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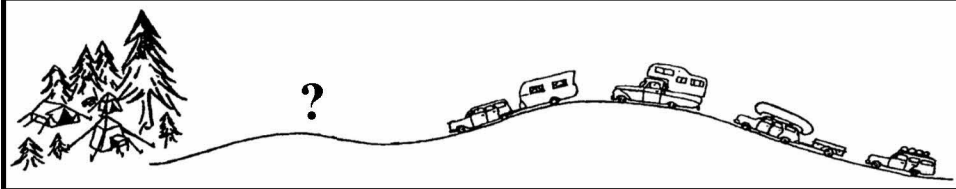
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John & Dolly Ide



Can you believe it? Christmas is just around the corner and as I write this, it's only Halloween. When I consider how rapidly time passes, I usually think to myself at this time of year, don't snooze, January is only a week away, or so it seems.

Many of our members are busy winterizing their rigs for the next season, while we in Florida look forward to a great time of cooler weather, wonderful dancing and fun times around the campfire. There's an open invitation to all of our northerners to come south and have fun with us. Last week we held our 2019 FANSDC (Florida) Camporee and had visitors from all over, even our German contingent, Lutz and Brigitte Borowsky camped and danced with us before heading home to Germany for the winter.



The Borowskys

Thinking ahead to next year, be sure to plan for, AND then come to the 2020 International Camporee in Lebanon, TN from June 30th through July 2nd. Actually, you should make it inclusive of the weekend before through the weekend after. Lebanon is just a short 30 miles east of Nashville, TN with all of the sightseeing and entertainment to be had there. I bet that most of you aren't aware that Nashville, in addition to country music, the Grand Ole Opry, southern history, etc. boasts a full-size reconstruction of the Parthenon (just like the one in Greece). And speaking of the Grand Ole Opry, a special group event is planned for the Friday after the Camporee for any of our members to attend a performance of the Opry. Ron Imus of Chapter 128 is organizing this event and has secured special group rates for those interested. See the notice on page 35 in this issue.

Now for the serious stuff. We desperately need someone to volunteer their time as our Nominating Committee Chair. Each year we elect or reelect one Board member. This year, our Vice Presidents, Tom and Pat Herscha, will have completed their term of office and they have opted out of a second 4-year term. That means we need a new Vice President. Anyone interested in the opportunity to serve your fellow dancers and campers as an NSDCA Board member, please let me know.

We've had a great year with possibilities of several new chapters on

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Tom & Pat Herscha



We attended the Florida State Camporee in Eustis, FL in October for three wonderful days of dancing, games, food, and fellowship. What fun it is to see people again that you normally see only a few times a year! November brought us to camping together at Hanna Park in Jacksonville, FL for the “Hillbilly Heaven” Fall Festival. There were lots of themed outfits and even an “Outhouse Race.” We also look forward to the Christmas campout in December and to dance in the street before the Hog Valley Christmas Parade.

We are all in the midst of the holiday season. How about giving yourself the gift of a registration to the 2020 NSDCA International Camporee in Lebanon, TN. The NSDCA Board has been working together to give you a fun filled “Roaring Twenties” themed dance! Since we will be so close to Nashville, there will be a lot of sightseeing opportunities. This would make a wonderful vacation. Ron Imus, from Chapter 128 in Florida, has been organizing a trip to the “Grand Ole Opry.” We hope to see all our members attending this camporee – and plan to stay a few days before and after. There will be July 4th fireworks right at the campground.

We would love to hear from all of the state, area, and chapter representatives about what is happening in your area. What works for your chapter, or what doesn't work? Let us know. We might have some ideas.

How might we help you? Our job is to be here for you!

Tom and Pat Herscha



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the horizon in Texas, New York, and elsewhere. Let's keep the new members coming and the fun, fellowship and dancing going.

Looking forward to dancing with you somewhere,

Dolly & John



David & Mary Bruun



Winter is just around the corner for all of us up north. Our motorhome has been winterized for this season. We will be heading south to try to get out of the snow, rain and wind that is predicted for our area. We had a very enjoyable season and nice fall. However, our Chapter 123 campouts have been known for rainy weekends, and the weatherman has not disappointed us again this year.

The NSDCA Board has extended the special rate for all new members and/or prior members that haven't been on our membership list for the past 3 years at a low cost of \$10 per couple and \$6 for singles, plus badge fee if you need one. See the membership application on page 52. Each year the chapter with the most new members will be recognized at the National Camporee. Let's see who can get the most!

Keep the NSDCA website (NSDCA.org) in mind when filling out all the forms for corresponding with the Board. For example: **Membership Renewal** -- due by December 31st of each year; **Officer Election** - each year or whenever any changes in your chapter occur; **Change of Address** -- when any member moves or their winter address changes, so you will continue to receive the *TIMES* each quarter; after all the *TIMES* has important information. For example, I always read all the *Chats* first, whereas Dave likes the *RV section* as well as the *Lost Camper* competition. Ken Shacter does a great job putting it together, so please read to see what others are doing and what ideas you can learn from.

Remember that each year a Board position becomes available for election or reelection. If you are interested in serving as a Board member please fill out a Nomination Form as found on our website under Forms (IX a, b, and c). This year's deadline is December 15th. Please send it to any Board member.

The Board is looking for a Chapter to host the 2021 Camporee. Please help the Board and consider getting several chapters in your area or even your state to organize the NSDCA Camporee in your area. As you know the Board is planning your 63rd Camporee this year in Lebanon, Tennessee at the Wilson County Expo Center (Fairgrounds). Be with us by "Roaring into the 20's" on June 30th, July 1st and 2nd. PLEASE send your registration to Susan Wolford – the registration is

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Tom & Kathy Nickel



In southern Wisconsin we have put the campers in storage for the winter. We are presently having snow falling outside our windows. We had 3 inches the other day, and now on Halloween we are getting another 3 inches. We have been working hard to get our yard work done. Keeping ahead of the leaves falling from the trees has been loads of fun. More falling leaves are still to come. I have been holding lessons for two clubs with a total of ten new dancers. Perhaps we will have the protentional of recruiting new members.

Next year, the International Camporee is being hosted by the Board in Lebanon, TN. Many great activities are being planned for you to enjoy. There are plenty of chances to sight-see in the area as well. We are also looking for good members to serve on the board as we will be having an opening on the board this year. There will be an opening in 2021 as well. Our organization needs you. It is a great experience to serve the membership of the NSDCA.

The "TIMES" is your newsletter and it can be only as good as you make it. Submit your campfire chats so everyone can see what you enjoy most at your campouts. Don't forget to send in your campout listings as well. Please keep your addresses current, if not we have to pay double postage and you don't get your next copy until your address is corrected.

We would like to see your renewals in by Dec. 15th. You can send in the ones you have presently and add additional ones later. Our insurance is due in Jan. 2020. So, we need to keep you covered for your events.

We have a new chapter in Tennessee and it would be great to see a huge turnout for the Camporee to show them how great our organization likes to travel to different parts of our country. Hope to see many of you at the camporee in Lebanon, TN.

Tom and Kathy Nickel



Roger Tipps Membership Secretary



It is very important for each chapter to proof read their membership each time a change is made. The post office is again asking for the extra 4 digits for each zip code. When you have added these send the corrected list to me. If you are not receiving the *TIMES* email me your correct address and if you are a snow bird send both addresses and the dates you are at each address.

As you are dancing with other weekly clubs, ask if your new friends are campers and if they are, invite them to join you for a weekend of fun and dancing. We all must increase our membership so this great activity will continue for many years to come.

New members and those who have not been a member in the last 3 years may join NSDCA for \$10 a couple and \$6 for a single membership. The required badges are only \$6 each with a pin or \$9 each with a magnet.

Let's start making plans for next year's International Camporee in Tennessee, being held the last week of June. We will be about 30 miles east of Nashville with all their shows and great places to visit. Plan to attend and get your ribbons now.

I am asked several times a month if you no longer have an RV can you continue to belong to NSDCA and be with your friends. After you join NSDCA you can always be a member with or without an RV.

For those of you coming south to avoid the cold weather and snow, find a chapter to dance with on the weekend. You do not have to take your RV so join them for the Friday or Saturday dance.

Be safe and have fun.

Roger Tipps



The Baker Report: Notes from your Publicity Director

We have made the move south to our winter home in Port Aransas, Texas. We are having a great time in the campground and with the various dancing clubs in the area.

One of the clubs holds a “Howl at the Moon” dance on the sandy beaches of North Padre Island. It was fantastic; we danced barefoot on the beach at the water’s edge as the full moon rose over the Gulf of Mexico. Our caller used an inverter hooked to his car battery to power his Hilton amp. We had two squares dancing and having a ball. They shared this area with a kayaking group that has been having this on a monthly basis since 1996. Now, I recognize that Texas is a little warmer than lots of other places most of the year, but you can use this “Howl at the Moon” dance in a garage or driveway and jump back into the heat later. The idea of moving your square dance to a place without electricity can add some new twist to our selection of a dance location. And watching the full moon glow in the sky and sparkle on the water as the waves moved the reflection made for a romantic evening of fun.

Back home, we regularly dance with our NSDCA group once a month and with four other clubs usually twice per month with each club. Down here, the two clubs dance every week and when our caller gets to the campground we will start twice a week workshops and twice a month full dances. With all this practice, I might get left alle-mande down pretty quick.

I am looking to put an article out to several RV’ing magazines. Look for the article on page 50 and please let me know what you think of it and what I should change or add. Several national magazines are related to the camping aspect with specialized versions for motorhomes, trailers and other versions of manufacturers clubs such as FROG and Jayco.

Try to get square dancers that own RVs to come to the Camporee in 2020. Let’s make it the biggest ever! You can help: print the flyer and take them to dances, RV shops, etc.

Bill and Kathy Baker

State & Area Representatives Reports

NSDCA Florida State Representative

Hi guys! Well, we are back from our Florida State Camporee. It went very well; this was our 44th time to experience this event. We had 61

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rigs attending. The Camporee was held at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL. The theme was 'Rockin' the Night Away: Fabulous 50s'. Our chairman was Martha Zimmerman and Bob Jenkins. They did a wonderful job. We always love to dress up in the back-in-the-day outfits! Bill Chesnut was caller Chairman and the best ever. He had his team of callers to fill in when he needed a rest; they were Charlie Pergrossi (#153), Ron Reardon (#082), Sonny McCartney (#193), Ted Hughes (#018) and even Jim Cosman (000), Mark Fetzer (128) and Bill Cassidy (128) called a few. The Cuers were Ann Hadsall (#128), Chuck Ryall (#193), Susan Wolford (#152) and Susan Snider (#128). This was a wonderful group of callers and cuers; they had us on the floor all night. I think we all had very tired feet when we went back to our RVs for the night. Ron Imus did a wonderful job with the afterparties from 'sitting in the back seat' and how couples knew each other, plus outside fires and toasted marshmallows.

Camping and dancing is the most fun of all; we get to enjoy our favorite recreational activity and meet with friends we have not seen for a year or so. The dinner was wonderful and was catered by Oakwood Smokehouse in Eustis; they did a great job - the food was out of this world. The Smokehouse delivered the food and we were able to have everyone served in less than 10 minutes. Congratulation's to Dolly Ide and her team of merry table decorators. The table decorations fit the theme of 'Rockin' the Night Away'.

We will be going to visit all the Florida chapters through the year and give you all a update on how they are doing. We always need more campers and dancers. We just have to keep on trying to encourage more Square Dancers to get some kind of camping equipment and join us. That's all for now! I'll be back in a few months.

John and Mary Burzo Chapter 128

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on the back of the center-fold in this month's *TIMES*.

As I sit here finishing my article on October 31st, it is snowing! I guess there will be no little ones at my door tonight for Halloween. It was a TRICK on me this year! We will be traveling to Texas in a couple of weeks, so here's wishing you all a belated Thanksgiving Blessing and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Dave & Mary

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



As many of the correspondents and officers have noted elsewhere in this issue, winter is nigh. We've been buffeted by weather on our travels this Fall – Nor'easters on Cape Cod and in Pennsylvania (while dancing with the Penn-Dixie Square Campers, #045) along with a 31° wind chill, then 90 -plus degree weather (not including the heat index) once we get to Florida, only to be frosted out again on a quick trip to North Carolina. Weather forecasting is one of the black arts, but from what I've read we're in for a wild ride in the coming months.

I want to thank the Chapter correspondents who have filed “Chats around the Campfire” and campout schedule entries. We have four more “Chapter Chat” entries for this issue than last, but unfortunately three of those will no longer be reporting as they are disbanding, as announced elsewhere in this issue. Some Chapters are struggling to get one square on the floor, while others are merging to maintain their numbers and participants. We have some new Chapters and prospects for others, and at least one inactive Chapter that I know of is about to rejoin the fold.

It was interesting to discuss square dancing in Europe with our German correspondents, who I finally met face-to-face at the Florida State Camporee. It's ironic that our beloved activity is so wide-spread on the other side of the pond and yet diminishing in its birthplace. We all need to encourage our camping friends who square dance (as well as those that don't – they can learn) to join us on our weekend adventures. And while you are traveling, be sure to check out who may be camping and dancing along your route. The on-line campout schedule listing at NSDCA.org is updated regularly, and you always have near-term events in the latest issue of the *TIMES*.

Feel free to submit your camping schedule as soon as it is finalized; there is no need to wait until a new issue of the *TIMES* is imminent. Our NSDCA webmaster, Dave Seay, is prompt about updating the scheduling information as he receives it from me, but I can't provide it to him unless I get it from you!

Again, when communicating with me, please be sure to identify your chapter in the subject line of the email; this makes it easier for me to sort things out when assembling the newsletter or the master campout list. Also include the name of the person writing the article or providing the camping schedule and contact information (email and/or phone number).

Thank you.

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.

LeRoy M. Konkle (#010)

LeRoy M. Konkle, a past member of Pioneer 010 (WI), passed away from Parkinson's on September 9th. He was born on February 20, 1939, in Lena. LeRoy had a love of the outdoors, camping, fishing, deer hunting, and his hobby farm up North. He also loved polkas and square dancing which he did for 40 plus years, along with playing the card game sheephead. He worked as a UPS driver for 35 years. LeRoy is survived by his wife of 60 years, Eileen. Funeral services were held September 13th. Submitted by Harriet Roberts.



Max Graves (#060)

The smile and musical talents of Max Graves, age 85, of Marshalltown, IA, are now gracing Heaven's halls. He left this earthly life with his family at his side on October 8th. Memorial services celebrating his life were held October 12th. He was laid to rest with full military honors by the Marshalltown area Combined American Legion and VFW Posts.

Submitted by Herman Meyer



Ralph E. Jackson (#012)

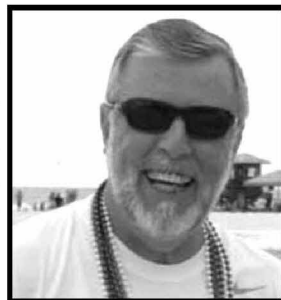


Ralph E. Jackson, age 101, of Cedar Rapids, IA, and Randolph, Wis., passed away on October 25. Funeral services were held at November 3. Ralph was born June 15, 1918 in Garrison, IA and grew up in Vinton; in high school he excelled in track and held the half-mile record for 35 years. He married Marcella Benfer October 5, 1941. An industrial engineer by trade, Ralph was an amateur (ham) radio enthusiast. He enjoyed golfing, hunting and relaxed fishing trips with his buddies. Ralph and Marcella square danced and were members of the Twirlin' Travelers #012 camping club. He

was a long-time member of #639 Masonic Lodge, Consistory and El Kahir Shrine. Submitted by Herman Meyer

Steve Cormier (#082)

I wasn't ready to write this post, but would I ever be ready? My Dad sadly took his final breath at age 71 on November 1st and went to heaven. He fought so hard against his cancer for almost 15 months. It wasn't easy, but he adjusted to every stage with a positive attitude. I am thankful for my relationship with him and how he raised me and my brother and later influenced my kids. Many people don't get a Dad/Poppa like we did. Rest easy Dad - I love you forever and I'm so glad you are free from this pain now. Dad was a member of the Hitch-N-Go Squares square dancing camping club for over 10 years. A Celebration of Life was held November 10th. Submitted by Amy Cormier Benison.



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.

A brief update on important NSDCA Rules and Guidelines per NSDCA Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures:

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2. Associate member(s) may not hold office or vote in the associate chapter(s).

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and the FUN continues...

The lost camper in the Fall issue was really “frosted” about their lack of directional ability. They got stuck in the icing of the 50-year anniversary cake for Chapter 031 on page 18. This time there were 29 entries, of which 27 were correct. Congratulations to John and Carol Scher of Chapter 123 for winning last issue’s contest. Your 2020 NSDCA membership fee will be waived.

Chapter name	#	Entrant
Garden State Square Dance Campers Assn (NJ)	001	Joan Anfinen
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Cherie and Bill Arch
		Marie Berridge
Square-Up Campers (PA)	106	Dan & Judy Alex
		David & Kim Black
		Michael Gelinis
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Frank Golden
		Mike Huddleson
Swing ‘N’ Travelers (IL)	123	Al & Charlene Fahsbender
		Bert and Dwaine Dunn
		Bill Baker
		Chet & Janet Bowman
		Dave & Mary Bruun
		Herb & Pat Edwards
		Jerry & Judy Boutelle
		Jim & Naomi Mills
		John & Carol Scher
		Maurine Collett
		Phyllis Anderson
Sue Mayer		
Square Wheels (FL)	128	Maxine Thomas
Alabama Campers & Dancers (AL)	152	Diane Connor
Strawberry Travelers (FL)	153	Bill Dees
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		Kerry Richmond
Crossfire Campers (NC)	198	Susan Wolford

Please keep sending in your answers and remember that we’ll have a special recognition and award at the June 2020 Camporee at Lebanon, TN for the chapter with the most entries.

Unfortunately, once again it seems as if the caravan's fearless leaders, Alex & Jen Brabender, have lost their way. They are driving a sedan and pulling a single-axle travel trailer (see the Summer 2019 issue for background on the caravan and images of each traveler). This time there is no frosting to get stuck in—so search elsewhere! Please see if you can locate them and give them directions to get back to the caravan.

Good luck! You can send your answer two ways by January 31st: 1) via email to NSDCAtimes@gmail.com or 2) by regular mail to **Ken Shacter, 5418 Weller Place, Jacksonville, FL 32211**. Please be specific as to the location in this issue; provide the page number *and* where on the page our wayward campers are. Simply providing something like “on page 2” or “on the bottom of page 2” is insufficient; however, something like “on the bottom of page 2 immediately above the page number” or “on the bottom of page 2 below the ad for badges” gives a good indication you have properly located our campers.

Be sure to include your Chapter number regardless of the way you choose to communicate. Thank you.

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"Roaring into the 20's"



001 Garden State Square Dance Campers Association; New Jersey

Our season began in April at Otter Lake Camping Resort in Marshalls Creek, PA with our annual Wine & Cheese party. It was cloudy and cold, but dancing warmed us up even though we were in the open pavilion. Saturday night, the wine helped a little, too!

At our May campout we had a pot luck dinner Saturday night, and once again our chefs brought many good dishes. June's weekend theme was a pot luck breakfast. In July, we had our Ice Cream Social and a "Christmas in July" theme. Howard and Mary Schnuck outdid themselves decorating the campground. August found us at Appalachian RV Resort in Shartlesville, PA, where we had our Potluck Dinner. Lots of good food again. It's a good thing we are dancers; we need to burn off all those calories!

In September we were back at Otter Lake where we had our Hot Dog Roast. Our October Halloween celebration was also at Otter Lake. Howard and Mary Schnuck did a wonderful job of decorating the pavilion. They even put costumes on the campground's life-sized carved animals (made from trees). It put us in the mood for our costume parade and pie & cider feast. Three prizes were awarded for the costumes: Inars & Jeanne Gruntals won Most Original for Thing 1 and Thing 2; Dolores, Jim & Anthony Lynch were the scariest as skeletons; and Ken & Kathleen Heaphy were the Best Couple as Mickey & Minnie Mouse.

We had a season full of fun, and now are looking forward to our Dinner Dance in December.

Joan Anfinen; 908-876-4457; anfinen@embarqmail.com

010 Pioneer; Wisconsin

On September 5-8, we were happy to have three campers gather for a weekend of camping. On Friday we were joined by another couple for the day, and Saturday we were joined by three other couples for the afternoon and evening potluck. With not enough people to dance, we drove to the Fox Valley club dance on Friday. We were blessed with nice weather and then it rained as we were leaving.

Ken & Harriet Roberts; 920-878-0860; ewesforme@gmail.com

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

We have had a full season of dancing and camping! We ended our camping year with a campout at Pilgrim Park in Wisconsin for a long weekend attend-



Chats

ing the *Buddy Holly Story* at the Fire-side Dinner Theater. Saturday night was the annual Chili Dump and pot-luck – as always great chow. And what would the weekend be without dancing? We had guests for the play and for dancing – Bill Prottsman, Mary Flannigan, and Bev Sutter. Back at the campground and in between the raindrops we worked on our craft projects for the upcoming 2020 Illinois State Camporee that we are hosting. By last count we had five different crafts for our campers to pick from! Get ready for great crafting at the 2020 IL State Camporee! We will be at the fairgrounds in Pecatonica, IL and our very own Bob Asp will be calling. Get ready for great dancing! All your friends from near and far will be there. Get ready for renewing old friendships and making new ones! It promises to be a great Camporee. Get your reservations in early, you won't want to miss the fun! Look for our registration form in this issue on page 44.



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

031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin

Our last campout was September 20 to September 22 at Fox Hills Campground in Baraboo, WI. We welcomed new members Scott and Brenda Deal. A small group that we had enjoyed making donuts over the campfire. Tom Nickel was able to call a couple of tips for our one square after our potluck dinner.



Next order of business, many of our Badger Rovers will be putting their campers into storage while some are lucky enough to leave Wisconsin and head south.

Hope everyone has a great holiday season - see you in the Spring!

Sharon Schmidt; 608-830-7543; sharon.schmidt58@yahoo.com

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045 Penn Dixie Square Campers; Pennsylvania

It is with great sadness that I am reporting the loss of one of our members. We learned that Lynn Sebesta had passed away while we at our August campout. She had been ailing for some time and unfortunately succumbed to her illness. Lynn and her husband Jim were members of our club for over 15 years and always helped to make the campouts lively and enjoyable. Lynn will be sorely missed by all.

Our club is gradually shrinking but we still manage to have at least one square on the dance floor, sometimes with the help of visitor from other clubs in the area. Our September campout was well attended and the club tried something a little different for our pot luck lunch on Saturday. Normally at our September campout we make soup in a big butcher pot; everyone brings vegetables to throw in the pot and we all stand around the fire taking turns stirring the pot and socializing.

This year everyone made their own soup and everyone got to choose which soups they wanted to taste. Unfortunately, I wasn't there but I have heard that there was a nice selection of soups and everyone got plenty to eat. Plans for our Christmas dinner were announced and discussed and plans for next year were initiated with the selection of a nominating committee.

Our camping season is over in Pennsylvania but we are already looking forward to next year. I'll be sending our campout dates and locations for next year for publication in the Spring *TIMES* and look forward to seeing some of you on the dance floor and/or around the camp fire sometime. We would love to have you join us any time you are in the area.

Jim Mongiovi, 717-349-2298, jmongiovi@pa.net

068 Wandering Wheels; Minnesota

The last half of our camping season is now in the books. August, September, and October took us to St. Peter, St. Cloud, and Hutchinson, respectively. August was our Beach Party weekend and we danced to Al Vesper and his wife Bonnie. Our craft for the weekend was cutting the bottom of T-shirts in strips and then beading them - each one was different and they all turned out cute! This was also our Annual Corn Feed which brought our many delicious side dishes and desserts, in addition to the great corn cleaned by our own special group of corn shuckers!

For our September campout we enjoyed the great calling and cueing of Roger and Bernadette McNeil. We even had a former member, Dee (Dowler) Wilson join us for Friday night - all the way from Mesa, AZ. This was our weekend for a Baked Potato Supper and we had many wonderful toppings to choose



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from. We also had a special cake for our most recent octogenarian, Floyd Engelhardt.

The weather in October continued our pattern of only being able to have a campfire one of the two nights. We danced to Larry and Pat Johansen and celebrated Halloween by participating in the Halloween Olympics led by John and Ilene Grimaldi. We also had two couples join our club this month: Wayne Duerfeldt & Karen Stoll and Jason & Sheryl White. Welcome!

We will be having our Christmas Potluck and Dance on December 7th at 6:30P.M. It will be held at Brunswick United Methodist Church, 6122 42nd Ave. N, Crystal, MN 55422, and if you are in the area, we would love to have you join us.

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

082 Hitch-N-Go; Florida

In September we joined together at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL. Ron called and had music for Rounds. He also filled in dancing while calling to make a full square. Ron puts in his BEST to keep our club going. We are very thankful for our Square Dance families and the friendship we share. Sharing our summer events, traveling and memories is always lots of fun.

In October we joined together at the Florida State Camporee, which was held at Southern Palms RV Resort. There were six Callers and four Cuers from all the different State Chapters. Phil & Deanna Sortore with Club members, put on an ice cream social. Very Yummy!! The Theme was "Rock & Roll into the 50s" was much fun. Many ladies wore their poodle skirts. I'm sure it reminded some of us of when we were young. There was plenty of dancing with a variety. There were 60 rigs at the Camporee.

In November we had our Thanksgiving Dinner at Blueberry Hill RV Resort. It is always a very filling (and fulfilling) dinner. We are blessed to have our Square Dance friends to celebrate Thanksgiving with. Everyone was filled with turkey.

There will be NO camp out in December. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See our campout listing at the rear of this issue and please let Sue Reardon know if you are attending our campout, either by e-mail or text.

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

085 Mobile Squares; Colorado

We started our camping season at M^cC Ranch near Loveland, CO. Nine units were present for this campout. Our hosts gave us a tour of the area. In June our

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campout was held Mountain Dale Cabins & RV Resort in Colorado Springs with only 3 units present, but they reported that they had a great time with tours of the Olympic Training Center, Pioneer Museum, the Garmin Studio, and the Money Museum.

Our July campout was held at Riverview Campground with 7 units present. We toured Carter, Flatiron, Pinewood, and where Chimney Rock Dam is being built. We then went to Berthoud to hear a Western singer. In August we attended the Old West Balloon Fest in Scottsbluff, NE. This campout started with three hail storms within 24 hours. Nobody got away without damage to their units or cars, but we still managed to have a good time. We attended a night glow balloon launch and competition.

Our September campout was held at Curt Gowdy State Park, Wyoming. In October we celebrated our 45th Anniversary at this campout. We had afternoon party and some former members joined us for cake and ice cream; it was great to see them.

Please see the NSDCA website for next year's camping schedule.

Bob & Jan Ginnow; 303-748-4057; mrbumpa@hotmail.com

116 Camping Squares; Kansas

Our August campout in Kingman was a lot of fun with a tour of a ranch and hayrack ride. We also enjoyed a tour of a small State Park with a lot of history. Our September campout at Hesston included a tour of the Grasshopper Lawnmower Manufacturer and a Tortilla factory in Moundridge. We also toured the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston and attended the square dance in Hesston on Saturday evening.

Our last campout of the season was October 11-13 at Chanute with many fun activities as well as a dance Saturday evening. On October 25-26 we will be attending the South Central Fall Square Dance Festival in Wichita with Jim Howard calling on Saturday and local callers and cuers on Friday at Westside Church of God. There was no camping. We held our annual meeting on October 6 at a restaurant in Wichita with a large number of members attending.

Our 1st winter party was at Spittles Ranch, Council Grove, KS on November 2 with the traditional Thanksgiving feast. Our annual Christmas Dance will be Sunday, Dec 1 from 2-4:30 p.m. at Southwest Presbyterian Church in Wichita. Again, there will be no camping.

Anyone in the area is always welcome to join us! For more information, contact Marty & Frank Golden 316-943-4137, fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

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



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119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

It seems like this summer went by very quickly. Our last campout was at Laramie for the annual Buggy Stomp. The weather was good and we could play our bean bag baseball games in the shade of the building! We can get pretty competitive! Ollie and Joyce Hill invited us over to begin the weekend for a steak fry on Wednesday night. We enjoy visiting their home outside of Laramie where we can see for miles at the beautiful scenery in every direction! I never get tired of seeing this. They are very fortunate to live there!

On Thursday, the Laramie Club sponsored a Trail in Dance with three great callers: Jerry Junck, Gary Shoemake, and our very own Dave Guille. What a wonderful way to begin the weekend. Friday morning we had our Wander Yonder meeting and pot luck breakfast. We discussed our activities for the rest of the summer and next year. As usual, we had more than enough to eat! We have some really good cooks in our club! We had some members there that we had not seen for a while and it was great to have them with us.

The Quadra Dangle Club sponsored a silent auction to help with maintenance of their 90-year-old log building. Their club members as well as some of the Wander Yonder club members had donated items for the silent auction. It seemed to go well and we think that it would be a good idea to have the auction more often. We are all grateful to have this hall and all love dancing in this building with the wood floor. Hoping that we can contribute to the maintenance of the building and support square dancing for many years to come!

In August, ten of our members traveled up to Lolo, Montana to spend the week dancing with Dave. It sounds like they had a terrific time; maybe more of us can go next summer.

Two of our members, Gail Guille and Carol Krause, have had some health issues this fall. Please keep them in your thought and prayers.

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

123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois

July 12th, in Frances Park, Kewanee, IL, those who arrived a day early had already kicked off the weekend. Friday arrivals joined in visiting the area's historic homes and, of course, the restaurant offerings! Pat gave an impromptu hat style show for the group and Joe showed off his new style of beard. On Saturday after the business meeting ended the group visited a community called Bishop Hill and, true to habit, while learning some of the Swedish culture and history also tasted local cuisine which was delicious! Oh, those

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Swedes can cook! Back at camp later everyone enjoyed a “milk can” supper which is quite unusual but very filling and all loaded together for cooking. The horrid heat and humidity of mid-summer cancelled the dancing (I’m sure all could have used more exercise). The usual cards, games and socializing went on into the evening hours. The club’s three clergymen were absent due to prior scheduled events. Carl and Rita were welcomed back with us after she has completed a long physical rehabilitation process. There were sweet breads, coffee and juice served before Rita provided a wonderful and thoughtful devotional; and ended with Les leading singing of Amazing Grace. There were more games, socializing and a tour of Ed & Margie’s new camper. Leftovers were served and eaten before all headed home.

The August 9th campout began when one member arrived on the 7th at Hickory Hills Campground in Secor, IL. More members arrived on Thursday the 8th and soon reservations were made for dinner and the group headed to Eureka to the Chanticleer to dine. Several couples elected to attend the square dance in Carlock.

On Friday the remaining campers arrived and there were lots of games, cards and socializing. New members Barry and Joy Vlad were welcomed. The group of 31 headed to Woody’s in El Paso, IL for dinner. At the pavilion later in the evening the hosts provided an oldie-but-goodie movie called “The Long Long Trailer” starring Desi and Lucy; complete with popcorn! A fun evening!

After the business meeting Saturday morning, we enjoyed a game of mini golf; played with lots of different twists for guessing personal scores and low or high scores! Crafts were made after lunch; very nicely done paintings; emerging talent or developing talent among the members!

Sunday morning the hosts provided a delicious spread including juice and coffee. Bill Baker followed with an excellent devotional based on The Lord’s Prayer. Half of Chapter 123 ‘Chat’ articles have been written by Mary Bruun, who graciously volunteered during our sojourn in Alaska. That story alone could completely fill an issue of *NSDCA TIMES*. The phrase, “If it weren’t for bad luck, we’d have no luck at all” pretty much wraps it up.

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128 Square Wheels; Florida

The Square Wheels kicked off the 2019 fall camping season with the first campout at Wilderness RV Resort in Silver Springs, FL. Pat McMillan and Debbie Miller volunteered to be the host for the weekend. As is usual for August, it was a very wet and rainy weekend with many in soggy campsites. Some of us even had to wade through water and were not happy campers. In spite of the weather we still had 20 rigs and had a great weekend catching up on each other’s travels over the summer. It was good to have Dale Fredrick-



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son and Pat Everett back camping with us after a long year of health concerns. Jim Maroldo and Laura Martin joined the club over the weekend even though they did not replace their camper yet. Temporarily, they've been staying at cabins and park models and it works very well for them. We also celebrated some special August anniversaries for Jay and Teri Peck, Don and Sherry MacGregor, Fay and Dexter Beals, and Bob and Janet Frechette. All the couples have been married over 50 years. The theme for the weekend was the "Dog Days of Summer" and we enjoyed the stories behind the toy dogs that some members brought as decorations. There was a lot of dancing and Saturday we had a hot dog cookout to celebrate the "Dog Days". As always, there was plenty of dancing and laughing.

In September we arrived at the Southern Oaks Resort for a great weekend in Summerfield, FL. Laura Ramsey and Sherry MacGregor were the hosts for that weekend. It started out with 54 people all eating together at St John's Seafood restaurant. The waitstaff at St John's Seafood is used to us coming and were very efficient at getting us all served. Friday we had four squares dancing most of the evening and enjoyed an after party. Saturday morning was filled playing games of all sorts. There was Corn Hole, bocce, a hot game of Hand and Foot, Rummicub and a few others. We had our usual square and round dance workshops in the afternoon that provide levity for Bill Chesnut as he tried to get us to do some of the calls. For dinner we had a delicious pot luck buffet. We have the best cooks! During dinner, Laura passed out forms for us to go around to everyone and seek out information about each other that was new and interesting. We then read the fun facts and we all got to know a little more about each other. It was really fun hearing and listening to the stories about everyone. Saturday evening we had five or six squares on the floor along with round dancing with Ann Hadsall providing the cues. There was a special visit from the NEFSARDA officers in their hillbilly outfits promoting "Hillbilly Heaven," the theme of the Fall Festival to be held in Jacksonville Beach November 15 & 16. On Sunday we had a pancake and sausage breakfast as we said our goodbyes.



Square Wheel attendees at the 44th FANSDC Camporee in Eustis, FL

Then October came and we all prepared for the 44th FANSDC Camporee that

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was held at the Southern Palm RV Resort in Eustis, FL. There were many that rolled in early on Wednesday. It was fun checking in with the members from the other clubs to see how they spent their summers. The Camporee Chairpersons Martha (Zimmerman) and Bob Jenkins and their committees planned and executed a fantastic “Fabulous 50s – Rockin’ the Night Away” weekend of fun and activities. Thursday was casual as the FANSDC Board held their meeting in the afternoon and the rest helped set up while visiting with everyone. Thursday evening was the first official dance of the Camporee with everyone dressed in their best 50s costumes. The dance was fun and lively as the callers and cuers from the different clubs led us in an evening of Squares and Rounds. The night ended with a bonfire and s’mores that were enjoyed by many. Friday started off early with the golfers leaving at 7:45 a.m. to play some “pasture pool”. The winners were Paul Scott, Phil Sortore and Jim Cosman. A little later Corn Hole and Shuffleboard were played with Walter and Janette Cyr and Anna and Dan Faust being the winners. There were afternoon round and square dance clinics and the evening dance was filled with orange and white as everyone wore the state colors. Sundaes were provided by the Strawberry Travelers (#153). The afterparty was a hilarious skit to the tune of “Kissin and a Huggin with Fred” put on by Jim Weismore, Dee Casteel, Ron and Linda Imus, Janet and Bob Frechette, Lolly Adkison and Allen Byland dressed up as the “Blind Date”. Saturday was another full day starting off with a craft and a white elephant sale.

Our General FANSDC Meeting followed a Sloppy Joe lunch, where we elected new officers for the coming year. They are: **Presidents – Angela Brown and Tim Hill; Vice Presidents – Sherry and Don MacGregor; Secretaries – Wendy and Joe Kakolowski; and Treasurers – Debbie and Wayne Miller.** Congratulations and thank you for taking these positions. Then we had the usual afternoon activities followed by a catered barbeque dinner.

The evening dance started with the Grand March with everyone dressed in their club colors. During the dance there was a special presentation of the “Circle of Service Award” given to Bob and Barbara Rosenthal for all the work and service they have given to the square dance community. The after party was another hit with Ron Imus as the emcee for the “Wedding Game” to see how well the couples could guess the other spouse’s response to personal questions. Of course, FL State Representatives Mary and John Burzo knew the most answers! There was a lot of laughter from the audience. Sunday was breakfast followed by a worship and gospel sing along. Goodbyes were said and everyone left looking forward to next year’s





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Camporee. Hope to dance with you soon.

Sherry & Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net

130C Lakeshore Rolling Squares; Ontario

September rounded out a bittersweet season for us. Unfortunately, it was our last camp out. Membership and resources have finally dwindled to the point of not being sustainable us anymore. Despite not camping, you haven't seen the end of us, as some of us are renewing our memberships and hope to visit other NSDCA clubs and camporees when we can!



To celebrate our last camp out, we enjoyed the best weather of the season, and were joined by 2 rigs from our nearest “neighbor” club, the Riverside Gypsy Squares (C-175). We went out for dinner as a group on the Saturday, and were joined by 2 former members.

As President of the Lakeshore Rolling Squares (C-130), my appreciation and thanks go to all of the current and former members who worked so hard to establish the club and keep it running for 37 years! We plan to keep the club’s spirit alive for a long time to come.

See you on the dance floor!

Donna (president) and Wayne (vice president)
Donna Cruwys; 613-962-8816; w_cruwys@yahoo.ca



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149 Bayou Square-A-Rounds; Louisiana

Our fall Campout was held the weekend of September 6th at Lakeside RV Park in Livingston. Eight rigs were in attendance along with two member walk-ins, two guest rigs and a couple of local dancers. We were happy to welcome Tom and Patty Mire, Nancy Boyd, Allen and Cheryl Hanson, JoAnn Michel and David Delyea. Medical reasons kept a few members away including our caller, Ted Kennedy.



Our president, Jack Pointer, however was able to get a local caller, Larry Tausch and wife Martha from Lorange, LA, to call for both nights. Our Friday gathering to unwind was awesome as usual with a lot of storytelling and laughter. Our evening of dancing consisted of three squares and six couples on rounds.

Our president announced the day's schedule Saturday morning. Lunch by the Bordelons at noon, the menu being chicken stew with rice, assorted vegetables, and a delightful assortment of desserts. The meal was followed by a take on a television show named "Card Sharks". The participants surprised themselves with their correct answers. All enjoyed themselves! (Winners pictured at left). Thanks to our hosts in Livingston, Bobby and Marie Ramerez for a job well done!



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Our last Campout of 2019 was held in Colfax at the Colfax RV Park on November 8th and 9th. Our hosts were Darrell and Theresa Howard. Club chefs Bruce & Barbara Bordelon fixed fried turkeys and members brought the traditional Thanksgiving sides and desserts. The Louisiana Square Dance Association held its meeting with us on Saturday.

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152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama

Our Wagon Masters have done a great job planning our campouts. Our activities usually consist of a potluck breakfast provided by the Wagon Masters, Bingo, two nights of dancing, and a special activity. We always have lots of visitors and go visit local clubs.

In September we were at Spring Lake RV Resort in Crossville, AL. Wagon Masters Martha & Hank Sweetman and Susan & Don Wolford planned a busy weekend. They did a fantastic job. We ate at *The Brass Lantern* restaurant in Gatlinburg, TN and attended a romantic comedy entitled *Don't Dress for Dinner*. We also went to the Brushy Mountain Penitentiary in Petros, TN and ate lunch at the on-site restaurant, *The Warden's Table*. Our last activity was the Fly-In at the Crossville Airport which had plans flying in and out and a fantastic display of military and civilian aircraft. We danced Friday and Saturday night to Terry McGill (caller) and Susan Wolford (cuer). Everyone had a great time.

Our October campout was held at Navarre Beach Camping Resort in Navarre, FL. We had a fun and exciting campout. The theme for the weekend was 'Pirates.' We practiced all our pirate phrases like "ahoy matey" and "shiver me timbers." We traveled to Fort Pickens and visited the museum to see how the Fort protected Pensacola Bay and the Navy Yard. Some of us visited the Naval Air Station Air Museum in Pensacola and saw different airplanes. That was fascinating. Others went thrift store and flea market shopping to find that old but special treasure. We also tried our hand at an 'Escape Room'; one was about Mars and the other about Houdini. We had to solve clues and riddles to escape. It was fun. We ate out at two different restaurants and were treated to two breakfasts and lunches by the Wagon Masters. We square danced to Miriam Merriweather on Friday (from the Destin/Fort Walton Beach area) and Patty Ping on Saturday (from the Pensacola area). Many thanks to our Wagon Masters Larry & Paula Boone and Wilburn & Judy Hester for a terrific weekend. We had a blast.

For our November campout our Wagon Masters, Cil & George Herndon, planned a relaxing time by the fire. We had games, crafts, ate at a local restaurant, had potluck, and a breakfast provided by the hosts. Our square dance caller for the weekend was Wayne Mahathey. Please see our campout sched-

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ule later in this issue and online at the NSDCA website. 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're BAAACCKK!! That's exactly how we greeted each other as members of the Strawberry Travelers #153 kicked off the 2019-2020 camping season at Southern Palms in Eustis, FL recently. Our weekend campout was immediately followed by the Florida State Camporee, giving us a full week to enjoy each other dancing, shopping and hanging out!

Despite the rainy weather we gathered to share our adventures of the summer; some traveling to visit friends & family, others meeting up for the International Camporee and onward to the National Convention.

We love to welcome visitors to our weekends and our October campout gave us the opportunity to visit and dance with Brigitte & Lutz Borowsky of Ploen, Germany. They spend a portion of the year traveling with their RV across the US before returning home.



The Borowskys & caller Charlie Pergrossi

We have great plans for a delightful December Holiday Campout the first weekend of the month. And then we'll be back together for Valentine's Weekend in February. Check the Camping Schedule and join us anytime you're in the area. The welcome mat is always out for friends!

Sarah Beth Pergrossi; sarahbeth@pergrossi.net

175C Riverside Gypsy Square Dance Club; Ontario, Canada

The Gypsies closed out our camping season in style this year. We celebrated our 25th anniversary of the founding of the club with an afternoon square dance that was attended by many of our previous members, current members, our Canadian NSDCA Reps, representatives from the Canadian and Provincial levels of Square Dancing as well as local associations. There were also dancers from surrounding clubs. Geoff Clarke called for our squares and Gerry Sawtell cued our rounds. I think sometimes they had to work hard to be heard above the buzz of conversation but everyone had a good time!

They say that many hands make light work and that was the case as many of



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the members helped on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to prepare deviled eggs, vegetable trays and serve out bowls of salad. The spread was enough to feed supper to everyone on Saturday, the club members enjoyed leftovers on Sunday for the must go lunch as well. Decorations featured club colors with a sprinkling of silver accents and they brighten up the club house.

The weekend wrapped with the annual General Meeting and election of new executive members. We will be putting our trailers away for the winter or getting them ready to head to warmer climates. Plans are already under way for our Mid-Winter Dance, Sunday afternoon February 23rd. We hope for a bright and sunny winter day then. After that dance we will all be eagerly awaiting the crocus and daffodils to sprout so that we know that the camping season will be arriving shortly after.

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

180 Spinning Wheels; Minnesota

As I write this update, it is now fall and the end of camping season for the year. Campers are being put into storage for the winter. The same is for the Spinning Wheels. We held our last Annual Meeting on October 26th. The club voted to disband, discontinue, fold permanently. Our club members are aging, we have many health issues and our numbers are now few. We regretfully say goodbye to all of our many friends we made camping with the NSDCA and thank you for the hospitality shown to us at the many Camporees we attended. We hope our paths will cross again at some campground.

We wish you HAPPY CAMPING and may God Bless you all and keep you safe and healthy.

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181 MontShire Campin' Squares; New Hampshire/Vermont

The time has come to winterize our campers and let them sit idle for the winter season that will be here very soon, especially in our area. Our plans for the 2020 campout dance weekends are finalized. Our first campout will be at the end of May (see the dates on-line at the NSDCA.org website now and in the appropriate *TIMES* issue later). Save the dates and please come camp and dance with us. Enjoy your winter and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Rachel Boudrow; rboudrow@tds.net

182C Bluenose RV Squares; Nova Scotia, Canada

It is with sadness but fond memories to report that after 23 years, C-182 mem-

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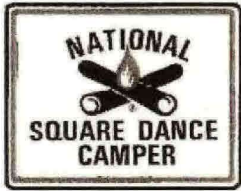
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Square Dance Round Dance Line Dancing
____ Mainstream _____ Phase II _____
____ Plus _____ Phase III _____
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____ Youth/Teen Dance Program _____

SPORTS Interest (Signup on arrival)
Horseshoes M _____ F _____ Corn Hole M _____ F _____
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Callers and Cuers Participation (Due by April 1)

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

Caller Name _____
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Jeff Holley



Bobby Willis



Carolyn & Tony Ahart

June 7 – 13

Plus Dancing – The Texas Po' Boys



Stu Ringer, Gary Sanders, K.O. Jeanes and Pat Kotal

August 9 – 15

Mainstream, Announced Plus Dancing & Rounds



Jerry Gilbreath



Gary Shoemaker



Steve & Lori Harris

August 16 – 22

Plus Dancing & Rounds



Melton Luttrell



Ken Bower



Jerry Junck



John & Karen Herr

August 23 – 29

Plus Dancing & Rounds



Brad Caldwell



Charlie Robertson



Jerry & Lucy Pate

August 30 – September 5

Plus Dancing & Rounds



Brad Caldwell



Dee Dee Dougherty Lotie



Jerry & Lucy Pate

September 6 – 12

Plus Dancing & Rounds



Jerry Gilbreath



Gary Shoemaker



Steve & Lori Harris

Fun Valley Family Resort
36000 US Highway 160 W
South Fork, CO 81154
<https://funvalley.us>

Phone: (719) 849-9556

Email: kathie@funvalley.us

2020 Fun Valley Square Dance Package Rates¹

Loft Cabin w/ AC

One Couple \$1,295
Two Couples \$ 950 /couple

Vintage Cabin

One Couple \$1,050
Two Couples \$ 745 /couple
Three Couples \$ 675 /couple

Motel with Kitchenette

One Couple \$ 875
Two Couples \$ 625 /couple

Motel Room w/o Kitchenette

One Couple \$ 770
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Rental Trailer w/ AC

One Couple \$ 850
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Rental Trailer

One Couple \$ 800
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RV Site – Full Hookups

One Couple \$ 600
Two Couples \$ 500 /couple

¹Plus applicable tax. All prices are subject to change. Fun Valley is not equipped to accommodate special meal requests.

Check-in Time for RV sites is noon.

Check-in Time for lodging is 3pm.

Bedding and towels are provided.

Check-out Time is 11am

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Lodging or Full Hook-up RV site
- Meals (**a week of NO cooking, NO cleaning**)
- Square Dance Workshops
- Round Dance Workshops²
- Tournament Play
- Staff and Guest Skits
- Guest Callers
- Free Fishing for your supper on Tuesday
- Evening Dances and snacks

The program begins on Sunday with a Welcome Supper and dancing that evening.

Several tournaments are held during the week including miniature golf, paddle boat, fishing and horseshoes. *Bring your competitive spirit* -Trophies are awarded on Friday night.

On your free day consider taking a trip to Creede for dancing in the Firehouse, a tour through the mine, a hike to a waterfall, shopping, fly fishing, soaking in the hot springs, golfing, Great Sand Dunes, etc.

The square dance program ends on Saturday morning with a farewell breakfast.

Receive a **FREE SATURDAY NIGHT STAY** (lodging / RV site only) between square dance weeks when the guest books consecutive weeks of dancing. The square dance package resumes on Sunday evening.

²not included the weeks of May 24 and June 7, 2020

----- Rewards Program -----

Fun Valley Family Resort is pleased to continue a rewards program for our current square dancers and round dancers who bring a 'new' couple (never danced at Fun Valley) to dance at the resort. The new couple may also be square/round dancing guests who have not danced at Fun Valley in at least the last 5 years. New guests may attend a different week in the same year. **The new guests must mention your name at the time of booking their reservation for you to receive the reward.**

	CURRENT GUEST	NEW GUEST
1 st New Couple	10% Discount	10% Discount
2 nd New Couple	15% Discount Total	10% Discount
3 rd New Couple	20% Discount Total	10% Discount
4 th New Couple	25% Discount Total	10% Discount
5 th New Couple	30% Discount Total	10% Discount

Book a 2020 reservation today with a \$150 deposit per week / couple

Call Kathie at (719) 849-9556 or email kathie@funvalley.us for details



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bers voted at its AGM to close the club due to declining membership and fewer members attending the campouts making it unsustainable to continue. Members enjoyed a final campout October 4-6 at Loch Lomond Campground in Amherst, Nova Scotia, with 7 member rigs, 3 guest rigs and 1 seasonal camper in attendance.

Arrangements were made to cater a noon meal paid from Club funds and the evening dance was treated to a lunch provided by the ladies at the campout. Club assets and supplies were offered to members for a donation to the Alguire Memorial Caller School Fund; the large stove and any remaining equipment was donated to the nearby Girl Guide Camp in Middleborough. It was further agreed that \$500 be distributed to each of the three charities supported by C-182 over the years; namely, IWK Health Centre, Canadian Cancer Society and Christmas Daddies. Any remaining funds to be donated to the Alguire Memorial Caller School Fund.

Plans are underway to either hold a summer dance or gather for a meal with former C-182 members.

A sincere thank you to all our members, past and present, who gave so generously of their time and talents to the campouts over the years.

Cathy Langille; clslangille@eastlink.ca

193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Are you all 'ready for winter'? Well, ready or not, I think it is upon us, and we square dancers in the great state of Florida just LOVE our winter. Cooler days and nights with lots of dancing weekends and events going on. But before we get there, We just finished our first camp/dance for the season in September at Whispering Palms in Sebastian, Florida. Whispering Palms is one of our favorite resorts and we return there every year in May and September. This year, we were there also in October. They have a great hall with a great dance floor, stage, kitchen and pool. This year, it was specially good for us since we signed up three new member couples, Tom & Rita Biehn, Charlie & Gladys Buckley, and Barry & Tammy Escue. The Escues were members of old Florida Gold Coast Chapter 080 many years ago and just moved north to Vero Beach. Welcome all.

Now as I'm writing this chat, John & I have just finished two great October weekends in Eustis, FL. First a weekend with Chapter 153 (Strawberry Travelers) and then at the very same campground our annual Florida Camporee. What a blast from the 50s it was with several Elvis impersonators, lots of poodle skirts, saddle shoes and of course, a pink Cadillac showed up for all to take us for a ride (well, a cutout, anyway). Florida puts on a fabulous three-full-day

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weekend that begins with a trail-in dance on Wednesday night and winds up with a ‘GREAT’ pancake, sausage & eggs breakfast on Sunday to send you on your way. (Chapter 193, the Florida Roadrunner Squares, hosts it with the help of a few friends!) If you have never attended a Florida Camporee, you have missed one of the best values in Square Dancing: 4 nights of dancing plus 3 full days of fun games & workshops, a catered dinner on Saturday night and a Sunday breakfast – all that for \$50 (for NSDCA members). The Florida Clubs all work very hard to pull off a fabulous event every year, so why not put October 22 thru 25 – Florida Camporee on your 2020 calendar. You won’t be sorry.



By the time you are reading this, we trust you all will have had a great Thanksgiving and got stuffed with turkey (or at least your turkey got stuffed) and made some beautiful memories with friends and family and enjoyed great dancing too. December Christmas parties and campouts are among my favorites. I’m looking forward to our goofy gift exchange (by the way the exchange is goofy not the gifts); of course, one or two goofy things usually sneak in there somehow. Join us at Lake Josephine RV in Sebring, FL, December 12 thru 15, if you are in the area. Just check out our listing in this issue for addi-



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tional information. Once again we are doing the Highlands State Park weekend in January (another really fun experience) so check our web page: www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_inde.html and get all the facts or give us a call.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our great caller SONNY M'CARTNEY and his taw JUDY and our fabulous cuer CHUCK RYALL and his taw MARY, who all work tirelessly to keep us dancing and learning while having fun! "You all are a true blessing to Chapter 193!"

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays to all!

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

198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

Crossfire Campers #198 has enjoyed many campouts during our first year. From the first campout at Big Meadow Family Campground to our most recent campout at the Holiday Travel Park of Chattanooga we have made wonderful memories. We have enjoyed many campfires, making new friends and enjoying seeing our longtime square dance friends.



At our last campout a gentleman knocked on the square dance door and ask if we were the folks collecting beverage pull-tabs. We said "yes". Well! When Chuck and Ruth returned to their camper, he had dropped off several pails and a Radio Flyer scooter! It was decided that the scooter become a 'traveling'

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scooter; Doug and Ronnieann from PA were honored with deciding where the scooter would travel next. Beware! When you least expect it, the scooter might visit you! We were so blessed to have the Wrecktangles and Friday Night Live visit our Friday night dance. Some returned for our Saturday night dance too.

“Farmer” Jack Rosenberger called challenging and fun dances which included a Saturday afternoon workshop. Saturday night some campground visitors came to watch. We all got them in our squares and Farmer Jack taught them 15 mainstream calls!

Ruth and Sinda taught us how to make braided hem t-shirts.

We have several campouts schedule for 2020: April, May, September and October are just a few. We are scheduling dates at this time and they will be posted soon on the NSDCA web site. Please come and join us.

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

Grand Ole Opry Excursion

Welcome Square Dancers!

We are booked at the Grand Ole Opry for the 7 p.m. show on Friday, July 3, 2020. The cost is \$78 (single) or \$156 (per couple). You can send your payment to:

Ronald Imus
8560 SW 90th Street Unit C
Ocala, FL 34481



Please include your mailing address, a contact phone number and your email address. Also denote how many tickets you are requesting. There is no rush, but I will need your payment **no later than April 1, 2020**.

Cancelation policy: the last day to cancel is May 25, 2020 with a full refund; after that day there will be no refund, but I will help you try to sell your tickets to someone else.

The Opry has not yet posted who is going to be there on July 3rd; I will report it in a future email and in the *TIMES*. I was able to reserve great seats: center section 4, rows N, P, Q, R rows 16, 17, 18, 19 from the Stage.

As of October 29th (the date of this submission to the *TIMES*) I have 56 seats booked with 33 filled; only 23 remain. If you know anyone that may want to attend, have them text me at 574-370-9169 with their name, phone number, email and how many tickets they want. If you have any questions please text me and I will get back to you.

Ronald Imus, Oproy coordinator.

Culmination of our Tower of Tabs Project

62nd NSDCA Camporee
Diane Connor, Project Coordinator

On August 5, 2019, Tom and I delivered our 181.2 pounds of pop tabs to the Shriners Children's Hospital on the campus of the University of Central Florida in Tampa, Florida. They were thrilled to receive such a large donation and gave us a tour of their facility. Shriner Bob Clifford was our tour guide. From the moment you walk in the door, you realize that this is a place designed for the treatment of children. It is extremely clean, colorful, serene, and beautiful. This particular hospital is now an outpatient hospital that focuses primarily on patient diagnosis and pediatric prosthetics.



They concentrate on X-ray diagnostic to get the best images. While they have many types of machines, they received one from the Leigh Dittman Foundation that has given them much more capability in the horizontal mode. A second one recently received from the Tim Tebow Foundation accommodates any patient even those permanently in a wheelchair and X-rays are taken vertically. The patient and their chair go into the machine. This new device X-rays the entire body in 15 seconds using fewer rays than your normal chest X-ray. In the Pediatric Orthopedic Prosthetic section they now have a machine that can create a 3D prosthesis in less than 30 minutes. Until now, that process took 4 hours.



All of the cartoon style decorations in the hospital were donated by Wacky World who also designs for Disney World. The patient waiting room is fun and calming for children waiting for procedures. The exam rooms all have a sea creature theme so they can ask the child to find their room by finding the dolphin or manatee, etc.

Chapter Campouts

December 2019

December 1st

- 116 Camping Square of Kansas; Kansas**
Annual Christmas Dance from 2:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m.
Southwest Presbyterian Church; 1511 27th St, South, Wichita
No camping.

December 6th ⇨ 7th

- 128 Square Wheels; Florida**
CHRISTMAS PARTY Lake Oklawaha RV Park;
15991 N E 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, FL;
352-546-5500; Nightly rally rate \$29.70 inclusive.
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

December 6th ⇨ 8th

- 153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**
Silver Dollar Resort; 12515 Silver Dollar Drive, Odessa FL
Doug Meyers; 407 448-5192; dougmeyers@thefoundryc.org

December 12th ⇨ 15th

- 193 Florida Roadrunner Squares; Florida**
Lake Josephine Campground
10809 US Hwy 27 S., Sebring, Fl; 863-655-0925
John Ide; 352-208-5980; john.d.ide@hotmail.com

January 2020

January 9th ⇨ 12th

- 193 Florida Roadrunner Squares; Florida (Camping w/ Ch. 153)**
Red Oaks RV Park; 5551 SW 18th Terrace,
Bushnell, FL; 352-793-7117
John Ide; 352-208-5980; john.d.ide@hotmail.com

Chapter Campouts—continued

January 17th ⇨ 18th

128 Square Wheels; Florida

Eagle Roost RV Resort; 5465 Mill Store Road, Lake Park, GA;
229-559-5192

Nightly rate is \$38.34 inclusive;

Make your own reservation - deposit required.

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

January 23rd ⇨ 25th

082 Hitch-N-Go Squares; Florida

Lake Oklawaha KOA; 15991 NE 243rd Place Road,
Fort McCoy, FL; 352-546-5500

Fredda Barlow; 813-404-1708; jotemdownd@gmail.com

February 2020

February 7th ⇨ 9th

153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

Red Oaks RV Resort; 5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, FL

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

193 Florida Roadrunner Squares; Florida

Red Oaks RV Resort; 5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, FL

John Ide; 352-208-5980; john.d.ide@hotmail.com

February 14^h ⇨ 15th

128 Square Wheels; Florida

OLUSTEE BATTLE FESTIVAL, Lake City RV Resort;
3864 N. US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL; 386-752-0830.

Nightly rate is \$38 plus tax. Make your own reservation.

Dances are at the Richardson Community Center;

255 NE Coach Anders Lane.

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

Chapter Campouts—continued

February 15th

031 Badger Rovers; WI

Lakeview Lutheran Church;
4001 Mandrake Road, Madison, WI
Winter Dance/meeting/potluck (potluck @ 6:00 pm and
dancing at 7:00 pm)
Sharon Schmidt; 608-830-7543; sharon.schmidt58@yahoo.com

February 20th ⇔ 22nd

082 Hitch-N-Go Squares; Florida

Lake Oklawaha KOA; 15991 NE 243rd Place Road,
Fort McCoy, FL; 352-546-5500
Fredda Barlow; 813-404-1708; jotemdownd@gmail.com

128 Square Wheels; Florida

65th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention
Sunshine Holiday Daytona RV Park;
1701 N. US 1, Ormand Beach, FL; 386-672-3045
Nightly rate is approx. \$25. Make your own reservation.
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

February 23rd

175C Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario

Mid-Winter Dance; Johnstown Community Centre; 24 Sutton
Dr. Johnstown, ON
1:30 to 4 pm followed by Pot Luck Supper
For more information: Helen MacCallum;
helenmccallum@sympatico.ca

March 2020

March 12th ⇔ 15th

193 Florida Roadrunner Squares; Florida

Highlands Hammock State Park;
5931 Hammock Rd, Sebring, FL
Sites are pre-registered;
contact John Ide; 352-208-5980; john.d.ide@hotmail.com

Chapter Campouts—continued

March 21st ⇨ 22nd

128 Square Wheels; Florida

Red Oaks RV Resort; SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, FL;
352-793-7117; Nightly rate \$30+tax.

Must call campground and make your own reservation.

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

The pop-tab collection by NSDCA members has been a long-term project. Below is a notice about the 2000 International Camporee efforts. More details on the 2019 campaign are back on page 39. Our thanks to Tom Herscha for finding the article below.

200 Pounds In Y2K!

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION



Question: Soda (pop, beer) can tabs - why bother to save them? It's easier to recycle the whole can. Is this a hoax?

Second question: How much space does 144 pounds of those tabs occupy?

To answer the first question: By themselves those little soda, pop or beer can tabs may not seem valuable, but collections can be turned into cash at recycle stations where they are treated as recycled aluminum and given the going rate per pound of salvage. The cash in turn then goes to charity.

For the answer to the second question, ask Dick & Anita Wheaton of Fremont, MI who chair this "Soda/pop/beer can Tab" Collection committee for the National Square Dance Campers Association. For a number of years the NSDCA campers have saved these tabs, bringing them to the International Camporee in mid-July where a special table would be designated - "recycle tabs". This year the pile steadily grew until, at

NSDCA's annual Business Meeting, Dick Wheaton thanked all for their generous contributions, and announced that so far over 140 pounds of tabs had been collected with more being added all the time. At that point the Wheatons challenged the membership to "200 pounds of tabs in 2000!"

Upon returning home, the Wheatons discovered the collection now totaled 144 pounds (approximately 550 tabs to a pound). These were delivered to a most appreciative Western Michigan Ronald McDonald House Manager who will use the funds for the ongoing maintenance of the "House That Love Built".

Should you care to save the tabs and help the NSDCA reach its goal of 200 pounds in Y2K, please contact Dick & Anita Wheaton at 2900 S. Martin Drive, Fremont, MI 49412-9548 or the NSDCA TIMES Associate Editors at PO Box 37, Lower Waterford, VT 05848-0037.

Thank you for helping us get the word out about this worthwhile project. Maybe it will inspire others to do likewise.



2020 Illinois State NSDCA Camporee

June 5 – 7, 2020

Sponsored by Chapter 014

Winnebago County Fairgrounds Gate #2
500 West First Street
Pecatonica, IL

CRAFTS

GAMES

Just two miles North of U.S. Route 20
in Pecatonica, Illinois

Send Registration to Cherie Arch, PO Box 298, Sublette, IL 61367
Make check payable to Blackhawk CrossTrailers, postmarked by May 15, 2020.
For Information - SGBobasp@aol.com or 815-262-9080

Camporee - one unit w/elec. & water - Fri & Sat \$90.00 \$ _____
 _____ # Extra days w/elec. & water @ \$28.00 \$ _____
 _____ # Extra Adult in unit @ \$12.00 \$ _____
 _____ # Brat & Hot Dog Dinner - Friday night 5:30 PM @ \$ 7.00 \$ _____
 (with baked beans, chips, beverage, & cookie, \$1each for extra Brats or Dogs)
 _____ # Sunday Breakfast 7 – 9 AM free will offering \$ _____
 (donuts, fruit, coffee & juice)
 Total \$ _____

Adult Name _____ (Please Print) Adult Name _____ (Please Print)

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Email Address _____ (for directions & additional info) Chapter # _____

Type of Unit _____ Length _____



Sam Dunn

Come for the DAY or the WHOLE WEEKEND* Saturday Sampler

at Strawberry Square
4401 Promenade Blvd, Plant City, FL 33563
860 941 8788 / 770 825 6513



Cindy and Tom Bunn

A full day of Squares and Rounds with some Retro Music and Interesting Pattern Clinics
email: strawberrydance@aol.com

Dance Hall

10:00 - 12:00 Anything Goes Plus with a Bit of A-1 Intro,
a Sample of Retro and Kaleidoscope Squares

2:00 - 4:00 Not So Serious Squares*
(All mistakes forgiven)

6:00 - 7:00 Early Rounds - includes teaches

7:00 - 9:30 Plus Squares with Rounds - with some figures & teaches of the day

9:30 - 10:15 Strawberry Party - skits by attendees welcome

Club House* (Rounds, Space Limited)

10:00 - 12:00 Phase 4 Clinic & Teach

2:00 - 2:55 Phase 3 Teach

3:05 - 4:00 Country Partner Dance
Teaches (No experience needed)



*Full Day: \$20 per person (\$25 at the door); \$10 Sat eve only

Free Overnight RV parking (dry camping)

Also available on site with separate admissions:

See strawberrysquaredancing.com

Fri, Jan 24, 10:00 - 12:00 Phase 5 Teach and Dancing

Fri, 7:00 - 9:30 Alternating Plus and A-2 dancing

Sun, Jan 26, 2:00 - 5:00 Round Dance Party



* **Rounds Teaches:** Sign up with registration or Sat AM. May be limited to two per couple unless space permits.

* **Not So Serious Squares may include:**

Progressives, Scatter Promenades, Same Sex Squares (Who turns who?)

Familiar calls - a.k.a. "this", "that", "something else" and "later"

Boost your short term memory

Saturday Sampler

Send your registration to Strawberry Square

4401 Promenade Blvd, Plant City, FL 33536

Name(s) _____

Address _____, _____, _____

Street

City

State Zip

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Show your Round Dance preferences on reverse as space is limited.

Total Enclosed \$ _____



Helpful Hints for Your RV: Batteries (Part 3)

This is the final article of the series started in the Summer 2019 issue of the *TIMES*. That article introduced the 12-volt “house battery” system supplying your low-voltage lighting and control requirements in your RV, and discussed the types of batteries available, inspection and general battery maintenance. Fall’s issue covered testing, watering, cleaning and storage. This issue covers how to select and use a battery charger, equalizing, discharging, watering and tips for maximizing battery life.

The following information is adapted from Trojan Battery Company’s maintenance page (<https://www.trojanbattery.com/tech-support/battery-maintenance/>); see the website for full details. If you are not comfortable performing these kinds of actions, please defer to someone who is, such as an RV technician.

Charger Selection

Most deep-cycle applications have some sort of charging system already installed for battery charging (e.g. solar panels, inverter/converter, et cetera). However, there are still systems with deep-cycle batteries where an individual charger must be selected.

There are many types of chargers available today. Most RVs today are supplied with a 3-stage charger, also called “automatic”, “smart” or “IEI” chargers, which prolong battery life with their programmed charging profile. These chargers usually have three distinct charging stages: bulk, acceptance, and float.

Charging

Charging batteries properly requires administering the right amount of current at the right voltage. Most charging equipment automatically regulates these values. Some chargers allow the user to set these values. Both automatic and manual equipment can present difficulties in charging. Tables 2 (for flooded batteries) lists most of the necessary voltage settings one might need to program a charger (for VLRA batteries see Table 3 in the website listed in the second paragraph). In either case the original instructions for your charging equipment be referenced for proper charging. Here is list of helpful items to remember when charging:

1. Become familiar with and follow the instructions issued by the charger manufacturer.
2. Batteries should be charged after each period of use.
3. Lead acid batteries do not develop a memory and do need not be

- fully discharged before recharging.
4. Charge only in well-ventilated areas. Keep sparks or flames away from a charging battery.
 5. Verify charger voltage settings are correct (Table 2).
 6. If possible, correct the charging voltage to compensate for temperatures above or below 77°F (25°C). Subtract 0.0028 volts per cell for every 1°F (0.005 volts per cell for every 1°C) above 77°F (25°C) or add 0.0028 volts per cell for every 1°F (0.005 volts per cell for every 1°C) below 77°F (25°C).
 7. Check water level (see the *Watering Section*).
 8. Tighten all vent caps before charging.
 9. Prevent overcharging the batteries. Overcharging causes excessive gassing (water breakdown), heat buildup, and battery aging.
 10. Prevent undercharging the batteries. Undercharging causes stratification which can lead to premature battery failure.
 11. Do not charge a frozen battery.
 12. Avoid charging at temperatures above 120° F (48.8o C)

Table 2: Charger Voltage Settings for Flooded Batteries

Charger voltage setting	System Voltage	
	6V	12V
Bulk charge	7.4	14.8
Float charge	6.7	13.5
Equalize charge	8.1	16.2

Equalizing

FLOODED BATTERIES ONLY

Equalizing is an overcharge performed on flooded lead acid batteries after they have been fully charged; it reverses the buildup of negative chemical effects like stratification, a condition where acid concentration is greater at the bottom of the battery than at the top. Equalizing also helps remove sulfate crystals that might have built up on the plates. If left unchecked, this condition, called sulfation, will reduce the overall capacity of the battery.

Many experts recommend that batteries be equalized periodically, ranging anywhere from once a month to once or twice per year. However, one battery manufacturer recommends only equalizing when low or wide-ranging specific gravity (>0.030) are detected after fully charging a battery.

Step-By-Step Equalizing

1. Verify the battery(s) are flooded type.
2. Remove all loads from the batteries.
3. Connect battery charger.
4. Set charger for the equalizing voltage (See Table 2 in the *Charging Section*). If your charger doesn't have an equalization mode, you can unplug the charger and re-plug it back in. This also will conduct the equalization charge.
5. Start charging batteries.
6. Batteries will begin gassing and bubbling vigorously.
7. Take specific gravity readings every hour.
8. Equalization is complete when specific gravity values no longer rise during the gassing stage.

Discharging

Discharging batteries is entirely a function of your particular application and use. However, below is list of helpful items:

1. Shallow discharges will result in a longer battery life.
2. 80% discharge is the maximum safe discharge.
3. Do not fully discharge flooded batteries (80% or more). This will damage (or kill) the battery.
4. Do not leave batteries deeply discharged for any length of time.
5. Lead acid batteries do not develop a memory and should be fully discharged before recharging.
6. Batteries should be charged after each period of use.
7. Batteries that charge up but cannot support a load are most likely bad and should be tested. Refer to the Testing Section for proper procedure.

Watering

Flooded batteries need water. But more importantly, watering must be done at the right time and in the right amount or the battery's performance and longevity suffers.

General Watering Instructions:

1. Add water, never acid, to cells (distilled/deionized water is recommended).
2. **DO NOT OVERWATER!**
3. For fully charged standard deep-cycle batteries, add water to the

level of 1/8 below bottom of vent well (see diagram on the listed website) unless otherwise noted by the battery manufacturer.

4. If the batteries are discharged, only add water if the plates are exposed. Add just enough water to cover the plates, then charge the batteries. Once fully charged, add water to the proper level indicated above.
5. After watering, secure vent caps on batteries.

Tips for Maximizing Your Battery Life

FOR SOLAR APPLICATION

- Store and operate your batteries in a cool, dry place.
 - For every 18°F (10°C) rise above room temperature (77°F or 25°C), battery life decreases by 50%.
- Charge your batteries fully after each period of use.
 - Allowing your batteries to sit in a low state of charge for extended periods will decrease their capacity and life.
- If you store your batteries for an extended period of time, be sure to charge them fully every 3 to 6 months. Lead acid batteries will self-discharge 5% to 15% per month, depending on the temperature of the storage conditions.
- Monitor battery voltage and specific gravity of the electrolyte regularly to verify full recharging. As a general rule of thumb, the total amps from your PV panels should be sized between 10% and 20% of the total amp-hours (Ah) of the battery pack.
- Many charge controllers have equalization settings that you can set to help ensure the health of your batteries. Equalize your batteries at least once per month for 2 to 4 hours, longer if your batteries have been consistently undercharged.
- Water your batteries regularly.
 - Flooded, or wet cell batteries, require watering periodically. Check your batteries once a month after installation to determine the proper watering schedule. Add water after fully charging the battery and use distilled/deionized water.
- For procedures on watering, checking battery voltage and other maintenance instructions, refer to the *Battery Maintenance Section* for more details.

I hope you found this information useful. I realize it is somewhat technical, but having a basic understanding of the systems that comprise our RVs can help us make the best decision when we rely on others for maintenance, or help those of use who are ‘crazy’ enough to tackle many issues by ourselves!

How Life Gets Better!

As mentioned on page 9, our NSDCA Publicity Director Bill Baker is seeking your feedback on the following article he wishes to polish up and submit to various RV-related magazines. Please provide your comments to Bill at grandebill@grics.net. Thank you.

How much better can life get than this? Three great sons, super daughter's-in-law (missed having a girl to raise), eight fantastic grandkids that are a world class joy... getting older has grand rewards.

Retired. No clock. No daily requirements. No committee meetings (unless you volunteer). I only know it is Sunday because the paper is thicker. How can life get any better?

Well, you can own a RV of some type, a 5th wheel, motorhome, Class C, pop up, bumper pull... it doesn't really matter. You have just joined one of the best groups of people in the world! Camping people, including those that carry tents, camp in the back of pickups, or truly rough it, ALL are happy people, laid back, make friends quickly (they have to, they get all kinds of new neighbors). It doesn't matter if it is glamping at a Las Vegas casino or boondocking on a beach or mountainside deep in the boonies, this lifestyle is just less stress and less pressure.

How in the world could you make that lifestyle better?????

Well, you could add the next best group of happy people on the little planet three rings from the sun. You could learn to square dance. My bride and I are relatively new at this activity, only having learned it about six years ago. It is interesting to meet those that have been dancing for 30, 40 and even 50+ years. They talk about large numbers of people at all the dances, 20 and 25 squares in huge dances. It must have been fantastic.

But by adding together great people that camp and great people that square dance, you may have found the 'Fountain of Friendly'. I'm not sure it will fix the inevitable daily grind of adding age to our bodies, but it will give you many super friends, some great exercise that is certainly not boring and some great clean fun. Those that square dance are friendly, make friends quickly, share their time freely with others and are eager learners. Modern square dancing is a very fluid, active activity that generates lots of enthusiasm for fun. Having to keep up with the square dance callers while they have to stick to the rules of Callerlab while trying to make it more interesting by tricking the dancers who really aren't listening when they should be, might be the best way to

spend time. I have to say that I have laughed more at a square dance than at any other event. As a matter-of-fact, this spring I was watching a square dance and started laughing so hard that I needed surgery for a pulled muscle; true story! You just can't laugh like this at any other event that I know.

So how do you connect those great groups of people?

You will need some organization, some structure and some communication. While you can focus on square dancing and camping as individuals or couples, it is difficult to connect with others without some organization that aids that activity. The website WheresTheDance.com is a great place to find square dance clubs and dances near you. It is an easy search to find local dances when you travel into new areas. We have used it many times and have changed our travel plans to be able to dance at new clubs with totally new people, and they are always happy to have you stop by. That helps, but it isn't the final answer.

The National Square Dance Camping Association was formed to meet both needs of campers and square dancers. Where can I dance at a campout and how can I join others in this great activity? The NSDCA has chapters throughout the USA, Canada and even in Germany. Each chapter holds campouts and events in the local area (local area means different things to people that have camping equipment) where they hold a square dance, play games, cards, have pot lucks, campfires, conversations and in general, good times. The NSDCA.org website has more data that you can peruse.

The NSDCA also holds an annual camporee, the next being June 30th to July 2nd, 2020. This 63rd International Camporee will be held in in Lebanon, Tennessee. Located just outside of Nashville, this event will feature lots of square dancing, round dances, games, vendors and just great all around fun. Besides the great events at the Camporee, there's lots of entertainment nearby. The campground is also the host to one of the largest 4th of July fireworks shows in Tennessee. Come to the Camporee and stay for a great patriotic show to celebrate our nation's birthday. Details are at the NSDCA.org website. See you there!

PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR CHAPTER'S CAMPOUT SCHEDULE UPDATED. VISITORS AND GUESTS CAN'T FIND YOU IF YOU DON'T LET THEM KNOW WHERE YOU ARE. BESIDES HERE IN THE *TIMES*, THIS LISTING IS ALSO POSTED ON THE NSDCA WEBSITE (NSDCA.ORG) AND IS REGULARLY UPDATED WITH EVERY NEW ISSUE OF THE *TIMES*.

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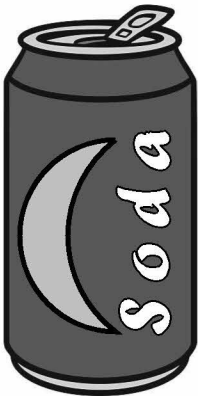


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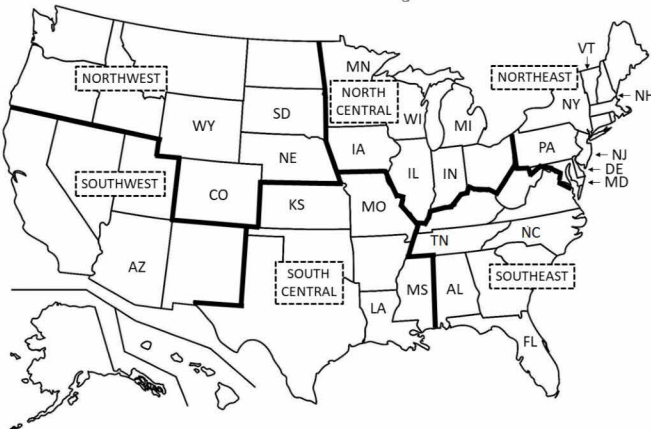
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Cauliflower Soup

Ingredients

1 medium head cauliflower, broken into florets
(about 5-6 cups)

1 medium carrot, shredded (about 1 cup)

1/4 cup chopped celery

1/4 cup chopped onion

2-1/2 cups chicken broth

(we use water instead of the chicken broth)

3 tablespoons butter

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

3/4 teaspoon salt, optional

1/8 teaspoon pepper, optional

2 cups 2% milk

1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

1/2 to 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, optional



Steps

- 1) In a large pot, combine the cauliflower, carrot, celery, onion, and chicken broth. Bring mixture to a boil then reduce heat; Cover and simmer for 12-15 minutes or until vegetables are tender (do not drain). The liquid will barely cover the veggies.
- 2) In another large saucepan, melt the butter for the roux. Stir in the flour, salt and pepper (if using) until smooth. Whisk the milk in slowly. Bring to a boil over medium heat; Cook and stir the mixture for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat. Stir in the cheese until melted. Add hot pepper sauce if desired. Stir into the cauliflower mixture until combined.
- 3) Puree (we use a potato masher instead) about 2 1/2 cups of the soup in the blender and pour back into the soup. This makes the soup extra creamy.

If using vegetable bouillon only use 1 teaspoon.

The soup stores well and should be reheated over medium-low heat.

Serves eight (about 2 quarts). Our version of the recipe (no options, no celery, water vs. broth) yields ~150 calories/serving.

Total fat:	8 g	Total carbs:	11 g	Sugars:	6 g
Saturated fat:	5 g	Protein:	8 g	Dietary fiber:	2 g
Sodium:	152 mg	Potassium:	278 mg	Vitamin A:	100%
Vitamin C:	44%	Calcium:	23%	Iron:	3%

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