

Ramblin' NoDaks

May 2021

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Election of Officers will be held in August. If you would be willing to hold an office, please contact one of the people on the Nominating Committee.

2021 Rallies

June 10-13, 2021— Garrison Ft. Stevenson (Hoff & Knight)

July 2-5, 2021- Spearfish and then onto Gillette for FMCA International Rally, July 5-11 (Meier)

August 5-8—Bottineau, ND (It's a secret!) For Gordy & Adeline's 90th BDs. More info coming!

September—Who would like to host??

Shhhhh..... it's a secret! Birthday celebration for Gordy & Adeline Wettlaufer. Adeline turned 90 in April and Gordy turned 90 in May. Their 69th wedding anniversary is in June. Their family is having a celebration and have asked the Ramblin' NoDaks to attend. Since we didn't have an August rally scheduled, we will plan to have it in Bottineau. The rally will be held on August 5th—8th at the Bottineau fairgrounds. We have reserved camping at the fairgrounds. They know about their celebration but the family has asked that our attendance will be a surprise. (They are getting a revised newsletter!) Please mark your calendars. More info to follow!

Dues not paid for 2021:



Brackin

Harrington

Carlson

M Sommers

Corio

Wilz

Gjerstad

K Jaeger (owes from 2020)

Gunter

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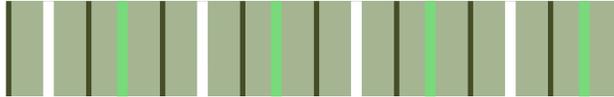
Treasurer Duane:

The Mandan rally had 15 registrations and had income of \$1,510.00 plus \$64.00 from the quilt raffle. The expenses were \$1,439.67 so we had a gain of \$134.33. After paying for restocking the trailer and insurance and registration for the trailer our checking balance went down slightly to \$3,080.37

If you haven't paid your dues for 2021, please send them to Duane at your earliest convenience.

Duane Heinrich
4333 47th Ave S
 Fargo, ND 58104

If you plan to drop your membership, please let him know as well.



Our Ramblin' NoDak's Officers:

President—Butch Wood—701-460-0143

Vice President—Charlie Swenson—701-471-1271

Secretary—Sandy Eckenrode—701-426-7757

Treasurer—Duane Heinrich—701-535-0830

FMCA National Director—Dave Eckenrode—701-202-5411

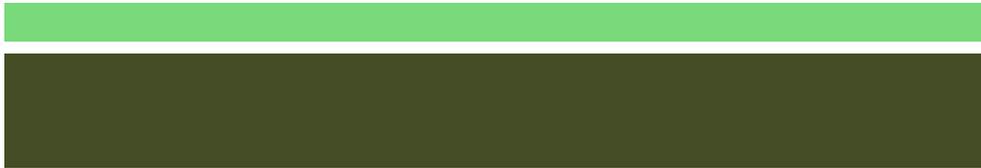
FMCA Alt. National Director—Wayne Bohnet- 701-400-3258

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

Chaplains—Shirley Sommers, Jenean Baumann, Kathy Heinrich

Security—Bill Sommers, Larry Grindy, Dean Little

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



National Director report for May 2021 newsletter

By David Eckenrode

National News

FMCA Rates. Just a reminder, the Executive Board voted to temporarily roll back the FMCA membership rate from \$75 to \$50 until the Governing Board meeting on July 7, 2021, in Gillette WY. The rate rollback applies to new and existing members. At that time, the Governing Board will have further discussion on the budget including the membership rate.

Chapter Gathering requirement. Thanks to everyone who attended the May Rally in Mandan and for completing the FMCA EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 form. If you marked for all events, you do not need to complete another form for the year. If you only marked for the May Rally, you will need to complete the form for future rallies you plan to attend.

103rd International convention. Registration for the 103rd international convention scheduled for July 7-10, 2021, in Gillette WY is open. There are close to 1200 RVs registered already. I would like to recommend that our Chapter participate in the Chapter fair on Tuesday July 6 at 3:45 p.m. Pam Meier, Sandy Eckenrode and John Emmett worked the chapter fair at the 100th international convention, so we need some new volunteers for this year's chapter fair. The volunteers will create the display and participate in the Chapter Fair in Gillette. We need to register our chapter by June 15, 2021, so please let President Wood know if you are interested in volunteering so he can get our Chapter registered.

National Elections. candidates for national offices for the 2021-2023 term:

National President

Rett Porter, F369084

John Reynolds, F171042

National Senior Vice President

Gary Milner, F409834

Joe Wright, F51289

National Secretary

Kathie Balogh, F316832

National Treasurer

Elwood (Jack) Mayberry, F369343

Barbara Smith, F329936

Resumes for these candidates were published in the May 2021 issue of Family RVing magazine. The election will be held at the Governing Board meeting on July 7, 2021, at FMCA's 103rd International convention. If anyone has input on who you would like our chapter to vote for, please feel free to send it to me.

National Director Report continued

Midwest Area News

I discovered that not all members have been receiving the Midwest Area newsletter that is being sent out from the Midwest Area Vice President Gary Milner. Starting with the next Midwest Area newsletter, I will be forwarding it to all Ramblin' Nodak members.

The 2021 Midwest Area rally will be held at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Manchester, Iowa, August 17-20, 2021, instead of August 16-19, 2021.

Other News

At the May Rally, I asked if there would be interest in holding another rally in Medora in 2022. There was a lot of interest, so I have reserved 30 RV sites (15 (30 amp full-hookup) and 15 (50 amp full-hookup)) at the Red Trail Campground in Medora for June 16-19, 2022. More details for the rally will be coming out later. However, be thinking if you want to attend because on Cyber Monday in November the Medora Foundation has discounted tickets for different events (musical, pitchfork fondue, gospel brunch). We will send a reminder out when it gets closer to Cyber Monday. If you would like to get notified of promotions from Medora foundation, you can go onto www.medora.com and sign up to receive notifications.

Caramel Fruit Dip

8 oz cream cheese

1/2 c brown sugar

1/2 c powdered sugar

2 tsp vanilla

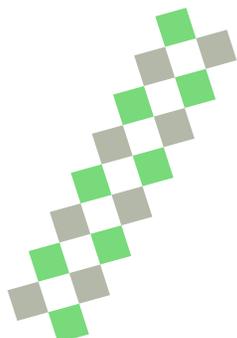
2 Tbl milk

Mix all together

Yummy!!



God Bless
Our
Veterans!



Don't forget to check out our website:

www.ramblinnodaks.com

There is a ton of information there.

Important Rally Information

Travelling to Gillette—July 2-5

We have sites booked at the Elkhorn Ridge in Spearfish, SD. We have them booked for 3 nights. (July 2nd, 3rd, 4th) You can pick how many nights you would like to stay and reserve that many. We will caravan into Gillette on Monday July 5th. Please call the campground at 605-722-1800 and ask to reserve with the Ramblin' NoDaks. The cost per night is \$55.92. You **MUST call to reserve by June 1st, 2021** as the sites will be released after that!

Reservation for the International Rally in Gillette, WY—July 5-11.

You still have time to register. You can reserve your spot by calling 800-543-3622 or by going online to www.fmca.com/fmca-gillette-2021-learn-more. I believe most of our group has signed up for 50 amp full service and the women have signed up for the “women’s luncheon”. Our chapter has volunteered to serve doughnuts and coffee again. We will caravan in from Spearfish on Monday, July 5th. After you have registered, please let Pam Meier know so she can get you in the caravan. Join in the fun in Spearfish and then we will head to Gillette.

Rally for June of 2022....

Dave has reserved campsites in Medora for next year. The rally will take place in Medora at the Red Trail Campground on June 16, 17, 18, 19, 2022. Mark your calendars. More info to come.



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

4—Gene Grimm

5—Dale Paquin

5—Irene Beckman

11—Janet McMillan

14—Izzy Burdeniuk

14—Kevin & Louise Champagne—

15—Ken Roed

18—Gordy Wettlaufer

20—Irene Hellman

22—Gerold Hoff

25—Greg & Sharon Wilz—

29—Kathleen Hepworth



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

2—Charlet Sperbeck

2—Gordy & Adeline Wettlaufer—1952

3—John Morrow

4—Alice Bergan

5—Mike & Shirley Sommers—1965

7—Gordon & Dayle MacDonald—2019

9—Sharon Wilz

10—Ardell & Vivian Lynne—1956

11—Harold & Ione Schmidt—1961

11—John & Cathy Emmett—1977

11—Dave & Helen Wolfe—1972

12—Darel Harrington

12—Lucero Pierce

12—Dave & Jenean Baumann—1971

13—Karen Little

16—Dan Knell

17—Bonnie Brackin

17—Dan & Bonnie Knell—1977

18—Marvin & Wanda Sutheimer—1976

21—Jerri Morrow

23—Wanda Sutheimer

25—Dennis & Beth Richard—1976

26—Ralph & Ruth Rutledge—

27—John & Pam Meier—1975

28—Bill Tveit

28—Rod & Sharon Baumberger—

29—Dick & Alice Gunter—1957

Mosey on down to Mandan Rally re-cap

Our hosts Duane & Irene Hellman and Francis Fritz did a wonderful job hosting 10 RVs and 5 drive-ins for the rally. After setting up on Thursday, we all feasted on taco in a bag. It was quite the display of condiments to put on our tacos. Visiting was enjoyed after that.

Friday arrived and we had our breakfast and then toured the Heritage Center. So interesting and they are changing it up all the time. At noon we had soup in the community soup pot. It was quite tasty! A fabulous tour was arranged at Touchmark (retirement living). There we were wined and dined. We had our choice of any beverage and were greeted by the chef that had prepared for our group a macaroni/cheese/bacon/caramelized onion dish along with a Swiss chocolate roll. It was remarkably interesting to see the amenities and retirement living that they have to offer. From there, we went to the Band Night Parade that was being held in Bismarck. Thank you, Denise (Duane & Irene's daughter), for saving the great sitting spots for our group. There were 53 entries in the parade consisting of many bands (big and small), old time tractors, little kids from elementary schools, symphony strings orchestra, and catching candy. After the parade, everyone went to the Meier home in Bismarck for pizza. It was a full but very enjoyable day.

Saturday, we enjoyed breakfast and then had a Ramblin' NoDaks informal meeting where discussion was held on various issues. After that, we went to the Stage Stop Grill in Mandan and a several different choices of meals were enjoyed by our group. The weather was beautiful!!! So, for Happy Hour, you could find our group outdoors and we just kept making our circle bigger. We reminisced about the olden days.... Ante-I-Over, country schools, pranks, and using the outhouse. We even sang a couple of round songs – Row, Row, Row Your Boat and Are You Sleeping Brother John! We had a great supper with huge baked potatoes, and they were loaded! After supper card bingo was played. Ken R was the last big winner and that was very fitting as it was his birthday.

Sunday, we had breakfast and then we were given a message about all the beautiful creations that God has given us in the Spring. Thank you, Kathy!

The time always goes so fast, and it was time to say our good-byes until we meet in Garrison in June.

Waiting for the parade to start





Top Left: Quilt that Francis made to raffle off. Proceeds went to the club.



Top Right: Microwave bowl hot pads that Francis made for each woman.

Middle: Our goofy women think they are hats!!

Bottom: The group after the Touch-mark tour.



Oh the fun we have!! If you won at Card Bingo, you were also the recipient of a cap. Some winners..... Some losers!



B.I.N.G.O.

Family Motor Coach Association, Inc
Ramblin' NoDaks
Chapter Standing Rules

Chapter Name: Ramblin' NoDaks, Inc.

Chapter Bylaws: Revised and Accepted May, 2016

Rally Fee: The Rally fee for all rallies shall be \$5.00 per coach.

Just a reminder of
our Chapter Stand-
ing Rules that are in
place.

Business Meeting: If a meeting is to take place, it should be held during the monthly rally. The suggested meeting time is Saturday morning at 9:30 AM but may be changed if the officers deem necessary. The length of the meeting should be limited to one and one-half (1 ½) hours unless approved by a vote of members present at that meeting.

Month of Election: Necessary elections shall be held during the August business meeting. The elected officers will take over their responsibility after the September Rally.

Annual Dues: Annual dues are \$15.00 per year. \$5.00 of that fee shall be placed in the "Travel Fund".

Initiation Fee: Initiation fee will be \$20.00 which includes the first year of membership.

Rally Refunds: In the event of a "no show" for the rally, there is NO refund on the \$5.00 rally fee. The rest of the monies paid in advance for rally expenses can be refunded at the discretion of the Chapter President.

Smoking Policy: There shall be NO smoking permitted in any of the buildings occupied by the Chapter during its weekend activities.

Pet Policy: Pets shall NOT be allowed in any of the buildings occupied by the Chapter during its weekend activities. Pets are NOT allowed to be present in areas where food is present. When pets are outside, they must be on a leash at all times and owners are expected to pick up after their pets.

Generator Operation: Generators may be operated between the hours of 7 AM and 11 PM local time. In the event of extreme weather conditions or personal medical needs, the President has the authority to alter these hours.

Chapter Bank Account: The checking account will be located at a geographical location selected by the Chapter President and Chapter Treasurer.

Travel Fund: The travel fund is set up to pay the National Director or the appointed voting member for expenses incurred while attending the National Convention on a National election year. The amount paid out will be \$5.00 times the number of membership dues that are paid for that year and the prior year. If the money isn't used, it shall be placed into the general Treasury fund.

Memorial: When a member in good standing passes away, the Ramblin' NoDaks chapter will send a \$50.00 memorial to the family.

RN Nametags: For a RN rally, nametags are to be worn starting at 4:00 PM on Thursday until Sunday after the Church Service. Members shall also wear their nametag at all other RN functions. A fine of 25 cents will be assessed for anyone not wearing a nametag.

RN Attire: Members are asked to wear their blue Ramblin' NoDaks shirt/vest for tours, business meetings, and special events.

Classes of Membership:

Charter Member: Individuals who joined when the Chapter was initially chartered.

Regular Member: Individuals who joined the chapter after the original charter and have maintained their membership in the Chapter.

Associate Member: Individuals who are regular members and no longer own a motor coach but desire to maintain membership in the Chapter and are also members of FMCA. These members cannot vote nor hold an elective office.

Voted on and approved: May 14, 2016

**** Please always bring your dinnerware to each meal!**

Gather at Garrison, ND

June 10, 11, 12, 13, 2021

Fort Stevenson Campground

Garrison, ND

Hosted by: Gerold Hoff and Charlotte Knight

June 10, Thursday		Arrive and Set up
	4:00 PM	Happy Hour
		Supper on your own
		Visiting and Games
June 11, Friday	8:30 AM	Breakfast (toast, bagels, doughnuts)
	10:00 AM	Tour of Heritage Park (downtown Garrison)
	12:00 PM	Lunch on your own
	2:00 PM	Bean Bag Baseball (women against the men)
	4:00 PM	Happy Hour
	5:30 PM	Buffet supper at Totten Trail Bar & Grill (broasted chicken)
		Visiting
June 12, Saturday	8:30 AM	Breakfast (toast, bagels, doughnuts)
	9:30 AM	Ramblin' NoDaks Meeting
		Free time
	4:00 PM	Happy Hour
	5:00 PM	Supper (grill your own meat and bring a potluck dish to share)
	7:00 PM	Concert by Pickin' & Grinnin' (Jeff & Marty) at Campground
June 13, Sunday	8:30 AM	Breakfast (toast, bagels, doughnuts)
	9:30 AM	Church Service

NOTE: Please we ask that you always bring your dinnerware to each meal.

Registration

Fort Stevenson – Garrison, ND

June 10, 11, 12, 13, 2021

Rally Fee: \$ 5.00

Breakfast:\$5.00 per person X _____ people = _____

Friday Buffet Meal:\$15.00 per person X _____ people = _____

Age 10 and under\$7.50 per person X _____ people = _____

(broasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad bar, garlic bread)

Saturday Night Concert:\$14.00 per person X _____ people = _____

Age 10 and under (FREE)

TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to: **Ramblin’ NoDaks**

Please mail registration and money by **Thursday June 3** to:

Gerold Hoff

2524 Morrison Ave #7

Bismarck, ND 58504

Please note:

We will be using the tents. We ask that if anyone has a table that they can share for the weekend, would you please bring it to the tent when you arrive?

Roeds are bringing their pontoon to this rally. They ask that if you have life jackets, would you please bring them? They have some but probably not enough.