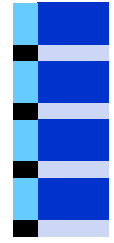


Ramblin' NoDaks



April 2025

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Hello....Happy Spring!

Wow..... It's a new year and we have our 2025 summer filled with awesome rallies. Please plan to attend whenever you can. They are great fun and fellowship.

We're looking forward to connecting and seeing all of our friends again!

Pam

Rallies for 2025

May 8-11, 2025—Wilton, ND (Meier)

June 19-23, 2025—Medora, ND (Eckenrode, Meier, Hopfauf)

July 11-14, 2025—Spearfish, SD—(Beckman, Roberts-Titze)

July 14-19, 2025—International Convention—Gillette, WY

August 28-31, 2025—Canadian Northern Lights/Ramblin' NoDaks joint rally—Brandon, MB Canada (CNL)

September 11-15, 2025—New Leipzig, ND (Bohnet & Roehl)

Rallies for 2026

May 14-17, 2026

June 11-14, 2026 - Rugby, ND (Hunt, Crockett, Russell)

July 16-19, 2026

August 13-16, 2026

September 10-13, 2026



I never dreamed I'd grow up to be a crazy old lady... But here I am killing it!





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



President's report for April 2025 newsletter

By David Eckenrode

It's hard to believe it's springtime already. I hope everyone had a good and healthy winter. I'm pleased to say we are having a rally every month this year starting with a May rally in Wilton, ND and ending with the September rally in New Leipzig, ND. I want to thank all the members who have volunteered to host a rally this year.

For 2026, we are not doing so good. We need people to volunteer to host a rally in 2026. As of today, we only have hosts for the June 2026 rally. I would recommend everyone consider hosting a rally. We can't keep relying on the same people to host rallies. Hosting a rally can be a lot of work but it's rewarding when you see the good time everyone is having. We have set the following dates aside for rallies in 2026:

- May 14-17, 2026
- June 11-14, 2026
- July 16-19, 2026
- August 13-16, 2026

September 10-13, 2026

If you are interested in hosting a rally in 2026, please let me know the host(s) names, dates and location ASAP. If you are interested in being a host but don't know of a location, we do have a list of possible location sites.

2025 is an election year for the Ramblin' NoDaks. Please consider running for one of the elected officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director or Alternate National Director) or the nominating committee. You can also volunteer for any of the non-elected positions (newsletter editor, webmaster, chaplains, security or parliamentarian). If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact anyone on the current Nominating Committee (Pam Meier, John Ringland, Darlyne Roed or Karen Grimm)

Thank you all for your cooperation and hopefully we can see everyone at one of the rallies this year. Please be healthy, drive safely and have a wonderful summer.



Important Information

NOTICE! HERE IS THE INFORMATION ABOUT BOOKING YOUR CAMPGROUND FOR THE JULY RALLY IN SPEARFISH, SD. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAGE 7!

This rally is the pre-rally to the International Convention in Gillette, WY. If you want a site, please call 605-722-1800. #1. The site is \$103.27 per night. There is a 10% discount if you are military, First Responder, Nurse, or Good Sam Member. **These sites will only be held until June 11th.** If you need to cancel, there is a \$15 cancellation fee.

Our Tri-folds for our chapter have been updated. If you would like some to hand out to potential members, you can get them from the officers.

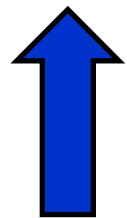
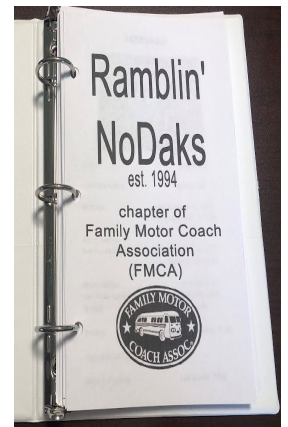
Ramblin' NoDaks membership books for sale

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



Dues for 2025 are due immediately!

Please mail your dues to: Duane Heinrich, 2501 55th St S. #118 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 2025 dues.

- Coulson
- Crockett
- Heinle
- Henderson
- Hoff
- Leier
- Morgan
- Roehl
- Schram



The following Honorary Members owe \$10 for 2025 dues.

- Borud
- Carvel
- Schmidt



Dropped Members:

- Burdeniuk
- Kauer
- Rutledge
- Fox
- Morrow

Welcome to our New Members!

Lyle & Benita Knell—Hazen, ND

Jim Foster & Rose Fahl—Oakbank, Manitoba

We are happy to have you and look forward to meeting you and making wonderful memories! **WELCOME!**

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

20 – Carla Crockett

23—Rod Baumberger

24—Dennis Richard



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 – Coral Willer

2—Dale Paquin

4—Gene Grimm

5 – Irene Beckman

6 – Jim & Doris Mutzenberger

14—Kevin & Louise Champagne

15—Ken Roed

18—Gordy Wettlaufer

20—Irene Hellman

21—Mark Hunt

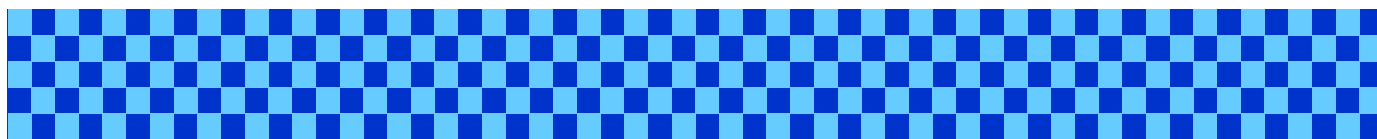
22—Gerold Hoff

23 – Tony Russell

23 – Kevin & Lori Schram

23—Peggy Roberts-Titze

30 – Karen Sparke



HOSTFEST VOLUNTEERING—MINOT, ND—September 19-26

Hostfest called and said that they have different leadership this year. They asked if we would come back to volunteer. After visiting with Larry, Dave, Sandy and John, we said that we would come up there to park and to manage the Hospitality Room. At this time, we will NOT be responsible for any gates. More information will follow. We wanted to give you a heads up in case you are willing to volunteer again this year.

Information on the FRVA (FMCA) Intl Convention in Gillette, WY on July 16-19, 2025.

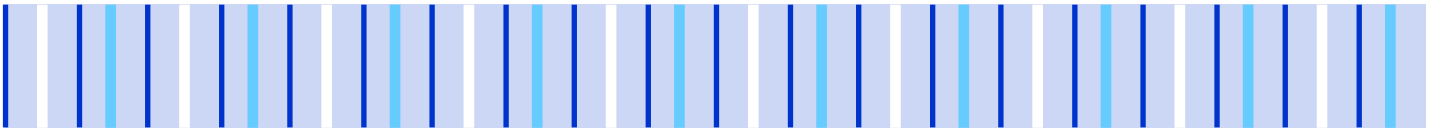
July Rally: July 11-14, 2025. Elkhorn Ridge Resort, Spearfish, SD. I have our spots in the campground reserved. Please call 605-722-1800 (Prompt 1) to reserve. Tell them you are with the Ramblin' NoDaks. The price of the site is \$103.27 per night. If you are military, First Responder, Nurse or Good Sam Member, you will receive a 10% discount. Sites will be released on June 11th! Hosts are Roberts-Titze and Beckman.

Coffee & Donuts: They have asked us to volunteer to serve donuts and coffee at the convention again. We will serve on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings (17, 18, 19). More information to follow.

Convention Registration: Registration for the convention is now open. Please be aware that if you want full hook-up, they do sell out fast. You can register for 30 or 50 amp. If you are a volunteer for coffee and donuts, they give us fabulous parking! NOTE: You won't be able to volunteer for coffee and donuts on the registration form as they have closed it so that only our group is eligible for it. Once you have registered, **please let Pam know so she has a list of the volunteers.**

Ladies' Luncheon: I think a good share of our ladies register for this. It also sells out so if you are interested in it, don't forget to sign up. The cost is \$20.

Caravan: I have our caravan set up and we will all caravan into Gillette from Spearfish on Monday, July 14th, 2025 at 8:00 AM. More information to follow.



FAMILY  ASSOCIATION

**This is the
new
FRVA logo.**

A Little Humor

A man died and went to Heaven. St Peter says to him “Before you meet with God, I should tell you, we’ve looked over your life, and to be honest you really didn’t do anything particularly good or bad. We’re not really sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?” The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, “Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a little old lady who was being harassed by a group of thugs. So I pulled over and went up to the leader of the thugs. He was a big, muscular guy with a ring pierced through his lip. Well, I tore the ring out of his lip, and told him he and his gang had better stop bothering this lady or they would have to deal with me!” “Wow that’s impressive, “When did this happen?” “About three minutes ago,” came the reply.

Rueben Spread— recipe from Pam Weidner

- 1 c shredded Swiss cheese
 - 1 c shredded American cheese
 - 8 oz deli corned beef shredded
 - 1 c Miracle Whip or Mayo
 - 16-23 oz sauerkraut , rinsed and drained
- Mix all together and bake 30 minutes @ 350°
- Serve on bagels, cocktail rye bread, garlic toast, or any heavy cracker.



All The World's Alive Again

by Jennifer Gunner

The rabbit hops its gentle step
The lark sings lyric songs
All the world's alive again
Spring rights the winter wrongs.

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