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SIGDALSLAG TRIP TO NORWAY SUMMER 2017

by Jean Knaak

Sigdalslag had a great group on our Norway trip from June 19 through June 29, 2017. Norway is unique and scenic with fjords, ocean, lakes, mountains, and valleys.

The group met in Trondheim on June 20 after coming either directly to Norway or from earlier travel to England, Scotland, Italy, Paris and Spain. They also came from a number of areas in the United States and Canada. This was more of an

individually planned trip to allow for different trip lengths and different points of embarkation.

Our first full day was in Trondheim on June 21. We had a group tour featuring an easy to understand guide for Nidaros Cathedral plus the associated Archbishop's Palace. The crown jewels and the cathedral and its story were highlights. At our special hotel we had the breakfast which has been

voted the best hotel breakfast in Norway.

We had an interesting train ride through the Gudbrandsdal Valley to Lillehammer, which was an Olympic site and we overnighted there.

Early on Friday, June 23, we were met by Sigrid Kvisle, our guide, and our tour bus. Eidsvoll, the scene of the historic signing of Norwegian independence in 1814 was a special tour for that day. (cont. on page 3)



The Norefjell-laget was begun in 1935 to serve people from the Sigdal-Eggedal-Krødsherad area who moved to the Oslo area and wished to stay connected with each other and with their home area. They developed this beautiful banner. The lag functioned until the early 1990s when it disbanded. The banner was moved to be displayed at the Folk Musik Senter in Prestfoss, Sigdal.



The group at Våtnas Church



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Fra Presidenten,

This has been a great year! A highlight was our trip to Norway with 27 participants. Everyone had a good time together, forming friendships and enjoying our beautiful Sigdal area. Again Sigrid Kvisle, the former museum director, was a wonderful guide for our group.

We want to especially thank the Meade family for arranging and hosting our lag event while in Decorah! We are grateful for our unique program at the Hauge Church including Norwegian food, an interesting speaker, Dale in very old minister garb provided by the Meade family, and a visit to the Meade's fjord horse.

The stevne in Decorah was put on by Telelag and featured a number of Norwegian visitors including dancers who provided wonderful entertainment. Our thanks to Telelag for their hard work.

This was the first year for a newly formatted Fellesraad annual meeting and workshop on May 5 and 6. There were over 100 attendees during the two days. Please consider attending on May 4 and 5, 2018 at Mindekirken.

Our 2018 event is the 7-lag stevne at Willmar, which will be the responsibility of Sigdalslag. The committee has already been meeting. We are looking for volunteers to serve on sub-committees and to be volunteers. The dates are July 12 - 15, 2018, Thursday through Sunday. There is information elsewhere in the newsletter about room reservations and it would be wise to reserve early. Our last 7-lag stevne in Willmar in 2004 was very successful. If you have Norwegian relatives, please ask them to attend. We are hoping that there will be a tour group from Sigdal. The Willmar/Norway Lake area is a prime Norwegian area so there is a lot to see and do. Please email at knaak002@gmail.com if you can assist. There will be more information in the winter newsletter.

Attention Norwegian bakers! We are having a one and a half day food event at the stevne. We need demonstrators plus individuals who might bake products at home that cannot be demonstrated in our facility. The item can be described, recipes provided, and sampling. These will be our treats with coffee at the stevne, replacing the hospitality room. Please volunteer your friends since we know that many of you are shy about your abilities.

*Hilsen,
Jean*

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We arrived in Sigdal, our home for five nights. We stayed at the Eggedal Borgerstua, Folk Musik Center and with relatives.

The next day started with a tour of Lauvli, the home of Theodore Kittelson, a well know artist who had many pictures of trolls and other Norwegian scenes. We then visited Skredsvig-Hagen the home of another renowned artist, Christian Skredsvig.

On Sunday, June 25 we visited Holmen church in Prestfoss, the site of religious ceremonies for many of our ancestors. We then visited Våtnas Church where many were dressed in bunads for a baptism. Sigrid Kvisle hosted a lovely lunch at her home for our entire group. In the afternoon we went to the Sigdal Museum and presented a Sigdalslag book for their research library. We viewed the museum and preserved buildings and were provided with some special individual genealogy assistance.

On Monday June 26th, we visited the Oberg church. Then we went by boat to Veikaaker church and visited Veikaaker farm. Tuesday June 27th, took us to Blaafarveværket, the cobalt works. We saw the Vikersund ski jump on our way to Villa Fridheim lunch. That night we had a celebration dinner at Solumsmoen, Hilde Marit's Barn. This was a very festive venue night with Norwegian summer food and special music.



Sigdalslag group at the home of Sigrid Kvisle

Our noon meals and two evening meals were a part of our package developed by Sigrid Kvisle. In Norway, food is expensive and it is interesting to note that Norwegians do not eat the quantity of food that we do in the United States.

On Wednesday our bus took us to Oslo where we stayed for additional nights to sightsee before leaving for home.

This was a really touching time to get near our heritage. Please plan on attending in 2022.



Ginny Blood & Mark Gronseth, entertaining at the stave church



Sigdalslag group at the Celebration Dinner



Lexi & Lizzie Roe at Eidsvoll



DECORAH 7-LAG STEVNE HIGHLIGHTS

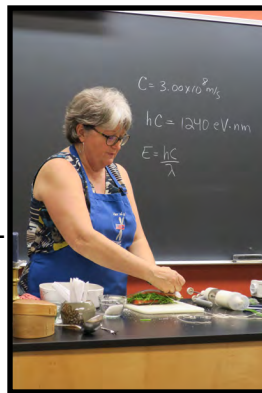
Telelaget hosted a very successful 7-Lag Stevne at Luther College in Decorah, IA on July 20-23, 2017.

Sigdalstag President Jean Knaak got the meetings started early with the 2018 Stevne Planning committee meeting being held at 1 PM on Thursday. Immediately following was the Sigdalstag Board meeting. These were completed with plenty of time to eat in the cafeteria and then enjoy the Opening General Session, which began at 7 PM.

The program was great with performances by Tone Jorunn Tveito from Norway, The Luren Singers and the Nordic Dancers, both of Decorah, IA. The Luren Singers called for any alumni in the audience to join them for the final song of their performance. Sigdalstag's own, Paul D. Larson joined them. He said he remembered the song well as he had performed it with them many times in the past.

There were plenty of interesting classes on Friday and also a tour. A very popular class was "Sustain your Legacy-Write Your Family History!" taught by Anette Holt Bratsberg from Skien in Telemark Norway. It was quite inspiring so soon the libraries will be full of family history books! She has previously given classes at Norway House in Minneapolis and is considering another in the spring. Keep an eye on their schedule, as it was a very good class.

Jennifer Kovarik, the registrar and youth educator from Vesterheim, conducted a class on the making of rømmegrøt and gravlaks. Both were delicious. If you like, you will find the recipes posted on the website.



The Friday evening General Session brought many guests from Telemark, Norway. The keynote speaker was Per Lykke, a lawyer and politician who spoke about the history of emigration and also the strong bonds between us "Norwegians" in America and in Norway. We were well entertained by Tone Jorunn Tveit's beautiful singing along with Torgeir Straand's

award winning fiddle playing and story telling. The Tinndølan Folk Music Group completed the evening's entertainment. They are a group of young performers (aged 13-21) that are intent on keeping the traditional dance, song and fiddle music alive. Their dancing was very spirited and quite acrobatic. We especially enjoyed seeing the Halling dance performed.



Saturday brought more classes in the morning (we learned to make flatbread from a crew from Norway) and the dismantling of the genealogy area by noon. I am always impressed



with how hard working and helpful the Sigdalstag crew is. What a good bunch of people!
Our Sigdalstag



Annual meeting was superbly hosted by the Meade family, along with their family friend, Jennifer Little, at the Hauge church. A generous and delicious, church basement meal was enjoyed by all, featuring a kransekake made by Birgitta Meade and a Martin Luther cake by Erik Meade, for desert. The singing of a couple of traditional hymns accompanied by Jennifer Little,



on the restored and reclaimed organ, started the program in the sanctuary. Ken Larson, the Hauge Church historian, then shared some stories of the church's past, which was quite interesting.

A brief annual meeting was held in the sanctuary, with reports from all the board members. We observed a moment of silence for those who have left us in the past year. Marlys Honrud Larsen was awarded a certificate of appreciation upon her retirement from the board as one of the three vice presidents. We appreciate her many years of service to the board and knowing Marlys, it won't be an end to her service to Sigdalslag.



Lizzie Roe was elected to the position of vice president vacated by Marlys Larsen. She brings youth and tech savvy to the board and will be the new manager of the Sigdalslag FaceBook page.

We welcomed Sheila Winstead to the appointed position of Lag Historian, that has been open for quite some time.

Upon adjournment we were invited to the lovely country home of Carol, Marguerite and Birgitta Meade to meet their Norwegian Fjord horse, Abel, and take some photos with him.



The day concluded with a banquet and program in the student dining room. There was a bunad parade, which was quite special with all the guests from Norway included. There was much laughter as David Engen told us about his adventures as a contestant and the eventual winner of the 2015 Alt for Norge contest. The program closed with another performance by Tone Jorunn Tveito and Torgeir Straand.

The final event of the stevne was a non-denominational worship service on Sunday morning in the Luther College Concert Hall. It was a very good stevne, a time to meet new friends, connect with old friends and remember those who weren't with us. We have our work cut out for us for next year so please get involved with the planning committee.



Sigdalslag Annual Meeting 2017 Attendees

Front, L to R: Jean Borgerding, Linda Mohn, Dianne Snell, Paul D. Larson, Jean Knaak, Marguerite Meade, Carol Meade, Lexi Roe, Lizzie Roe **Row 2, L to R:** Jill Hanson, Marilyn Somdahl, Bruce Thompson, Erik Meade, Audrey Pletan **Row 3, L to R:** Garth Ulrich, Eunice Helgeson, Lila Harp, Ed Harp, Kirk Gries, Rod Pletan **Row 4, L to R:** Janice Johnson, Ginny Blood, Dottie Gilbertson, Marlys Honrud Larsen, Vonne Coyle, Jeff Kopseng **Row 5, L to R:** Sheila Winstead, John Glesne, Birgitta Meade, Alan Bloemke, Donna Kulenkamp, Dale Buisman, Karen Olson, Mike Coyle, Earl O. Knutson, Betty Knutson

THE REORGANIZATION OF NORWAY'S FYLKER

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Norway's 19 fylker to be reorganized into 11 regions in 2020

M. Michael Brady

Asker, Norway

On June 8, the Norwegian Storting (Parliament) enacted the most comprehensive administrative reorganization of the country since the late 17th century. The 19 current fylker (counties) are to be reorganized into 11 regions, effective in 2020.

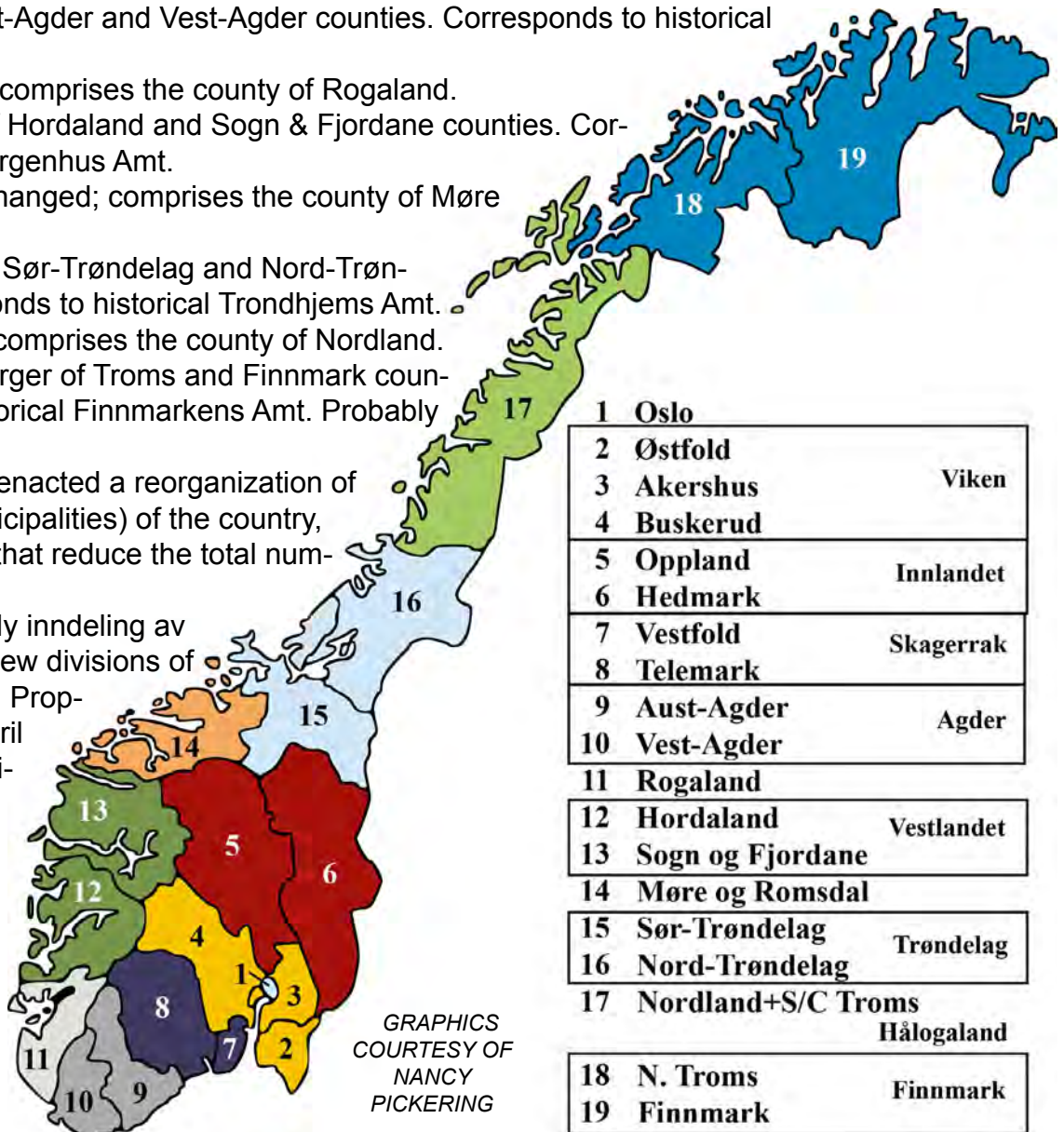
Some of the new regions will be unchanged and some will be merged fylker, in some cases corresponding to the historical divisions of Amt (county) used until 1918 and Len (Swedish for county). The new names of the regions may be unchanged or new. The 11 new regions are:

- Oslo: unchanged; comprises the city and county of Oslo.
- Viken: a merger of Akershus, Buskerud, and Østfold counties.
- Innlandet: a merger of Hedmark and Oppland counties. Corresponds to historical Oplandenes Amt.
- Telemark-Vestfold: a merger of Telemark and Vestfold counties. May have a new name; Vestmark has been proposed.
- Agder: a merger of Aust-Agder and Vest-Agder counties. Corresponds to historical Agdesiden Len.
- Rogaland: unchanged; comprises the county of Rogaland.
- Vestlandet: a merger of Hordaland and Sogn & Fjordane counties. Corresponds to historical Bergenhus Amt.
- Møre og Romsdal: unchanged; comprises the county of Møre og Romsdal.
- Trøndelag: a merger of Sør-Trøndelag and Nord-Trøndelag counties. Corresponds to historical Trondhjems Amt.
- Nordland: unchanged; comprises the county of Nordland.
- Nord-Hålogaland: a merger of Troms and Finnmark counties. Probably will have a new name.

The Storting also enacted a reorganization of the 426 kommuner (municipalities) of the country, mostly through mergers that reduce the total number of them to 354.

Further reading: Ny inndeling av regionalt fokevalt nivå (New divisions of regional electoral levels), Proposition 84S (Bill 84S), April 5, 2017, link: www.regjeringen.no/no/dokumenter/prop.-84-s-20162017/id2546597 (Norwegian).

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HOTELS FOR 2018 7-LAG STEVNE – MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

Hotel reservations for the 2018 7-Lag Stevne in Willmar, MN have just opened and are available. The stevne is July 12-15, 2018. The stevne theme "The Lure of the Land -- Dreams and Realities" promises excellent program opportunities.

The stevne will be held at the conference center which is UNDER THE SAME ROOF as the Best Western Plus and the Holiday Inn Express, so it is very convenient!

To get the special stevne rate, call (320) 235-6060 and ask for 7-Lag Stevne rate. The cost is \$109 per room. All of the handicapped rooms are to be included in our rate as well! For the Holiday Inn please call (320) 231-2601; ask for the special rate. The room rate is \$129 per night. There is also a Days Inn available, which is a few blocks away so you would need to drive to the location. Their number is (320) 231-1275. Complete breakfasts are included with your room!

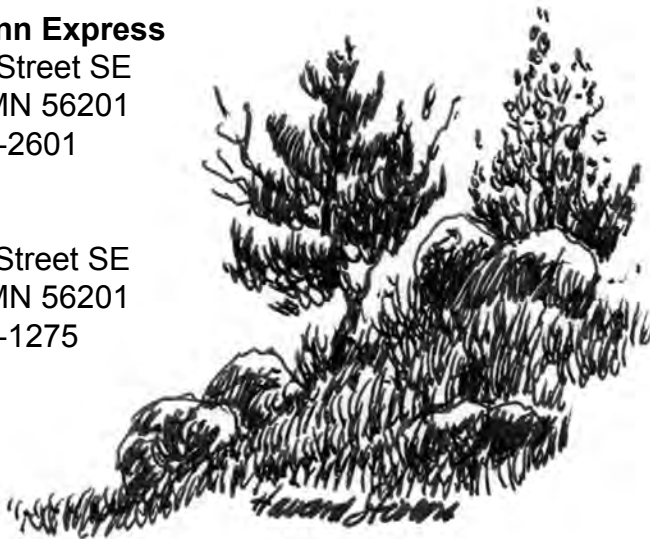
Make reservations early because the rooms not reserved will be open to others closer to the time of the stevne.

The locations are:
Best Western Plus
 2100 US-Highway 12 E
 Willmar, MN 56201
 (320) 235-6060

Thank you for the library submission, "Narve Knudsen (Hunstad) Byeie and His Offspring: From Sigdal, Norway to America," by David Hagemeyer and Norma Bulman Gaertner. Donated by David Hagemeyer.

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**IRENE NAVARRE
ATTAINS CENTENARIAN STATUS!**
by Dianne Snell

Long-time Sigdalslag Life Member, Irene Navarre attained centenarian status on August 2, 2017. Irene Jennet O'Connor was born August 2, 1917 in Granite Falls, Minnesota, to James III (half Irish, half Norwegian) and Lina Otelia (Enger) O'Connor (all Norwegian). Irene joined three older sisters, Arda, Myrtle and Evelyn.

Irene is a descendant of Eggedal immigrant (1854) Elling Pedersen Enger and his parents Peder and Aase Enger (1861) who settled in Spring Grove, Minnesota. Irene has been a supporter of Sigdalslag for many years, has served as parliamentarian for annual board meetings, and has paid family memberships for numerous relatives in America and Norway. She has kept in close touch with descendants of all seven of her Norwegian immigrant great-grandparents and has enjoyed seven trips to Norway. At the 2009 Sju Lag Stevne she was awarded a life membership for her promotion and support of Sigdalslag. Irene sponsored the creation of Enger Memorial Garden, which was dedicated in 2014 on the grounds of Giants of the Earth Heritage Center in Spring Grove, Minnesota.

In addition, Irene is a member of RDD Lag and Hadeland Lag, has been a long-time member of the Scandinavian Club of Albuquerque and served on the Board of Trustees of the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum for many years.

Unlike many young girls of her era, Irene was a college graduate of the University of Minnesota in 1938 as a Dental Hygienist and enjoyed a long career in that field. She practiced dental hygiene in Minnesota and California and taught dental instrumentation and practice management at the University of Southern California before moving



to New Mexico to help start the University of New Mexico's dental hygiene program. She was instrumental in starting the New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada Dental Hygienists' Associations and served as a trustee as well as president in 1964-65 of the American Dental Hygienists' Association. She has been honored by the University of Minnesota Dental School Alumnae Association and the Pacific International Dental Congress in Hawaii. Irene has been a sponsor of Operation Smile, which provides free surgeries to children born with cleft palates and other facial deformities. Irene attained the status of Professional Registered Parliamentarian and has served several national organizations in that capacity.

Irene was married for 45 years to the love of her life, oral surgeon Dr. Harry Navarre. Together they had many adventures, flying their own plane across the United States, Mexico and Canada. Harry, an enthusiastic "adopted Norwegian", passed away in 2008.

Irene is a long-time member of the Tin Lizzies Model T club of Albuquerque. Her husband Harry was one of the founding members. To celebrate her 100th birthday, members of the club organized a Tin Lizzies visit and celebration on Sunday, August 6, for Irene at her residence at the Village at Alameda Senior Living. Seven Model Ts and one Model A speedster were driven to the event and the Tin Lizzies members, dressed for the '20s, provided rides to the residents, staff, and visiting family. Some of the residents recalled having ridden in Model T's when they were younger!

A big 100th birthday celebration took place on Sunday August 20th, at the Albuquerque Country Club attended by family and many friends from near and far.

Happy 100th Birthday Irene, from all the members of Sigdalslag. And many more!



Irene Navarre with her great-niece, Sigdalslag member Janelle Wesloh, on Irene's 100th birthday

HAPPY 100TH TO NELS GLESNE

Sigdalslag Lifetime Member, Nels Glesne, reached the age of 100 years in 2016. He leads a very full and exciting life, as you will see from excerpts of his 2016 Christmas letter that was shared by his nephew, John Glesne.



Nels and family, L to R Jane, Ann, Nels, Corrine & Tom

Nels currently lives on the north shore of Maui. His son Tom planned many memorable events for this accomplished centenarian and his family.



The first event occurred at a major tennis tournament at Indian Wells in Palm Springs, California where he was introduced to John Isner. John is a fellow North Carolinian tennis player, ranked #9 in the world and is 6'10" tall. John holds the world record for fastest tennis serve in a match-154mph. They exchanged tennis shots for ten minutes followed by a nice chat and The Tennis Channel filmed the whole thing and produced a really nice 4-minute spot. You can watch it at www.tennischannel everywhere.com/category/whats-new?video=practice-of-a-lifetime Mary Carillo, a well-known sports commentator called Nels a few weeks later to extend a happy birthday live on the air, which was truly appreciated.

Knowing how his father envied the kite-surfers who skimmed over the ocean in Hawaii, Tom arranged for Nels to have lessons with Greg Drexler, a kite designer who started kiting in its infancy. By the day of his birthday, Nels was ready to go out for over an hour of invigorating kitesurfing off a 4-man catamaran in the ocean, after which he enjoyed a dinner with his entire family at his home. The next night he was honored with a dinner party at the Maui Country Club, with over a hundred guests. They all reminisced with family slides and movies.

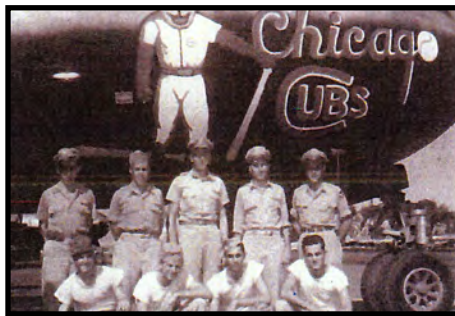


Two days later this adventurous guy went on a zip line a few miles up Mt. Haleakala. The zip line involved five crossings of a 90 ft. deep gulch of varying length, the last one being the longest. Between launching sites, a native Hawaiian guide led the group in humorous and authentic chants. The group of 16 zip line riders also planted several native Koa and Ohia trees to commemorate the day.



The next week brought Nels the opportunity to paraglide with a friend of Tom's, Vin Conti. "Never had I felt in thousands of hours of flying in an airplane, such a feeling of being a part of nature."

Nels's birthday year had one more very special event. Sept. 2nd is not well remembered these days but it also is VJ day. On September 2, 1945 the battleship USS Missouri was anchored in Tokyo Bay. Over 100 B-29s circled above while



dignitaries of U.S. and Japan signed the Instrument of Surrender. One of the B-29s had a bru-in and baseballs painted on the fuselage, entitled Chicago Cubs,

named by its pilot, Bob Yuska from Cicero, IL. Nels was its navigator, flying 15 bombing missions that wiped out the oil refineries of Japan during the months of June, July and August of 1945. They were stationed in Guam. 71 years later, Tom and Nels were guests of the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field in Chicago, which included a tour of the stadium, lunch, plus meeting those that made the organization hum. At 2 PM, while the national anthem was being sung, Nels was with coach Joe Madden on the field with a picture of his B-29 and crew on the large screen above.

All in all a pretty great year for a pretty exceptional man. Happy Birthday and many more, Nels!





INTRODUCING NEW MEMBER, JAMES BENSON

My name is James Benson. In about 1982, my aunt had gotten some information about our family coming down from her father's, who was my grandfather, side of the Asbjornson tree. She had my great grandfather's name as Bjorn Benson Asbjornson. He had a brother who went by the name Hans Asbjornson Benson. Their father's name was supposed to be Asbjorn Sorteberg. She had no dates of birth, or places of birth, or when they immigrated to America.

I just recently started getting interested in tracing my roots. I had my dna tested through Ancestry dot com and then joined their membership. I really struggled to find out anything about this Bjorn Asbjornson and couldn't find a lead until I started researching his brother's name. I found a Hans Benson on the Find A Grave site who was buried in the Norway Lutheran Cemetery in Ramsey County. He was born in 31 Jan 1846 and died in 22 Jan 1930 in Ramsey County, North Dakota. He was married to Anna Ellingsdatter Orpen, born 26 May 1853 and died 19 Nov 1947 in North Dakota. They had a daughter, Mary Benson Christianson, born 23 Oct 1875 in Northwood, Worth County, Iowa. This was according to her obituary found on that Find A Grave site. So I started researching the 1880 US Census for Worth County and found in Brookfield Township a family of Hans Asbjornson and also an Asbjorn Asbjornson. The Hans appeared to be the family of who was supposed to be my Great-Grandfather Bjorn's brother. But I couldn't find a Bjorn Asbjornson. But I did find a Bjornas B Sorteberg, living in Lincoln Township, which caught my eye. I had read in the History of Worth and Mitchell County Iowa there was a Bjorn Asbjornson who moved into Brookfield Township in 1870 and that Asbjorn Asbjornson Jr. came in 1872. Then Bjorn Asbjornson is shown as being elected road supervisor of Lincoln Township in 1876. So I was pretty confident that this Bjornas Sorteberg was the Bjorn Asbjornson. The 1880 census shows his wife had died, her name was lined out with the word "died". So I went back to the 1870 census, and there is a strange family name of Benone, Burne, whose family names and ages are similar to the 1880 Sorteberg family. So I'm sure this is the family of my Great Grandfather.

Sometime after his wife's death, a Bjorn Asbjornson is found marrying my Great Grand-

mother Eli Bryn. They got married in December of 1883 in Ramsey County, one of the first recorded marriages in that county of Dakota Territory. My grandfather, Hans was born 1 Oct 1884 in Ramsey County. The 1885 Dakota Territorial Census shows a Benson, B. 50 head, Benson, E. 45 wife; Benson E. 21 son; Benson, T. 12, son; Benson, N. 11, daughter; and Benson, H. born Oct., son. The 21 year old son 12 year old son I assume were Elland and Trules (Thomas), and the daughter has to be Eli's daughter from a previous relationship. And the son born in October of 1884 has to be my grandfather, Hans.

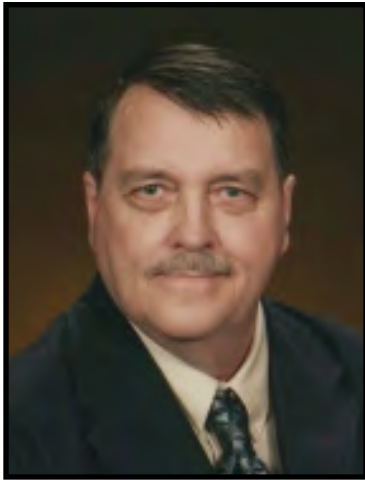
I also found the names of Bjorn's first family coming to Quebec, Quebec in July of 1868 on the bark Fauna. Her name is shown as passenger Marie Johnsdatter, with her 5 oldest son's of which all names and ages correspond with the 1870 Iowa Census. Bjorn wasn't listed as a passenger. However, I have not figured out where this Benson name came from.

My grandfather went though his life with the name Hans Martinus Benson Asbjornson. His younger brother Bernhardt took the last name Benson. Hans' wife, who was also named Anna, had the children take the last name Benson. Now, two of Bjorn's first family took the last name Albertson. Wilhelm and Elland. They settled in the late 1880's in Bottineau County. I have not been able to find out much about the rest of children from his first family in Iowa. The son Colbjorn I was told had been kicked in the head by a horse and had to be admitted to the State Mental Hospital in Jamestown, ND. I found a Colburn Albertson who died in 1931 and is buried there. There was also a Colbjorn Asbjornson found in the 1905 Iowa State Census living in Northwood Township. In 1895, he helped my great grandmother Eli and her young sons Hans and Bernardt move back to the Ramsey County area after her husband, Bjorn Asbjornson, passed away in the spring of 1894.

The Asbjornson families living in Worth County, Iowa in 1880 I believe are brothers of my great grandfather Bjorn. The Hans buried in 1930 in Ramsey County was supposed to be from Sigdal. I think they all at one time or another were from the Krodsherad areas. I'd like to find out more about my great grandfather and his brothers and parents, etc.



IN MEMORY...



Robert "Bob" Tangen, age 70, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Sunday, April 30th, surrounded by family who loved him at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 4th, at Vernes Lutheran Church, rural McIntosh with the Rev. Jill Torgerson officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m.

prayer service on Wednesday, May 3rd, at the McIntosh Community Center. Family will also greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church. Military honors will be provided by the McIntosh V.F.W., Bailey-Throne American Legion of Erskine and the National Guard Honors Team. Arrangements are with the Carlin Funeral Home of Fosston and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Bob was born Jan 6th, 1947 and grew up in Roseau, Gentilly, Crookston and McIntosh with his parents Marion and Leslie Tangen and his sisters Diane and Susan.

After serving in the United States Navy, Bob married Betty (Kiecker) on December 23, 1967. He worked for Burlington Northern railroad as a conductor and brakeman and retired after more than 30 years. They raised their children Kristen, Ryan, Erin and Nathan in Borup and McIntosh and welcomed Ellen, Ray, Jeanette (Nettie) and Jim into their family.

Bob had an appetite for life and enjoyed spending time on his Grandparents' farm in Bejou, hunting, fishing, trapping, storytelling, practical jokes, playing cards, bingo, spending time with his children and grandchildren and making sure everyone had more than enough to eat. He was proud to have given away more than 120 super size shoe horns to family and friends. Bob also enjoyed driving the countryside and visits to Beltrami National Forest. He was a big man with a big heart.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Kristen (Bobby) Kimmell, Ryan (Rory) Tangen, Erin (Mike) Magelky, Nathan (Sunny) Tangen, James (Michelle) Merrick, Jeanette Fuentes, Ray (Colleen) Vaa, Ellen (Bruce) Vinnolla; sister, Susan (Lawrence) Berberich; and has been blessed with 13 awesome Grandchildren, Ashley, Courtney, Caleb, Sarah, Isaac, Carsten,

Connor, Harper, Alexander, Jordan, John, Mary Beth, and Christine and great grandson Joseph. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Diane Smeby and great granddaughter Isabella. Honorary Pallbearers: Roger Pearson, Marvin Neste, Bruce Haaven, Jim Wertish, Mike Aakhus, Herman Voxland, and Dave Stordahl. Obituary from Carlin Family Funeral Service, Fosston, MN

Robert was a descendant of Even Christensen Bjornerud & Karoline Jensdatter Green.

January 12, 1941 – June 7, 2017

Kenneth Calvin Mollerud, 76, lived a full life and is now with his loving wife Lois. Ken died Wednesday, June 7, 2017 in Prince Albert following his third bout of cancer. Growing up in Outlook, the son of Alvin and Lillian Mollerud, he worked on the farm and learned many skills he used to build his



home and do carpentry work for friends and family for years to come. Ken met the love of his life Lois, who he married in 1961. Ken went on to do surveying work for PFRA in the Outlook area in addition to starting a farming equipment shop. His lifelong career started when he was offered a job in Prince Albert with DNS, later named Sask Water. Ken was a well respected manager with Sask Water and his colleagues knew if they asked Ken to do a job, it was done to perfection. Ken had a close respectful relationship with his Northern communities and will be fondly remembered by all his work colleagues, particularly his ATAP crew. Ken was an avid golfer but his true love was his family. Ken was always there when you needed him and made sure to attend every sporting event his grandchildren had. Ken had strong work and family ethics, that he has passed onto his children. His loving daughter Darci Climenhaga (Steve), son Doug (Kelly), grandchildren Nicole, Sydney, Samantha, and Joshua, his brother Dan (Carla) and many other close friends and family all have wonderful memories of Ken.

A special thank you MacWilliams Care Home, Palliative Homecare, Dr. Lotz and all the friends and family that have visited Dad over the past 8 weeks. A private family service will be held. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.grays.ca Obituary from Gray's Funeral Chapel, Prince Albert, SK, Canada.

Ken is a descendant of emigrant Hans Torgersen Mollerud.

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