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President Minute Message:

Registration for Fall Convention is finally LIVE!

www.n4cconvention.com

If you have issues with this link, just copy and paste in your browser

All the information for registration, accommodations, events, field trips, and speakers is in the n4cconvention website. Thanks to Doug Conrad for completing the website.

Check out the information on FB -Rough Riders Rendezvous too

Rough Rider Convention Itinerary subject to updates*

Thursday, October 8, 2026 - All times **Mountain Time**

4pm Convention Check in and accommodations check in

5-7 Little Mo Welcome and taco bar- \$20 extra per person, cash bar

Thursday Welcome Party! The Little Missouri Saloon (Little Mo) is a legendary gathering place, steeped in the rugged history of the American West. Join us at a favorite watering hole for cowboys, ranchers and rodeo champions. Perched in the heart of Medora, the historic patio keeps the history of the Old West alive. Take in the downstairs bar and casino then head upstairs for a Taco Buffet(\$20 pre-order tickets please) or order off the menu if you didn't know you were going to make it. Meet up with your old N4C friends or meet some new ones! Grab your badge at check-in before heading over. We will provide an overview of the next few days here too.

7:30-9:30 Night Class - Details to be determined.

Friday, October 9, 2026

6:30 Free coffee in Rough Rider Conference Room - Breakfast - on your own - check out the breakfast burritos at the gas station(yes they are famous)

7:30 Convention Check in at Rough Rider

Print Room Open - TBD

8-9:30 Frontier History at Bar X Track 1 Bar X limit 15 people- Please allow travel time. Carpooling encouraged. Do not take these field trips back to back

8-9:30 Indigenous Dance On location limit 15 people- Please allow travel time.

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8-9:30 Carol Polich "Displays & Disputes" lecture

9:30-11 Frontier History at Bar X Track 1 Bar X limit 15 people- Please allow travel time. Carpooling encouraged

9:30-11 Indigenous Dance limit 15 people

10:30-12 North Dakota Traffic Safety Council - Learn about photography on train tracks

10:30-12 Sports Photography -Story in Photography Adam Papin

12-1 Lunch on your own- we will provide some options in your convention packet

1-2:30 Frontier History at Bar X Track 1 Bar X limit 15 people- Please allow travel time. Carpooling encouraged

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1-2:30 Indigenous Dance limit 15 people

1-2:30 BMX Bikers on Trail TRNP

1-2:30 North Dakota Traffic Safety Council - Learn about photography on train tracks

1:30-2:45 Lens Baby - creative camera lens

2:30-4 Frontier History at Bar X Track 1 Bar X limit 15 people- Please allow travel time.

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2:30-4 Indigenous Dance limit 15 people

3-4:30 Ukrainian Dancers

3-4:30 Carol Polich Letting off Steam lecture

3-4:30 BMX Bikers on Trail TRNP

5:30 Friday Banquet - social hour, dinner, Carol Polich guest speaker, award previews.:

9:30 Light painting night shoot to be determined

Saturday October 10, 2026

6:30 Free coffee in Rough Rider Conference Room

Print Room Open - TBD

8-9:30 Frontier History at Bar X

8-9:30 Indigenous Dance

8-10 Cameras for Kids Part 1

8:00-10 Portrait Photography

9:30-11 Frontier History at Bar X

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10-12 Cameras for Kids Part 2

10:30-12 Ukrainian Portraits and Dance

12-1 N4C Annual Board Meeting - all are welcome, lunch TBD

1-2:30 Frontier History at Bar X

1-2:30 Indigenous Dance

1-2:45 Ukrainian Portraits and Dance

1-2:15 Carol Polich Displays & Disputes

5:30-Saturday Awards Banquet and guest speaker Shane Balkowitch

Accommodations

To make your stay as convenient and enjoyable as possible, the N4C Convention has reserved a special block of rooms at both the **Rough Riders Hotel** (\$247/night, \$741.10 for all 3 nights), and the **Badlands Hotel** in Medora (\$193/night, \$578.50 for all 3 nights). There is also a small block of rooms at the **AmericInn by Wyndham** (\$167/night). Many of the convention presentations and activities will be held at the Rough Riders Hotel, while additional programs and events will take place at nearby locations, all within easy walking or driving distance.

We encourage attendees to reserve their rooms as soon as possible, as the number of rooms available in our convention block is limited. The reservation block will be held until 30 days prior to the convention or until all reserved rooms have been filled, whichever comes first. Please use the reservation links provided below or call the hotel directly to secure your accommodations.

For those traveling by RV, two campground options are also listed below. If you prefer other lodging arrangements, Medora offers several Airbnb properties, and additional hotels may be found through your favorite travel website.

Camping Options

Red Trail Campground

Located just minutes from downtown Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Red Trail Campground offers a convenient and comfortable place to stay during the N4C Convention. Full hookup sites are available for RVs.

- **Convention Rate: \$40 per night. Be sure to mention the N4C Camera Club when making your reservation.**
- **Reservations: Phone reservations only**
- **800-621-4317**
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- **701-623-4317**
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Accommodations

Bar X Ranch Campground

For those looking for a more economical camping option, Bar X Ranch Campground offers peaceful surroundings just outside Medora. Sites include electric service only and are available for \$30 per night.

- Rate: \$30 per night (Electric hookups only)

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- Address: 3566 W River Road,
Medora, ND

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- Phone: 701-872-6100

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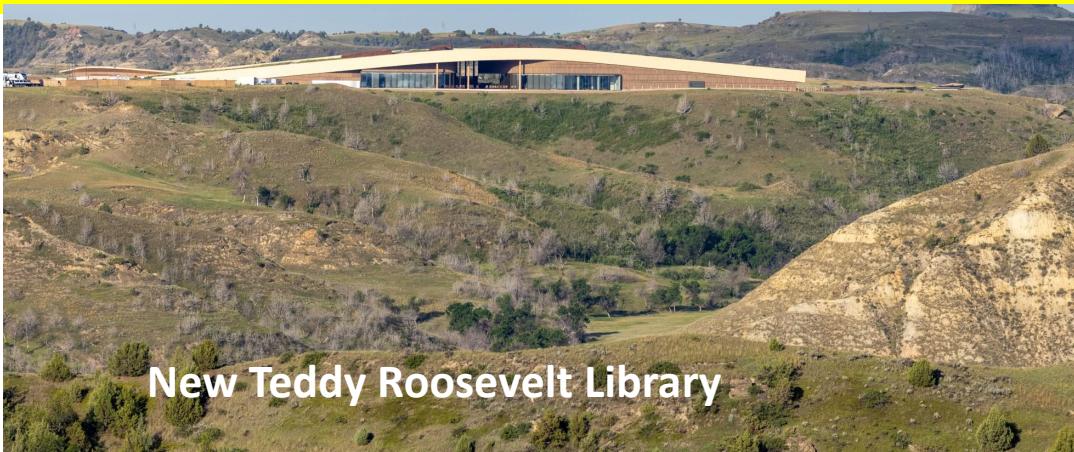
- Email: dtescher@midstate.net

- Website: <https://barxmedora.com/>



**More information on Accommodations is on the webpage for
Rough Riders Fall Convention**

www.n4cconvention.com



New Teddy Roosevelt Library

Fall Convention Notes

I just want those to know that a group of us 6-12 have been diligently working on the convention in Medora this fall. Motels have been locked in; we have around 70 of them set aside. The itinerary is close to being done and this convention is going to be a lot of fun with multiple field trips planned. Today, N4C is a diverse group of photographers – beginner to pro, owners of art and photography galleries, as well as businesses.



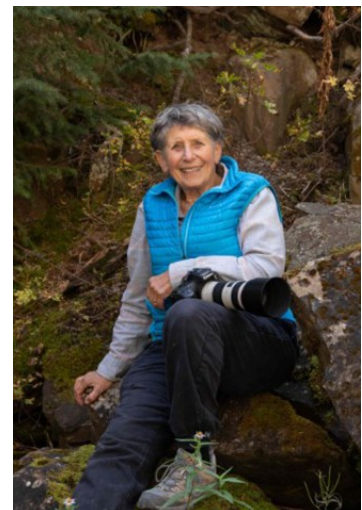
The 2026 N4C Convention will take place in Medora, ND on October 8-10, 2026. Some of the field trips we have planned are:

- Native American dancers**
- Cowboys riding and roping and more at the Bar X Ranch**
- Classic cars**
- Camera for Kids (Cameras in the hands of our Children)**
- Light painting**
- Night sky photography against the backdrop of North Dakota's landscape**
- Ukrainian Dancers**
- Wild Bill Cody and others**
- BMX riders**
- Newly added off camera flash Setup**

**Plan a
vacation in
Medora**

Keynote Speaker for Friday night:

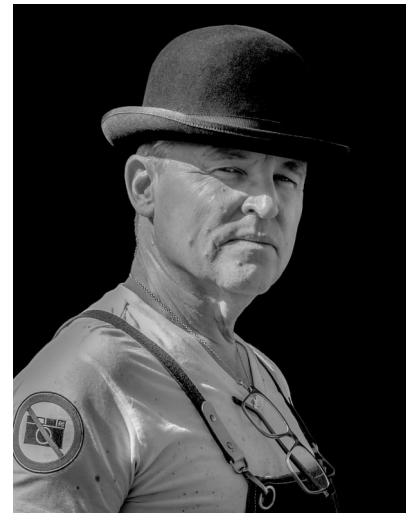
Carol Polich, living in Bozeman, Montana, has been photographing and publishing her nature and travel stories for over 30 years. As you scroll through her website and photo galleries, get to know Carol through her observational artistic eye with interesting comments on each intro page. From solo photographic travels to publishing both overseas and in the USA, teaching photo classes and giving workshops and lectures, she has gained an international following. Explore her website at <https://wildnaturetrails.com> and you'll understand why.



Saturday Night Keynote Speaker:

Shane Balkowitsch has been a practitioner of Frederick Scott Archer's 1851 Wet Plate Photography process for over a decade.

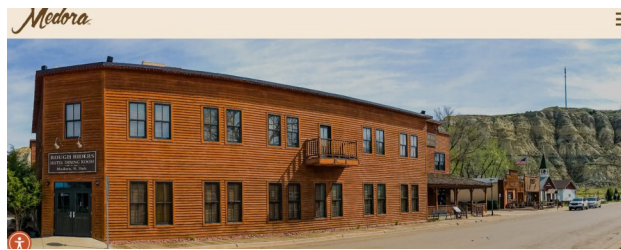
Shane's life's work is titled "Northern Plains Native Americans: A Modern Wet Plate Perspective". Using the wet plate process, this project is a journey to capture 1000 present day Native Americans on glass plates at his Bismarck, North Dakota, natural light studio.



Among the 110 international collections that have archived his work are the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress, the University of Oxford's Pitt Rivers Museum and the Royal Photographic Society of the United Kingdom.

Shane does not own, nor has ever used, a digital camera.

www.nostalgicglasswetplatestudio.com



The Medora Chamber of Commerce, along with our members, is thrilled to welcome you to Medora this October for your upcoming conference. There's something truly special about this place in the fall: the crisp air, the golden hues

across the Badlands, and the quiet beauty that seems to unfold around every corner.

We're excited for you to experience it all firsthand and to share the unique character of our community. From sweeping landscapes to the small, authentic moments that make Medora what it is, we hope you'll find endless inspiration to capture and reveal through your photography.

Our local businesses look forward to hosting you and making your time here both memorable and meaningful. We can't wait to see how you interpret the spirit of Medora through your lens and to welcome you to our town. **Please visit MedoraChamber.org or DiscoverMedora.com for more information.** Camping is also available too.

Please sent Tim Zeltinger, minotccn4c@gmail.com an email with any questions you may have about the convention.

Registration may be posted as soon as we have budget completed in the newsletter and their will be a website with all the information too. [http://www.2026N4C Convention](http://www.2026N4CConvention)



If you have an old cameras or camera cords or accessories and would like to help put them to use. Bring them to Medora for our Camera class for kids.

Carl Wagner is the Founder “Recycle your Camera “For Kids”. Give your old camera new life! They accept all photo equipment working or not. Nonworking gear will be used for parts with accessories being married to working models.

How to Donate Photo equipment for kids: Search www.Urban Ventures/Cameras.

651-439-0999(landline) or 651-333-0930(cell)

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In partnership with
Urban Ventures

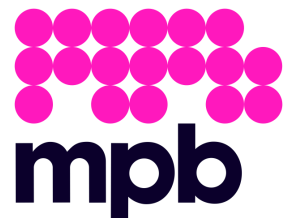




Questions or Need More Information?
Contact:
Carl Wegener
Founder
Recycle Your Camera "For Kids"

Carl@RecycleYourCamera.com
 651-439-0999 (Landline)
 651-333-0930 (Call)

Contact Carl Wegener for local pickup



Check out the information on FB -Rough Riders Rendezvous



FRONTIER HISTORY AT BAR X



Escape to a working ranch and trail ride camp located in SW ND just south and east of Medora by 20 minutes. Located in the heart of the Badlands, you will capture Cowboy's in classic pose, riding horses up and down trails. You may even see a cowboy working a pony in the round pen. Bill Cody and Badger will be set up for portraits in a devious type setting. We may also see a glimpse of a black powder rifle being used for flash and smoke.

LIGHT PAINTING NIGHT SHOOT

Thursday & Friday Night Photo Shoots

We're working on several exciting evening photo opportunities for Thursday and Friday nights. If you would like to participate, please indicate your interest on the registration form. Locations and times will be announced once plans are finalized.

BMX RIDERS ON TRAIL

Jairo Ramos Lagos is a former professional cyclist and coach for the Honduran National Team who now calls Medora, North Dakota home. As owner of [Dakota Cycling Adventures](#), Jairo has become a leading ambassador for mountain biking in the Badlands, helping riders from around the world experience the legendary Maah Daah Hey Trail. Jairo will be joined by fellow mountain bikers against the stunning Badlands backdrop for a special photo opportunity celebrating adventure, community, and the spirit of the trail.



INDIGENIOUS DANCE AND CULTURE IN THE BADLANDS

Set against the dramatic backdrop of Medora's Badlands, this immersive on-location field trip offers a unique opportunity to collaborate with and photograph members of three affiliate tribes from the New Town, ND area. Photographers will experience the powerful intersection of rich history, vibrant motion, and stunning landscapes, all while learning directly from the community. We will emphasize cultural respect, collaboration for local Indigenous communities, and responsible photography practices. In order to honor our dancers, tips will be highly suggested and can be in cash the day of or can be added to your registration form.

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NEW BOARD FOR THE 2026-2027 N4C YEAR

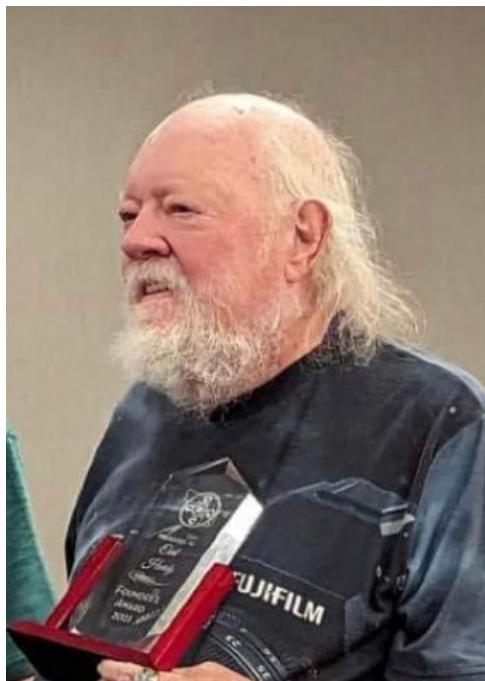
Club members voted via Google Form to accept the following board members for 2026-2027. The following members will begin their duties at the Fall Convention and the term will be for two years. The next vote for board members will be in 2028.

Tim Zeltinger, President
Carl Hardy, 1st Vice President
Stephonie Schmitz, 2nd Vice President
Andrea Pellerito, Secretary
Jennifer Tigges, Treasurer
Randy Moyer, Director 1
Adam Papin, Director 2
Ronald Tigges, Director 3

Jennifer L Tigges, President N4C 2025-2026
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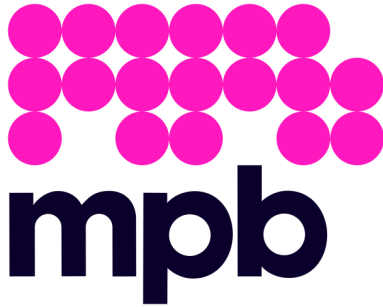
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Whether you want to buy or sell, MPB offers the most competitive prices among US resellers. Shop MPB-Approved used gear and save up to 40%, or sell to MPB to maximize your payout. (Customers earn an average of \$900 when selling to MPB.)

Used camera gear from MPB is affordable, reliable, and sustainable. Every item is thoroughly tested and graded by product specialists and comes with a free warranty. Spend less and get more. Explore used Canon, Nikon, Sony, Fuji models, and more.

Mpb is sponsoring in Medora our “Camera class for kids”

N4C CONTACTS:

Have you sent your updated Board members information to Carl Hardy for the directory?

Please go to the N4C.us website, Supplies & forms, Club information. Fill out the form and send to Carl Hardy for the directory.

September comes fast and all the information should be sent to Carl by end of June, not September.

Retiring N4C contacts please remember to teach your replacement contest information.

Any questions about the newsletter or if you have information for the newsletter contact Debbie Bates at edit@N4C.com