

# Nancy Hicks Reports on Their Trip to Montana Elks Convention

## MONTANA STATE ELKS CONVENTION

Wolf Point, Montana

July 15 to 19

The Montana State Convention was held over several days at the Wolf Point, Montana Lodge, which is located on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. Upon arriving at the L. M. Clayton airport in our small eight seat plane, Ron and I were greeted by twelve very enthusiastic Montana Elks.

In Montana the Lodges submit bids to host their conventions. This year's incoming State President, Darla Downs, is a member of the Wolf Point Lodge, so they were eager to host the convention. Wolf Point is in the Northeast corner of Montana, so many of the Elks had to drive hundreds of miles across the state to get to the convention.

Montana Elks are not large in numbers, but are involved in all of our Elks programs. During the meetings, Warene Wall from the Beartooth Lodge gave an amazing talk about the work she and her Lodge do for the veterans. She was a great inspiration to everyone. Montana Elks have also funded three Drug Awareness trailers and have given Music Scholarships for the last ten years. They also have a program for depositing old and damaged flags.

Our thanks to Past State President, Past SDGER, and Past Grand Lodge Inner Guard, Larry Lee and his wife Ilene, and Past State President and current State Secretary/Treasurer Bob Stephens and his wife Candy, who is also a Past State President and currently District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, for escorting us from our hotel to the Lodge. Everyone was very friendly and interesting to talk with. We certainly felt right at home. Our weekend in "Big Sky Country" was a great first trip!

Nancy



Ron and State President Darla Downs



Nancy getting on the 8 seat plane!



Ron giving an ENF award to Susi Larson from the Bozeman Lodge.



Ron driving the Montana Elk Mobile.



Ladies Tea Party Luncheon



The beautiful "waves of grain" just outside of Wolf Point.

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