

# Ramblin' NoDaks

June 2016

## JULY RALLY COMING SOON

Seems like a while since I did the last Newsletter...plus, I was kind of busy getting all moved out of our home. Now that is history and we are, so far anyway!, enjoying being full-time RVers for the summer.

The July Rally is right around the corner — all the information you will need is found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Barbara and David have been very busy getting ready for us to come to Hazen Bay and it's going to be a great Rally.

We weren't able to make the May Rally in Mandan, but from all reports, it was a memorable event!

Some of us are planning to attend the Canadian Northern Lights Joint Rally in Winnipeg, which will be held about the same time as this Newsletter goes out. There will be more about that Rally in the next Newsletter.

That's about all the news from the editor's desk this time ...as always, I would be happy to receive jokes, recipes, etc. from you!

Margaret

## MIDWEST AREA RALLY

AMANA COLONIES RV PARK & EVENTS CENTER

AMANA, IOWA

July 13-16, 2016

The Midwest Area Rally is only a month away! Recent Midwest Rallies have been quality events with top-notch seminars and entertainment plus interesting local tours. The year's even will take place at the Amana Colonies RV Park and Event Center which features a top notch and professionally operated facility with air conditioned seminar/event rooms and hookups ranging from full service 50 amp power to more basic economical categories. The registration form is found on page 91 of the Family Motor Coaching June issue; however to take advantage of the "extended" early bird rates, register directly through FMCA's home office before July 1st.

Amongst the available seminars are: safe towing, high definition TV, RV fires & evacuation & FMCA Assist as well as round table discussions with executive staff members—your opportunity to present your ideas and opinions. Propane will be available on site. It has been noted that the daily tours of the Amana Colonies will fill up early. If you are interested in one of those tours, it has been recommended that you sign as soon as you arrive at the event. Rumor has it that volunteers from the Ramblin' NoDaks will team up with members of the Heartland Travelers to serve coffee and donuts in the morning.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Grimm, MAC Rep

*The location for this rally was chosen to make access easier for club members from the western clubs such as the Ramblin' NoDaks. We have at least 4 couples who have signed up to attend...why not join us?*

## FROM PRESIDENT JOHN

Greetings from SW North Dakota!

As I write this, it is surely warming up. We are supposed to be in the upper 90's tomorrow. I think summer is just around the corner.

We had a good rally in Mandan...great turnout and fun. The combined rally to Winnipeg is coming soon. It looks like fun times are planned.

Don't forget the MAC rally in Iowa on July 13th—16th. There is still time to get registered. There will be a few coaches from our club going.

If you are in need of an order form or information, remember to check out our website. That is a great way to know of all the happenings and upcoming events. A couple pictures from the May rally have been added. If you have anything to share on there, please send it to our webmaster.

[www.ramblinnodaks.com](http://www.ramblinnodaks.com)

Our deepest sympathy to Darel Harrington and his family on the loss of Mary Harrington. She will be missed.

For now, God Bless. Hope to see you in Winnipeg and Hazen Bay!

John Meier,  
President

## Hello NoDaks!

The time is quickly coming for you to stay as active status in our group. To stay active, dues need to be paid by June 30th. Annual dues are \$15 per year.

Checks should be made payable to

Ramblin NoDaks

and sent to Pam Meier, Treasurer

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## 2016 Rally Schedule

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| June 14-19   | Winnipeg  |
| Joint Rally with CNL   |           |
| July 7-10  | Hazen Bay |
| Dave & Barb, Wayne & Jackie<br>Bill & Laurel, Larry & Margaret |           |
| August 4-7   | Rugby     |
| Dick & Alice, Don & Sheri<br>Jim & Sandy                       |           |
| September 8-11   | Fargo     |
| Dave & Jenean  |           |

## OFFICERS FOR 2016

|                        |   |
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| President              | John Meier                                  |
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| MAC Representative     | Gene Grimm                                  |
| Wagon Master           | Duane Hellman                               |
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| Nominating Committee   | John Ringland, Ardell Lynne,<br>Karen Grimm |
| Web Master             | Pam Meier                                   |
| Newsletter Editor      | Margaret Gjerstad                           |

## A Little Humor from John

A preacher was making his rounds to his parishioners on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for the mower?" asked the preacher.

"I want just enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle," said the little boy.

After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?"

The little boy asked if he could try it out first, and after riding the bike around a little while, said, "Mister, you've got yourself a deal."

The preacher took the mower and began to try to crank it. He pulled on the rope a few times with no response from the mower. The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I can't get this mower to start."

The little boy said, "That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started." The preacher said, "I am a minister and I cannot cuss. It has been so long since I have been saved that I do not even remember how to cuss."

The little boy looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pulling on that rope. It'll come back to ya!"

## MANDAN RALLY

The Mandan Rally started on Thursday with the arrival of 14 coaches and one drive-in. It was so good to see everyone after the long winter months.

Friday morning after breakfast, we went downtown Bismarck for a tour of the Laughing Sun Brewery. It was very interesting to see how the many types of beer were made. Of course, they set out samples of many different kinds so we did some "taste testing"! We all had our favorite. The afternoon was busy with whatever; and after supper we did the Wacky Bowling. So many laughs with all the shenanigans that went on. Wonderful prizes were awarded so it was well worth bowling. Games were played the rest of the evening.

Saturday morning the meeting was held. There was some discussion about the changes in our Chapter Standing Rules so it took a little longer than usual. After the sound of the gavel to adjourn the meeting, many of the members left for Mott to attend the Gjerstad's Auction Sale. Those that stayed behind shopped, rummaged and just visited. I think even a few naps were taken! We waited supper for awhile thinking some of them may be back from Mott early, but eventually we went ahead and ate. As they drifted back home, some ate and others grabbed a bit to eat on their way back. Our musicians set up to practice for church on Sunday morning, so we were entertained for a while. Later games were played again.

After breakfast Sunday morning, Pam Meier gave us a wonderful message in the church service and the music was great. We really appreciate our musicians. Things would be quite dull without them. Thanks to all.

Good bye's were said until we get together again. What a nice weekend we had!

Submitted by Becky Sommers

See you at Hazen Bay...  
Deadline is June 20th!!



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