

# Ramblin' NoDaks

September 2021

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This is the last newsletter for this year. Where ever your travels may take you or if you are holding down the homefront, be safe and God Bless!

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## Rallies for 2022 and 2023

May 12-15, 2022—

June 16-19, 2022 - Medora (Eckenrode, Meier)

July 7-10, 2022 - Kenmare (Tveit)

August 11-14, 2022—

August 24-27, 2022 - Lincoln NB (International Convention)

September 2022—

May 2023—

June 2023—

July 2023—

August 18-20, 2023 - Spearfish, SD

August 21-27, 2023 - Gillette, WY (International Convention)

September 2023—



We all have a great time and love our rallies. Will you please consider hosting one? Let President Dave know if you would be willing.

## **Our Ramblin' NoDak's Officers for 2021-2023:**

President—Dave Eckenrode—701-202-5411

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Security—Bill Sommers, Larry Grindy, Dean Little

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

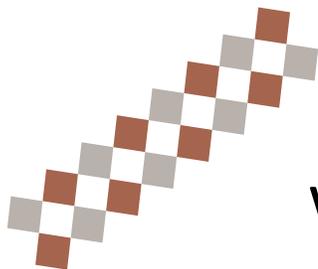
**From Treasurer Duane:** The balance at the time of the newsletter is: \$2,763.47. Dues for 2022 are due by January 1st. Please mail your dues at your earliest convenience to: Duane Heinrich, 4333 47th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104  
 Dues for 2022 are due in the amount of \$15.00 by the following:

Ackerman	Harrington	McMillan	Wolfe
Baumberger	Hepworth	Morrow	
Burdeniuk	Hodgson	Mychasiw	
Carlson <sup>21 &amp; 22</sup>	G Jaeger	Pierce	
Chesla	Joslin	Paquin	
Corio <sup>21 &amp; 22</sup>	King	Rutledge	
Gunter	Little	Wilz	



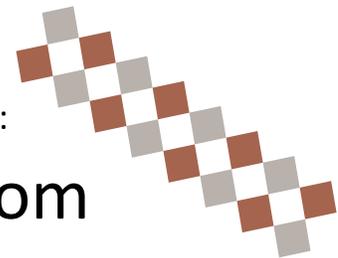
FMCA ByLaws Article III #4E

**ARREARS:** Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than 6 months after becoming due shall be considered delinquent; after 12 months, membership is cancelled.



Don't forget to check out our website:

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

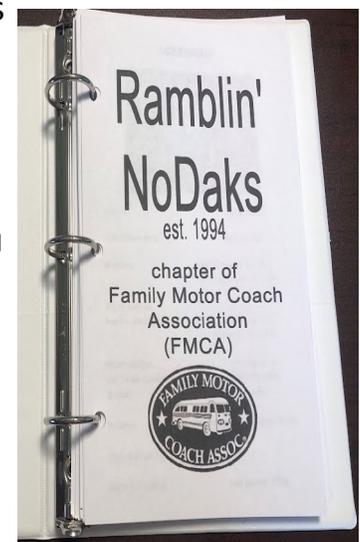


**Ramblin' NoDaks membership books for sale**

We have membership books for sale. They are \$10.00 each. There is a page designated to each member unit. In the book you will also find the chapter standing rules, the by-laws, past Presidents, and Charter Members.

If you have a book and in comparing it to the roster you find that you are missing someone, please let me know and I can email you their page. You can also contact me if you need the information changed on your personal sheet.

To purchase a book or to have pages emailed, contact Pam Meier, [jpmeier@midco.net](mailto:jpmeier@midco.net) or 701-440-1189.



## President report for September 2021 newsletter

By David Eckenrode

Hello from your new President of Ramblin' NoDaks, I am looking forward to serving as President for the next 2 years. I would like to thank Butch Wood and Charlie Swenson for serving as President and Vice-President for the past 2 years. Over the winter, we will be working on updating the Standing Rules and developing a membership incentive plan. The membership incentive plan will be a way to reward members for signing up new members. If you have suggested changes to the standing rules or ideas for the membership incentive plan, please send them to me. The updates to the standing rules and the membership incentive plan will be presented at the May 2022 meeting.

A new membership level called Honorary Members was established for individuals who no longer own an RV, were a regular or associate member of the Ramblin' NoDaks' chapter and are no longer a member of FMCA. These members cannot vote nor hold an elective office. The dues for this membership are \$10. We had 9 new regular memberships and 7 new Honorary Memberships in 2021.

After only having 2 rallies in 2020, we were able to have 5 rallies in 2021. We've missed our Canadian members at the rallies. Hopefully they will be able to join us next year. The five 2021 rallies were:

May 2021 – Midway lanes in Mandan ND, hosted by Duane and Irene Hellman and Frances Fritz. There were 10 RVs and 5 RV families that drove in attending. Some of the highlight included a tour of Touchmark retirement community, many members watched the Band Day parade and afterward members enjoyed pizza and friendship at the Meier's home.

June 2021 – Ft. Stevenson State Park in Garrison ND, hosted by Gerold Hoff and Charlotte Knight. There were 16 RVs and 3 RV families that drove in attending. Some of the highlights included a tour of Heritage Park & Museum in Garrison, game bean bag baseball, catered supper at Totten Trail restaurant and a grill your own meat/share a dish supper followed by an enjoyable outdoor concert.

July 2021 – Elkhorn Ridge Campground in Spearfish SD, hosted by Pam and John Meier. There were 14 RVs attending. Some of the highlights included prime rib/crab supper at the Silverado on Deadwood SD, supper at Bullwacker's Saloon in Whitewood SD, some members attended the Dwight Yoakam concert in Deadwood SD and there was a grill

your own meat/share a dish supper. Following the rally in Spearfish, 11 RVs traveled to Gillette WY for the 103<sup>rd</sup> International FMCA convention where the Ramblin' NoDaks served coffee and donuts.

August 2021 – Bottineau County Fairground in Bottineau ND, hosted by Pam and John Meier. There were 16 RVs and 7 RV families that drove in attending. The biggest highlight of this rally was the members helping Gordy and Adeline Wettlaufer celebrate their 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. They are such a joy to be around, and we are so happy they are members of our chapter. The other major highlight was the election of officers for the next 2 years.

September 2021 – Lewis and Clark campground in Hazen ND, hosted by Irene and Clayton Beckman and Wanda and Marvin Sutheimer. There were 20 RVs and 2 RV families that drove in attending. Some of the highlight included a tour of buffalo ranch south of Hazen, members riding on a float in the Harvest Fest parade and grill your own meat/share a dish supper.

On behalf of the Ramblin' NoDaks, I would like to thank all the members who hosted rallies in 2021.

In 2022, we have rallies scheduled for June, July, and September. We are still looking for hosts/ideas for the May and August rallies. Here are the rallies for 2022:

May 2022 – TBD

June 2022 – Medora ND, June 16-19, Red Trail Campground, Hosts – Dave and Sandy Eckenrode, John and Pam Meier

July 2022 – Kenmare ND, July 08-10, Hosts – Bill and Laurel Tveit

August 2022 – TBD

August 24-27, 2022 – 105<sup>th</sup> international convention in Lincoln NE. If you think you may be attending, please let Pam Meier know this winter because FMCA will probably be contacting her to see if our chapter would serve coffee and donuts. Pam will need to know if there is enough interest before she can commit the chapter.

September 2022 – Minot ND, this rally will be held prior to Norsk Hostfest, Hosts – Larry and Joan Grindy.

If you are interested in hosting the May or August rally, please contact me.

Please have a safe, enjoyable and healthy winter and we'll see you next year in May.

**We welcome these new members to  
our Ramblin' NoDaks family:**

**Members:**

Bruce & Grace Stainbrook—Surprise, AZ

**Honorary Members:**

Jerry & Betty Hopfauf—Bismarck, ND

Sharon Sigurdson—Bismarck, ND

Francis Fritz—Bismarck, ND

Carol Adams—Minot, ND

Sherrie Borud—Minot, ND

Marlys Carvell—Mesa, AZ

Margaret Gjerstad—Mesa, AZ



**Cinnamon Apple Bake**

2 cans of cinnamon rolls

1 can apple pie filling

1/2 c chopped walnuts

Quarter each roll and  
place into 9 X 13 pan.

Top with apple pie filling  
and then top with wal-  
nuts. Bake at 350 for 45  
minutes. Spread with  
frosting from the cinna-  
mon rolls.





## Report from National Director John Emmett



Hello Ramblin' NoDaks. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your National Director. I hope that I can keep our membership up to date on the happenings with FMCA and make sure that we all have the latest news from our association.

For those of us that were able to attend the 103<sup>rd</sup> International Convention in Gillette Wyoming we experienced a great rally and a renewed excitement to be getting together again in person. I don't know about you, but I have been on so many zoom meetings in the past year that being able to visit face to face was very refreshing.

Speaking of the convention in Gillette, "The Spirit of Wyoming" RV count came to 1,342, including 1,212 family RVs and 130 commercial RVs. Approximately 30 percent of folks were attending their first FMCA international convention. The numbers were not what we have seen in the past, but 1,300 RV's is a good start back to some semblance of normal.

Some of the biggest news from Gillette is that we have a new National President. Rett Porter was elected at the convention. We also have a new Midwest Area VP in Dennis Fox. This position was open as Gary Milner was running for National Senior VP and was successfully elected to that position. I, for one, think that FMCA is in good hands with our new leadership.

The 104<sup>th</sup> International Rally will be in Tucson, AZ March 23-26, 2022, at the Pima County Fairgrounds. I am not sure when, if ever, FMCA has been in Tucson, but I felt a high level of enthusiasm and excitement for this convention. I hope that several of our members can make to Tucson. I am sure that this will be a wonderful convention.

That's all for now. Have a wonderful fall and keep all of our Rambln' NoDaks in your thoughts. Many of us will be traveling south for the winter. Please, everyone, be safe.



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3—Bob & Barb Corio—1977
- 4—Tom & Lucy Pierce—2010
- 5—Dennis Fox
- 9—Ruth Rutledge
- 10—Barb Kitzan
- 11—Joan Grindy
- 19—John Emmett
- 21—Sandy Eckenrode
- 22—Ken & Darlyne Roed—1974
- 25—Mac McMillan
- 25—Bryan & Dale Paquin—1976
- 25—Dave & Sandy Eckenrode—1981
- 28—Dan & Tammy Koppinger—1979
- 30—Darlyne Roed

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Charlie Swenson
- 2—Grace Stainbrook
- 3—Charlie & Ginny Swenson
- 4—Alice Gunter
- 6—Bruce Stainbrook
- 10—Ralph Rutledge
- 13—Jackie Bohnet
- 13—Kim Hunt
- 15—Helen Wolfe
- 16—Phyllis Hodgson
- 16—Karen Carlson
- 17—Sherrie Borud
- 19—Sandra Jaeger
- 20—Karen Grimm
- 20—George & Margaret Jaeger—1997
- 23—John Meier
- 31—Mark Morgan



## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

5—Betty Hopfauf

8—Paul Hepworth

14—Walt Mychasiw

16—Ann Chesla

17—Larry Heinle

20—Walt & Adele Mychasiw—1971

25—Duan & Irene Hellman—1967

25—Jerry & Betty Hopfauf—1988

25—Larry & Audrey Heinle—2000



## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

3—Beth Richard

5—Wayne & Jackie Bohnet—1983

7—Adele Mychasiw

14—Audrey Heinle

15—Dave Baumann

17—Ernie Borowski

19—John Ackerman

19—John Ringland

21—Mac & Janet McMillan

23—Pam Meier

23—George Brackin

23—Keith & Sandra Jaeger

24—Ardell Lynne

26—Gene & Karren Grimm—1971

29—Margaret Jaeger

31—John & Jerri Morrow



## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Darlene Borowski
- 2—Bruce King
- 4—Duane Heinrich
- 8—Doug & Gloria Davis
- 9—Sharon Sigurdson
- 17—Cathy Emmett
- 17—Bill Sommers
- 19—Ian Pierce
- 19—Mila Pierce
- 20—Harold Schmidt
- 22—Tammy Koppinger
- 26—Ione Schmidt
- 28—Larry Hodgson
- 30—Donna Grunett

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Kevin Champagne
- 4—Sharon Baumberger
- 7—Bill Leier
- 8—David Kitzan
- 9—Mike Sommers
- 13—Wanda Sutheimer
- 15—Becky Sommers
- 18—Duane Hellman
- 22—Louise Champagne
- 23—Kathy Heinrich
- 25—Garda Hoirup



## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2—Gordon MacDonald

2—Char Roehl

5—Kent Roehl

6—Greg Wilz

6—Bonnie Knell

8—Dave Eckenrode

13—Gloria Davis

14—Doug Davis

23—Larry Grindy

24—Keith Jaeger

28—Wayne Bohnet

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

2—Adeline Wettlaufer

2—Bob Corio

4—George Jaeger

10—Jenean Baumann

10—Clara King

11—Ginny Swenson

11—Dave & Barb Kitzan—1966

14—Brian & Karen Little—1979

23—Rod Baumberger

24—Dennis Richard

*Happy  
anniversary*



## Harvest at Hazen Recap

The rally at Hazen was attended by 20 RV's and two drive ins. Beckman's, Sutheimer's, and Knell's put on an awesome rally!

Thursday was "arrive and get settled" and then there was happy hour with a meat and cheese tray provide by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. What a nice welcome!

Friday morning after breakfast, we all boarded two city buses and headed to the Dave Sebastian Ranch for a tour. This man is quite the entrepreneur and overall, quite amazing. We learned about his many businesses and adventures. Some of his businesses are creating his white-haired buffalo herd, Koi fish, Red Deer, supplying zoos with animals, DNA extraction on ducks and other birds, makes and sells casings for slim jim type sausage, and he is currently setting up to sell fracking sand to the oil companies. Very impressive tour. We were able to spend the rest of the day doing whatever we chose. We met back at camp for happy hour and a fleishkuekla feed. Much visiting happened after that with some sitting out well after dark.

Saturday morning, we had a great breakfast of egg bakes, muffins, and sausage (Made by Marvin Sutheimer), and kuchen bars. All was yummy. We held our business meeting and then the float was decorated. Many attended the car show right across the road and took in the bar-b-q ribs. We had an early happy hour and then we loaded onto the flatbed and were in the parade. We made many kids happy with all the candy that was thrown and the squawking chickens! We are so blessed to have such a fun bunch. After the parade, we feasted on a wonderful smorgasbord and grilled our own meat. Card BINGO was played and so much fun and laughter! HOO-HA

Sunday morning, God presented us with another beautiful day. We ate breakfast and we had a church service with a fabulous message given by Wanda about FAITH. With the great singing, music, and message, I am sure God was pleased. Everyone said Good-Bye until we meet again. Some throughout the winter and some next summer. It was a great rally! Thanks Clayton & Irene, Marvin & Wanda, and Dan & Bonnie!





Our float in the parade



Our NoDaks in a side-by-side and on the motorcycle



Presenting Butch with his past president plaque



President Butch passing the duties to President Dave

Vice Charlie passing the duties to Vice John

