

Ramblin' NoDaks

April 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Despite all of the snow that you see out of your window, a new Ramblin' NoDaks season is upon us. It will be a great season! We all have many things to be thankful for. We have new members to meet and greet. One of the year's highlights for me will be several great rallies on the schedule:

May 3-6 The season opener in Mandan, ND

Jun 7-10 The Hawk Museum grounds in Wolford, ND (always a favorite)

Jul 13-15 Pre-Rally in Spearfish, SD (Black Hills have so much to offer)

Jul 16 Caravan – Spearfish, SD to international rally in Gillette, WY

Jul 17-22 FMCA International Rally in Gillette, WY (we will serve morning coffee)

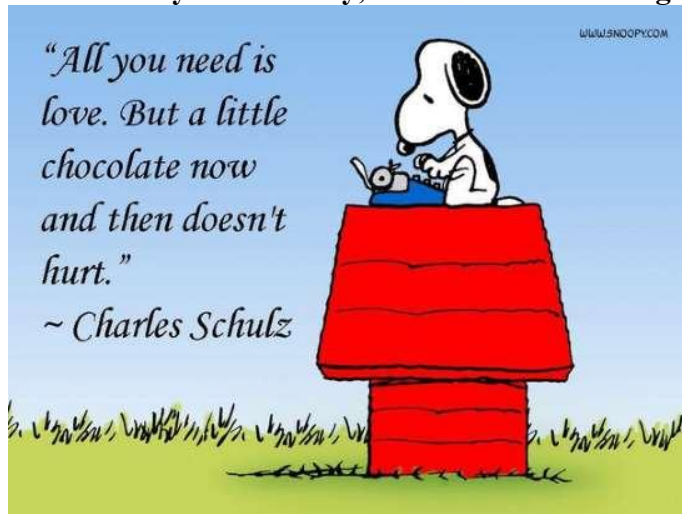
Jul 22-28 Possible rolling rally from Gillette into Canada (Northern Lights Chapter)

Aug 2-5 Minot Rally (the U S Air Force Thunderbirds are scheduled to be performing!!)
(plus tour at air base)

Aug 8-12 MAC Rally at Iowa's Amana Colonies

Sep 6-9 Mercer County Rally – likely near the Missouri River's Lake Sakakawea

The May meeting will feature several new officers. They would all appreciate your support and suggestions towards making the Ramblin' NoDaks better than ever in 2018. As previous FMCA President Charlie Adcock always used to say, "It is all about having fun". Gene G



New Members:

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FMCA International Convention and RV EXPO in Gillette

This is a heads-up concerning registration for the FMCA International Convention and RV EXPO in Gillette, WY to be held **July 18-21, 2018**. There are many types of parking arrangements available for the event such as sewer or no sewer; 50-Amp, 30-Amp, or no electricity; and water or no water. To be parked together as a group, there are a couple of things that need to take place:

1. We must arrive together as a group at our assigned group time
2. We must be registered in a common area such as 50-Amp with water and sewer.

Several members who are in the Phoenix area for the winter have already noted these requirements and have registered for that particular designation (50-Amps with water and sewer) - even several that only need 30 amps. While there are less expensive parking options (such as no sewer, no water, no electricity, or 30-Amp service or any combination of those parameters), many of the Ramblin NoDaks have already registered in the 50-Amp, water, and sewer area so that we can be together as a group and enjoy common social activities. Saving money by going without sewer hook-ups might be as expensive if you find you find the need to have a truck come by and pump the holding tanks later on during your stay. Registration forms are in all of the late issues of the FMCA Family Motor Coaching monthly magazine. I recommend registering as early as possible to get your desired parking area.

Also, regarding the pre-rally at Spearfish: the Elkhorn Ridge Campground Resort is holding a block of sites for the Ramblin NoDaks pre-rally for **July 13-15, 2018** (You can reserve more or fewer days) until **5/10/18** at a rate of \$63.77 per night. This is a bit spendy for three reason:

1. Location - most Black Hills campgrounds are expensive during the warm months
2. The campground is an absolute first class facility
3. All campgrounds on routes close to the Gillette Rally are fully booked before/after that rally

There will be plenty of time available to tour the Black Hills area. (That never grows old.)

The address for Elkhart Ridge Camping Resort is 20189 US Hwy 85S, Spearfish, SD (Exit 17 off I-90).

The Ramblin NoDaks will caravan from the Elkhorn Ridge Camping Resort to the Gillette Rally on the morning of **Monday July 16, 2018**. The pace will be safe and comfortable.

Following the Gillette rally, a rolling rally might be presented by the Northern Lights Chapter that would leave on Sunday following completion of the Gillette Rally and would pass through various points of interest in Wyoming, Montana, and Canada. The status of this event has not been finalized.

Respectfully submitted

Gene Grimm, President of Ramblin NoDaks Chapter of FMCA

Pre-Rally and Gillette Convention

Time is getting closer for registrations and reservations. So far it looks like several are planning to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Gene Grimm or Pam Meier.

PRE-RALLY: We have a block of spots reserved at the Elkhorn Ridge RV Resort in Spearfish, SD. The campsite dates are July 13, 14, and 15, 2018. You must make your own reservation. You can reserve any or all of the dates. The phone number to reserve at the resort is: 877-722-1800. Please tell them that you are with the Ramblin' NoDaks. This block of spots will only be held until May 10, 2018, at this time they will be released. The sites are 50-amp full hook-up pull throughs and the cost is \$63.77 per night.

CONVENTION: Registration is now taking place for the convention in Gillette. If you register before May 23, 2018, you will receive the "early bird" discount. Parking together can be a problem if we choose different parking arrangements. It has been the general consensus that most everyone is parking in the deluxe 50-amp. This is full hook-up with 50-amp (water, sewer, electricity). You may choose a different parking arrangement if you would like but if you are wanting to park with the group, this is the one you would want to choose. As a group, we are volunteering for the donuts and coffee. There is a place to mark that on your registration. You will also want to mark that you are coming in with the Ramblin' NoDaks caravan.

Website

Please be sure to check out our website. www.ramblinnodaks.com There is a wealth of information on there. You can find schedules, dates, our newsletters, order forms, and much much more. This is a great service to our group.

Vote on all self-contained RVs

President Gene Grimm has asked me to take care of this vote for our chapter.

As I'm sure you are aware, FMCA members voted and approved that all self-contained RVs are welcome into the FMCA organization. We as a chapter must also take a vote to either approve or not approve all self-contained RVs into our chapter.

YES --- A "yes" vote means that you are voting to allow self-contained RVs into the Ramblin' NoDak chapter and changes to the bylaws will be made as such.

NO --- A "no" vote means that you are voting to not allow any self-contained RVs other than motorized RVs into the Ramblin' NoDak chapter. No change will be made to the bylaws.

We would like to hear from all of our members. We need a 65% participation for this vote. We strongly urge that you will reply to this email and vote so your voice can be heard.

Please remit your vote by April 30th, 2018. The votes will be tallied at the May chapter meeting in Mandan.

If you have any questions, please call President Gene Grimm (616)-443-0442.

Thank you for taking the time to vote on this matter.

Pam Meier

From Gene:

Hey Fellow Rambler's. I am of the opinion that the following personnel need all of the latest actions and input on membership additions or subtractions so we can keep everyone informed of any changes in membership:

- MEIER, Pam & John - keeper of the website**
- GRIMM, Gene & Karen - keeper of the finances**
- RINGLAND, John & Garda (Hoirup) - newsletter**
- SOMMERS, BECKY & BILL - secretarial items**

Officers for 2018-2019

- President ----- Gene Grimm**
- Vice President ----- Lowell (Butch) Wood**
- Secretary ----- Becky Sommers**
- Treasurer ----- Karen Grimm**
- FMCA National Director----- Lowell (Butch) Wood**
- FMAC 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**



2018 Ramblin NoDaks Bank Report 01/01/18 through 04/15/2018

INCOME:			Dues*	Travel Fund	Interest	Rally	Office	Web site	Memorials	Total	
Beg Balance	01/01/18	3054.91	3057.08	30.00	205.00	0.34	-21.51	-		3054.91	
Jan	Deposit	150.13	100.00	50.00	0.13					150.13	
	Expense	-10.00					-10.00			-10.00	
Beg Balance	02/01/18	3195.04								0.00	
	Deposit	0.12			0.12					0.12	
	Expense	-4.00					-4.00			-4.00	
Beg Balance	03/01/18	3191.16								0.00	
	Deposit	0.13			0.13					0.13	
	Expense	0.00								0.00	
Beg Balance	04/01/18	3191.29								0.00	
	Deposit	100.00	70.00	30.00						100.00	
	Expense	-69.95						-19.95	-50.00	-69.95	
	Deposit	20.00	15.00	5.00						20.00	
Total		3241.34	3057.08	215.00	290.00	0.72	0.00	-35.51	-	-50.00	3241.34

Dues Fund			Dues*	Travel Fund	
Beg Balance			30.00	205.00	235.00
2017	15.00	10.00	5.00		15.00
2018	150.00	100.00	50.00		150.00
2018	45.00	30.00	15.00		45.00
2019					
New Member Dues	60.00	45.00	15.00		60.00
		215.00	290.00		505.00

Karen Grimm