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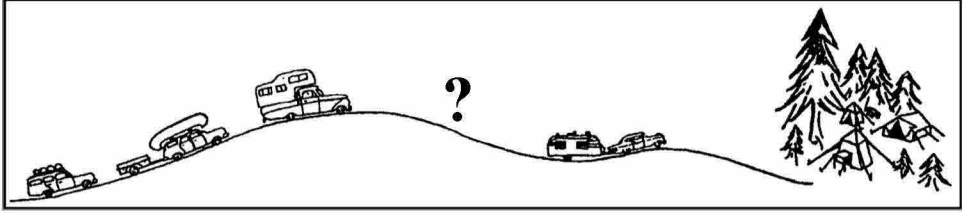
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John & Dolly Ide



Can you believe it? It seems like we were just in Sedalia last week for the 2018 Camporee; now it's already February 2019 with the next Camporee only a little over four months away. We're all looking forward to another great year camping, dancing and getting together with folks that love the same things, folks just like you.

Apparently, there are some of you out there who have not yet sent in their membership renewals for this year. Please do so, so that we can continue to keep you informed thru the *TIMES* and include you in all the great times that are on the horizon. You don't want to miss out on any of it because we have some great things planned for the year.

We want to welcome another new chapter, the Crossfire Campers of Loudon, Tennessee. Susan Russell and her husband Jim, with Susan Wolford's help, have done a fabulous job of starting a new chapter based just southwest of Knoxville. They got fourteen couples and a single member together and will have their first campout in April. Don't miss her article and their camping schedule in this issue. If you're anywhere in their vicinity, please be sure to camp and dance with them.

Among other things, you will certainly not want to miss our next Camporee in Maggie Valley and then the NSDC in Atlanta. If you've attended any of the NSDCs in the past, you know that they're suffering from the same disease as the NSDCA. It's called aging. Their annual attendance continues to dwindle, just as our Camporee attendance and membership. I really want to encourage you in any way that I can to keep up your chapter and NSDCA membership. If your chapter decides to disband, that does not mean that you can't remain a member of the NSDCA. Remember that it's not just about dancing, but more about the great times you spend with good friends (who over time become more like family) around a shared meal, a campfire, or on the dance floor. The real reason for the NSDCA is the close fellowship we share; the dancing is the icing on the cake.

With that said, we're looking for some special help from our members so that we can not only keep the NSDCA going, but actually grow it and make it better. We need some help with the *Showcase of Ideas* at the

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Tom & Pat Herscha



Winter arrived in north Florida without a punch this year. It's been cool at times, but not the freezing cold of the north. When we do get freezing temperatures, they do not last for very long – and no snow!

Our chapter had a great time in Lake Park, GA for our January camp out. There were 16 of us that earned IDIOT badges. If you have never heard of that, it means a group goes to the caller's camper in the middle of the night to wake him and demand that he calls tips, and we must dance until he says he is tired and it is time to stop. Our "idiots" woke caller Bill Chesnut at 2:00 AM Saturday morning. Of course Bill was in his Gator pajamas, and his wife Mary decided to stay in bed. His revenge was that he made us dance for over an hour without a break. He called different combinations and we broke down a lot! We laughed so much! Not everyone participated in earning the Idiot Badge, but they didn't miss the opportunity to eat. We had 50 people go out for dinner Saturday night to the Fish Net Restaurant. The staff did a great job getting our food to us, and it was delicious.

In February we went to the Olustee Festival in Lake City, FL. It was a great weekend of dancing. The street fair was filled with all types of vendors and we got to spend lots of money on their wares. One of the highlights was being part of the entertainment; we danced in the town square and used this opportunity to promote square dancing.

The more people that participate in these events the more fun we have. Another way to have even more fun is to **get involved**. Volunteers are always needed at the Chapter, State, Area and National levels. Please consider getting involved so that we can keep the NSDCA the most fun organization to belong to! When you get involved you get to meet more people and have more fun. Square Dance Campers are the nicest people we have ever met.

The 2019 International Square Dance Camporee will be here before we know it. It is time to send in your registrations (see pages 32-33)! The committees are working hard so that you will have a great time. Maggie Valley, NC has many sightseeing opportunities. We hope to see everyone there.

Tom & Pat



David & Mary Bruun



What a Winter everyone has had across the nation this year. SNOW, ICE, or RAIN wherever you were living, worse than usual. We are glad to be wintering in Texas; we will take the rain over the extreme cold, ice and snow that our home in central Illinois has been having. However, we are looking forward to Spring coming and being able to start camping again with our local chapter. We are planning on attending the Illinois State Camporee in Rockville, IN (June 7, 8, 9) and the 61st NSDCA Camporee at Pride Resort in Waynesville, NC. (June 18, 19, 20). Maybe we will see you there.

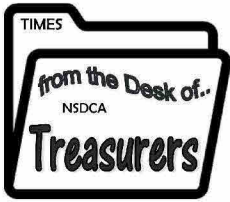
Chapter 152 (AL) is working very hard on preparing a GREAT time for us all. If you haven't registered yet, do so with the registration form in the middle of your *TIMES* or print one off of the website (NSDCA.org). It is easier for them to plan for crafts, games, dance schedule and meeting schedules for all of us to enjoy and have fun doing.

Hosts are needed for Future Camporees, just let any of the officers know your plans and we can get you started. 2020 is just around the corner; if no one comes forward, it is left to the BOD to do the planning. With the NSDC being held in Spokane, Washington next year, it is highly unlikely that we will have it near that location. So PLEASE consider.

Some DO'S: Remember to send in your "Chats around the Campfire". Remember that dues were due... yes we take late ones, as there are some bills that need to be paid. Remember we still have the new member promotional going on... \$10 per couple, \$6 for single with a charge of \$6 per badge. Remember to use the website to fill out forms, they are easily accessible on our website. Remember to keep us updated with all **Membership Renewals**, **Officer Election** and most important any **Change of Address**. Working together makes our work much easier.

Until we meet in a square, keep dancing, camping and enjoying all the fun that square dancers do. Hoping to see all of you in Maggie Valley, as after all "The Mountains are Calling... Come Dance with Me".

Mary and Dave Bruun



Tom & Kathy Nickel



As I write this, we set a new record for a low temperature this morning (Jan.31st). It was -26^oF this morning, wind chill -40^oF. Sure, am glad we are not camping. Speaking of camping we hope you have started planning on attending the camporee at Pride Resort in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. A great time of fellowship, games, dancing and other activities are being planned for you to enjoy.

Thanks to all who have renewed your memberships. We are great organization that includes people from Canada, United States, and Germany. Camping and dancing are two great activities to enjoy, along with the fellowship of different nationalities. If you have not renewed yet you can still do so just send in your renewals. We would love to still have you as members.

Please verify you have given Roger Tipps your correct address as he gives the printer the address labels for the mailing of the *TIMES*, your newsletter. Continue sending in your chats around the campfire; we like seeing what your chapter is doing.

Volunteers are always needed to serve our organization. We are always looking for Board members, staff positions, and camporee hosts.

Looking forward to meeting many of you in Maggie Valley and being able to dance with you in a square.

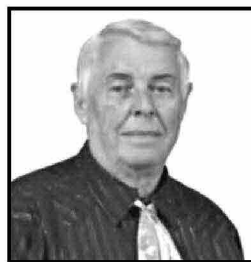
Tom and Kathy Nickel

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NSDC in Atlanta and with promoting the NSDCA in the RV park at Atlanta. Our own Bill Baker of chapter 123 is Publicity Chair who will be helping us, but we do need more help. If you would consider helping us, please let us know as soon as possible.

Dolly and I really appreciate all of you and always look forward to dancing with you and spending time with you at your campouts. We hope that we'll see each of you somewhere on our travels this year. Until then, we pray that you stay safe and healthy, and keep the wheels on your mobile house moving. May your road be smooth and level, and your squares tight and never break down. *Dolly & John*

Roger Tipps Membership Secretary



Many chapters will start the 2019 camping season very soon. Remember the National Board has a dues special for new members of only \$10.00 a couple and \$6.00 a single for the year. Badges are an additional \$6.00 per person. This special is also good for past members who have not been a member for 3 years. Let's all work to increase your chapter's membership so we can continue camping and dancing for many more years.

We welcome Tennessee Chapter 198, the Crossfire Campers. With the leadership of Jim and Susan Russell this new chapter was started with a total membership of 19 couples and 1 single. What a great start. When traveling in their area plan on dancing with them. Remember, the *TIMES* can be read online at NSDCA.org; that will help you schedule dances while on your trip!

When submitting membership changes, badges orders and new member forms PLEASE type or print so I do not make an error updating.

We still are getting many *TIMES* returned that cannot be delivered with outdated address. It is your responsibility to send in these corrections. Once a *TIMES* is returned no new *TIMES* will be sent until you send in the correction. You should email these corrections to me at rtms99@aol.com. It is the responsibility of you and your chapter to keep your mailing address correct. (Editor's note: If you are a 'snowbird' you can let Roger know when you will be at your winter site and he will ensure a Winter issue of the *TIMES* will reach you.)

Some chapters are co-camping with other chapters for more fun. They retain their chapter identity, collect their chapter dues and make the weekend special. The more squares on the floor the more fun for all.

Now is the time to make your reservations for the International Camporee at Pride. There will be a lot of dancing and many areas for great side trips and many areas to view wildlife.

Let's all plan on a great 2019 for camping and square dancing.

Roger Tipps

State & Area Representatives Reports

SouthEast Area; Don & Susan Wolford

Our SouthEast area is growing again. We recently signed on the latest NSDCA Chapter #198, Crossfire Campers. They are located in Tennessee. So glad to have a chapter back in the state of Tennessee. We recently met with some of the charter chapter members in Loudon, Tennessee.



#198 members pictured: Front row L to R: Jean Hiser, Ann Sharland, Susan Russell (President); Back row L to R: Don Wolford, Susan Wolford, Gwyn Rosenberger, James Davis, Harold Sharland, Kathie Runnion, Dick Gamble, Sinda & Ray Daugherty (Treasurer) and Manuela Ptacek (Secretary). Members not pictured: Stephanie Gundlach, Jack Millspaugh, Dusty Disney, John Ptacek (Secretary), Jack Rosenberger, Jim Russell (President), David & Michelle Shipman, Roger & Sylvia Strickland, Daniel & Glinda Torvik, Dave Wilson, Glenda Short, and Steven & Renee Morrell.

Their first campout is already scheduled for April 26th & 27th at Big Meadow Family Campground, 8215 Cedar Creek Rd., Townsend, Tennessee (see page 40). Come on out and camp and dance with us.

Florida State; John and Mary Burzo

Hi everyone. This is our first time doing this report. We had a wonderful time visiting different clubs all over Florida. The first one we went to was the 43rd Florida State Camporee at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis. The way the campground gave us free coffee; that is always good! Ron and Linda Imus were the chairmen; the theme was "Welcome

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to the Wild West,” and they did a wonderful job. We had a jail that someone had to pay to get you into and you had to pay to get out; it was fun! There was a big outside bonfire with many treats. Bill Chesnut and his team did the calling; Ann Hadsall and her team did rounds. Gail and Gary LaRue did the pictures – if you get a chance go on line and check it out (the URL below is all on a single line and is case sensitive):

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Our next trip was the joint chapter 128-168 Christmas party at Lake Oklawaha RV Park in Fort McCoy. It is a great place to camp and dance. The park is out in the woods in a small town. There is a Christmas parade that last about 20 minutes and lots and lots of candy is thrown to the spectators. We dance in the street as the cars try to pass. Back at the clubhouse we throw snowballs at each other. No one got hurt as the snow balls were made of cotton. The dancing is always great with Bill Chesnut calling and Ann Hadsall cueing. After dinner and dancing we had a Christmas present exchange. That is a hoot! All of us were dressed in our best green and red Christmas colors sitting in a big circle. I mean a really big circle (about 70 people)! Ron Imus was in charge of getting the gifts out in an orderly manner and keeping the elves at bay. Exchanging gifts still took a long time, but great fun we all went to our campers laughing but real tired. We all made back to breakfast; never too tired for food!

The last trip we took was to #193, The Roadrunners. Their campout was at Highland Hammock State Park in Sebring. We always spend Christmas with our grandchildren who live in Punta Gorda, FL, which is only 70 miles from the park. The park was wonderful! This was our first campout there with the 193; the weather was good for a nice bonfire, and dancing and food was wonderful. The way the park was setup we had to dance in the afternoon. Sonny McCartney did squares and rounds with Chuck Ryall. The afternoon dancing was a blessing; we had a great time dancing, then an early dinner, then best of all we had a bonfire with all the trimmings: storytelling, games and great fellowship. The afternoon dancing is a real good idea. We are not getting any younger and we have more energy in the afternoon.

John & Mary



New NSDCA Communications Director Karin Callander

Dick and Karin met at a square dance lesson in 1988, being given by the late, great Tim Marriner, when he was just a youngster starting out. Dick treated her to strawberry pie from Shoney's after the dances, and as they say, the rest is history. Their dancing was interrupted for many years, as they raised their 3 children, but he still bought her strawberry pie at every opportunity!

Originally from Virginia, they followed Karin's professional career to North Carolina in 2000 (Dick was already retired and could travel easily) where they danced regularly with Winston-Salem's Salem Squares and Greensboro's Swinging Stars for a few years. When Karin retired in 2007, their wanderlust and love of dance (and a 40 foot 5th wheel) carried them all over the country, even into Mexico and Canada, looking for a place to call home.



They eventually settled in Victoria, TX, traveling back to the Rio Grande Valley for work and dancing opportunities. In 2014, they sold everything but the dog and her sewing machine, packed the camper, and headed east, settling in Crystal River, FL. There, they joined the Citrus Squares of Dunnellon, Clover Squares of Williston and finally discovered NSDCA, joining Chapter 128, Square Wheels.

Apparently, the travel bug has bitten once more, and they are currently spending the winter in central Florida, waiting for the rest of the country to warm up before they hit the road again. Their plan is to make the rounds and visit friends and family prior to the International Camporee at Pride, then go to their very first National Convention, in Marietta, GA. After that, they will head west and go wherever there is good dancing and warm sunshine. Perhaps you will see them across the square from you!

'OOPS!'

Don't trash
my
'POP TAB'



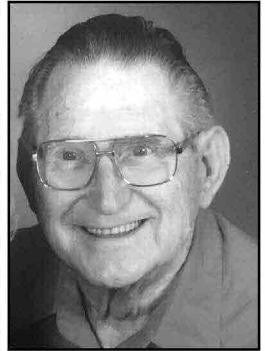
Remember to save your pull tabs from sodas and other canned beverages and bring them to the 2019 Camporee in Pride. See page 47.

We Remember Our Friends

As we all get older, the certainty of an empty position in our squares becomes a recurring reality. We've shared good times, great dancing, wonderful food and hours of chats and laughter around flickering campfires. It's no surprise that we occasionally need to include some of those dear to us in this magazine.

Si Kittle (#031)

It is with sorrow and regret that we report the passing of Silas (Si) Kittle on Friday, November 16th. Si and Marilyn have been members of the Badger Rovers, Wisconsin Chapter 031, since May of 1982, and have served the NSDCA faithfully and selflessly in many capacities, most recently with his wife Marilyn as the official NSDCA Badge Makers (Ma & Pa Design Engraving). Si and Marilyn shared the love of square dancing and Si enjoyed calling square dances for 14 years. When he retired from calling in 1990 he sold me his equipment so I could get started as a caller. They both served as president, vice-president, and secretary of United Square Dancers of America and were members of The National Square Dance Campers Association. Si will be missed by many camper/dancers.



Tom Nickel

Maurice Ritter (#193)



We celebrate the life and mourn the loss of Maurice Ritter of the Florida RoadRunners, Chapter 193. Maurice died on January 30, 2019. He was 78 years old and a 20 year veteran of the US Army, having served as a Supply Sargent and Mechanic in Vietnam and elsewhere. He lived in Port St. Lucie Florida with his wife Virginia, having learned to square dance with her about 25 years ago. He enjoyed square dancing so much, he even tried his hand at calling.

John Ide

Remember, if you would like someone included/remembered in this section, please let us know their name, important dates, chapter name and number, and one or two important things about them. And please provide a high-resolution photo if one is available. Thank you.

Great Ideas from Your Publicity Chair

Kathy and I are very glad to be in sunny south Texas versus the frozen north of our hometown in Illinois. It's been a wonderful time down here. We have been square dancing two or more times per week plus we are taking round dance lessons and really enjoying them. Our square dance club here at Pioneer Beach RV has grown to four squares and there are new dancers in most of the other clubs in the area.

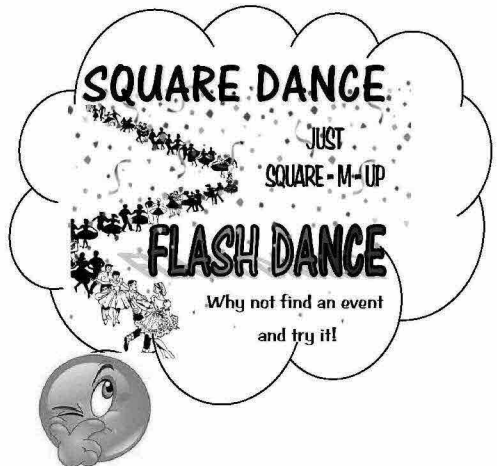
We are currently working on getting a list of locations for the RV owners so that they can find our NSDCA chapters when they get back home. It really helps to have a place to dance when they are home to help keep their enthusiasm going. Speaking of enthusiasm, Kathy and I are planning on stopping in Shreveport, Louisiana for their Good Sam RV Rally in early April. It's kinda on the way home and we know we will enjoy dancing with more new people. You might want to check out the www.rv-clubs.us website to see if you can find a nice dance on your way home from wherever you travel. One of my hopes is to organize a "Flash Dance" at the Rally or maybe have a local club hold a dance there; we are working on contacting the Rally organizers to make that happen.

We used the "Flash Dance" routine several times here this winter and picked up 3 new couples who are taking lessons right now. It works! We can't just wait for people to walk into our campsites, we've got to reach out if we are going to reverse the trend of smaller and smaller square dance clubs.

Another thing that has been consuming some time is looking into communications and websites regarding where to find square dances. There is a website called "Where's the Dance" (<https://www.wheresthedance.com/>) which can find you a location to dance. This would be a great location to share the schedules for the dances, however, that also requires lots of updating, something that is easier said than done. As a matter-of-fact, it requires dedication, follow-up, and more dedication and more follow-up ... etc ... never ending! Believe me, I have a couple of websites to maintain and it takes a lot of effort. We need to thank our NSDCA webmaster for his hard work.

Our organization could use more people, more chapters and more publicity. Someone said there are nearly a MILLION RVers and I'll bet if you can drive a RV, you can probably square dance if you try. I am willing to work on any ideas you will send me.

Bill and Kathy Baker





and the FUN continues...

The camper hiding place in the Winter issue (on the lower left of page 43) was meant to be easy to locate, but there were only 27 entries! How come so few?

The winner this time is Norma Schertz of the Swing-N-Travelers, Chapter 123 from Illinois. Congratulations! Your 2019 NSDCA membership fee will be waived.

Correct Winter issue's answers came from:

Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Garden State Square Dance Campers (NJ)	001	Joan Anfinen
Rollaways (MI)	005	Wayne & Joan Adams
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Marie Berridge
		Sally Foley
Square-Up Campers (PA)	106	Dan & Judy Alex
Camping Sqaes of Kansas (KS)	116	Mike Huddleson
		Frank Golden
Swing-N-Travelers (IL)	123	Carol Scher
		Phyllis Anderson
		Jerry & Judy Boutelle
		Carol Scher
		Al & Charlene Fahsbender
		Herb & Pat Edwards
		Joe & Lois Schaefer
		Dwaine Dunn
		Jim & Naomi Mills
		Norma Schertz
		Norma & Ron Mayer
		Chet and Janet Bowman
		Dave & Mary Bruun
Campers & Dancers (AL)	152	Ralph Taylor
Gateway Wagoneers (IL/MO)	179	Jim Forbeck
Spinning Wheels (MN)	180	Jim & Marcia Partridge
Wabash Valley Wheel Around (IN)	196	James Huffman
		Kerry Richmond
Crossfire Camper (TN)	198	Susan Wolford

Please note: One correct entry for the Winter issue was overlooked and

thus was included in this contest.

Keep sending in your answers and remember that we'll have a special recognition and award at June's Camporee at Pride, NC for the chapter with the most entries.

It appears the GPS for Joe & Bea Sokol of Pine Tree, Chapter 002 of Wisconsin (they have the station wagon with the pull-behind travel trailer) has steered them wrong and they are really lost. Let's see if you can help them get back in the caravan. If you can't remember what his rig looks like, check the *TIMES* Summer issue cover (it's second from the left).

Good luck! Send your answer via email to NSDCAtimes@gmail.com or by regular mail to **Ken Shacter, 5418 Weller Place, Jacksonville, FL 32211** by April 30th. Be sure to include your Chapter number, either way you choose to communicate. Thank you.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning this past January 1st, we've had another staff change and want to introduce the following new staff member to everyone.

Communications Director

Karin Callandar of Florida Square Wheels, Chapter 128, has been appointed as the new Communications Director, taking over from Bev Sutter of Chapter 076, the River City Travelin' Squares. Bev found it necessary to resign for health reasons. We thank her for her willingness to serve and welcome Karin to the position. Karin has already made some significant changes to the E-Tree message distribution system and will continue making improvements in our ability to quickly reach out to everyone.

Nomination for the NSDCA Board of Directors

Ralph Taylor as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for this year has submitted Martha Zimmerman as the Committee's recommendation for this year's election. Please read Martha's biography on page 30 in this issue. The Board has gratefully accepted Martha as the recommended nominee.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & NEEDS

2020 Camporee Host

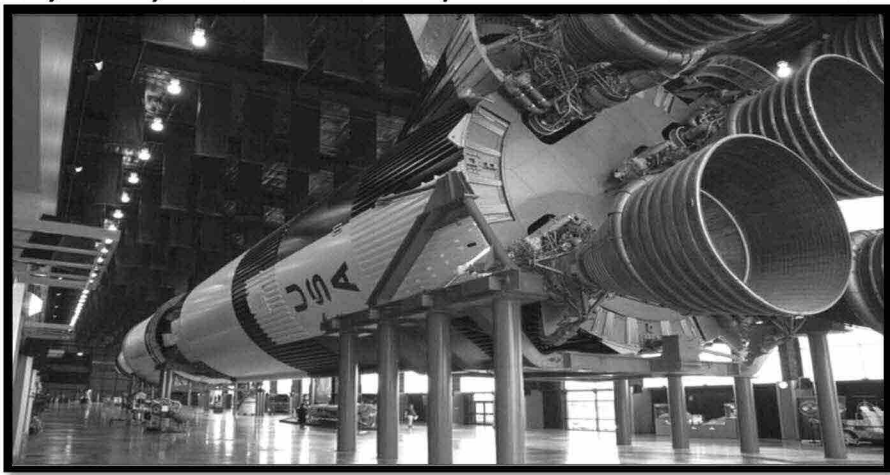
At this time, we have no location or host for the 2020 International Camporee. It's always an option for the Board to host the Camporee, but we need a site. About a month ago, we circulated an E-Tree appeal requesting our members to tell us what their favorite Camporee locations were. We received one response from our hundreds of members. I'm sure we can count on many of you to offer suggestions.

As far as hosting is concerned, Florida hosted last year in Missouri;

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Saturn V Trail-Thru

On your way to the 68th National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta GA



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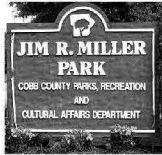
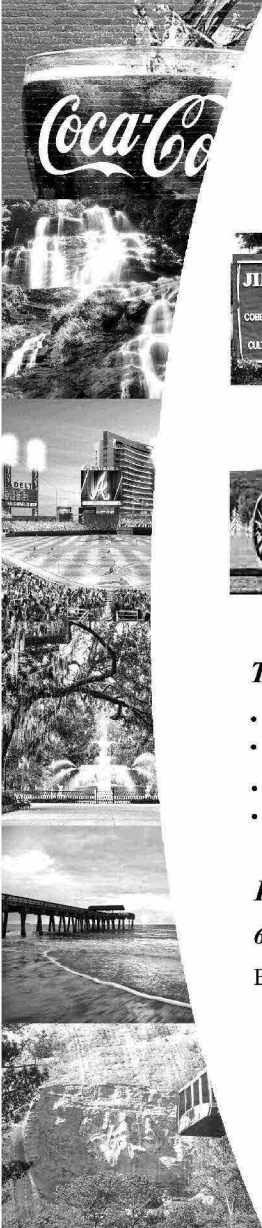
The entire campground is reserved for the NSDC event, with 24-hour security provided. The campground will open on Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00 pm. If you want to camp as a group, you must arrive together – there are no reserved campsites.

We will not be offering bus and/or shuttle service from the RV Campgrounds to the Convention Centre. However, you will be given a Cobb Galleria Convention Centre Parking Pass when you check in at the RV Park. This Parking Pass allows unlimited in-and-out parking privileges at the Convention Centre throughout your stay.

Ralph & Viv Taylor



Camping & RVs



The camping and recreational vehicle (RV) park for the 68th National Square Dance Convention[®] will be Jim Miller Park, an easy 9 mile drive to the Cobb Galleria Convention Centre, and approximately 15 mile drive from downtown Atlanta.



The park is adjacent to a small lake and the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, a 2,965 acre National Battlefield that preserves the Civil War battleground of the Atlanta Campaign. The National Park contains a visitors center and numerous hiking trails.

The RV Park includes:

- 44 Full-service sites, all with 30 & 50 amp electrical service
- 300 sites, all with water and 30 & 50 amp electrical
- Dump Station onsite
- Four Day minimum stay
- 24 hour onsite security
- Entire facility reserved

For Additional Information Contact:

68th NSDC Registration & Housing

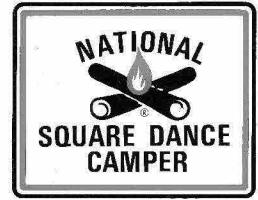
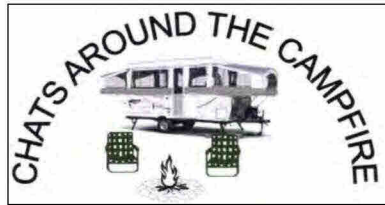
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Come Dance & Explore Georgia!



002 Pine Tree Campers; Wisconsin

Last year at the two campouts we had at the Country View campground, Tricia Chartier, president of the Swinging Singles club (SSS) in the area, turned those events into a picnic for the SSS club. We were able to dance in the pavilion at the campground and had a potluck before we headed to a dance in the area. As a result, we now have 5 new members in the Pine Tree Campers. Wayne & Elaine Irwin picked up a mini-camper after coming out to the campground after having such a great time. So, this year not only will we do a combined picnic with the SSS, we are inviting area dancers to come out to dance, stay for potluck dinner and enjoy a campfire. Hoping we will find more dancers that like to camp.

Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083; Tricia@MooLady.com

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

It has been a long winter and we are ready to hit the campgrounds here in northern Illinois. We hope you all had a restful winter and are gearing up for the camping season. We have a great season planned and we are kicking the season off in May – Mother's Day weekend at Leisure Lake Campground in Rock Falls. A Sunday morning pancake breakfast is on order, prepared by some of great "man" cooks, and dish to share by our members. We have a busy schedule this year, so be sure to follow us in the Chapter Campouts section and please don't hesitate to join us if you are in the area either to sit a spell by the fire, join us in a square, or enjoy a meal with us! Come make a memory with Blackhawk Crosstrailers!

Bob & Sally Foley; 815-275-1567; barksnpaws42@gmail.com

068 Wandering Wheels; Minnesota

Due to inclement weather on December 1, 2018, our Christmas Dance and Potluck was cancelled. For some, that meant eating meatballs/deviled eggs all week! It also means that some of our members won't be seeing each other for about 7 months, so we are looking forward to our first 2019 campout on Memorial Day weekend, May 24th-27th, with Tom Allen calling. We would love to have you join us at Isanti County Fairgrounds, 3101 Hwy 95 E, Cambridge, MN.

Jackie Mann; 612-616-8952; jackiemann10@gmail.com



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082 Hitch-N-Go; Florida

In spite of the chilly January weather we had a great turn out of campers and dancers. An awesome celebration was performed at Sherwood Forest by our square dancers, all to commemorate 44 years for 082 members and guests. The Board members put on an awesome dinner. Our installing officers are ready to full-fill their duties to direct the club for another year full of surprises and dancing.

We are honored to have Ron Reardon as our caller. He continues to keep us on our toes and gives us much joy and laughter. The past officers have put great effort into keeping our members and friends, in a Special Friendship to continue on our Journey of Life and Square Dancing. Now with our new Board, we wish you the best in all you do.

We always welcome guests and friends to join us at a camp out; see pages 38,40 & 42 for details. Come join us for a fun, enjoyable weekend.

Sue Reardon; 813-788-7857; charliesue44@gmail.com

106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania

Pictured are the Square Up Campers from south-central Pennsylvania



at their October campout. Our group is growing, plus we get a lot of local dancers to join us for the day. You ask what our secret is to attracting and keeping our membership numbers up? Why — it is friendliness, keeping the fun in dancing, and of course lots of good food. We don't seem to mind the rain or mud or sweltering heat — we just keep on dancing!



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Come join us some weekend or at Pennsylvania's NSDCA state camporee in May of 2019!

Kathy Engel; kathy@kuhncom.net

116 Camping Squares; Kansas

Winter is upon us, so no camping for a while! We had a great Thanksgiving meal at our November winter party - good food and conversation. The first Sunday of December, we had our annual Christmas dance. We had good attendance and it was a lot of fun. We continued our winter parties in January with dinner and fun at a Wichita restaurant. It's always nice to get together and reconnect. We're looking forward to another winter party in February and one in March. Our next campout will be the annual Hobo Stew Dance and Campout at Lake Afton, Goddard, KS April 26-28 with the dance being on Saturday evening.

If you are in the area please join us! For more information, contact Marty & Frank Golden, 316-943-4137, fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net.

Cheryll Ferris, 316-640-4273, marshfur@att.net

119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

We are thankful that the days are getting longer and we can begin to look forward to our campouts this spring. We had Christmas pot luck on December 8th. Members "adopted" five needy families to shower with Christmas gifts. We also collected items for our senior shut-ins.

On January 26th we had our potluck meeting in Cheyenne to finalize our calendar for the coming year. We missed our members who are in sunny Arizona and those who were ill. We especially missed the Cinnamon Rolls that Joan Cole is so famous for. Despite the limited attendance, we still had many great potluck dishes to choose from. We hope that all will be up and at 'em soon!

We are looking forward to having a great summer of camping and dancing. Remember, you are always welcome to join us at any and all of these events. Contact Leo & Diana Fergel 307-635-7312.

Nell Coffey; 303-823-6096; gncoffeehaus@msn.com

123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois

On October 11th, 2018, 10 camper units got together at Arrowhead Acres in Clinton, IL where the high temp for the day was 54 degrees with a strong, gusty north wind of 15 - 20 mph! These are diehard campers, my friends. Then on Friday the 12th the remainder of our club arrived and watched big fluffy snowflakes fall while we played cards and games inside the warm clubhouse before 36 of us headed for Ted's Garage for



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dinner. The menu listed hubcaps, oil cans and pistons in keeping with their theme, which were fancy burgers, chicken and various dishes which were quite good, and not at all greasy.

The sun came out thankfully and the wind stopped its gusting Saturday morning. After our club meeting, the ladies made pendant necklaces based on the ones created at Nationals in Sedalia. Hats off to the creators of this beautiful craft. Meanwhile, the guys carved pumpkins to enter the competition for best and most creative.

After lunch everyone gathered back in the clubhouse for a crazy game of donning a costume, running the length of the room and bursting a large balloon by sitting on it, then running back to throw off the costume for the next victim. Unfortunately, Naomi broke not only the balloon, but the chair it was sitting in. She was unhurt in this endeavor but the look on her face was priceless. It was ladies vs. men, and obviously men change clothes faster than ladies, for they finished first and won the prizes. The pumpkins' stems served the dual purpose of being targets for rings we tossed at them. This proved more difficult than it sounds. Two ladies, Phyllis and Ellen, were vying for champion ring tosser!! Two guys won a prize for most creative and best overall and my apology, I lost that info.

Our potluck was plentiful and we all enjoyed the meal. The square dance called by Herb Edwards was fun and as usual, he was just making suggestions, and we danced our own moves.

On Sunday morning, breakfast of biscuits and gravy were furnished by Ellen and son Dean to the thankful group and after we enjoyed our meal and coffee, Bill Baker presented a unique and thought-provoking devotional. Leftovers came out at 11:30 and those who stayed enjoyed the lunch before packing it all up to go our separate ways. Several of our friends are experiencing health problems and will be having procedures soon. Our prayers are needed and will be much appreciated.

Most are heading south and west away from our expected cold, so this will close our camping year. The Almost Yumans, Winter Texans and Fab Florida Folks say farewell to you until once again we gather like the birds of springtime. Adios amigos and amigas. Be safe and stay warm!

Sue Mayer; 217-522-1899; rosumay2@msn.com

128/168 Square Wheels & Gypsy Squares; Florida

Our combined-club Christmas campout occurred the first weekend in December at the Lake Ocklawaha KOA. For those members that came

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on Thursday there was a cook out and warm camp fire to enjoy. Everyone else came on Friday for a total of 35 rigs – that was a record number! The weekend didn't disappoint: dancing, games, crafts, Christmas parade, street dancing (photo immediately below), shopping in the Hog Valley Thrift store and our gift exchange.



What an amazing sight: 70 people were seated for dinner. The cooks prepared ham, Swedish meatballs and noodles. All the side dishes were prepared by members. A raspberry poke cake was enjoyed for dessert. It was a feast! After dinner we sang our traditional "Campers' 12 Days of Christmas". Gifts were presented to our wonderful caller, Bill Chesnut, and his taw Mary for all they do for both clubs all year long, and to our cuer, Ann Hadsall. Our clubs are blessed to have the best of the best. We even had an indoor snow fight with big soft pom poms. The after parties were well attended, sharing lots of great snacks and the wine was a flowing. By the looks on everyone's happy faces you could tell wonderful memories had been made this Christmas weekend.

It's now the new year, and in mid-January 24 rigs joined our Georgia camping trip; it was the biggest turn out to date for an out-of-state venture. Our new NEFSARDA (Florida Federation region) presidents, Mary and Chuck Giera, stayed at a local motel so they could join in and radically influence the weekend agenda. On Friday evening we enjoyed a



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brown bag dinner, then a great dance with Bill calling and Ann cueing. Jim Cosman called a couple of sets when he wasn't dancing with his pretty wife Margaret. Following dancing was our traditional after party. Read more of our antics in the Vice President's column on page 5.

Saturday morning Gail LaRue led a group of us creating owls out of toilet paper rolls, craft paper, paint, feathers, and pine cones. We then posed them together on an aloe plant; they were precious.

Ann and Bill both held workshops Saturday afternoon – these are part of the real benefits of camping. They both hone in on skills that need to be sharpened. I had no idea that Follow Your Neighbor had so many variants. Saturday afternoon saw about 45 of us eating dinner at the Fish Net restaurant, and then more dancing fun and the after-party that evening. Our Sunday morning pot luck breakfast provided good food and lots of variety.

We have some great trips planned for the upcoming months. Please see our complete 2019 schedule of campouts on the NSDCA web site. Here's hoping to see you soon. For you 'Snow Birds,' come join us at our campouts – the more the merrier. May God bless us all with health and happiness until we meet again.

See you on the dance floor.

Gail LaRue; 352-861-1583; Gypsy Squares #168
Don MacGregor; 304-375-1252; Square Wheels #128
Laura Ramsey; ramseydp@comcast.net

130C Lakeshore Rolling Squares; Ontario

As I write this, I'm looking at all the snow and dreaming of summer weather and camping. I'm sure many of you are doing the same thing! Wayne and I look forward to camping and dancing with our small but mighty group this summer. In the meantime, we'll continue to dance with our winter groups and try to promote the NSDCA.

This year we continue to encourage non-camping visitors to dance with us both Friday and Saturday evenings. We also encourage newly graduated beginner dancers to "try us out" on Friday evenings. For anyone who may like to join us, special events include a pancake breakfast in June, and a corn roast in August. And best of all, we have an air-conditioned dance hall! Please plan to join us if you're travelling our way.

We hope you stay warm and healthy over the rest of the winter, and look forward to seeing you on the dance floor somewhere.

Donna Cruwys; 613-962-8816; w_cruwys@yahoo.ca

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145 The Old Pueblo Square Wheelers; Arizona

Chapter 145, the Old Pueblo Square Wheelers, began life on January 8, 1985. It was an exciting time for many square dancers when they discovered that there was an organization that paired both their love of dancing with their passion for the outdoors and camping. The National Square Dance and Campers Association had the answer.



Hello, I'm Chuck Winkenwerder, immediate past president of the OPSW and immediate past representative for the NSDCA's SW Area. While not a charter member of the OPSW, I would like to express my feelings as well as those of the many past members as I reflect the reality of the chapter's life. We had been members of chapter 178, the Minnesota Gypsy Twirlers, having joined them in 1997. Upon retirement, we moved to southern Arizona and joined the OPSW in 2004. The OPSW was alive with many active members. Caller Bill George and his wife, Mary Jane, were the central figures in the chapter's success. The square dancing was fast & fun. We were all so proud of Bill when he was a featured caller at the 2007 International NSDCA Camporee held at Iowa's



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Amana Colonies. During that time it was quite common to have upwards of 25 rigs attending an OPSW campout.

Another signature campout was a gathering of the three chapters located in Arizona. Each year the Superstition Square Wheelers (#125), the Yavapai Rolling Squares (#177) and the OPSW would celebrate with our Tri-Chapter gathering. Some 40-50 rigs would come together for a very spirited and festive weekend of dancing, eating, gaming, and fellowship. Life was good; we were all alive and active. Then something happened. The cumulative effects of time were taking its toll.

Our membership was aging. The recession of 2008 had a negative impact on people purchasing camping RVs thus reducing the numbers of potential new members. Over time, some members passed on while others became physically unable to meet the demands of operating a large rig and dancing too. While we did enjoy bringing a few rigs into membership it proved not to be enough to keep up with our losses. This past year of 2018 found our membership numbers at five couples, four singles (including charter member Elsie Dixon) and only three rigs actually able to camp. We elected to end life as a chapter. Our last day was December 31, 2018.

Not to be sad. Instead we invited any and everyone who either was a member or had been a member to join us for a chapter funded celebration of life with a dine-out at the Golden Corral restaurant. Thirty-four individuals had a great time looking at past newsletters (thank you editor Jane) and photos brought in by many. Our final act of good will was to donate the balance of our treasury (\$500) to five deserving non-profit charities. And so ends the life of the OPSW.

P.S. Perhaps other NSDCA chapters might be experiencing this circle of life. Do not despair; as we all know, all good things can and will end. Take comfort in the joy of the moment. NSDCA is a fantastic organization. New life will appear and the journey will continue.

Charles Winkenwerder, President to the end.

148 Rolling Squares; Nebraska

The Rolling Squares 2018 camping and dance season was refreshing and invigorating. Each of our camping events was full of fun, food, laughter, and fellowship. Our group is lucky enough to have two seasoned callers in our membership. Both Wayne Lorenzen and Kenard Swift did a great job calling and drawing interest from people around the campgrounds. If by chance you are traveling near Eastern Nebraska or Western Iowa, we'd love to have you join us at one of our campouts!

Ryan and Kristi Hruska; rkhruska@cox.net

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149 Bayou Square-A-Rounds; Louisiana

Our Fall rally was held November 8th-11th, 2018 in Colfax, LA. Fourteen member rigs were in attendance along with one guest rig. Members of the Circle 8 Square & Round Dance Club visited and danced with us on Friday and Saturday.

As usual, on Friday afternoon we have a social gathering to unwind from a long drive and setting up. It also serves as a rest period to ready ourselves for a weekend of dancing.

This weekend being our Thanksgiving rally, our chefs, Bruce and Barbara Bordelon, prepared fried turkeys and a chicken gumbo as the main course. Everyone else brought in fillers. One can only imagine how slow our Saturday night dance began after such a meal. Ted called to a floor of four squares and at times five while Jack cued to several couples on rounds. Our thanks to Bob and Susie for hosting the rally.

Our chapter was honored on Saturday by the Louisiana State Square Dance Association holding their regular meeting with us. It gave our members and guests an occasion to understand how the organization works.

Our winter rally will be in Livingston, LA on March 1st – 3rd at the Lakeside RV Park. If you are in the area, come and join us. Our hosts will be Jerry and Lydia Watts. Give them a call at 225-567-2576.

Edwin France; 985-345-3353; carbarger@bellsouth.net

152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama

We ended our camping season with a Christmas luncheon and dance. Our luncheon was held at Shoney's Restaurant in Fultondale, AL prior to the dance. Once our stomachs were full, we headed to our first ever hosted Christmas Dance. It was held at the BSDA Friendship Hall also in Fultondale, AL. We had seven squares on the floor. Our callers, who did a fabulous job, were Kevin Cozad, Jerry Handley, and Rusty Willoughby. Diane Martin Hamilton cued lines and rounds for us and did a great job too. We all enjoyed ourselves.

January was a quiet month. Our campers were quietly resting in their homes waiting for the next season to begin. March is just around the corner.

February, we had a Valentine lunch at Niki's West Restaurant in Birmingham, AL. It was cafeteria style with lots of great choices. Once our bellies were full, we headed to the BSDA Friendship Hall to dance at the Eastern Wrangles Sweetheart Dance. Rusty and Elizabeth Emmons graciously volunteered to represent Campers & Dancers #152 as the Sweet-



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heart couple.

Our first campout of the season will be held March 22 – 23; our caller for that weekend is Wayne Mahathey. Please see our upcoming camping schedule on pages 38, 39, 42 and 45.

We would love to have you come camp and/or dance with us. We love visitors.

Elizabeth Emmons; 205-492-2397; rustwood@charter.net

153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

We hope the New Year 2019 has been kind to everyone. Strawberry Travelers had our Christmas/Club Anniversary campout December 7-9 at Silver Dollar RV Resort Campground in Odessa, FL. Many of us ate in the restaurant at the club house Friday evening and we enjoyed a festive turkey dinner on Saturday night. Our weekend hosts even provided a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday morning. It almost sounds like we were too busy eating to dance but we found plenty of time to enjoy lots of square and round dancing! Saturday evening after the dance we had our Chinese Auction gift exchange which provided lots and lots of laughs as it usually does.

On February 8-10 our campout was at Red Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell, FL. We were joined by another FL club, the FL Roadrunner Squares. On April 26-28 we will all head to the FANSDC Spring Fling at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis.

As you can see we have plenty of great opportunities for fun, fellowship and dancing, so please join us whenever and wherever you can. Happy Camping!

Doug & Beth Meyers; 407 448-5192; dougmeyers@thefoundryc.org

175 Riverside Gypsy Square Dance Club; Ontario

It is cold and snowy today as I look out the window. I am looking forward to seeing Club Members at our Mid-Winter Dance on Sunday February 24th in Johnstown, ON. I know that we will have a good time dancing to a variety of callers and hopefully have a chance to round dance as well. It's also an opportunity to catch up with dancers that I haven't seen since September as some of our campers come from quite a distance to meet-up in the Spring/Summer and Fall.

We are looking forward to another great camping season. We will meet up on the May 24th -26th week-end. The theme for that month is Spring Fever. I think we will see lots of bright colors and flowers. A nice

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way to say good-bye to Winter. In June we will be bringing back memories of Sock Hops. Guess we will have to dust off our poodle skirts, white sports coats and find some pink carnations! The week-end leads into our Canada Day holiday so it should be good time.

We will be camping in our usual spots at Happy Green Acres Campground, Mallorytown ON, Canada near Brockville. Check the listings at the back of this issue of the newsletter or online at the NSDCA website.

Mary Anne Reinhard; 613-838-5781; mareinhard@sympatico.ca

180 Spinning Wheels; Minnesota

Another camping season is done and it is now winter with campers put into storage for a long winter's nap. Campers are either headed south for the winter or have pulled out their winter coats from the closets and look forward to snow. We have lost two charter members since our last meeting, Chuck Fredericks and Jerry Juergens, both from Owatonna. We have many good memories of each of them in our club and club trips. They had not camped the last few years but friends departing is always a sad time. We will be gathering on February 2 at the Depot in Faribault for lunch for a winter "camp-in" to renew our friendship, fellowship and to update everyone what's happening. We all agreed we were past the stage of life to tube down the hill this year but will look forward to getting our campers out of storage this spring and head down the road for another year of camping with our friends.

Carolyn Pederson; 507-451-5077; edcarpd@gofast.am

182C The Bluenose RV Squares; Nova Scotia

Labelle, NS - Our rigs sit winterized while owners await the first signs of spring when they will again be readied for the road. In the meantime, our Executive is planning some fun events for our 2019 campouts. Knowing the more the merrier, members are actively recruiting dancers who camp to try combining the two great activities during any of our 6 campouts either in Amherst or Masstown (see our May schedule on page 43 and all at NSDCA.org). Bluenose RV Squares also welcomes traveling dancers to experience East Coast hospitality with us. Well wishes and condolences go out to those of our members who are dealing with some of life's adversities.

Bringing both camping and square dancing together in fun and fellowship,

Cathy Langille; (902) 685-2366; cslangille@eastlink.ca



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193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas! We all went ‘up the country’ for our December campout into the wilderness at Chassahowitzka River Campground. (Have fun pronouncing that one!) The hall was very small, the weather was cold for us Floridians (burr - in the 40s) and illness took its toll on our attendance. Although our numbers were small the fun, games, dancing and food plus our ‘Goofy’ Gift Exchange was well worth the long drive.

And now “HAPPY NEW YEAR”! 2019 is going to be GREAT. January was lots of fun dancing in a Florida State Park. This is our 3rd year of doing a State Park weekend. We have our dances during the afternoons because the rec hall is only available until dusk. WHAT FUN THAT IS!! That gives us time to experiment with some campfire cooking (like the Dutch Oven cobblers, dump-cakes and various delicious dinners that you never dreamed could be done in or over a fire) and lots of fun-sharing time around the campfire and of course ... the S’mores.

We all enjoyed a visit from some northern friends, presidents of Chapter 123, Curt & Janet Bowmen of Swing-in-Travelers, IL, who were camping in Lake Placid. The photo to the right shows the Bowmens (far left), caller Sonny McCartney & law, and the Ides.) Having visitors is so much fun. If you



happen to be in Florida for the winter or just for a short visit, be sure to look up an NSDCA Club and go dance or camp with them. (Their locations and dates are all conveniently listed in this *TIMES* Magazine).

MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS, GET SOME FRESH IDEAS AND SHARE YOUR FUN IDEAS WITH OTHER CLUBS! After all isn’t this what the NSDCA is all about!

We hope you have already sent in your reservations for the 62nd International NSDCA Camporee in Maggie Valley so you won’t miss out on the great time the Alabama (152) Club is planning for you.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN A SQUARE SOMEWHERE!

Dolly Ide; 352-598-7162; dloutz9504@outlook.com



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198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

Last fall while attending a campout dance with Campers & Dancers (#152, Alabama), Susan and Don Wolford ask us if we would like to start an NSDCA chapter in Tennessee. We said sure! Well, what an amazing adventure the last few months have been! We want to thank John Ide, Roger Tipps and Susan & Don for all their help.

We have 31 members so far (see photo page 9). Many thanks to the Daughertys, the Osborns and the Ptaceks for stepping forward to be our officers.

Our chapter is named after the “Crossfire” call that was written by our caller Ron Schneider. He has been writing and calling for many years. Ron calls on the 1st & 4th Saturday nights at Country Squares in Claxton. He also cues lines and rounds. Ron will be calling our first camp out in April.

We will have campouts in April (see page 40), June (Camporee and National in Atlanta), August, September and October this year. Please see our full schedule at NSDCA.org, and join us if you’re in the area.

Presidents Jim & Susan Russell; 865-207-7444;
sunsetbeach537@gmail.com

Board of Directors Nominee—Martha Zimmerman

The NDSCA Board of Directors nominee Martha Zimmerman has been square dancing since 1983 and started square dance camping in 1991. She was President of the FANSDC (Florida Association of NSDCA) in 2000 and 2008. In those days one had to sequentially serve one term for each of the Board positions, so it would take 6 years on the Board to become a President. She was on the NSDCA Board from 2007 to 2015 as Secretary, Vice President and President. She enjoys being on the Board and helping the Square Dance Association. Two Years ago Martha met Bob Jenkins who told her he would like to be married to her; she said “yes” and they have been happy ever since. It will be a great pleasure to be on the Board again as Secretary.



NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



Please remember, our NSDCA Board has posted an on-line survey for you to provide feedback about our organization. I am certain that more than 24 of our members have opinions on how the organization is managed, the newsletter is produced, and the International Camporee sites are selected. It is on the NSDCA web site on the right side of the page in a box labeled “*The Latest*.” You can also access the survey using this link (notice the difference between the number “1” and the lowercase letter “l”):

<https://goo.gl/forms/S54JDagyin1Qlr313>

As mentioned in the last issue, I am extremely interested in RV safety. I am also interested in ways to make our lives “easier” managing some of our RV’s systems (septic/waste water, electrical, plumbing). An article starting on page 49 of this issue discusses black and graywater tank maintenance.

I want to heartily thank all the contributors to the “Chats Around the Campfire” and the “Chapter Campouts” sections of the *TIMES*. We currently have 69 Chapters, yet only about 1/3 consistently provide reports for “Chats” and even fewer for “Campouts”. Before I became editor, my favorite part of the *TIMES* was the “Chats” section. While the “Campouts” listed in the *TIMES* only extend to the timeframe of the next issue, the entire year’s schedule is maintained at the NSDCA.org website. You don’t have to wait to the *TIMES* deadline to update your camping schedule—you can provide it anytime! Please ensure you provide your Chapter number, campout site name and address (and any other contact information you wish) along with the Wagonmaster’s contact information. And don’t forget the dates you’ll be camping!

Anytime you communicate with any Board officer or staff member, please remember to include your Chapter number. While it is not necessary to report this information for the above-mentioned survey, I use the information to arrange information within the newsletter. Thank you.

Objectives of NSDCA

(obtained from Article II of the NSDCA by-laws)

The object of the Association shall be to provide an opportunity for and to encourage those interested in square dancing and camping to:

- a) Combine these two activities for mutual enjoyment.
- b) Permit each member the opportunity of sharing in the responsibility of membership.
- c) Promote interest in square dancing and camping.
- d) Promote Square Dance Camporees as may be decided upon by the membership.



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NSDCA Membership # _____
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Site Location Information and Utilities Requests:

STATE/PROVINCE: _____ **CHAPTER #:** _____ **HANDICAP:** _____

ELECTRIC Plug: 30 Amp _____ 50 Amp _____

RV Length: _____ Feet # Slides _____

All Board of Directors, please check here ()

Adult Name #1 (Please Print) _____

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Mailing Address (Include Apt and/or Box number) _____

City _____ State/Province & Zip/Postal _____

Phone Number (include area code) _____

Email address _____

Square and Round Dance Interest (Check all that apply)

<u>Square Dance</u>	<u>Round Dance</u>	Line Dancing
____ Mainstream	____ Phase II	_____
____ Plus	____ Phase III	
____ A-1	____ Phase IV	
____ A-2	____ Phase V	
____ Youth/Teen Dance Program		

SPORTS Interest (Signup on arrival)

Horseshoes	M _____ F _____	Shuffle Bd	M _____ F _____
Washer Toss	M _____ F _____	Corn Hole	M _____ F _____
Golf	M _____ F _____	Bocce Ball	M _____ F _____
		Miniature Golf	M _____ F _____

Crafts Interest M _____ F _____

Callers and Cuers Participation (Due by April 1)

<u>Square Dance</u>	<u>Round Dance</u>	Line Dancing
____ Main stream	____ Phase II	_____
____ Plus	____ Phase III	
____ A-1	____ Phase IV	
____ A-2	____ Phase V	____ Youth/Teen Dance Program

Caller Name _____
 Caller Availability (Check all that apply) M _____ T _____ W _____ T _____

Cuer Name _____
 Cuer Availability (Check all that apply) M _____ T _____ W _____ T _____

Line Instructor Name _____
 Line Instr Availability (Check all that apply) M _____ T _____ W _____ T _____

Additional Persons per Unit----- (Base Fees are for two Adults per unit and unmarried children under age 21)

Youth Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____

Youth Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____

Adult Name _____

Youth Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____

Youth Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____

Adult Name _____

EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE _____

EXPECTED DEPARTURE DATE: _____

*******CAMPOREE FEES*******

RV sites must be one (1) of first ninety (90) AND postmarked by May 1, 2019:

3 days...\$155 2 days...\$120 1 day...\$75

If only 2 days, which 2 days?

If only 1 day, which day?

Tue _____ Wed _____ Thu _____

Tue _____ Wed _____ Thu _____

Units with one person may deduct \$10.00 from their registration fee.
 Extra adults @ \$10.00 each _____ Non NSDCA members add \$20.00
 Early arrivals pay \$50.00 per day. Check: Sun _____ Mon _____

Refunds available upon written request & received prior to arrival date.

Registration	\$ _____	US Funds
Additional Fee	\$ _____	US Funds
Early Days	\$ _____	US Funds
Total to Submit:	\$ _____	US Funds

For cabins and park models contact Don or Susan Wolford.

Arrivals before June 16, 2019 or stays after June 20 must be arranged through Pride RV Resort and may require moving to a different site.

Please make all checks payable to "62nd NSDCA Camporee" ALONG WITH this form and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:
Don Wolford, 62nd NSDCA Camporee, 6000 Wyeth Rock Rd., Guntersville AL 35976

For more information, contact Susan Wolford (2susanwolf@gmail.com, 256-673-0170) or Don Wolford (wolfordengr@gmail.com, 256-673-0194)



Summer Fun Square Dancing and Camping

PRIDE RVRESORT= NSDCA JUNE 17 TO 20 2019

FRI TRAVEL PRIDE TO SEVERVILLE 1 HOUR 15 MIN.

RIVER PLANTION RV RESORT SEVERVILLE TN JUNE 21 TO 24 2019 \$ 223.25

TO RESERVE A SPOT YOU ONLY NEED 1 NIGHT DEPOSIT \$ 55.81

ALL SHOW'S ARE PER PERSON

FRI JUNE 21 HATFIELD & MCCOY DINNER SHOW 5PM

SAT JUNE 22 SMOKEY MOUNTAIN OPRY 8PM

SUN JUNE 23 OPEN CAMPER CHOISE

MON JUNE 24 COMEDY BARN 8PM

All 3 shows for 2 people (you need to pay in full) to book Total \$ 216.16

Refund camping 80% shows 100% up to 7day before show dates
camping and shows Total \$ 439.41

TUESDAY JUNE 25 TRAVEL TO 68TH SQUARE DANCE COVENTION ATANTA GA

If you want to camp together we must meet and go into campground together

JUNE 26 TO 29 2019 68TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER

Ronald & Linda Imus: rlius46@aol.com

Cell: 574-370-9169 IF I DON'T ANSWER, LEAVE MESSAGE I WILL GET BACK TO YOU

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Alabama is hosting this year as they did in 2016, in North Carolina; and Iowa with only a handful of members and lots of support from Alabama, hosted in 2017, in Amana. Many states and chapters have also hosted in the past, but what recent experience has shown, that the hosting group need not be local to the Camporee location. Several chapters or simply interested individuals can host a Camporee.

We're calling on you, our members, to help us find a location. Then, if there are no volunteers, the Board will organize a team of members from the four large state organizations and numerous smaller chapters (and Canada) to take care of the necessary details. We hope that you, our members, won't let this wonderful activity and event fade into history.

NSDC Showcase of Ideas

The annual NSDC, this year in Atlanta, offers us an opportunity to present the camping square/round dance community to the non-campers. In order to make this display interesting and inviting, we're looking for one individual who would take charge and organize the NSDCA display. Not all of our members attend the NSDC, but for those who do, a couple of hours of volunteer work should not be a burden. If you have any craft or display skills and would like to help us, please send me an e-mail or call, my contact information is on Page 55. Thank you.

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE NSDCA

I have to ask, where are all of our talented members? If we want to see the NSDCA not only continue, but to prosper, then we desperately need more participation from all of you. We posted an online survey or questionnaire to help us understand what's important to our members and have had some responses, but we need to hear from many more of you. This is your opportunity to tell us what's important to you. Please take a few moments and go to our web site, www.nsdca.org and complete the questionnaire on the right side of the home page. It will help us tremendously.

Next, please consider that at this time, there are too many Board members and NSDCA Staff positions populated by Florida members. Florida represents approximately 20% of the national membership, but currently holds 2 of the 4 Board positions and 4 of the 10 staff positions. Florida is willing to step up to the plate, but we really need much more participation from the rest of our national membership. Please consider volunteering for one of the many opportunities that are available. A simple and fun event that everyone can participate in is a flash dance (square dance) at an event in your locale. Read Bill Baker's article to find out more.

Finally, if your chapter is too small to meet at an RV park and square dance, please consider meeting or combining with another chapter near you. The larger groups mean more fun for everyone. If you do find it

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The Mountains are Calling...

" COME DANCE WITH ME "

at the



2019 NSDCA INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE

JUNE 18 - 19 - 20

(Tuesday thru Thursday)



Special Dance Caller

Jimmy
Roberson



62nd INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE

MAGGIE VALLEY

Maggie Valley offers breakfast all-day restaurants with good mountain cooking, NC BBQ spots, many fine-dining restaurants along Jonathan Creek, plus dozens of gift shops, arcades and family attractions.

(5 Minute Drive)

Ghost Town in the Sky

(15 Minute Drive)

Cherokee, North Carolina

(30 Minute Drive)

Asheville, North Carolina

(30 Minute Drive)

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME**



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and
Area Motels
are Available



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Hosted by

ALABAMA CHAPTER #152

CHAIRMEN

Ralph & Viv Taylor

RAVCO2@AOL.COM

(205) 999-3099

62nd INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE

REGISTRATION CHAIRMEN

DON & SUSAN WOLFORD

2SUSANWOLF@GMAIL.COM

(256) 675-0170

Registration Forms available on-line at: www.nsdca.org

NSDCA Insignia Items Sale



**Embroidered Patches; Large 6 X 8 – \$5.00; Small 2.5 X 3 – \$3.00
Belt Buckle – \$5.00**

**Contact Paula Boone at cruisingwithfriends@yahoo.com
or call her at 205-529-2245**

Chapter Campouts

The following listings are believed to be accurate. Before making any plans, please double-check with the contact listed to ensure the campout is scheduled as noted. See the NSDCA.org website for updated listings.

March 2019

March 8th thru 9th

- 128 Square Wheels; Florida**
168 Gypsy Squares (hosting); Florida
Lake Oklawaha R.V. Park; 352-546-5500.
15991 N. E. 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, FL
Nightly rally rate \$29.70 (including tax)
Mary Chesnut; marynut4@gmail.com; 352-214-5880
Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252
Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583

March 8th thru 10th

- 193 Florida Roadrunner Squares; Florida**
Red Oaks RV Resort; Bushnell, FL
Louise Woodward; 772-577-3881; wlouise5712@gmail.com

March 21st thru 23rd

- 082 Hitch-N-Go Squares; Florida**
Lake Oklawaha RV Resort; 352-546-5500
15991 NE Fort Mc Coy Rd., Fort Mc Coy, FL
Fredda Barlow; 813-404-1708; jotemdownd@gmail.com

March 22nd thru 23rd

- 152 Campers and Dancers; Alabama**
Roaring Pines; 83 Roaring Pines Road, Somerville, AL
Wagon Masters: Rusty & Elizabeth Emmons; 205-492-9663 and
Ralph & Viv Taylor; 205-999-3926
- 195 North Carolina Camping Squares; North Carolina**
KOA Campground; Lumberton, NC
Tom Morgan/Leo Trepanier; 910-308-3943
trepanier.s@yahoo.com

Chapter Campouts—continued

March 22nd thru 24th

- 195 North Carolina Camping Squares; North Carolina**
KOA Campground; Lumberton, NC
Tom Morgan/Leo Trepanier; 910-308-3943
trepanier.s@yahoo.com

April 2019

April 12th thru 13th

- 152 Campers and Dancers; Alabama**
Wall Doxey State Park; 662-252-4231
3946 MS Highway 7 South, Holly Springs, MS
Wagon Masters: Kevin & Tina Cozad; 205-928-2618
Caller: Rob Baird

April 12th thru 14th

- 193 Florida Roadrunner Squares; Florida**
Zachary Taylor RV Resort; Bushnell, FL
Louise Woodward; 772-577-3881; wlouise5712@gmail.com

April 15th thru 17th

- 196 Wabash Valley Wheels Arounds; Illinois/Indiana**
Follow the River Resort; 812-427-3330
12273 Markland Town Road, Florence, IN
Daniel & Marian Hatfield; 618-554-6591;
danandmarian@hotmail.com

April 22nd thru 24th

- 185 Central RV Square Dancers; Nebraska**
Rock Creek Station State Park;
57426 710th Rd, Fairbury, NE
Reservations are through <http://www.reserveamerica.com>
Marshall & Patty Damgaard; marpat@gtmc.net

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Chapter Campouts—continued

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April 26th thru 27th

- 082 Hitch-N-Go Squares; Florida**
FANSDC Spring Fling;
Southern Palms RV Resort; 352-357-8882
One Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL
Fredda Barlow; 813-404-1708; jotemdownd@gmail.com
- 128 Square Wheels; Florida**
- 168 Gypsy Squares; Florida**
FANSDC Spring Fling;
Southern Palms RV Resort; 352-357-8882
One Avocado Lane, Eustis
Mary Chesnut; marynut4@gmail.com; 352-214-5880
Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252
Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583
- 193 Florida Roadrunner Squares; Florida**
FANSDC Spring Fling;
Southern Palms RV Resort; 352-357-8882
One Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL
Louise Woodward; 772-577-3881; wlouise5712@gmail.com
- 198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee**
Big Meadow Family Campground; Townsend, TN
Jim & Susan Russell; 865-207-7444;
sunsetbeach537@gmail.com

April 26th thru 28th

- 116 Camping Squares of Kansas; Kansas**
Hobo Stew Dance & Campout;
Lake Afton @ McArthur Rd & 39th, Goddard, KS
(Dance on Saturday evening)
Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137;
fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net
- 123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois**
Galesburg East Campground; 349-289-2267
1081 E. US Hwy. 150, Knoxville, IL
(make reservations by April 12)

Chapter Campouts—continued

153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida
Southern Palms RV Resort; One Avocado Lane; Eustis, FL
Doug Meyers; 407-448-5192; dougmeyers@thefoundryc.org

195 North Carolina Camping Squares; North Carolina
KOA Campground; Lumberton, NC
Tom Morgan/Leo Trepanier; 910-308-3943;
trepanier.s@yahoo.com

April 27th thru 28th

073 Camp 'N Dancers; Nebraska
Red Willow State Recreation; McCook, NE
Charlie & Mary Duffield; 308-340-1086

May 2019

May 3rd thru 5th

106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania
White Oak Campground; 3156 White Oak Road, Quarryville, PA
Jack & Patricia Stone; 717-575-6300; jpstone77@gmail.com

May 9th thru 11th

196 Wabash Valley Wheels Arounds; Illinois/Indiana
Lake Haven RV Park; 1951 West Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis,
IN 46217; 317-783-5267
(We will be dancing to Zelmer Daugherty on Thursday night,
Curt Braffet on Friday, and Nick Hartley on Saturday)
Daniel & Marian Hatfield; 618-554-6591;
danandmarian@hotmail.com

May 9th thru 12th

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois
Leisure Lake Campground; Rock Falls, IL; 815-626-0005
Bob & Cinda Asp; 815-624-4330; sgbobasp@aol.com

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Chapter Campouts—continued

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May 10th thru 12th

- 193 Florida Roadrunner Squares; Florida**
Whispering Palms RV Resort; Sebastian, FL
Louise Woodward; 772-577-3881; wlouise5712@gmail.com

May 14th thru 16th

Nebraska State Campout
Johnson Lake State Park;
1 Drive 25A, Elwood, NE (near Lexington, NE)
Chapter 185, Central RV Square Dancers, hosting
Reservations are through <http://www.reserveamerica.com>
Marshall & Patty Damgaard; 402-756-0263; marpat@gtmc.net

May 16th thru 18th

- 082 Hitch-N-Go Squares; Florida**
Theme World RV; 863-424-8362
2727 Frontage Road, Davenport, FL
Fredda Barlow; 813-404-1708; jotemdownd@gmail.com

May 17th thru 18th

- 128 Square Wheels; Florida**
168 Gypsy Squares (hosting); Florida
Recreation Plantation RV Resort; 352-753- 7222 Ext 466
or 800-448-5646; Nightly rally rate is \$35.00 (plus tax)
609 Highway 466 Lady Lake, FL
Mary Chesnut; marynut4@gmail.com; 352-214-5880
Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252
Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583
- 152 Campers and Dancers; Alabama**
River Country Campground; 256-543-7111
1 River Road, Gadsden, AL
(reservations can be made after Feb. 17th)
Wagon Masters: Ralph & Viv Taylor; 205-999-3926 or
Rusty & Elizabeth Emmons; 205-492-9663

Chapter Campouts—continued

Caller: Friday Night-Rusty Willoughby

Caller: Saturday Night-Jerry Handley

May 17th thru 19th

031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin

Token Creek Campground; DeForest, WI

David Lust; 608-289-7582; davidlust@ymail.com

116 Camping Squares of Kansas; Kansas

Big Hill Lake, Cherryvale, KS

(dance with Promenade Square Dance Club, Independence, KS)

Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137;

fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

May 24th thru 26th

130C Lakeshore Rolling Squares; Ontario, Canada

Shady Acres Campground;

740 Serpent Mounds Rd., Keene, Ontario

Donna Cruwys; 613-962-8816; w_cruwys@yahoo.ca

175C Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada

Happy Green Acres, 2 Greenacres Rd. Mallorytown, ON

Mary Anne Reinhard; 613-838-5781; mareinhard@sympatico.ca

182C Bluenose RV Squares; Nova Scotia, Canada

Loch Lomond Park; Amherst, NS

Bill & Sylvia Power; 902-876-1794;

william.power01@bellaliant.net

195 North Carolina Camping Squares; North Carolina

KOA Campground; Lumberton, NC

Tom Morgan/Leo Trepanier; 910-308-3943;

trepanier.s@yahoo.com

May 24th thru 27th

068 Wandering Wheels; Minnesota

Isanti County Fairgrounds; Cambridge, MN

Tim Hansen; 651-272-6995; ilsdljm@gmail.com

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- 23 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois**
Putnam-Marshall Fairgrounds; 915 University Ave., Henry, IL
(First-come basis - no reservations needed)

May 30st thru June 2nd

- 116 Camping Squares of Kansas; Kansas**
Kansas State Square Dance Convention; Salina, KS
Camp at KOA Campground, Salina
(Thursday evening BBQ, dance Friday & Saturday)
Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137
fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

May 31st thru June 2nd

- 106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania**
Paradise Stream Family Campsites;
693 Paradise Stream Rd, Loysville, PA
Jack & Patricia Stone; 717-575-6300; jpstone77@gmail.com

Date Not Yet Determined

- 185 Central RV Square Dancers; Nebraska**
All Nebraska Campout, Date and place to be determined
Marshall & Patty Damgaard; 402-756-0263; marpat@gtmc.net

June 2019

June 6th thru 9th

- 031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin**
Buffalo Lake Camping Resort; Montello, WI
David Lust; 608-289-7582; davidlust@ymail.com

June 7th thru 9th

- Illinois State Camporee** (see flyer page 46)
Parke County 4-H Campgrounds; 141 N US 41, Rockville, IN
Contact Dan Hatfield; 618-554-3929
danandmarian@hotmail.com;

Chapter Campouts—continued

123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois
Illinois NSDCA Camporee; Parke County Fairgrounds;
1472 N. US Hwy. 41, Rockville, IN 47872

148 Rolling Squares; Nebraska
Central RV Club; Indian Caves State Park; Shubert, NE
Ryan Hruska; rkhruska@cox.net

June 7th thru 10th

185 Central RV Square Dancers; Nebraska
Indian Cave State Park; 65296 720 Rd., Shubert, NE
Reservations are through <http://www.reserveamerica.com>
Marshall & Patty Damgaard; marpat@gtmc.net

June 14th thru 16th

130C Lakeshore Rolling Squares; Ontario, Canada
Shady Acres Campground;
740 Serpent Mounds Rd., Keene, ON
Donna Cruwys; 613-962-8816; w_cruwys@yahoo.ca

June 21st thru 23rd

62nd International Camporee - Pride Resort
4394 Jonathan Creek Rd, Maggie Valley (Waynesville)
Chapter 152 (Campers and Dancers; Alabama) hosting.
See the centerfold on pages 32-33 of this issue of the *TIMES* for
the registration form.

PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR CHAPTER'S CAMPOUT SCHEDULE UPDATED. VISITORS AND GUEST CAN'T FIND YOU IF YOU DON'T LET THEM KNOW WHERE YOU ARE. BESIDES THE *TIMES*, THIS LISTING IS ALSO POSTED ON THE NSDCA WEBSITE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND IS UPDATED WITH EVERY ISSUE OF THE *TIMES*.

2019 Illinois State NSDCA Camporee



June 7 – 9, 2019

Sponsored by Chapter 196

Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds

Rockville – Parke County 4-H Campgrounds

1472 N. US 41

Rockville, Indiana 47872

Games & Crafts

Antique Shops

*Golf Course
@
campground*

Covered Bridges

Camporee – one unit w/electric	Fri & Sat	\$85.00 for 30 amp	
(water available)		or \$95.00 for 50 amp	\$ _____
Arriving on Thursday, June 6, additional		\$25.00 for 30 amp	
		or \$30.00 for 50 amp	\$ _____
Friday night dinner	\$6 per person		\$ _____
		Total Due	\$ _____

Send Registration to Dan Hatfield, 9751 E. 600th Ave., Robinson, IL 62454

Make check payable to Dan Hatfield, postmarked no later than May 20, 2019

Registration at camporee additional \$5 per unit

For information contact danandmarian@hotmail.com or 618-554-3929

Adult Name _____ Adult Name _____

Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

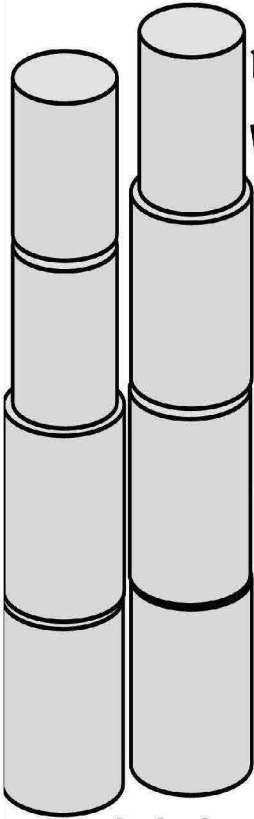
Email Address _____ Chapter _____

Type of Unit _____ Length _____

Indicated number of people in your unit interested in crafts _____

TOWER of TABS Project

Okay, ya'll, how are you doing? Is our TOWER going to be HIGH when we get to Pride this Summer? Are you saving those tabs?



Bring all your buckets full of those tabs,

We need more and more, not dribs and drabs.

As our TOWER gets higher with tabs all a glow,

We ask for your help to make a great show.

What do YOU think, how HIGH will it go?

**The CHILDREN at the SHRINER'S HOSPITAL
are counting on ALL of us. Please save your
TABS and bring them to the 62nd NSDCA
Camporee at Pride RV Resort.**

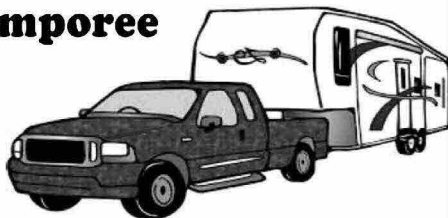
And, please remember only tabs from beverage and beer cans are accepted by the Shriners' pop-tab program. Mark your Chapter number/State on all your containers.

Bring your containers to the Pride Pavilion as soon as you get settled at your campsite at Pride. Once our TOWER is built, we will begin the sifting and weighing process to find our winner.

THANKS AGAIN for YOUR HELP.

NSDCA PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

State Camporee



MAY 22, 23 AND 24, 2019

Milton, PA

Camporee location:

YOGI AT SHANGRI-LA

670 Hidden Paradise Rd

Milton, PA 17847

THE CAMPGROUND OFFERS:

- Full hook-up sites
- 30 and 50 amp sites
- Pull-thru sites

ACTIVITIES:

- Heated swimming pool
- Poolside Café
- Horseshoe pits
- Hiking and nature trails
- Fishing ponds
- Bicycle rentals
- Planned activities throughout the week



Dancing Wednesday and Thursday Evenings

7:00—9:00

Early Trail In Dance, Tuesday evening

Call the campground directly for reservations:

Yogi at Shangri-La

570-524-4561

Tell the staff you are with the NSDCA PA Camporee

Camporee attendees will receive 20% discount on their camping fee

Those registered Sunday thru Friday will receive a 40% discount



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE
CAMPOREE CONTACT:

Park Bierbower

717-300-5111

ScoutGuyOne@gmail.com

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necessary to disband your chapter, consider retaining your membership in the NSDCA by joining another nearby chapter, or simply become a member at large (Chapter 000), that way you can continue to camp and dance with the friends you’ve made over the years.

If we all work together to participate in the two activities we’ve come to love and enjoy, activities that keep us physically active and young at heart, we can make the NSDCA better than it’s been in a long time.

Thank you.

John Ide, President

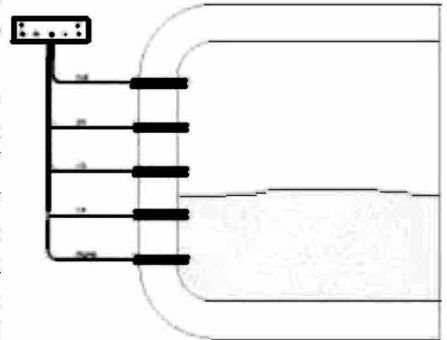
Black and Gray Water Holding Tank Maintenance: RV Tank Sensors & The GEO Method

This article was adapted from a web page by Nina Fussing of *Wheelingit* (<https://wheelingit.us/2012/03/21/rv-tank-sensors-the-geo-method/>) & is used with permission.

Almost every RVer I know complains about their tank sensors. It’s almost a given that after a few months the sensors start acting up and giving false readings showing tanks that are full when they are really empty. But there is hope! We’re not tank wizards by any means, but in 2 years of RVing we’ve managed to keep our black tank sensors working perfectly with our gray sensors OK most of the time, and most of it is thanks to the GEO method.

Now to understand why tank sensors go bad, it’s worth understanding a little about how they work. Most RV tank sensors are basically just 4 screw probes that stick into the tank. When liquid touches the screw it completes a circuit that illuminates the LED light on your display panel. Over time, crud and slime builds up on and between the screws, causing connectivity when there really is none (the sensors “think” the tank is full even if it’s not). It’s a really poor system – but it’s a cheap one, which is why it’s so widely used. So, the key to making these things work again is simply to clean off that grime. Easier said than done, right?

There are a ton of cleaners, tank chemicals and what-not out there, each of which have their passionate supporters. There are also much better sensors, such as the Horst Miracle Probe and SeeLevel, both of which get excellent reviews. But for those of us with old sensors and a cheap



Typical-tank-sensor-set-up-(from-dmbruss.com)

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Celebrity Squares Square Dance Thrift Shop



OPEN THURSDAYS
during the regular club dance

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

**Any other time by
appointment.**

**Anthony United
Methodist Church**

2396 NE 97th St Rd., Anthony, FL 32617

Phone & Mailing Address: **352-817-6961**

% Walter Cyr PO Box 361 Anthony, FL 32617



Shirts, Skirts & Petticoats



**Slacks, Belts,
Shoes, Pettipants
Blouses & Dresses**



(“The GEO Method” continued from page 49)

pocket, this is the method that’s worked best for us:

1) *Never Dump Until Tanks Are At Least 2/3 Full*

Waiting until your tanks are full before dumping helps keep things liquid and hydrostatic pressure high so that when you finally pull the plug, “stuff” flushes out rather than drying out and building up as pyramids in the tanks. So, even when we’re fully hooked-up we keep our tank valves closed until we’re ready to dump.

2) *Dump Black First, then Gray*

Always dump your dirtiest (black) tank first before dumping your gray. For those of you not in the know, the black tank contains run-off from your toilet, while the gray is run-off from your shower and sinks. [Ed: The gray tank flush after the black tank flush helps clean the sewer hose of any solids that may remain behind.]

3) *Use Lots of Water & Back-Flush the Black Tank*

Using lots of water (when you can) really helps to keep things flowing in the tanks. We’ve got a factory-installed back-flush system in our black tank, and after we dump we’ll usually back-flush and re-dump before heading out again. There are after-market back-flush systems that are super-easy to install and work very well too. [Ed: Others recommend also keeping a few gallons of water in the black tank at all times and using lots of water when you flush to minimize the build-up of the aforementioned “poop pyramid.”]

4) *Clean with the GEO Method*

The GEO method is a home-made cleaning technique that’s been around in the RV community since (at least) the early 80s. Where the name came from nobody seems to know, but the original method may be found at this web site: sites.google.com/site/cbruni/. The original formula uses chlorine, but that can ruin your valves, so these days most RVers use a slightly modified method with just 2 common items, both of which you can get at any big department store:

- *Calgon Water Softener* à This stuff helps to break down water surface tension, clean scum and prevent hard mineral deposits. I’ve used Borax on occasion when I can’t find Calgon and find it works just as well.
- *Dawn Dishwasher Detergent* à The “original formula” blue detergent is excellent at cutting grime. Laundry detergent works, too.

After you dump, pour 1 cup of Calgon *and* 1 cup detergent into the tanks. Leave them in until your next dump. Before driving some RVers will also throw a bag of ice-cubes down the tank to “scour” their walls



The-GEO-method-ingredients

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**National Square Dance Campers
Association, Inc.
Application for Membership**

I/we hereby apply for membership in the National Square Dance Camper Association, Inc. Report Date: _____

Chapter Joining: # _____ Chapter Name: _____
Member at Large _____

Name: (His) (First) _____ (Last) _____
(Hers) (First) _____ (Last) _____

Address: (Summer) _____
(City) _____ (St/Prov) _____ (Zip+4/PC) _____
(Phone) _____ (Cell Phone) _____
(Email) _____

(Winter) _____
(City) _____ (St/Prov) _____ (Zip+4/PC) _____
(Phone) _____

NSDCA Times Mailing: Please let us know where to send your NSDCA Times.

Issue	Summer Address	Winter Address
March/Spring	_____	_____
June/Summer	_____	_____
September/Fall	_____	_____
December/Winter	_____	_____

~~\$20~~
Please remit **\$10** for a Couples Membership and a one-time fee of \$12 for two badges.
Please remit ~~\$12.50~~
\$6 for a Single Membership and a one-time fee of \$6 for one badge.

Send this application and your remittance to:

**NSDCA Membership Secretary
P.O. Box 628433
Middleton, WI 53562-8433**

**Limited-time offer!
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(“The GEO Method” continued from page 51)

(we’ve never done this, but others swear by it). [Ed: The original article recommends 1 gallon of hot water mixed with 2 cups of Calgon and soap (the soap is only used for the black water tank), then pour the mixture into the respective tank through the toilet or the sink. Be aware that many bathroom sinks (not the kitchen sink) drain into the black water tank.]

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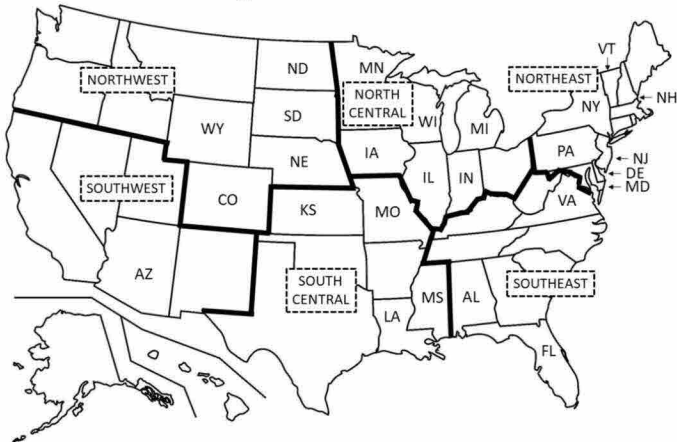
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