three of our chapter members over the winter. Bill Leier, Dick Gunter and Adam Leier passed away over the winter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

I'm pleased to say we are having a rally every month this year starting with a May rally in Mandan and ending with the September rally in Bottineau for the Ramblin' NoDaks' 30th Anniversary. I want to thank all the members who have volunteered to host a rally this year.

May's rally will be May 2-5, 2024, at Midway Lanes in Mandan ND. Camping will be available at Dacotah Speedway. The rally is being hosted by John/Pam Meier and Dave/Sandy Eckenrode. Registration is available in this newsletter.

June's rally will be June 23-July 3, 2024. This is the rolling rally through parts of Montana to West Yellowstone. Due to limited campground availability, registration for this rally was required back in August 2023. Two emails were sent out in August 2023 (8/1/2023 and 8/11/2023) requesting the names of those members interested in attending the rally. We have 14 RV's attending the June rolling rally. The rally is being hosted by Dennis and Beth Richard. Co-hosted by John/Pam Meier and Dave/Sandy Eckenrode. Registration is closed for this Rally. If you would like to be contacted in case someone has to cancel, please let me know.

July's rally will be July 11-14, 2024, at the Icelandic State Park in Cavalier ND. This will be the joint rally with the Canadian Northern Lights for 2024. An email was sent out on February 15 on how to reserve a campsite at the park by March 16, 2024. If you missed that date and would still like to attend, contact the State Park. The rally is being hosted by Mark and Kim Hunt. Co-hosted by Carla & Bob Crockett, Dorothy & Dave McCullough and Steph & Lauren Fetsch. Registration will be available in the June newsletter.

July 24-27, 2024, is the Midwest Area Rally at the Amana RV Park & Event Center in Amana, IA. Hosted by the Midwest Area.

August's rally will be August 22-25, 2024, at the North Park RV Campground in Dickinson ND. The rally is being hosted by Wade & Pam Weidner and Marvin & Wanda Sutheimer. Registration will be available in the July newsletter.

September's rally will be September 12-15, 2024, at Bottineau County Fairgrounds in Bottineau ND. This rally will be a celebration for the Ramblin' NoDaks' 30th Anniversary. The rally is being hosted by Ramblin' NoDaks' officers. Registration will be available in the August newsletter.

Pre-Registration is required for all the rallies.

It's also time to start planning rallies for 2025 and 2026. If you have suggestions on dates, locations or would like to volunteer to host a rally, please contact me. Here's the rallies already scheduled for 2025.

May 15-18, 2025 – Possibly Country Cabins and RV Park in Mobridge SD, Hosts by TBD.

June 19-22, 2025 - Red Trail Campground in Medora ND, Hosted by Dave & Sandy Eckenrode and John & Pam Meier

July 11-14, 2025 – ElkHorn Ridge RV Resort in Spearfish SD, Hosted by TBD

July 14-19, 2025 - FMCA's 111th International Convention & RV Expo, CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities, Gillette WY. Hosted by FMCA

August 28-September 1, 2025 – This will be the joint rally with the Canadian Northern Lights for 2025. Location in Canada TBD. Hosted by Canadian Northern Lights.

September 11-14, 2025 – New Leipzig, ND, Hosted by Wayne & Jackie Bohnet and Kent & Char Roehl.

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

HOTEL NOTICE: If you are planning to attend the rallies in either July (Cavalier) or September (Bottineau) and you are planning to stay at a hotel, here is the information.

Cavalier—July 11-14, 2024—Cedar Inn, 502 Division Ave S, 701-265-8341. Reserved block of rooms are under the name of: Ramblin’ NoDaks

Bottineau—September 12-15—Cobblestone Inn, 1109 11th St E, 701-534-2121. Reserved block of rooms are under the name of: Pam Meier Rate is approximately \$105/night. Free continental breakfast.

Welcome New Members:

- Richard & Theresa Wagner—Fargo, ND
 - Bob & Carla Crockett—Minot, ND
 - Kevin & Lori Schram—Gillette, WY
 - Charlie & Donna Henderson—Fargo, ND
 - Tony & Marlis Russell—Stanley, ND
- We are happy to have you and we look forward to meeting you!

The biggest difference between money and time: You always know how much money you have but you never know how much time you have. *Enjoy every moment of your life!*



Our Deepest Sympathy on the loss of 3 wonderful people. You will be missed!

- Bill Leier—11-1-39 — 1-21-24
- Richard Gunter—8-21-33 — 1-25-24
- Adam Leier—11-1-39 — 2-29-24



Our Ramblin' NoDaks Officers for 2023-2025:

President—Dave Eckenrode—701-202-5411

Vice President—Pam Meier—701-440-1189

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, Wanda Sutheimer, Laurel Tveit, Kim Hunt

Security—Dean Little, Larry Grindy, Garda Hoirup, Irene Beckman

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



Important Information

Our chapter has tri-folds to hand out to prospective new members. If you would like to have some, please contact our Secretary Sandy and she will mail them to you. It's a great way to inform others about our chapter!

701-426-7757

Would you be interested in a Ramblin' NoDaks rolling rally caravan trip to Alaska? George & Bonnie Brackin lived in Alaska for 9 years. They said they would be willing to organize and lead a caravan. It would be approximately 4-6 weeks and possibly in 2025 or 2026. Please let President Dave know if you have any interest. We are not looking for commitment at this time, only trying to see if there is interest.

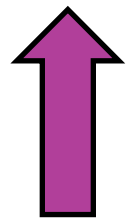
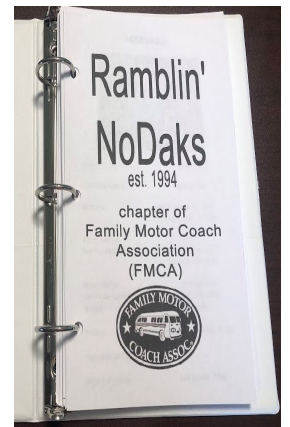
Ramblin' NoDaks membership books for sale

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 for \$10.00 or to have pages emailed, contact Pam Meier,

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



Don't forget to check out our website:

www.ramblinnodaks.com



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 – Coral Willer
2—Dale Paquin
4—Gene Grimm
5 – Irene Beckman
6 – Jim & Doris Mutzenberger
14—Izzy Burdeniuk
14—Kevin & Louise Champagne
15—Ken Roed
18—Gordy Wettlaufer
20—Irene Hellman
20—Carla Crockett
21—Mark Hunt
22—Gerold Hoff
23—Peggy Roberts-Titze
23—Kevin & Lori Schram (1992)
30 – Karen Sparke



National Director's Report—John Emmett—April 2024

On the national level, it's been a pretty quiet winter as far as FMCA is concerned. Most of the recent activity has centered around getting everyone ready for the "Fiesta Del Sol" in Tucson, AZ. By the time that you read this the event is in the history books. I hope that if any of the Ramblin' NoDaks attended they will give a report when we meet again.

From President Gary Milner:

Plan now to attend FMCA's 109th International Convention and RV Expo at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon, August 14-17, 2024. FMCA last held a convention there in 2014. We can't wait to visit the great landscape of the Northwest Area once again! Registration opens April 3, 2024. Please call the Events department at the national office at (513) 474-3622, (800) 543-3622, or register online at FMCA.com.

The Governing Board will meet on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 in Redmond, OR. I will not be attending this event. If any of the NoDak family is planning on attending, please let me know and I will make sure that you are credentialed for the meeting.

I hope everyone wintered well. The lack of snow in my area is going to cause some drought issues this summer, I am afraid. I look forward to seeing everyone this summer.

A LITTLE HUMOR:

Each Friday night after work, Bubba would fire up his outdoor grill and cook venison steak. But all of Bubba's neighbors were Catholic, and since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating red meat on Friday.

The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The priest came to visit Bubba and suggested that he become a Catholic.

After several classes and much study, Bubba attended Mass. The priest sprinkled holy water over him and said, "You were born a Baptist and raised as a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic.

Bubba's neighbors were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood. The priest was called immediately by the neighbors.

As the priest rushed into Bubba's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement.

There stood Bubba, clutching a small bottle of holy water, which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat while chanting, "You wuz born a deer, you wuz raised a deer, but now you iz a catfish!"

Fiesta Bake

2 tubes of crescent rolls

2# hamburger (browned and drained)

2 c salsa

4 c shredded cheese



Press 1 tube of crescent roll dough into a 9 X 13 pan. Bake according to roll recipe. Mix hamburger and salsa together. Pour onto crust. Top with 1/2 of the cheese and cover with the other tube of crescent rolls and then top with remaining cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

From Treasurer Duane: Dues for 2024 are PAST due now. 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.

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 \$15.00 for 2024 dues.

Baumann Swenson
Burdeniuk Weidner
Fox Willer
Grimm
Grindy
Grunett
Hunt
Kauer
J Leier
Mutzenberger
Paquin
Ringland
Roberts-Titze
Roehl
Rutledge
Stainbrook

The following Honorary Members owe \$10 for 2024 dues.



Ackerman
Fritz
Gunter
Sigurdson
M Sommers



Dropped Members

Coulson
Heen
McDonald