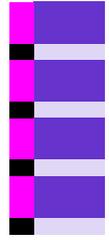




Ramblin' NoDaks

August 2021



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2022 Rallies

May 12-15—
 June 16-19—Medora
 July 7-10—
 August 11-14 -
 September—Minot

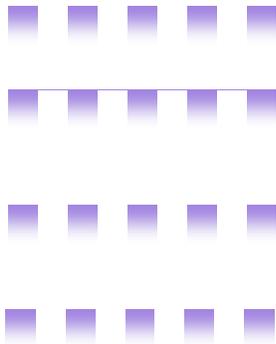
Here is the link to the map of our member's hometowns. Have fun looking.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1cJLnvjnre1OcfInw0AnE8UD6PaM&ll=47.59159495755435%2C->

Please note!

Attached to this email are several items! Please be sure to open each item.

1. Newsletter
2. Schedule for Hazen Rally
3. Registration for Hazen Rally
4. Roster
5. Minutes from Bottineau





It's not too early to volunteer for next year's rallies. June and September are the only ones that have been assigned so far. Let Dave Eckenrode know if you are willing to host.

Our Ramblin' NoDak's 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

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

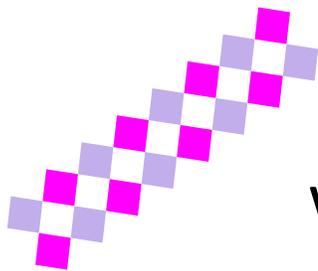
Chaplains—Kathy Heinrich, Kent Roehl

Security—Bill Sommers, Larry Grindy, Dean Little

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

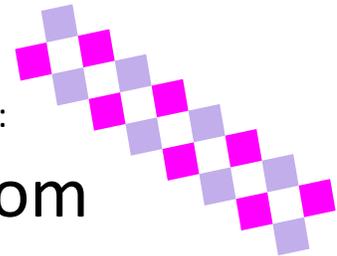
From Treasurer Duane: After paying the expenses for the Bottineau rally and depositing the income plus income from dues, we have a balance of \$2,602.94. Please mail your dues at your earliest convenience to: Duane Heinrich, 4333 47th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104 Dues in the amount of \$15.00 are owed by the following:

Ackerman	Grunett	Little	Swenson
Baumberger	Gunter	McMillan	Wilz
Bohnet	Harrington	Morrow	Wolfe
Burdeniuk	Hepworth	Mychasiw	
Carlson 21 & 22	Hodgson	Pierce	
Chesla	G Jaeger	Paquin	
Coats-Schott	Joslin 21 & 22	Richard	
Corio 21 & 22	King	Roehl	
Fritz	Koppinger	Rutledge	



Don't forget to check out our website:

www.ramblinnodaks.com

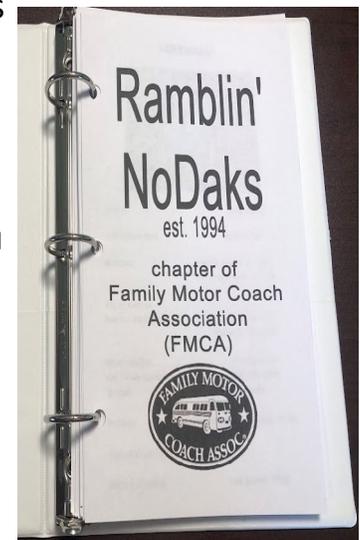


Ramblin' NoDaks membership books for sale

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.



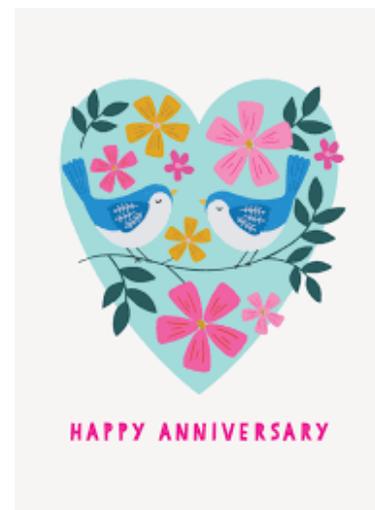
August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Shirley Sommers
- 4—Donna Harper
- 4—Don Roberts
- 4—Mark & Kim Hunt—1984
- 5—Ernie & Darlene Borowski—2000
- 10—Bryan Paquin
- 11—Larry & Joan Grindy—1963
- 11—Duane & Kathy Heinrich—1973
- 13—Deb Heen
- 15—Ron Chesla
- 15—Ron & Ann Chesla—1992
- 17—George & Bonnie Brackin—1963
- 20—Hjalmer & Karen Carlson
- 21—Dick Gunter
- 22—Laurel Tveit
- 24—Vivian Burdeniuk
- 31—Margaret Gjerstad
- 31—Dayle MacDonald



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3— Bob & Barb Corio—1977
- 4—Tom & Lucy Pierce—2010
- 5—Dennis Fox
- 9—Ruth Rutledge
- 10—Barb Kitzan
- 11—Joan Grindy
- 19—John Emmett
- 21—Sandy Eckenrode
- 22—Ken & Darlyne Roed—1974
- 25—Mac McMillan
- 25—Bryan & Dale Paquin—1976
- 25—Dave & Sandy Eckenrode—1981
- 28—Dan & Tammy Koppinger—1979
- 30—Darlyne Roed



Important Notice:

A new membership will be added to our Ramblin' NoDaks Chapter. It will be known as an "Honorary Member". Dave Eckenrode talked to FMCA and we can establish this membership in compliance with what the rules are with FMCA.

What is an Honorary Member within the Ramblin' NoDaks chapter? This is the criteria to hold this membership status:

1. You must be a past member of the Ramblin NoDaks chapter.
2. You may not own an RV.
3. You are no longer an active member of FMCA.
4. Dues will be \$10.00 per year payable to Ramblin' NoDaks.

Being an Honorary Member will entitle you to all benefits of a Ramblin' NoDaks member excluding voting and holding office.

If you would like to become an Honorary Member, please contact Sandy for an application.



The “Bustle to Bottineau” rally proved to be a fantastic and a great turnout. There was a total of 23RV families represented. We had 16 RVs and 6 hotel residents and 1 drive-in. Some eager beavers arrived on Tuesday and Wednesday with the remainder arriving on Thursday.

On Friday, Gordy was very curious, and the cat was out of the bag. He promised to keep it a secret from Adeline. We had breakfast and people did various activities for the rest of the morning. At 1:45 we all gathered and strolled over to the Veteran’s Hall for the celebration of the Wettlaufer’s 69th Anniversary and the 90th Birthdays of Gordy and Adeline. It was a total surprise and shock to Adeline to see the blue wave of people coming to greet them. They treated us like royalty with the delicious cake and supper. It was decorated beautifully and there were many friends and family to greet them.

Saturday morning we woke up to less smoky skies and beautiful weather. After breakfast we held our business meeting. Many fun events were taken in for the rest of the day. The car show, crazy days, music, ski show, Peace Gardens, a drive around Lake Metigoshe, Sky Dancer Casino, Mystical Horizons, and Pride Dairy were just a few of the places that were attended. We all rounded back up at 4 PM for Happy Hour and a smorgasbord made by our own chefs. Visiting and card games closed out the night.

Sunday, breakfast was served, and a church service was held with great music. We were blessed to have Adeline and her daughter Nancy come and join in the music. What a way to end the weekend! We said our goodbyes and plan to meet next month in Hazen.

On a side note, being so close to Canada, we really missed our Canadian friends. If only the border had opened earlier, we know we would have had a great turn out from them. Hoping to see them soon!





National Director update of 103rd international convention held in Gillette WY from July 7-10, 2021

By David Eckenrode

103rd International convention. There were approximately 1310 RVs in attendance.

National Elections. The following are the new FMCA officers for the 2021-2023 term:

National President - Rett Porter, F369084

National Senior Vice-President - Gary Milner, F409834

National Secretary - Kathie Balogh, F316832

National Treasurer - Barbara Smith, F329936

FMCA Family Member Rates. The Governing Board voted to keep the FMCA family membership rate at \$50.

FMCA Commercial Member Rates. The Governing Board voted to make the Commercial membership rate the same as the FMCA Family membership.

FMCA Budget. The Governing Board approved a budget for the fiscal year 2022 that is expected to have a surplus.

Bylaw Proposals. The Governing Board approved a proposal that would allow the Governing Board to convene electronically under special circumstances. The Governing Board rejected a proposal that would have allowed the Executive Board to meet with only 60% of the members present instead of 80%.

Policy and Procedure #1017 – Membership Fees and Dues – Approved an amendment setting the family membership rate at \$50 and no longer allowing a discount for paying multiple years. Can only renew for 3 years instead of 5, this was done by the Executive Board at some point.

Policy and Procedure #1024 – Policy and Procedure Amendments – Approved an amendment requiring amendments needing Executive Board approval to be reviewed by Policy and Procedure Committee and forwarded to the Executive Board no later than (3) days prior to Executive Board meeting.

Policy and Procedure #4008 – Nominating Committee Election and Responsibilities – Approved an amendment requiring conference call to be setup by the National office.

Policy and Procedure #1028 – Commercial Membership Fees and Dues – Approved an amendment making commercial rates the same as Family membership rates.

Policy and Procedure #2036 – Code of Conduct – Rejected an amendment that require the FMCA Executive Board, FMC Board of Directors, committees, directors, and employees to agree to be sanctioned for any violation.

Policy and Procedure #2006 – Executive Board Responsibilities – Rejected an amendment that would have limited Executive Board members from discussing anything outside of the Executive Board meetings.

Policy and Procedure #1001 – Constitution Amendments – Approved an amendment allowing approved constitution amendments to be sent out electronically to members.

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Policy and Procedure #2012 – Statement of Investment Policy – Approved amendments that would improved overall investment for FMCA such as establishing a capital improvement fund.

Policy and Procedure #2028 – Campaign/Election Activities – Rejected an amendment that wouldn't allow candidates from expressing their opinions or lobbying on issues.

Policy and Procedure #2031 – Reimbursement of Travel Costs for Individuals Traveling on Official Business – Sent back to the Policy and Procedures Committee for further review an amendment that would have limited reimbursement to Area Vice presidents for area business.

Policy and Procedure #3009 – Chapter and Associate Chapter Application – Approved an amendment that eliminates the \$35 registration fee for new chapters.

Proposed Future International Conventions

Winter 2022 – Tucson, AZ, March 23-26, 2022

Summer 2022 – Lincoln, NE, August 24-27, 2022

Winter 2023 – Perry, GA, March 15-18, 2023

Summer 2023 – Gillette, WY, August 23-26, 2023

Winter 2024 – Tucson, AZ, TBD

Summer 2024 – Lincoln, NE, TBD

Summer 2025– Gillette, WY, July 16-19, 2025

Summer 2027– Gillette, WY, July 14-17, 2027



Here is a link to the interview that we did with Niki Benedict (RV Business on the Road). I'm just a tad disappointed as I felt you all had great things to say. Here it is:

<https://rvbusiness.com/rvbusiness-on-the-road-at-the-fmca-international-rally/>

