

Ramblin' NoDaks

September 2017

ABERDEEN RALLY

Our last Rally of the season, held in Aberdeen and hosted by Bill & Becky Sommers and Mike & Shirley Sommers was a huge success!! There were 14 coaches and 1 drive-in for the weekend at Wylie Park, a very nice facility for our rally. The weather was very cooperative and we enjoyed being outdoors for our Walking Tour of Downtown Aberdeen and our visit to Story Book Land! We had one afternoon of Happy Hour outdoors in the patio area near our meeting room – great for a September Rally! The other tour that was most interesting was a visit to the brand new Boys & Girls Club Facility. It is very obvious that the folks of Aberdeen are very supportive of their wonderful city!

A great big THANK YOU to Sommers & Sommers for all the work they did to make this rally so much fun. On Friday evening we enjoyed a Cowboy Supper followed by a lively game of horse racing ... I don't think anyone was a "big-time" winner! But it was sure fun.

On Saturday after our breakfast, we held our business meeting. You can read about all that went on at our meeting in the secretary's minutes, which you will find at the end of this Newsletter. We held election of officers and it is exciting to see the cooperation among our members and willingness to take on these positions. Let's all be sure to encourage them, thank them and cooperate with them! The list of new officers is also found in the secretary's minutes as well as on another page of the newsletter. Saturday evening we enjoyed a delicious meal at the Flame Restaurant in downtown Aberdeen and on Sunday after breakfast, we held our worship service with Alice, Pam and Ione leading the music and words of inspiration from our Chaplain, Shirley.

Pam has agreed to continue on as Webmaster – PLEASE be sure to check out our website from time to time. Pictures from the Rallies, plus lots of other information) are posted on the website. Just type in

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and it will bring you to our site. The minutes of the meetings and the address book are password protected so you will need to type in the password – everything else you can view without the password. If you forgot the password, I have included it at the bottom of the minutes ..

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable winter, wherever you choose to spend it! This will be the last Newsletter for this year – if important information becomes available over the winter months, we will send out an e-mail to everyone and come next spring, John & Garda will be bringing you all the Ramblin' NoDak News!

Margaret

NEW MEMBERS

We are so happy to welcome our newest members:
Duane & Kathy Heinrich
from Fargo, ND
to our Ramblin' NoDaks!

Those of us who were in Aberdeen got to meet them.
They will be a great addition to our chapter!

WORDS FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

2018 should be a great year for FMCA and the Ramblin' NoDaks. We await the results of the national vote which could change the make-up of our membership. Did you remember to vote? Ballots will be included in the next 2 issues of the Family Motor Coaching magazine. Each couple is encouraged to vote (one vote per membership).

Some great rallies are in the planning stages for next season including Wolford, always a favorite of so many members. The regional rally will again be at the Amana Colonies, a great facility. And, the National rally will return to Gillette, WY (a "local" event for us). We will likely have a pre-staging rally in the Black Hills prior to Gillette. And word has it that the Northern Lights are planning a rolling rally through portions of Canada that will start at the completion of the Gillette event. Should be exciting!

If you have suggestions for (or criticisms of) the Ramblin' NoDaks, please call me. As previous national president Charlie Adcock always said, "It's all about having fun!" We plan to continue that tradition. Respectfully submitted, *Gene Grimm*



Congratulations to Karen Grimm on her new position as Ramblin' NoDaks Treasurer. I know she will do a fantastic job! Listed below are the people who owe dues for 2018. Dues are \$15.00 per year. They should be mailed to: Karen Grimm, 410B 1st Avenue Hickson, ND 58047

Thanks everyone for your help during my 4 years as Treasurer.....Pam Meier

Ackerman, D&M (2017)	Ackerman, J&E
Bohnet	Borud
Brackin	Brasch (2017)
Cohn	Fritz
Grindy	Harrington
Johnson	Kuchenski
Lawson	Little
Mychasiw	O'Neill
Pankratz	Richard
Roth	Sigurdson
Stenerson	Unger
Updyke	Wettlaufer
Widmer	



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Pam has updated the website with many pictures from the September Rally!! You gotta check it out!! Also on the website is the list of our current officers as well as the Rally Schedule for next season!

Thanks to Pam for a job well-done!

From Past-President, John

Greetings from SW North Dakota!

This will be my last newsletter article. Election of officers was held and Gene Grimm is our new President. I know he will do a great job and I look forward to his new ideas. Please support Gene like you have supported me for the last 4 years. It has been an enjoyable time filled with many rewards for us.

One of my main goals throughout the years has been to get members to attend at least one rally. We had a 75% attendance rate this year to one or more rallies. Thanks to all who participated in them. A big thank you to the rally hosts. Without all of our great people we couldn't survive as a club,

There are great things planned for next year. Be sure to check the newsletter .. and as always .. you can check our website.

I would like to thank the officers who have served and are still serving. You made my job easier. I would like to especially thank my wife, Pam, for her support and keeping me in line! Also, I would like to thank all of the rally hosts over the last 4 years. I realize that it is a lot of work, but it is very rewarding for the attendees. Also, a big thank you from me to all who support our club by attending rallies. We have a great chapter and Pam and I are very proud to be a part of FMCA and the Ramblin' NoDaks!

For now, God Bless. Safe travels wherever you will be going this winter. See you in May in Mandan.

John Meier, Past President

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF MOTORING
SEPTEMBER 1925**

1. Drive to the right of the road, it's just as good as the left.
2. Slow down while approaching a cross road; it is nearly as dangerous as a railroad crossing.
3. Look out for children. You never can tell what they will do, and you are always in the wrong if you hit one.
4. Try to help instead of hinder the traffic officer; he is there for your good and he's got a tough job.
5. Be sure your "dimers" really dim; it's no joke driving into a blinding glare, as you probably know.
6. Read and obey the warning signs; they are not put up as ornaments.
7. If you feel you've got to speed do it where it won't kill anybody but yourself.
8. When making minor repairs, stop where your car may be seen from both directions; otherwise you may stop longer than you anticipated.
9. Speeding around corners is a straight route to the hospital. Don't race past a stopped street car. Some day the jury will call it manslaughter.
10. Use discretion. The fact that you had the right of way won't bring anybody back to life, least of all yourself.

submitted by John Meier

RALLY SCHEDULE 2018

May 3-6—Midway Lanes, Mandan, hosted by Sommers & Sommers

June 7-10—Wolford Hawks Museum

July 13-21—Roll to Elkhorn Ridge—pre-rally

FMCA National Convention—Gillette, WY

August 19-21—Minot, hosted by Harrington & Lynnes

September 6-9—Mercer County, hosted by Tveits & Gjerstads



FMCA
Gillette, WY



OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

President	Gene Grimm
Vice President	Lowell (Butch) Wood
Secretary	Becky Sommers
Treasurer	Karen Grimm
FMCA National Director	Lowell (Butch) Wood
FMCA Alt. National Director	Larry Gjerstad
MAC Representative	Gene Grimm
Parliamentarian	Karen Grimm
Security	Bill Sommers
Chaplains	Jenean Baumann, Alice Gunter Shirley Sommers
Nominating Committee	John Ringland Ardell Lynne, Karen Grimm
Newsletter Editor	John Ringland
Webmaster	Pam Meier



A LITTLE HUMOR FROM JOHN

Farm Kid Joins the Marines

Dear Ma & Pa,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt & Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay...Practically nothing!

Men got to shave, but it is not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt & Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on "route marches," which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox and home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and Colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt & Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higget boys at home. All you got to do it lie there until all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Salt Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6'8" and nearly 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walk & Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in. Your loving daughter, Alice

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING
THE PRE-RALLY AND GILLETTE
CONVENTION**

FMCA has been contacted and they are elated that our Chapter is willing to serve rolls and coffee at Gillette! More information will be coming, but they are working on the Perry Convention right now. Once Perry is completed, they will start all the planning for Gillette. Registration for Gillette will open on January 10, 2018. When you send in your registration, there will be a place to write in volunteer for "rolls and coffee."

For our Pre-Rolling Rally — Many showed interest at the last meeting of gathering before hand in the Black Hills. I contacted the Elkhorn Ridge RV Resort in Spearfish, SD. They have set a block of campsites aside for us for the dates of July 13, 14, 15 2018. You must call and make your own reservation. The sites are full 50 amp pull thrus. The total cost is \$63.77 per night. When you call, please tell them that you are with the Ramblin' NoDaks. You will be asked to pay for one night at that time. the phone number is **877-722-1800**. The sites will be held until May 10, 2018, at which time they will be released. She gave us a discounted price, so no other discounts will be given. It is spendy, but our group stayed at this campground the last time we went to Gillette and all agreed that they would like to stay there again. It is a very nice facility and very easy to access. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks, Pam Meier