

Ramblin' NoDaks

September 2016

Fargo RV Rally

The Fargo Rally was held September 8-11, 2016 and hosted by Dave & Jenean Baumann. Twenty coaches were parked in the Lindenwood Park at 1995 Roger Maris Drive in Fargo.

The weather was beautiful.

Tours included:

1. Comstock House—home of a prominent railroad builder whose daughter became the first female President of Radcliffe College.
2. Bear Creek Winery—south of Fargo. An informative tour was given on the wine industry in North Dakota and the growing of grapes in this area. This was followed by wine tasting sessions.
3. Hjemkomst Center— in Moorhead. The tour included the Hopperstad Stave Church, the Hjemkomst Viking Ship and other enlightening exhibits.
4. Bonanzaville—in West Fargo. This is a history museum/pioneer village dedicated to collecting, displaying and interpreting artifacts relevant to Cass County and the Red River Valley.

Meals: Coffee and donuts with fresh fruit—potluck dinner—happy hour.

Business Meeting: We welcomed new members, Kevin and Louise Champagne from Winnipeg.

Sunday morning activities included: Coffee and donuts from Sandy's Donuts.

Church service was conducted by Jenean Baumann with music by the Fargo Rally 5 orchestra. Our good-byes were said.

Thanks to Dave and Jenean Baumann for hosting a lovely rally. A good time was had by all.

See you in Mandan in May!

submitted by Karen Grimm

AND JOHN SAYS.....

As I sit and write this today, the weather is telling me that Fall is right around the corner. For some of us, the snow will be here before we know it.

This will be the last newsletter of the year. Thank you to Margaret Gjerstad, our newsletter editor. She does such a good job and I certainly appreciate you!

We've had a good year of rallies. Thank you to the Rally Hosts. It takes time and effort but everyone certainly enjoys the time we spend together and the new places we get to see.

Baumann's had a great rally in Fargo in September. We had beautiful weather and the accommodations were great. Thanks for all your work getting the rally together. They had help from Grimm's and Sperbeck's. At the September rally, we welcomed new members Kevin and Louise Champagne. What a great couple — Welcome!

Our Christmas Party for the ones that are left in the cold is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th, 6 pm at the Elks Club in Bismarck. Please let Secretary Becky know if you are planning to attend. Each person please bring a \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange.

One of my goals as president has been to encourage members to attend at least one or more rallies per year. I am happy to report that for the year of 2016, out of the 52 members, 86% attended at least one rally. Thank you! In 2014 our attendance was 72% and in 2015 our attendance was 50%. We also had a net gain of 3 members in 2016.

The rallies for next year are all in place — Please see the schedule found on the next page.

I am looking for rally hosts for 2018 — if anyone is interested in having one, please let me know.

Thanks!

Be sure to check our website www.ramblinnodaks.com There is a wealth of information on there. Pam updates it frequently.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments. Stay safe throughout the winter. We will see you in the Spring!

For now, God Bless!

John Meier, President

CHANGES

Ralph and Ruth Rutledge are not dropping their membership but have a new address:

700 1st St NW

Portage La Prairie, MB R1N 1Z8

And a new winter address for Ardell & Vivian Lynne

8260 Keats Ave #483

Mesa, AZ 85209





Stephanie Spadaccini
Puzzle Creator

Get Your Kicks ...

ACROSS

- 1 Triangular sails
- 5 Half a laugh?
- 8 Chinese-menu category
- 12 Ending with "psych"
- 13 Prefix with "center"
- 14 It's hot in here
- 15 Part of this city's Rose Parade runs along old Route 66
- 17 Captain of the *Nautilus*
- 18 Serious cleaner
- 19 European automaker
- 20 They're for kids
- 21 Bisected

- 23 "Yours," in Tours
- 25 Snooping (around)
- 27 Oklahoma Indians
- 31 Really bright
- 33 Start of Caesar's boast
- 34 Alphabetic foursome
- 37 Discombobulate
- 39 Driver's ID
- 40 *The Clan of the Cave Bear* author Jean
- 41 Texas city with a historic district devoted to Route 66
- 43 Flintstones pet
- 44 ___ IRA
- 45 Destroy
- 46 Put away
- 47 QBs' goals
- 48 World War I plane

DOWN

- 1 Missouri Route 66 site of a Bonnie and Clyde shoot-out
- 2 "Not on my watch!"
- 3 Assails
- 4 Govt. agency that has your number
- 5 Dickens baddie Uriah
- 6 Sleep disorder
- 7 Venice marketplace
- 8 Home of the Illinois Route 66 Association Hall of Fame & Museum
- 9 Completed
- 10 Do-fa link
- 11 The "K" in James K. Polk
- 16 Lorna of literature
- 22 Route 66 stop in Arizona made famous by an Eagles song
- 24 Willow type
- 26 Speed
- 28 Route 66 city within the Navajo Nation in New Mexico
- 29 *Game of Thrones* star Clarke
- 30 Place's place
- 32 Identified
- 34 Places to crash, man
- 35 Call it a day
- 36 Vegas rival
- 38 Rubs out via laser
- 42 Apr. addressee

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DUES NOTICE

It has been a fun and successful year. Just a reminder that 2017 Dues are due now. The dues are still \$15.00/ year. Remember, you can pay your dues ahead if you would like. Thanks!
The following owe for 2017:

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| Ackerman, D | Lawson |
| Borud | Little |
| Brackin | Morrow |
| Brasch | Pankratz |
| Burdeniuk | Pierce—owe for 2016 also |
| Cohn | Sigurdson |
| Emmett | Unger— owe for 2016 also |
| Fritz | Updyke |
| Grimm | Zimmerman |
| Gunter | |
| Johnson | |

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2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

- MAY 4-7** —Mandan—hosted by Sommers & Sommers
 - JUNE 8-11**—Scranton (combined and rolling)
hosted by Meier—we will then roll in to Medora June 11-14
 - JULY 6-9**— Canada—hosted by Jaeger and others
 - AUGUST 3-6**—Bottineau—hosted by Wettlauffer
 - SEPTEMBER 7-10**—Mobridge, SD—hosted by Sommers and Sommers
- Keep this schedule handy as you plan your summer activities!



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving

Keep up to date on FMCA news by reading your FMCA Magazine.. There is always a lot of useful information!

A Little Humor from John

A retiring farmer in preparation for selling his land, needed to rid his farm of animals. So he went to every house in town.

To the homes where the man is the boss, he gave a horse. To the homes where the woman is the boss, a chicken was given.

He got toward the end of the street and saw a couple outside gardening. "Whose the boss around here?" he asked.

"I am" said the man.

"I have a black horse and a brown horse," the farmer said, "which one would you like?"

The man thought for a minute and said, "The black one.:"

"No, no, no, get the brown one," the man's wife said.

"Here's your chicken," said the farmer.

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Remember to check our Website

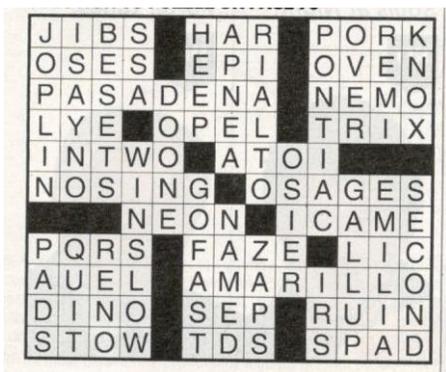
www.ramblinnodaks.com

Pam does a great job of keeping us up-to-date...

And if you have photos from any of the Rallies, send them to Pam via email and she will see that they get posted on our website.

The website has been established for us to use and enjoy!

REMEMBER TO USE IT!!



CHRISTMAS PARTY



Mark your calendar now for the

RAMBLIN' NODAKS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 17th

6:00 pm

Bismarck Elks Club

Each member to bring a

\$10.00 gift for the gift exchange.

PLEASE LET BECKY KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND...

Last Newsletter for This Year!

I am sitting here in Bismarck at the KOA — getting things done on the coach so we can store it away for the winter and have it all set to go when we get back in the spring! It seems like a good time to get this last Newsletter of the year put together!

The summer seemed to whiz by and it's hard to believe that our rally season has come to an end. It was a very good year — and thank you to all who hosted and to everyone for their participation. And we were happy to welcome some new members this year!!

Soon several of us will be headed to our winter homes .. others will stay and brave the winter! But wherever we are, we can all look forward to a wonderful line up of Rallies for 2017! The schedule for next year's rallies will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We were sorry we had to miss the Fargo Rally and say good-bye until next year, but we are glad that we went to Minneapolis to attend Larry's Reunion — 50 years since he graduated from Dental School!! It was a good time for him .. so this is our "Good-Bye" until next year!

Margaret Gjerstad

Merry Christmas

