

Ramblin' NoDaks

August 2016

RUGBY RALLY IN REVIEW

Another great rally in Rugby — thanks to Dick & Alice, Don & Sheri and Jim & Sandy! Everyone had a really good time — and Mother Nature was good to us, once Wednesday night and the hail storm was over!

Twelve coaches were represented .. and Wettlaufers and Judy Boe stopped by to say “hi”! The Rally was held at the Pierce County Fairgrounds and we all had electricity!!

Thursday evening we enjoyed appetizers and some good visiting. We retired early in preparation for a busy day on Friday.

After breakfast, we caravanned to the Dakota Hills Winery not far from Rugby. This was a most interesting experience! After tasting some delicious wines, which were all made from North Dakota grapes or fruit, we had a brief overview of all that goes into getting a winery started and how they make the wine. Several of us went home with a bottle of two of their wine.

From the winery we went to Towner and enjoyed a nice lunch at the local café...thanks to the Gunters! What a treat. Now to tour the Doll House, the Taxidermy Building and the Honey House at the Gunters. ...each one amazing! And by now, it was Happy Hour time so back to the fairgrounds ... out came the steaks or whatever anyone brought complimented with a potluck supper...as always, lots of delicious food!

Saturday was a nice, relaxing day — after breakfast, we had the day to do as we wished .. everyone found something that interested them and we also got in a lot of good visiting . The hosts treated us to a Mexican Fiesta dinner in the evening ... complete with costumes and even frozen Daiquiris and/or Sangria!

Sunday morning started with a nice time of Worship with Alice leading and then honoring us with the song “Footsteps Walking With Me”, which fit right in with her message for the day. We then enjoyed a hot breakfast of egg bake, toast, fruit, coffee and juice....and then it was time to say Good-bye until we meet againThanks again to the Gunters, Updykes and Pankratz's for a great rally!

Fargo Rally in September

The September Rally will be held in Fargo at the Lindenwood City Park

and hosted by Dave & Jenean Baumann

All the information you need to know about this rally will be found at the end of this Newsletter.

Please note that the deadline to return your Registration Form is **AUGUST 26TH**.

JUST A REMINDER

Remember that our dues are due by January 1st .. If this is the year to renew your dues, make your check payable to Ramblin' Nodaks (\$15.00/year)

and mail to

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A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT JOHN

Greetings from SW North Dakota

Hello everybody. This will be short and sweet. Well, maybe not sweet, but it will be short. Combining is in full swing and that's pretty much where I spend the whole day. We are extremely dry in this part of the state and the crops are showing it. Not good combining this year. We've also had a fair amount of hail in the area and in some places the weeds are more plentiful than the grain. I'm ready for a change in scenery so am looking forward to seeing everyone in Fargo.

We didn't make it to the Rugby rally but it sounds like it was a great one! Thanks to the Gunters, Updykes and Pankratz's for hosting.

Baumanns are busy planning the rally for September. Schedule and registration is elsewhere in this newsletter. It is our last rally for this year. Where has the time gone! By the sound of it, I'm sure this will be another great rally, too. Please join us!

For now, God Bless. Hope to see you in Fargo.

John Meier, President





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This from National Director Duane

The last Governing Board meeting was held August 3, 2016 at Springfield, Mass., a part of the 94th FMCA International Convention. I was not able to attend and as of now, am not able to find any results of that meeting, so will have to wait to see what all took place and report at another time.

In my last month report, I mentioned a new Social Media site, "RVillage." So far I have signed up for it, even though I have not completed the application with some personal information and a picture, but already have received two notifications from people that have been in the area. Unfortunately, we were out of town at the same time and were not able to contact them and welcome them to this area.

With the 94th Convention of FMCA in the history book, the next big event for FMCA is the spring convention at Chandler, AZ. Try to work this into your winter/spring travel plans. The event will be held at the Rawhide Western Town & Event Center. For us "AZ Snowbirds" this will be just a short drive.

Correction. In my last newsletter article I wrote that "Bridgestone Tires" offered discounts on tires along with Michelin". That is not correct —it should be "BF Goodrich Tires". Sorry for the error.

Was pleased to receive a personalized Thank You note from Midwest Area National VP James Vitte and all the National Officers for attending the Midwest Area Rally in Amana, Iowa. It was a great gathering at a fantastic facility, at an interesting area, with a great campground. We had a great trip. Used the roof air units a lot, as well as since then, but now the coach is at a dealership to replace both units that simply got tired and wore out after 12 years of flawless service. Until next time...

Duane Hellman, National Director

The September Rally will be the last one for this season — already! Where has the summer gone? There will be one more Newsletter after the Fargo Rally so if you have any information that you would like included in that Newsletter, please email it to me by the end of September.

And why don't you consider hosting a rally next season!??? The only way we can keep having all this fun is if someone offers to host the rallies...2 or 3 couples working together make it must easier and more fun! So please, give it some thought and help President John out!! I know he'd sure appreciate it!

Margaret

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HELP

Since our Directory Pictures were taken several years ago, there have been many changes .. PLEASE would you help me out by looking over your information and emailing me of any changes.

WHY WE LOVE CHILDREN

A little boy was doing his math homework. He said to himself, "two plus five, that son of a bitch is seven. Three plus six, that son of a bitch is nine ..."
His mother heard what he was saying and gasped, "What are you doing?"
The little boy answered, "I'm doing my math homework, mom."
"And this is how your teacher taught you to do it?" the mother asked.
"Yes: he answered.
Infuriated, the mother asked the teacher the next day, "What are you teaching my son in math?"
The teacher replied, "Right now we are learning addition."
The mother asked, "And are you teaching them to say two plus two that son of a bitch is four?"
After the teacher stopped laughing, she answered, "What I taught them was, two plus two, THE SUM OF WHICH, is four."

A Little Humor from John

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extra curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that every one seeing it there "WOULD KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING!"

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house...walked home ... and left it there all night.

(You've gotta love Frank!!)



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www.ramblinnodaks.com



There are a few who are "hiding" in this picture— Vivian, Anne, John, Brian and Henny...This was taken at the Towner Café on Friday noon.