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2020 63rd NSDCA International Camporee Cancellation Details

As many of you have probably heard or been advised, the 2020 Camporee planned for Lebanon, Tennessee has been cancelled. Because most of our members are in the high-risk category and open for possible serious secondary health issues if they were to contract the COVID-19 virus, your Board felt that the only responsible action available was to cancel this year's event. Here are the Camporee-related issues that the Board agreed on and everyone should be aware of:

1. All 2020 Camporee plans have been moved forward to the 2021 Camporee to be held in Rayne, Louisiana from June 6th through June 8th, 2021.
2. The Camporee theme, ribbons, fees for registration and extra day campsite will remain the same at \$140 and \$25 per day, respectively. 2020 registration forms may be used, but new forms will be available in the *TIMES* and online.
3. The 4th of July is the Sunday before the Camporee and we are planning to have some special event and dances, so you might want to consider coming early, Saturday July 3rd or Sunday July 4th, and staying until Friday July 9th or later.
4. If you had planned to stay after the 2020 Camporee to attend the Grand Ole Opry or do some other sightseeing, you may want to change the extra camping days you requested for Lebanon and update your registration for Rayne.
5. For any fees you have paid, here are your options:
 - a. Leave them with our treasurer, Susan Wolford, and attend in 2021.
 - b. Cancel your reservation and request a refund from Susan Wolford (below) for some or all of your deposits. If cancelling, please return your ribbon(s) by mail. They will be issued to someone else.
 - c. To change your extra camping day reservations, please request a refund or pay any additional fees required.
 - d. Donate any of your extra fees to the NSDCA.
 - e. For Grand Ole Opry refunds, contact Ron Imus (below).

Please let Susan Wolford, the Camporee Treasurer and Registrar, know either that you intend to cancel and request a refund **OR** to transfer your registration to 2021. The contact information for Susan Wolford and Ron Imus is as follows:

Susan Wolford; 6000 Wyeth Rock Rd., Guntersville, AL 35976
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Ron Imus; 8560 SW 90th St. Unit C, Ocala, FL 34481
rlius46@aol.com; 574-370-9169

With regard to the 2020 General Membership Meeting, please note that all non-critical business will be deferred until the Rayne Camporee, including the following:

1. The election for a Board member to replace the outgoing Vice Presidents, Tom and Pat Herscha, who have completed their term. The Board has the prerogative to appoint a temporary member to fill a vacant term until the next regular election. Accordingly, the Board has appointed Tom & Pat Herscha, who have graciously consented to serve an additional one-year term.
2. In 2021, there will be a double election, one for a three-year term and one for a full four-year term.
3. Voting on the proposed By-Laws amendment for Article XI, Section 4 as published on page 47 in the March *TIMES* will be deferred until 2021.
4. All service awards and plaques will be deferred until 2021.
5. A detailed 2020 Financial report will not be published this summer. Anyone may request a report in writing from the NSDCA Secretary after July 1, 2020.
6. A general NSDCA Progress Report will be distributed by E-Tree on or shortly after July 1, 2020. Anyone may also request one in writing from the NSDCA Secretary or review the report to be published in the September issue of the *TIMES*.

We, your Board of Directors, regret having to take this action and look forward to a better, healthier and more exciting Camporee in 2021. We encourage you to attend. Don't miss the excitement!

Sincerely,
Your NSDCA Board of Directors



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JULY 6, 7 & 8, 2021



John & Dolly Ide



Normally, this is our last appeal to all our members to come to our annual Camporee, so I'm not going to change now, but the appeal is for next year in Rayne, Louisiana. We hope that every one of you is safe from the COVID-19 threat which required that we had to cancel this year's Camporee. We were so looking forward to it as we're sure so were most of you, but everyone's health and safety is first on our minds.

Now that the disappointment of the cancellation has been faced, let's get on to more positive topics like recovery and getting back to dancing and camping. We don't know when that will be, but we can look forward to it. In the meantime, remember that the NSDCA is an organization that values friendship and shared activities. We enjoy one another and love getting together. We appreciate our friends and fellow camper/dancers. We're more than friends. We're an extended family, so stay connected with your chapter members using all the tools available to you such as simple phone calls, e-mails, and video conferencing apps like **ZOOM** or **Lifesize**, and yes, even **Facebook**.

Now on to the future. We'd like to encourage everyone who registered for this year's Camporee to let us simply transfer your registration to next year in Louisiana. The cost will stay the same for the registration and campsites. The dates of the Camporee will be July 6th thru 8th, 2021, to allow you to attend the 70th NSDC in Jackson, MS from June 23rd thru 26th, 2021, with a week in between to relax and enjoy some Cajun cooking. We're also planning some special activities for you as well and will let you know about them in future editions. See more details elsewhere in this issue.

We look forward to dancing and camping with you in the future and hope that you all stay safe and well. Don't keep your squares tight but keep your square-dancing friends connected. Above all, don't let COVID-19 push square dancing into the history books. Get back to dancing and camping as soon as prudence allows. We'll be there with you.

Dolly & John



Tom & Pat Herscha



The year 2020 sure has been different! Many difficult decisions have needed to be made that have affected the square dance community. Unfortunately the NSDCA Board made one of these difficult decisions – the 2020 NSDCA Camporee in Lebanon, TN is now cancelled. We feel the health and well-being of our members is paramount in this decision. The exciting news is that the theme will be carried over to the 2021 Camporee – just moved to Rayne, LA, so we will be located closer to the National Square Dance Convention in Jackson, MS.

Since there will not be a general meeting this year and an election cannot be held, we have decided to remain your Vice Presidents for one more year. We hope to see our membership continue to grow and that our members will be willing to lend a hand to keep our wonderful activity as fun and exciting as it can be!

We have “stayed at home” as much as possible and have sorely missed square dancing and our many friends! The blessings are many in the Herscha household! We have used this time to do things around our home that we have put off because of our previously busy schedules. The deck around our pool has been given a new floor, closets have been cleaned out, filing cabinets have been weeded out to make room for more, our patio has been extended, and we have taken time to relax and enjoy each other’s company. Our goal has been to do something productive every day so we did not become “couch potatoes.”

Our northern campers are usually ramping up for spring camping after being housed for the winter. Now is the time to prepare your rigs in anticipation of your state’s opening. It might be wise to start your rig (if a motorhome) and let it run for a while, and check your batteries. Here in the south we were able to camp and dance for most of the winter.

Hopefully our country will safely open up soon and we can get back to dancing! Please stay healthy and vigilant in fighting the corona-virus.

Tom and Pat Herscha



David & Mary Bruun



2020 started out as a very challenging year. We left Texas earlier than usual this season when everything started to shut down due to the coronavirus. The motorhome, sitting in our side yard waiting for a repair, is still winterized. We are both sitting 6 feet apart in our recliners since the State of Illinois recommendations of 'Staying At Home' is still in force until May 30th.

Since a lot of our camping/dancing activities have been cancelled due to this pandemic we have found our hobbies have come out of the closet. Dave has been tinkering with our 1955 Ford tractor (not in the closet), making Pegs & Jokers, and carving walking sticks. Mary has been making masks, working on puzzles, (believe it or not) finishing up 96 Christmas Tree napkins for this coming December and getting ready to get out a quilt that has been tucked away for several years.

As much as the Board has hated to cancel the International Camporee in Lebanon, TN, we felt it was for the best interest of ALL our members. Just remember this year as part of the past and look to the future. Yes! We will be back next year with bigger and better things. We can't reveal all the plans for the next Camporee just yet but it will be held in Rayne, Louisiana July 6th through the 8th. SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR for your "Roaring into the 20s" in 2021. After all, there are still nine years left in this decade!

When we say STAY SAFE and STAY HEALTHY we do really mean it. Life is very precious, just like all of our NSDCA friends. See you someday soon in a square.

Mary & Dave Bruun



SQUARE DANCE



Tom & Kathy Nickel



Spring is coming in slowly. We all have been having strange weather. Then of course we have the virus which has life in a little in turmoil. I was supposed to have hip replacement but 5 days before surgery it was postponed, and as I write this it is still on hold. All of our campouts for the month of May have been cancelled. We got a new camper this year but can't use it yet.

We won't be able to see you in Lebanon as the Board has decided to cancel the Camporee to help preserve the health of our members. You all should have heard this by now. We will miss you this year but are looking forward to being with you next year in Rayne, LA.

We are still getting a lot of the *TIMES* newsletter returned, so please make sure Roger has your correct address, especially those with two addresses per year. Postage is paid twice and you still don't have your newsletter. There is a lot of good information in the newsletter; I enjoy reading the *Chapter Chats* to see what other parts of our organization are doing.

Our organization is looking for good people like you to help run the organization, so please consider running for the Board. We have enjoyed our time on the Board and have grown in the understanding of people working together can get a lot done.

Sorry we won't be able to meet in Lebanon TN, but hope to see you in Rayne LA in 2021.

Tom & Kathy Nickel



Roger Tipps Membership Secretary



What a spring we have had! I pray everyone is doing well. I am sure we all want to get out of the house and camp with our friends again.

As we sit at home with little to do, let's think about NSDCA and what activities we want for our chapter. As these plans are shaping up why not try joint camping/dancing with other chapters? My chapter found it is a lot more fun to have more than one square on the floor and doing many fun things when not dancing.

When you are reviewing your chapter membership list please *double check* all the information provided for each member. We are still having a problem with snowbirds' address listings regarding when your member is leaving for the winter and returning in the spring. The post office charges as much as \$2.57 for each returned *TIMES*. Perhaps the chapter should be responsible for the return postage on the *TIMES* since they are responsible for these addresses and dates.

During this stay-at-home planning time, think of **A B C:**

AnyBody Can recruit and **Attitude – Belief – Commitment.**

Attitude: Your members must have an attitude that they want the chapter to grow so all members will have more fun as well as more squares on the floor. Your commitment to chapter growth will cause this growth to happen. Without a positive attitude from all your members nothing will result in a better chapter. Attitude is the most important for growth. Put chapter growth above personal desires.

Belief: Everyone must believe they can help the chapter grow and be willing to put their effort into growth. After putting forth the effort and having success finding the first new member each additional new member will be easier. Success breeds success.

Commitment: If your chapter members will make a commitment to finding new members, they will be successful and your chapter will grow and be more fun for all.

With the **A B C** approach your chapter will be energized by this new enthusiasm with new members.

Roger Tipps, Membership Secretary

State & Area Representatives Reports

NSDCA Pennsylvania State Representative

I wanted to let everyone know I have checked with the owners of the Paradise Stream campground regarding our State Camporee, occurring June 5-7 (see page 31). At this point in time there is every indication the campground will be open and available for our Camporee on those dates. We invite all campers outside our PA clubs to join us at the State Camporee. If you have not made a reservation and want to attend, the number is 717-789-2117. If you provide me your contact information (717-300-5111; ScoutGuyOne@gmail.com) I will let you know if there is any change that may affect our Camporee.

Kathy and I are looking forward to seeing and DANCING with you there. It will be the beginning of a great square dance camping season.

Park and Kathy

NSDCA Florida State and Area Representative Report

Hi, everyone, not so much good news with this report. With advent of the coronavirus all square, round and triangle dancing came to a screeching halt. We will get back, just be patient and follow the rules.

If we didn't have February dancing, I would have nothing to talk about! Let us start off with the Blue and Gray dance held in Lake City. The hall in Lake City is big and can fit everyone. Many non-campers come, so we see a lot of our old friends. When we go to the Blue and Gray Festival dance – we arrive hungry; they have a spread that cannot be beat. The dancing is even better! Bill Chesnut gets his calling buddies together which creates the best time ever. Ann Hadsall and Susan Snider keep us in round dancing all night.

The Florida State Convention was held the weekend of February 21 in Daytona Beach. It was well attended. Our campers found a good campground not too far from the Convention Center. It is always nice seeing old friends that don't camp, but it is a good time to talk them into getting a camper; you never know! Like I always say, the answer is always “no” if you don't ask.

In early March we went with the Hitch-N-Go (#082) at Southern Palms. Ron Reardon was the caller we always have a good time there. It is a small group, but they keep us hopping. After that we came home to news of the virus. Slowly events started to be cancelled. I could give a list of all the cancellations, but it would be useless – no dancing anywhere! We will get it back; just be patient.

(Representatives continued on page 17)

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 newsletter column.

Glenn C. Knox (#010)

On April 8, 2020 Chapter 010 lost a dear and beloved friend, Glenn C. Knox. Glenn and Doris joined the NSDCA in 1997 where they remained as faithful members until his departure. Glenn served with his wife as secretary of our chapter until this past year when his health began to decline. They enjoyed square dancing, camping and fishing as well as socializing with their many friends. He took up golf in his later life, and was involved in his county 'Breakfast on the Farm' and fair activities, on the Water and Light commission, and volunteering for the Home Respite Care. Glenn will be missed by all who knew him.



Submitted by Harriet Roberts

George Edwards (#121)

Northwoods Stompers, Chapter 121, is sad to report the passing of longtime NSDCA caller, cuer, teacher and dancer George Edwards (1933-2020). George called for many clubs throughout his career which began at 12 years of age when he called for a 4-H club. George served his country proudly for 20 years in the Air Force. He will be sadly missed by friends, square dancers, his family and the last love of his life, Rita Seeburger.



Submitted by Margie Tudor

Phyllis Anderson (#123)

The Swing-N-Travelers, Chapter 123, is celebrating the life and mourning the loss of Phyllis Anderson who went to be with her Lord on April 1st, 2020. Phyllis and her late husband Karl were active members of 123 and NSDCA for over 30 years. Phyllis was very enthusiastic about everything she did ... and she did MANY things! Besides square dancing and camping, she was a quilter, a crafter, liked to fish and



travel, and loved to do puzzles and play any cards or games. She was an avid fan of the *Lost Camper Search*, even talking about hunting for this last one two days before she passed. Phyllis had a very strong faith in God and reminded us that she was going to a better place and asked that we shed no tears, “ ‘cause she will be watching!” That sounds just like her! She even said she will try to send a signal that she is okay ... a white bubble in the rain. We will greatly miss Phyllis and her big smile, especially this first camping season without her. And we'll definitely be watching for that white bubble!

Submitted by Carol Scher

Vincent James Picora (#128)

Vincent (Vinnie) Picora passed away March 6, 2020 in Edgewater, Florida. Vinnie was born 8/18/41 in Brooklyn, N.Y. and graduated from the school of Music & Arts. A 30-year employee with Eastern Airlines, Vinnie was a gifted musician who loved writing his own music and lyrics; his goal was to write theme music for movies. His instrument of choice was the piano and electric keyboard. Vinnie's hobbies included racquetball, bowling (for which he received many trophies), reading (he would read a book or two a week), and he loved history and science. Vinnie also was addicted to crossword puzzles and loved playing cards and board games. Vinnie was an excellent dancer; he and his wife, Lorraine, danced ballroom, line and square dancing, but his all time favorite dance was swing. Vinnie loved traveling and he and his wife used their RV to attend all the National Square Dance conventions and as a result saw much of the U.S. A memorial was held on Saturday, March 21. You are gone but never forgotten.



Submitted by Lorraine Picora

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.

Grand Ole Opry Excursion

If you have paid for this excursion and have not yet done so, please contact:

Ronald Imus
8560 SW 90th Street Unit C
Ocala, FL 34481
574-370-9169

to obtain your refund.

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



Wow, has our world changed in the last few months! Almost everything we consider ‘normal’ has ground to a halt. Schools are closed, although some sort of at-home learning is (hopefully) occurring thanks to the magic of the Internet. Libraries and other public venues are closed. Restaurants are closed – except for take-out. Many different kinds of stores are closed (e.g., clothes, barber) and grocery shelves are missing the strangest staples (e.g., the apparent need to stockpile toilet paper, even after months of this quarantine). You can’t visit anyone in the hospital or a nursing home, and you can hardly get in to see a doctor if you are sick. And to top this off, we can no longer congregate in sufficient quantity to fill a square, and add to that injury campgrounds are (rightfully) closing their public spaces that we would normally frequent for our dancing.

Based on the massive numbers reported we were aware people were suffering and dying all around us, yet we were unaware of any of our family or other friends who had contracted the disease. That changed with a phone call from a cousin who indicated a daughter and her husband had been laid low with all the symptoms, but nothing severe enough to warrant an emergency room visit and thus testing to confirm the diagnosis. Two weeks on they were finally feeling they had turned the corner and were starting to recover. To date we have been very fortunate, and hopefully you have too. For anyone that has suffered and recovered or has lost someone they know or love, we express our condolences to you and your family.

As reported throughout the “Chapter Chats” section of this newsletter, our square and round dancing camping activities have been brought to a screeching halt. Collectively we are inconvenienced, but given the alternative it is better to have our schedules and activities temporarily disturbed.

I have yet to receive answers for the list of questions addressed to your Chapter Callers and Cuers, distributed via the e-tree to your individual Chapter contacts back in January. Restrictions on movement and activities due to the virus present us with an ideal time to collect their thoughts and forward them to me. I would like to have an occasional column in the *TIMES* highlighting those people that help make our camping weekends possible, but I can’t do this without your input. I look forward to hearing from all of the Chapters; I’d rather have too much material than not enough! Remember, you don’t have to worry

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63RD INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE

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and the FUN continues...

The lost camper in the Spring issue was on the Fourth of July fireworks hat, vertically oriented above the “J” (see page 30). For that issue’s contest there were 27 entries, and all were correct. Congratulations to Don and Sherry MacGregor of Chapter 128 for winning the Spring issue’s contest (amazingly enough, they were the first to respond—way back on February 28th); your 2020 NSDCA membership fee will be waived.

Please keep sending in your answers and remember that we’ll have a special recognition and award at the June 2021 Camporee at Rayne, LA for the chapter with the most entries.

Chapter Name	#	Entrant
Garden State Square Dance Campers Assn (NJ)	001	Joan Anfinen
Rollaways (MI)	005	Wayne & Joan Adams
Illiana Square Wheelers (IL/IN)	044	Larina Sanders
Dakota Wheelers (SD)	061	Richard Wootton
Square -Up Campers (PA)	106	Dan & Judy Alex
		Michael Gelinis
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Mike Huddleson
		Frank Golden
Swing ‘N’ Travelers (IL)	123	Joe & Lois Schaefer
		Bill and Kathy Baker
		Dwaine Dunn
		Norma Schertz
		Al & Charlene Fahsbender
		Chet and Janet Bowman
		Mary & David Bruun
		Sue Mayer
		Jim & Naomi Mills
		John & Carol Scher
		Jerry & Judy Boutelle
Square Wheels (FL)	128	Don & Sherry MacGregor
		Bill & Debbie Cassidy
		Maxine Thomas
Rolling Squares (NE)	148	Marion Niemeyer
Bayou Square A Rounds (LA/MS)	149	Jack & Christa Gail Pointer
Gateway Wagoneers	179	Paulette Doerhoff
MontShire Camp'n Squares (NH/VT)	181	Joan Faria
Wabash Valley Wheel Arouns (IN)	196	James Huffman

For the record, the chapter with the most entries for 2019-2020 contest (issue 57-4 through 58-3) was once again #123 (Swing ‘N’ Travelers of Illinois, with 48 total entries.

FYI, entries are logged into an Excel spreadsheet as they are received, denoting the date and time of the email (if US Mail, the stamp cancellation date). At the end of the contest period a random-number generator selects the winning entry. But you can’t win if you don’t enter! Entries were provided by members of only 21 chapters; there’s many more of you that can participate. Remember, this is *your* newsletter!

Our caravan’s fearless wingmen, Joe & Bea Sokol (in the wagon and bumper pull trailer) have once again lost their way—detoured from Lebanon, TN to Rayne, LA (see the Summer 2019 issue for background on the caravan and images of each traveler). Please see if you can locate them and give them directions to get back to the caravan so they make it to the 2021 Camporee in Rayne on time.

Good luck! Send your answer no later than July 31th either: 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 located. 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 and name regardless of the way you choose to communicate. Thank you.

(Representatives continued from page 11)

We have lost two of our dancers this year, but not from the virus: Steve Cormier (#082) and Vinnie Picora (#128).

Now here is what happened to one of our dancers that lost her husband. Lorraine Picora gave permission to tell you her tale. Let us hope this doesn’t occur often!

Poor Lorraine, sadden with Vinnie passing and trying to get things together, goes to the bank to transfer money and is informed her account was frozen. There was a mix up with the Social Security number reported to the government, so they “knocked off” Lorraine instead of Vinnie, inactivating her account. Now imagine trying to get this fixed when the offices are closed and everyone is working from home. To straighten things out she had to do everything by mail, and it had to be Certified Mail. After much expenditure of time and postage, she is now on a first-name basis with the bank manager and the local postmaster. She also needed a CAT scan, and the same story – inactivated Medicare account; she then has to straighten things out with Medicare. In her words, “When Social Security kills you, they do a better job than the Mafia.” Everything seems to be going well now, thankfully, except when she goes to pick up Vinnie’s cremains they forgot to engrave the urn. It took three days for Vinnie to die, but three weeks to bring Lorraine back to life. “I am on my way back, ya!”

John and Mary Burzo



010 Pioneer; Wisconsin

We hope all have been making it safely through this winter/spring with the challenges due to the coronavirus. Our chapter has been struggling and was planning to make our campouts to the surrounding state conventions and national. Due to COVID-19 we will not be able to do so as many of these events are cancelling.

We are also mourning the passing of one of our members, Glenn C. Knox. Our sympathy goes out to Doris as she deals with his loss. We pray all are doing well and we'll see you in a square when this is over.

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

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

Blackhawk Crosstrailers has had a long winter ... we were looking forward to a kick off with our camping season in May, and due to COVID-19, things have come to a halt. Our members are communicating from AZ and IL as the country deals with the pandemic. There are several cancellations for our group including June's Illinois State Camporee which was to be held in Pecatonica, IL, that we were hosting. Please check the on-line schedule listing of campouts for those cancellations. Thanks for your patience while we all work through this together. Our club is taking some preventive measures for the following dates at this time: our May 8-10 campout at Leisure Lake Campground, Rock Falls, IL – CANCELLED due to campground availability, nothing else is scheduled at this time; June 4-7 Illinois State Camporee in Pecatonica, IL – CANCELLED. We are still planning on hosting a **great Illinois State Camporee – we're just postponing until 2021!** We will keep you posted as things develop. Same time, same place! We are wishing you all best, and we know we will see you around the dance floor and the campfire very soon.

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

031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin

Welcome to the 2020 Camping Season! Here in Wisconsin we are hopeful that season starts soon. The Badger Rovers' first scheduled campout for May has been cancelled due to the "Safe at Home" state orders. Hopefully our July and September campouts go as scheduled.





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On February 15, the Badger Rovers had our annual winter dance/meeting/potluck. Four squares enjoyed dancing later with Tom and Kathy Nickel calling and cueing. A business meeting followed with a gathering around our imitation campfire



(see photo). Since our May campout is cancelled, we will try a Zoom get-together for the Saturday night portion of the weekend. Everyone will wear their Badger Rover T-shirt and have a candle lit.

The virus took a beloved square dance caller earlier in April; Randy Tans will be dearly missed - Rest in Peace Randy!

We miss you all and hope we can gather in Rayne, LA next year.

Stay safe everyone - looking forward to camping and dancing soon!

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

045 Penn Dixie Square Campers; Pennsylvania

Our first campout of the season was supposed to be in mid-April. Needless to say, it was canceled. I have been in contact with most of our members and so far have not heard of anyone being ill from COVID-19. Our snowbirds have made it back to Pennsylvania. We are all working in our yards and doing many of the chores around the house that we have been putting off because we were “too busy” to do them. I’m not sure when we will be camping again. Our entire club is in the age group that has been told to be careful and many of us have had health problems in the past, so we will be extra cautious while this virus is running rampant. I was supposed to take my trailer in for its annual inspection two weeks ago and I got a call that my appointment had been postponed indefinitely and will be rescheduled when things calm down. Routine doctor appointments have been canceled. Those in our group that sew are passing around patterns for face masks and are using old tee shirts and leftover fabric scraps to make masks. I have seen some very colorful results.

The weather has been weird here. January was relatively warm and we tied the record for the least amount of snow for the month of February but we are feeling winter now. So far in April we have had snow flurries a couple of times, and about a week ago we had freeze warnings with temperatures in the high 20s and low 30s a couple of nights.

Hopefully we will be camping and dancing again soon. Keep an eye

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on the NSDCA web site and when we are camping again join us if you are in our neck of the woods on a camping weekend.

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

068 Wandering Wheels; Minnesota

At this point in the Minnesota Stay-At-Home order, our camping season is something we are all looking forward to, but much is still to be determined.

Our club wanted to try something different this year in place of our June campout. We have planned a free outdoor dance and Sloppy Joe dinner for June 9th at a local park shelter and thought it would be a good way to promote camping, Wandering Wheels and square dancing in general; however, we are still unsure that this event will take place.

As Lester Holt says nightly at the end of his newscast, "Please take care of yourself and each other."

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

070 Penn-York Campers; New York/Pennsylvania

Because of the coronavirus lockdown and social distancing, we will not be camping as a group until further notice. This would have been our 46th year as a club. We will resume our schedule when the situation improves. We are once again looking forward to seeing all of our square dancing friends. We always welcome visitors.

Cindy Schumann; 814-726-2650; cindys951@verizon.net

082 Hitch-N-Go; Florida

In February we camped at the Lake Ocklawaha RV Resort in Fort McCoy, FL. We had a great time and had visitors. There was one square of dancers that enjoyed Ron's calling. In March we were notified that the campground where we were to stay was canceling our arrival due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were many sad campers and dancers of this news; we would have had 13 campers on that weekend. Also, our state-wide April 'Spring Fling' was canceled, our camp out for May is canceled due to the campground is closed, and June's National Convention in Seattle is cancelled.

We want to share our concern for everyone during this devastation of the virus. Wish everyone good health and to be safe.

One Day At A Time – We miss our Friends and Yellow Rocks!

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

106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania

The Square Ups had varied and interesting experiences this past 2019 camping season. Beginning with White Oak in Strasburg, PA,



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some of our units made impressions in the soft grassy areas as they maneuvered their rigs into the spaces. We welcomed the Klings as guests and said goodbye to the Statlers who are no longer dancing. Of course we enjoyed the auction next door — did James Jacks really not buy anything? Filling our tummies with the delicious Pennsylvania Dutch cooking at Deiners and then dancing that evening gave us good memories to take back home.

Camping in June was warmer at Paradise Stream. Eating outside was comfortable and the airconditioned dance hall was perfect. We hurried to get a few scoops of ice cream before the campground office closed!

August camping along the Susquehanna River was fun for sure. Leisurely walks around grounds and visiting with friends was memorable. Our evening dance was interrupted by quite a rainstorm—we were so very glad for our umbrellas.

September took us to a new campground — Shady Oaks in Newmantown, PA. Nestled in the country, we camped along the trees and quiet grounds. We danced many squares to caller Bob Engel and enjoyed a yummy breakfast prepared by the owners!

Our last get together in October was full of fun and of course lots of food. Twin Bridges offered lovely countryside fresh air plus some of that liquid sunshine. Dancing in the bottom of the barn gives the dancers plenty of space to do-si-do and give yellow rocks. Come join our group sometime this summer!

Kathy Engel; kathye@kuhncom.net

116 Camping Squares; Kansas

We hope you all have stayed safe and well during the pandemic. It is halting all of our square dances for the time being, but not dancing will help keep us well.

We had our last winter outing in February at a Wichita restaurant and had a great time visiting and eating. Our March winter party had to be cancelled due to our State's Stay-At-Home order. We have also cancelled our annual Hobo Stew Dance and campout at Lake



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Afton scheduled for April 23-26. We will make a decision about the May campouts when the order is lifted. Be sure to call us for the status before you travel.

On the State level, they have cancelled our Kansas State Convention June 4-7 and of course, Nationals has been cancelled. Our annual HAS-SDA Dance & campout for July 23-26 has been cancelled as well. We look forward to August for campouts. In the meantime, hoping you are staying well!

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

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

119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

We did have a meeting on January 31 to finalize our calendar for the 2020 season. We sure had some great summer camping and dancing weekends planned! But, as are most of you, we are just waiting to see what happens in the next few months. All the dances in our area have been cancelled. We sure are missing seeing all our dancing and camping friends. We might have to go back for lessons! We are still hoping to go to Saratoga, Wyoming for a campout in July.

Several of our members are having health problems and we want each of you to pray for healing for them. So far, no one has had the virus! We hope that this will continue for our members as well as yours!

Our club would love to have you join in with us anytime you are in our neighborhood. Please check out the Chapter Campout Schedule and plan on joining us. Our Chapter Contacts are Leo and Diana Fergel: 303-635-7312.

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

121 Northwood Stompers; Michigan

Due to COVID-19 and our state's "Stay Home Stay Safe" order, our camping is on hold until May 15 and future instructions from our governor. We hope to camp and dance June 19-21 and September 18-20 at Hidden Hills Family Campground in Harrison, and July 23-25 at the Michigan State Camporee at Covenant Hills Camp and Retreat in Otisville (see the Campout Listing section and the ad on page 34).

Marjorie Tudor; 989-275-6197; mtudor46@gmail.com

123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois

What a winter this has been! Many members of our club leave Illi-



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nois for warmer places during the winter. There were at least 10 couples in either Texas or Arizona this year.

Those in Texas gathered each month at a restaurant. In January, we went to Willie's Barbeque in Alamo. We had wonderful food and great fellowship. Our adopted Texans Joe and Mary Pat Talton were able to join us. The story behind this is that they were the only ones from Alabama at a National convention and were invited by their camping neighbors to join our 123 group. We have enjoyed their company during the winters since then. After dinner, we drove to Magnolia Park for games and fellowship in the hall.

February came along with a smaller group meeting in Harlingen at Stefano's Brooklyn Pizza, where we ate wonderful Italian food. We went to the Dunn's home after for dessert and ate again although we were all full from supper. Thanks Dwaine and Bert for hosting and preparing the yummy treats!

Our March dinner was at the El Dorado Mexican restaurant in Alamo. Again, more delicious food. This time we stayed in the back room where we had eaten and played games.

Now we are in our 'stay at home' time and trying to avoid the virus! Our club will miss our April campout, the State convention and the National convention. The planned trip for after the Nationals has been cancelled. It was to have been a wonderful trip across the south and back to Illinois. We appreciate all the time and effort that was put into planning it. Maybe we can go to some of the places next year. Camping activities may be cancelled, but our heart ties will never be broken! God bless you all.

Maurine Collett, 309-258-2393; hmcallit@gmail.com

128 Square Wheels; Florida

The first quarter of 2020 got off to a great start with the Square Wheels camping with their merged club, the Gypsy Squares, at the Eagle's Roost RV Resort in Lake Park, Georgia. We had a great turn out and were able to have up to 6 squares dancing. Bill Chesnut, our Caller, was joined by guest Callers Don Heins, Mark Fetzer and Bill Cassidy for a very rousing night. Our Cuer, Ann Hadsell, was joined by Susan Snider as they gave our round dancers a chance to show off their skills. Hence, we did a lot of dancing. Bill introduced the club to Hex Dancing which was a lot of fun that added another dimension to our dances. Our campout also included dinner out at the Fish Net Restaurant, which is a quaint fish camp on a lake serving good country style

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In February seventeen Square Wheels camping rigs attended the Olustee Battle Festival Weekend in Lake City, FL. The Friday Trails-In dance was sponsored by our club, the Square Wheels, and the Saturday Festival dance was sponsored by the Dixie Dancers, a local weekly square dance club. The Callers for the dance were Elmer Sheffield and our own Bill Chesnut. Rounds were by Ralph Beekman and Ann Hadsall. That Friday, Valentine's Day, was exceptionally special as it is the anniversary of our Caller and his *Taw, Mary =>*. During the day on Saturday the dancers from Square Wheels and the Dixie Dancers put on a demonstration dance at the street fair in the downtown Square. It is an annual event that we always enjoy attending.



February also allowed many of our members to camp at Sunshine Daytona RV Resort in Ormand Beach so that we could attend the Florida State Convention. While attending the Convention we had additional practice Hex Dancing as well as participating in many other rounds and squares.

Unfortunately, Mr. COVID-19 put an end to our Spring camping plans. Now we have to wait until August to see if we can get our camping weekends back. Even the summer camping plans of many have been cancelled or altered. Looking forward to when we can get back to some sense of normalcy and dancing. Hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

Don and Sherry MacGregor, Presidents; 904; 314-7210;
dmacgr@comcast.net

149 Bayou Square-A-Rounds; Louisiana

Our winter campout was held in Livingston on March 6th & 7th at Lakeside RV Park. Participating in our fun-loving and dancing group were 14 member rigs and four guest rigs, one being an area caller, Bubba Mingus and his wife Cindy. Bubba called a tip and then joined Ted Kennedy in a duet tip.

Our Friday unwinding session has upgraded itself from chit-chat to chit-chat with an assortment of finger delicacies. Thanks to our hosts



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Jerry and Lydia Watts and Nancy Boyd who decorated the hall in green to celebrate St. Patrick Day with lighted shamrocks and green table cloths, little cauldrons with gold coins and beads. As a surprise, three prints of shamrocks were at various places on the side of tablecloth. Whoever sat in front of one was to receive a “pot of gold”.

As usual, our chefs, Bruce and Barbara, prepared an Irish stew which was extremely delicious. This was paired with an array of vegetables and salads and of course, extraordinary desserts.

Our President received a call from NSDCA President John Ide concerning our chapter to either host or co-host a NSDCA Camporee in Louisiana. After discussion on the subject, the membership voted in favor of co-hosting.

Our camping schedule for 2020 is available on-line. If you are in the area of our campouts, come join the fun of square and round dancing with us. You can call me for more information.

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

152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama

Our first campout for 2020 was held on March 6 -8 at Roaring Pines Campground in Somerville, AL. We danced to Wayne Mahathey calling and Pauline Angress cueing. The club had 14 rigs in attendance at the campground and another three couples staying off-site. We enjoyed good food and good fellowship to start the 2020 camping season.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting shutdown of many parts of the country caused us to cancel our April campout, and probably our May campout also. We are not sure when we will get back to camping and dancing, so please check with us before making plans to join us.

We are keeping in touch during this difficult time by having weekly ‘digital chat’ sessions using Zoom. This allows us to see each other and



The 3 Amigos: Jack Pointer, Bubba Mingus, Ted Kennedy

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keep up with what is going on.

Our anticipated campout schedule for 2020 can be found later in this issue and on the NSDCA website.

Hank Sweetman; 615-406-6917; hanksweetman@gmail.com

153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

Our campfires have been dampened for the season due to the current situation of our nation, but the spirits of the Strawberry Travelers remain uplifted and positive.

We met up with The Roadrunners #193 in February for a jolly weekend at Red Oaks Campground in Bushnell. Our combined gathering gave us between 4-6 squares dancing on the floor as we enjoyed the talents of our club callers, Charlie Pergrossi #153 and Sonny McCarthy #193.



photo: Charlie Pergrossi, club caller #153, Conrad & Sheila Terhune, club caller #196, Strawberry Traveler presidents Jack & Bev Henry.

Visitors are always welcomed to our camping weekends and we were delighted to

dance to the talents of visiting caller Ted Hughes of #018 and Shelia Terhune. Sheila and husband Conrad are members of the Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds of Indiana (#196) and came to visit us as part of their visit to the state.

Our April gathering for the Spring Fling was cancelled and we sorely missed seeing friends of our state camping clubs, but we celebrate the news that folks are staying well and busy with activities at home. Think of all the news we'll have to share around the campfire when we meet up in October for our club weekend October 16-18, followed by our annual FL State Camporee October 22-25, 2020. Both of these events will be held at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL.

Until we meet up - stay safe & be well. We hope to meet up with you around the campfire and on the dance floor real soon!

Sarah Beth Pergrossi; sarahbeth@pergrossi.net

175 Riverside Gypsy Square Dance Club; Ontario, Canada

The Gypsies would normally have been camping together at least once by the time that you read this, but not this year. With the social



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distancing requirements from various levels of government and the uncertain opening of campgrounds, our May and June campouts have been cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to get together for July, August and for our September weekend which will now be September 11-13. See the web site for details.

We look forward to July and I think we will have many reasons to celebrate our “Christmas in July” weekend.

Mary Anne Reinhard; 613-838-5781

181 MontShire Campin’ Squares; New Hampshire/Vermont

The time has come to get our campers ready for another season of camping. We have to maybe let them set idle a little longer than we would like but before we know it, we will be back camping and dancing. Hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

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ANNUAL 50's SQUARE DANCE

THURSDAY — August 20, 2020

ROGER SCHAPPELL—Ft Collins, CO



\$6.00 per person
\$12.00 per couple



Dance 7 — 9 PM
(Squares & Mixers)



ROOT BEER FLOATS SERVED DURING DANCE



Quadra Dangle-Laramie, WY



3905 Grays Gable Road
Laramie, Wyoming 82070
Clubhouse Phone 307 742 6008

Info: Lorene Sims 307-745-9614 or
email quadradangle@gmail.com



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As of the time of the deadline for this publication we are still set to go for our Spring Camporee which will be May 29, 30 & 31 at the Danforth Bay Camping Resort. Our Summer Camporee is set for July 31, August 1 & 2. Location at the Horse Shoe Acres campground (see page 45 for details). For more information on these events, please contact Bill or Kathy Parry at 603-289-8057 or 603-867-4771, or email: William.parry1@comcast.com.

Enjoy your Summer!

Rachel Boudrow; rboudrow@tds.net

193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Well the time is usually flying by, but with the new norm of being stuck at home with absolutely no dancing anywhere to enjoy, time seems to be crawling along these days. I don't know about you but, I am ready to get back to our CAMPING & DANCING!!

In February we shared our weekend with Chapter 153, the Strawberry Travelers in Bushnell, FL. That gave us four squares on the floor continually and the unexpected pleasure of dancing to four Callers (153 – Charlie Pergrossi; Guest 196 – Sheila



Terhune; Guest 118 – Ted Hughes, and of course our own 193 – Sonny McCartney). Weekends with lots of dancers are so much fun. Be sure to check the campout schedules listed in the *TIMES* so you can dance wherever you might be at that moment.

We were fortunate to get in our March Campout before this pandemic brought everything to a halt! The weather was great, and we were back at Highlands Hammock State Park. We set up the club canopy and kept a roaring fire going throughout the weekend (photo above). We enjoyed lime sherbet floats, a delicious brisket and lots of other great dishes to celebrate the St. Patrick's theme weekend. We danced in the afternoon on Friday with a potluck and campfire that evening. Sat-

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WE ROARED

INTO 2020

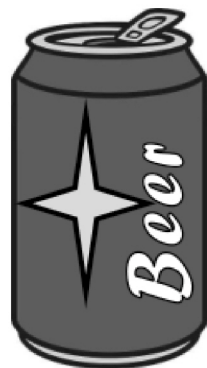
BUT,
our **POP TAB PROJECT**
has been halted
by the Covid-19 virus and
the cancellation of our
Camporee.

PLEASE
Keep the tabs that you collected
and we will add them to the
count for next year.

In 2019, we had 181.2 lbs of tabs.
Our **challenge** for 2021, will
be **221 lbs.**



Remember to save
ONLY pure Aluminum
BEVERAGE CAN tabs.
Now you will have
plenty of time to add
to your cache.



Thanks for **HELPING.**



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urday morning, however, we awoke to find that the State Park was closing their Recreation Hall due to the COVID-19 virus. That meant we had to cook our fantastic Saturday club breakfast at the rigs with extension cords running everywhere. With no place to dance we just made the best of what was left of the weekend. Most of our weekends are so packed with activities, it was kind of nice to just sit around and visit with each other.

Sunday was not at all what I planned. I woke up with chest and back pains, so John and I slipped off to the hospital in the wee hours of the morning. After lots of tests, I underwent a heart catheterization on Tuesday with four stents placed. I was released late on Wednesday; John already had the camper packed and ready to head out in the morning as the park was closing on Friday. The very next week I ended up in the Ocala hospital for a second heart catheterization and two more stents placed. I am happy to say I am feeling much better and stronger these days. Praise the Lord!

Thank you to everyone who found out about my medical adventure, sent prayers, yellow rocks, and get-well cards. They were all so very much appreciated.

As you have seen on the *TIMES* cover, we will not get to have our camporee this year. That decision was made just before the *TIMES* submission deadline. But hang on to that Roaring 20's stuff, because we will be "Roaring into the 20's" in 2021. Start making your plans to be there!

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN A SQUARE SOMEWHERE!

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

196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds; IN

Chapter 196 was to have its first camporee of the season the week of April 13-17 at Follow the River Campground in Florence, IN. Because of the coronavirus situation, our camporee was reduced to a 40-minute Zoom meeting on April 17. We had twelve couples attend the "camporee." Kerry and Alice Richmond 'hosted' the gathering, as they have been doing Bible Studies on Zoom.

President Dan Hatfield led our discussions. He and Marian provided the "campfire" by sitting in front of their fireplace, alive with woodburning embers! They shared some of their Florida excitements of the winter.

Mike and Nancy Holzhausen appeared in patriotic face masks. Conard and Sheila Terhune were still in Florida, celebrating each day during happy hour with their favorite new drink called 'quarantinis'.

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NSDCA PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER



State Camporee

June 5, 6 and 7, 2020

Loysville, PA

Camporee location:

Paradise Stream Family Campground
693 Paradise Stream Rd, Loysville, PA

*Paradise Stream is located in the
gentle rolling hills and farmland of
Perry County*

THE CAMPGROUND OFFERS:

- Full hook-up sites
- 30 and 50 amp sites
- Pull-thru sites
- Free Wi-Fi

AMENITIES:

- Swimming pool
- Picnic table and fire ring at each site
- 18 hole miniature golf
- Hiking and nature trails
- Fishing lake
- Campground store
- Planned activities



Dancing Friday and Saturday
Evenings 7:00—9:00

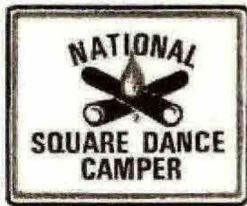


Call the campground directly for
reservations: (717) 789-2117

Tell the staff you are with the NSDCA
PA State Camporee
Good Sam attendees will receive a
discount on their camping fee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON THE CAMPOREE
CONTACT:

Park Bierbower
717-300-5111
ScoutGuyOne@gmail.com



ROARING INTO THE 20's

63rd NSDCA INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE

Rayne Civic Center, Rayne, Louisiana

801 The Boulevard

NSDCA Board Hosting - July 6, 7 & 8, 2021



NSDCA Membership # _____
NON-Member - (Requires \$20 Surcharge) See Fees Below

Site Location Information and Utilities Requests:
STATE/PROVINCE: _____ CHAPTER #: _____ HANDICAP: _____

ELECTRIC Plug: 30 Amp _____ 50 Amp _____

RV Length: _____ Feet # Slides _____

Sewer sites (no extra charge): _____

All Board of Directors, please check here ()

Adult Name #2 (Please Print)

Mailing Address (Include Apt and/or Box number)

City State/Province & Zip/Postal

Phone Number (include area code)

Email address

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

Youth Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____

Youth Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____

Adult Name _____

Square and Round Dance Interest (Check all that apply)

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

SPORTS Interest (Signup on arrival)

Horseshoes M _____ F _____ Corn Hole M _____ F _____
Washer Toss M _____ F _____ Bocce Ball M _____ F _____
Golf M _____ F _____

Crafts Interest M _____ F _____

Callers and Cuers Participation (Due by April 1)

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

Caller Name _____

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

Cuer Name _____

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

Line Instructor Name _____

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

EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE _____

EXPECTED DEPARTURE DATE: _____

63rd NSDCA Camporee Fees for July 6, 7 & 8:

3 days.....\$140.⁰⁰ 2 days.....\$105.⁰⁰ 1 day.....\$65.⁰⁰

If only 2 days, which 2? Tues _____ Wed _____ Thurs _____

If only 1 day, which 1? Tues _____ Wed _____ Thurs _____

Units with one person may deduct \$10.⁰⁰ from their registration.

of extra adults in your rig @ \$10.⁰⁰ _____ Non-NSDCA Members \$20.⁰⁰ _____

Camping fee: days prior to & following the camporee date \$25.⁰⁰ # of days _____

Refunds are available by written request.

Camping Fee for days prior & following the camporee:

July: Fri (2) _____ Sat (3) _____ Sun (4) _____ Mon (5) _____

July: Fri (9) _____ Sat (10) _____

Summary of Fees Submitted:

Registration Fee: _____ US Funds
Additional Fees: _____ US Funds
Additional Days: _____ US Funds
Total Submitted _____ US Funds

Please make all checks payable to the "63rd NSDCA Camporee and send to:
Susan Wolford, 6000 Wyeth Rock Road, Guntersville, AL 35976

If you would like a ribbons mailed to you, please submit a self addressed stamped envelope with you application.

For more information, contact John or Dolly Ide, (352-208-5980, 352-598-7162; johnide2016@outlook.com, dloutz9504@outlook.com).

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45TH Annual Michigan N.S.D.C.A. Camporee July 23-25, 2020

ATTENDANCE AT THE CAMPOREE IS LIMITED TO 2020 PAID UP NSDCA MEMBERS
Potential NSDCA members may join us on a one-time basis
Walk-Ins are welcome at the evening dances - \$10 per couple

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Caller/Cuer: June 9, 2020

Campers: June 23, 2020

NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS AFTER JUNE 23

LATE REGISTRATION: Add additional fee of \$5.00

Pre-registered units will be parked with their chapters. Registration after cut-off date may be assigned to 000 area. Early arrivals welcome. Arrivals before 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22 may be relocated by parking committee.

FACILITIES

Full Hookups

DANCING

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nights
Square & Round Dance Workshops

ACTIVITIES

Crafts
Sports

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Last Name _____ His _____ Hers _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Chapter Name _____ Chapter # _____

Youth's Name _____ Age _____ Youth's Name _____ Age _____

Type of camping unit _____ Size _____

Expected arrival date _____ Number of nights _____ Email _____

Dance program preferred: SQUARES Mainstream Plus Advanced ROUNDS PH II PH III PH IV

Camping Fees: \$38 per day WED THU FRI SAT SUN (check boxes) \$38 x _____ nights \$ _____

Weekend Dancing & Activities fee: \$50 \$ _____ 50.00

Late registration or cancellation fee: \$5.00 \$ _____

Non-Camper Fee: \$10 per couple per day. Includes all activities including evening dance!!! \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make check or money order payable to: Michigan N.S.D.C.A. Camporee. Mail with this form to Gary & Elaine Demand (address at top right of this form).

CALLER/CUER PARTICIPATION DATA

I CERTIFY that I am licensed by BMI and ASCAP to perform copyrighted music at the Camporee

Signature _____ Email Address _____

Square Dance Caller: I regularly call Mainstream Plus

Round Dance Cuer: Will cue S/D ROM Phase I & II Phase III Phase IV Classics

Available for programming: Thursday Friday Saturday MC

Will Workshop: Squares Rounds

The Quadra Dangle Society Hosts a
Special Square Dance with the Deibert Brothers.

Brian Deibert

from Sierra Vista, Arizona



Watch the
Fireworks from
the Porch!

Brad Deibert

from Greensburg, Pennsylvania

Mainstream Dance with a Plus Tip
Saturday, July 4, 2020

6:30 pm Potluck

7:30 pm Pre-Rounds
with Brad

8:00-10:00 pm Squares
with Brian & Brad

Square dance
attire optional.
Summer causal
accepted.



Quadra Dangle Clubhouse
3905 Grays Gable Road
Laramie, WY 82072

RV PARKING AVAILABLE

\$9⁰⁰
PER PERSON

\$8⁰⁰ members

18 and under or with
student ID half price.

For more information call Lorene Sims

(307) 399-5135 (leave message)

NSDCA BLANKET LIABILITY INSURANCE

The NSDCA has had blanket liability insurance coverage for all its activities since August 1, 1975. We are currently buying insurance through the Lawley Vivacqua LLC Agency and are insured with the Atlantic Casualty Insurance Company.

This insurance is issued in the name of the association, all its affiliated chapters, and includes all officers and directors, of either the association or any chapter while it engages in any activity on behalf of their group. The limit of the liability is \$1,000,000.00 per incident (\$2,000,000 aggregate) for either bodily injury or property damage or both when NSDCA is negligent.

This is however **NOT accident insurance**. It covers only injury or damage caused **accident or negligence** of the NSDCA or its chapters in the course of their activity. It will not necessarily pay for any injury that might happen. It has to happen in such a way that NSDCA would be legally held responsible for the injury. The insurance company would investigate and defend a claim resulting from any accident, but the injured party will normally not receive a settlement unless it can be proven there was negligence or fault of the chapters or association.

The policy is issued on a comprehensive liability form that covers the activities of the NSDCA or its chapters. This includes campouts, meetings, social affairs or any other type of an event, all of which are automatically insured. Specific questions should be referred to the company agent through whom the insurance is written.

The application Forms for Insurance Certificates, are available from the NSDCA at www.nsdca.org. There is no charge for the 'Proof of Insurance' certificate and it may be obtained by contacting:

Justine Schaper, Account Manager
Lawley Vivacqua Scheff, LLC
504 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 302
Amherst, NY 14228
Email: jschaper@lawleyinsurancer.com
Phone 716-636-5820; FAX 866-211-4683

If the entity (land or building owner, municipality etc.) requires their name to be explicitly listed as an **ADDITIONAL** insured, there is an additional charge for each name to be added which is to be paid by the requesting chapter. The request must be made thru the NSDCA board.

SOUTHERN TIER WHEELERS

NSDCA Chapter 108

Square Dance Campers

Schedule for 2020

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer</u>
May 15 – 17	Gary Bubel	Alice Bubel
June 19 – 21	Howard Williamson	Donna Williamson
Aug. 14 – 16	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta
Sept. 11 – 13	Howard Williamson	Donna Williamson
Oct. 9 - 12	Howard Williamson	Donna Williamson

Weekends are all casual attire

Check weekend flyers for additional information as schedules may vary.

CampBell Campgrounds

8700 St. Route 415

Campbell, NY 14821

N42 12.116/W077 11.156

If you would like to spend the weekend,
cabin or trailer rentals are available. Contact
campground at 607-527-3301 for information.

Evening dances are \$5.00 a person/ \$10 a couple

For additional information, please contact Bill or Pat Mosher at the following numbers –

Bill 607-739-3299

Pat 607-857-1553

or by email at patmosher116@gmail.com



Chats

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Dennis and Karen Gerbers just returned from Texas. They had no travel troubles getting home, but after they got home, a storm blew a tree on their camper! Jim and Diane Wahl were planning on spending at least a month in Florida. They were having a great time, doing lots of square dancing ... even danced with John and Dolly Ide's chapter. After two weeks the governor shut down the Florida state parks, so they had to go home early. Kevin and Cyd Hunter are still in their Florida home, taking it easy. Cyd takes Kecy, their beautiful Golden Retriever, for a long walk every day, and Kevin rides his bicycle every day.

Ruth Thomann stays busy sewing, and Mike is working daily in his woodworking shop. John Heiger has been busy molding bullets, while JoAnne has cleaned their house from top to bottom! Don and Ruth Gauck are busy refunding registration fees to those registered for the National Square Dance Convention in Spokane, WA, as they are the treasurers. Bill and Janet Bode recently returned from Arizona. They are self-quarantining and really missing their family! James and Shannon Rodewald have a daughter who is a senior in high school, so this virus thing is really affecting an important time in their lives!

Our "virtual camporee" was a fun time, and it once again connected the members of our wonderful chapter 196, the WABASH VALLEY WHEEL AROUNDS.

The picture (below) of our group was taken at the 2019 Illinois State Camporee in Rockville, IN. We hosted that Camporee.



Marian Hatfield; 618-554-6591; marian4873@gmail.com

198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

We hope that you all are healthy and looking forward to getting back

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43rd NSDCA Ontario Camporee 2020

Blyth and District Community Centre
377 Gypsy Lane, Blyth, Ontario

Hosted by the Ontario Board & Chapters of the
National Square Dance Campers Association

Friday, August 14 to Monday Aug17, 2020

Camping area open Friday, August 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 17, 2020
Club colours are preferred for Saturday evening, otherwise square dance dress is optional.
Pot-luck-supper Saturday @ 5:00 PM. The hall is scent-free.

Please print NSDCA Chapter No. _____

Surname _____

First Names _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Prov./State _____ Postal Code/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Dance Level

Please check off your preferred dance level

Squares/Mainstream Plus Adv Rounds/Phase II Phase III Phase IV

Fees

Camping fees/night, inc. HST (\$30.00) X _____ = \$ _____

Camporee Activity fee/couple \$ _____ free for 2020

Camporee Activity fee/single \$ _____ free for 2020

Enclosed \$ _____

Note: There is a \$5.00 cancellation fee after May 1, 2020.

We will accept cheques post-dated to May 1 2020

Non-camping NSDCA Dancers are welcome Friday, Saturday and Sunday at \$10.00/ couple per day .

Non-camping, non-member dancers are welcome Friday, Saturday & Sunday at 15.00/couple per day.

This section to be completed by Callers and Cuers who wish to be leaders at the Camporee.

Name: _____ S/D Caller Call Levels _____ Workshop Yes No

Name: _____ R/D Leader Cue Levels _____ Workshop Yes No

Callers/Cuers: Please register by June 15, 2020.

We follow the National- No payment to callers and leaders. Every effort will be made to feature registered callers and leaders.

If you have questions, please contact:

Deb and Denis Bertrand 705-522-4529 cell 705-929-5645

Make cheques payable to "Ontario NSDCA Camporee" and mail to:

Deb and Denis Bertrand, 7404 Hwy 17 West Worthington ON Canada P0M 3H0



Chats

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to camping and square dancing. Here at Crossfire Campers our wagon masters, Harold and Ann Sharland, *were* planning a wonderful first year anniversary campout celebrating our first year as a newly formed NSDCA Chapter in Tennessee. We were going to celebrate at the end of April, but due to the COVID-19 Virus we had to cancel. It was going to be a great celebration with callers Ron Schneider (who wrote the call “Crossfire”) and Mike Hoose (who is another great caller). There was going to be potlucks, cake, campfires, games and a lot of dancing.

We still have campout plans for 2020 and hope we can get back some new “normals” by then.

Hope to see you all at campouts in the coming months.

Until then, take care, God Bless, AND social distance! “Yellow Rocks.”

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

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about trying to arrange your caller/cuer answers into a narrative – I’ll take care of that. But I need those responses before I can do anything – so please make some time to get them answered. Thank you!

As previously mentioned in past issues, please feel free to submit your camping schedules as soon as they are finalized or if there is a revision; there is no need to wait until the deadline for a new issue of the *TIMES*. I am certain that plans are in flux due to changes with government-mandated rules for social-gathering events. 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! And remember, as you are making your travel and dancing plans based on the list of campouts, be sure to check with the listed contact to ensure there haven’t been any last-minute changes, especially these days!

Finally, when communicating with me – whether for the “chats”, camping schedule, obituaries or something else, 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. Also include the name of the person writing/submitting the article/camping schedule/obituary and contact information (email and/or phone number).

Thank you. And stay safe and healthy!

Been There, Done That!

Welcome to our newest feature – a collection of campground, attraction, service centers and location reviews and ratings. Your input is always welcome and appreciated!

We'll start off with Lagoons RV Resort, in Rockport, Texas, right on the Gulf Coast, about an hour north of Corpus Christi, Mustang Island, South Padre Island and just a short drive and ferry ride over to Port Aransas and all it has to offer. The Lagoons Resorts family consists of three sister resorts; we stayed at the one right in Rockport, at 600 Enterprise Blvd. One is farther south, off Hwy 35 Bypass, the other is to the north, and very close to the harbor.

Lagoons RV Resort is easy to find and easy to enter, even with a toad. The streets are wide cement, but they are lined with ancient Live Oaks, so do be mindful of your height, width and turning radius. Every site has a concrete pad and there are grassy areas between sites. There is a convenient dog-walking area around the perimeter of the park. Most sites have a recently painted picnic table, but campfires are NOT permitted in the park. Stately Live Oaks and towering palms shade most sites for at least part of each day. There are pull-throughs and back-ins, and each site has cable TV (FREE!) and full hook-ups. The indoor swimming pool is sparkling clean, salt-water and heated! There's also a clean and sizable hot tub on deck.

There are two bathroom/laundry facilities onsite, as well as a good-sized tiled floor Activity Center. The Activity Center could easily host a district dance and there is a full kitchen attached. Both laundry centers have newer washers and dryers, \$1.75 and \$1.25 a load, respectively. During our stay, there were very few power outages, and those that occurred were resolved quickly. If you stay throughout the winter, there are several active clubs and planned activities, some free, some cost.

The Resort is just a short bike ride away from WalMart and there is a paved, shaded hike/bike trail that leads directly there, with no vehicular traffic permitted. ACE Hardware and Dairy Queen, as well as an HEB grocery store are not far either once you get down to the main roadway through town, and there are sidewalks to keep you safe.

Leaving the Resort, going in the other direction, you'll find Memorial Park, which contains a couple of ponds, two fenced off-leash dog parks, walking and biking trails, covered pavilions with tables and grills, ball fields and well-equipped playgrounds. Again, this free public park is just a short bike ride away. And the Post Office is right across the street from the Resort should you need it, however, the Resort does cheerfully accept guest mail.

Rockport itself is a storied town, full of quaint old homes and a charming Heritage Village shopping area. There are many historic buildings and museums, and it's right on Little Bay. Rockport Beach was one of the first Blue Water certified beaches in the country, and they have reserved a good portion of it for doggie access. There are about 10 cottages onsite for rental and several other campgrounds and hotels in the area, as well as AirBnB rental accommodations, so whether your club is looking for a weekend retreat, to host a dance, or you are looking for a quiet and warm place to spend the winter, Lagoons RV Resort would be a great place to do so.

We stayed here January to June, 2020, in a 44-foot motorhome. We rated Lagoons RV Resort 9 tires out of 10. If there had been free, parkwide WiFi, they would have received all 10 tires!

Respectfully submitted by Karin Callander, kcallander989@gmail.com, www.TenWheelsTurning.blogspot.com, Chapter 128, Square Wheels, FL.



Chapter Campouts

Due to the nationwide disruption of group activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the majority of near-term campouts have been cancelled. Please check with the noted contact(s) to confirm the status of the event when things return to normal. An updated list is available on the NSDCA.org website. Thank you. (current as of 2020/05/01)

June 2020

June 5th ⇨ 6th

- 152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama**
Logan Landing RV and Cabin; Alpine, AL
Reservations: 220-635-6870 or 800-864-6870
Caller: Kevin Cozad; Cuer: Pauline Angress
Barry & Joyce Herndon; 205-559-2312
Kevin & Tina Cozad; 205-928-2618

June 5th ⇨ 7th

- 045 Pennsylvania State Camporee
Penn Dixie Square Campers; PA**
Paradise Stream Campground;
693 Paradise Stream Road, Loysville, PA; 717-789-2117
Elizabeth Powell; 249-271-8106; ephiker@hotmail.com

June 9th

- 068 Wandering Wheels; MN**
Free Dance and Sloppy Joe Supper
Veteran's Park Shelter;
6335 Portland Ave S, Richfield, MN
Tim Hansen 651-272-6995; ils djm@gmail.com

June 11th ⇨ 14th

- 119 Wander Yonders; WY**
Greeley RV Park;
501 E 27th St; Greeley, CO; 970-353-6476
Call Wagonmaster for reservation.
Leo & Diana Fergel; 307-631-1605; lfergel@bresnan.net



Chapter Campouts—continued

June 12th ⇨ 14th

- 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; NJ**
Appalachian Camping Resort;
60 Motel Dr, Shartlesville, PA; 610-488-6319
Reservation required; call Wagonmaster
Pauline & Ron Vande Vrede; 973-343-3152;
vandevrede@optonline.net
- 070 Penn-York Campers; Pennsylvania/New York**
Top-A-Rise Campground;
4267 Dean School Rd, Falconer, NY; 716-287-3222
Pete Engman; 814-726-0687

June 19th ⇨ 20th

- 197 Camping Squares of North Carolina; North Carolina**
KOA Campground;
465 Kenric Drive (off I-95 Exit 17), Lumberton, NC
Reservations – call campground at 910-406-6772
Contact wagonmaster about early arrival
Friday & Saturday dance: 7:30 p.m. à 9:30 p.m.
Jim & Susan Russell; 865-207-7444;
sunsetbeach537@gmail.com

June 19th ⇨ 21st

- 108 Southern Tier Wheelers; New York**
CampBell Campground;
8700 State Route 415, Campbell, NY; 607-527-3301
Bill Mosher; 607-739-3299 or Pat Mosher; 607-857-1553 or
PatMosher116@gmail.com
- 121 Northwoods Stompers; MI**
Hidden Hills Family Campground;
300 N Clare Ave., Harrison, MI; 989-539-9372
Gerald & Pat Preston; ghpap3538@gmail.com



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July 2020

July 9th ⇔ 12th

119 Wander Yonders; WY

Deer Haven RV Park;

706 N 1st St, Saratoga, WY

Leo & Diana Fergel; 307-631-1605; lfergel@bresnan.net

July 10th ⇔ 12th

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; NJ

Appalachian Camping Resort;

60 Motel Dr, Shartlesville, PA; 610-488-6319

Reservation required; call Wagonmaster

Judi Nordman; 973-334-5122; gatormom761@optonline.net

070 Penn-York Campers; Pennsylvania/New York

Warren County Fair Grounds;

230 Barton Run Rd, Pittsfield, PA

Pete Engman; 814-726-0687

123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois

Ramsey Lake State Park;

621 E 2900 Ave., Ramsey, IL

Reservations required – call campground.

Jerry & Judy Boutelle; 217-899-2946

July 10th ⇔ 13th

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

Leisure Lake Campground;

2304 French St, Rock Falls, IL

Bob Asp calling; 815-262-9080

PENDING

July 17th ⇔ 19th

045 Penn Dixie Square Campers; PA

Dogwood Acres Campground;

4500 Enola Road, Newville, PA; 717-776-5203

Elizabeth Powell; 249-271-8106; ephiker@hotmail.com



Chapter Campouts—continued

068 Wandering Wheels; MN

Autumn Woods;

1067 Autumn Woods Circle SW, Rochester, MN

Timothy Hansen; (651) 272-6995; ilsajm@gmail.com

July 23rd ⇨ 25th

Michigan State Camporee

121 Northwoods Stompers; MI

Coven Hills Camp & Retreat;

10359 E Farrand Rd.; Otisville, MI; 810-631-4531

Gerald & Pat Preston; ghpap3538@gmail.com

July 24th ⇨ 26th

031 Badger Rovers; WI

Buffalo Lake Camping Resort;

555 Lake Avenue, Montello, WI; 608-297-2915

This will be a Christmas in July weekend so plan accordingly!

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

175C Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario

Happy Green Acres Campground;

2 Green Acres Rd., Mallorytown, ON

Helen MacCallum; home: 613-933-4025, cell: 613-330-4873;

helenmccallum@sympatico.ca

July 31st ⇨ August 2nd

181 MontShire Campin' Squares; New Hampshire/Vermont

Horseshoe Acres Campground;

1978 Weston; Andover Rd; Andover, VT

Bill or Kathy Parry; (603) 289 8057 or (603) 867-4871;

William.Parry1@comcast.com

August 2020

August 7th ⇨ 9th

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

Chain O'Lakes State Park Campground;

James Rd, Spring Grove, IL

Bob Asp calling; 815-262-9080

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August 12th ⇨ 14th

- 123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois**
Hickory Hill RV Campground;
973 CR 2250 E., Secor, IL
Reservations required – call campground
Chet & Janet Bowman; 309-369-8938

August 14th ⇨ 16th

- 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; NJ**
Appalachian Camping Resort;
60 Motel Dr, Shartlesville, PA; 610-488-6319
Reservation required; call Wagonmaster
Patsy Lisak; 845-639-6816; JLisak9845@aol.com
- 108 Southern Tier Wheelers; New York**
CampBell Campground;
8700 State Route 415, Campbell, NY; 607-527-3301
Bill Mosher; 607-739-3299 or Pat Mosher; 607-857-1553 or
PatMosher116@gmail.com

August 21st ⇨ 23rd

- 045 Penn Dixie Square Campers; PA**
Dogwood Acres Campground;
4500 Enola Road, Newville, PA; 717-776-5203
Elizabeth Powell; 249-271-8106; ephiker@hotmail.com
- 068 Wandering Wheels; MN**
Nicollet County Fairgrounds;
400 Union St., St. Peter, MN
Timothy Hansen; (651) 272-6995; ilsdlm@gmail.com
- 070 Penn-York Campers; Pennsylvania/New York**
Top-A-Rise Campground;
4267 Dean School Rd, Falconer, NY; 716-287-3222
Pete Engman; 814-726-0687

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) WHICH IS REGULARLY UPDATED WITH EVERY NEW ISSUE OF THE *TIMES*, AND IS ALSO UPDATED WHEN YOU SEND IN NEW OR REVISED CAMPOUT INFORMATION.

Chapter Campouts—continued

August 21st ⇨ 23rd

128 Square Wheels; Florida

Wild Frontier Campground;

3101 NW 16th Ave., Ocala, FL; 352-629-3540

The campground is on US 441N just behind American Choice RV. Rate: \$35/night inclusive. Make your own reservations.

All campsites are 50A service. Bring a 30A reducer if needed.

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

August 28th ⇨ 30th

175C Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario

Happy Green Acres Campground;

2 Green Acres Rd., Mallorytown, ON

Helen MacCallum; home: 613-933-4025, cell: 613-330-4873;

helenmccallum@sympatico.ca

Corona Travels

We have made the trip from central Illinois to Mustang Island, Texas many times in the last ten years or so that we have been motoring south for the winter. We have tried several routes, used many different campgrounds, enjoyed some new restaurants and saw many different sights. But after a few trips, we settled on a route that we enjoyed.

The travel back wasn't always just a reverse course but many times, to avoid Houston or Dallas, it was a wonderful drive through the side roads of Texas. Normally we would plan on a day of 250 or so miles, a leisurely lunch, maybe some road side vendors that sold pecans, watermelons and once the most fantastic peaches. We'd hit the campground around 4 or 5 p.m., let the auto-leveler do its trick, hook up water, electric and that big black ugly tube, grab an adult beverage and a book. Boom! Almost like being home.

Next came a nice dinner in an old-favorite restaurant or a new restaurant that we heard about, take a walk after dinner, and chat with the new neighbors that just arrived, then the evening was over. Repeat that for three or four days and you get home, or to the permanently attached to the ground home.

March 2020 changed a lot of that process.

First, do we stay on this little island with very little of the virus or do we try to make it home? Can we get home? Are there going to be places to camp or will they all be closed? Can we buy fuel? Will the states let us travel through or will we get stopped on the way?

Things we never had to think about at any other time in our lifetime. So we

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The Baker Report: Notes from your Publicity Director

Sometimes there are things that happen to you when you are traveling that make you wonder about how the world really works. Sometimes there are just head scratching events that make you realize that your previous experiences are no match for the current events that are happening. And sometimes you are just thankful that you have had the experiences that are needed to handle some really strange events.

Owning an RV, whether a motorhome, trailer, pop-up camper, fifth wheel, class B/C or just an assortment of tents and equipment makes a change in your outlook on life. This lifestyle has inherent change internal to almost all you experience. You regularly get new neighbors, have new sights to see and new roads to explore. This lifestyle assists in being calmer when unusual events fall upon you, and we have certainly needed some calmness lately.

Man, do we miss the many weekly square dance opportunities that we normally enjoy here in South Texas. Going from three workshops per week and two weekly dances and one bi-weekly dance has really built up the desire to put on the dancing shoes and searching out a chance to cut the rug.

We have looked at the ‘Dancing in the Garage’ series that has a caller for rounds and square dancing with just two people dancing in the “Garage”. There is also a Facebook group that is hosting a Zoom style dance with multiple couples. We have not been able to catch that but the reviews on Facebook are encouraging.

We need to be innovative to figure out the future of what we can do and when we can do it again.

There are several NSDCA events that were planned, like always, as people traveled to the National this year in the Northwest. However, most are cancelled or at least have had a date change until later in the year.

It is hard to keep track of all the changes, including the cancellation of our Lebanon, TN Camporee for June, 2020. But we now can look forward to 2021 in Rayne, Louisiana.

Please be safe, social distance, watch some square dance videos and keep ready to start over.

Bill and Kathy Baker

Tales from the Road ... or not ...

Sooooo, in the last issue of the *TIMES*, you learned that we are a year into our 2nd term of living full-time in our RV and traveling all over the country visiting friends, square dancing and seeing the sights. And you learned that we were spending the winter camped out in a lovely park in Rockport, TX, dancing on a weekly basis with the Ocean Waves and 3 other NSDCA couples. So, what’s happened since then?

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Well, truthfully, everything and nothing! As full-timers in a 44-foot motorhome, it's pretty important that we have some idea of where we are going to stay the night. Every night. Oh, I don't mind the occasional debate about this campground versus that one, but I at least like to know what town we're going to be in. So, all our plans were set (in Jell-O, as it turns out) and we were to leave our rig in Rockport, and drive to PA, in mid-April, to tie up some loose ends with my recently-deceased father's estate. After that, we were going to head back down to FL (because, really, when you're already on the east coast, that's like halfway there, right?), catch up on our overdue doctors' appointments and checkups and spend a couple of weeks visiting our friends of Chapter 128, Square Wheels. After that, we were to return to Rockport, pick up the rig and head to our workamping "job" outside of Austin, where we would spend the summer. And, in the fall, we would travel around a month and eventually return to Rockport for the winter again. HA! Want to make God laugh? Just make your reservations and tell Him your plans.

Reality (aka, COVID-19) set in and we actually decided to stop attending dances back in February, when every cough or sneeze was suspect. The clubs here kept dancing, but we elected to self-quarantine right away. Little by little, though, as the number of local cases increased, the markets and retailers started shutting down to protect themselves and their employees. Fairs, events and festivals were postponed, then cancelled and many refunds were processed, and finally, all dances were cancelled. We were able to cancel our AirBnB and hotel reservations without penalty (remember, this was back in EARLY March, well before the Wuhan crisis became a national crisis) and our friends were probably slightly relieved that we wouldn't be staying with them for a week after having been on the road for two. They'd never say it out loud, but I am sure they were grateful for our change of plans.

So what does one do when confined to an RV? Well, if you're prone to hitch-itch (and we are, that's why we live this way!) it can become ... um ... challenging. At first, I scraped together all my scrap fabric, filter-suitable materials and elastic and made face masks. Two for us and two for the mailroom lady. BAM! That was four down, first day. Then I made some for a snowbird caller that winters down in Port Charlotte, FL, that was the first to teach us Advanced calls. (Bill Chesnut, pipe down, I can hear you laughing a thousand miles away!) We have stayed in touch over the years, and he and his wife Ruthie didn't have access to any masks or sewing machines, so I made a couple for them. Then a few more for Colorado friends. Then, since we have to walk the dog several times a day, a couple more for us to have a pair and a spare. Then a few more for others, and BAM! I was out of fabric, out of elastic and out of filters. But I still had lots of free time. So a lady sent me a quilt she had started years

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ago but never finished. I finished it up for her and sent it back. Then I had a couple of quilt kits that we had put together while we were out west, and I put THEM together. Now I was REALLY out of fabric. And what was the Driver (i.e., husband Dick) doing all this time? Well, when he wasn't eating cookies, he was reading. And reorganizing the basement or washing the car. Or fiddling with tires. And sometimes, he'd wander over to the sewing machine to see what was happening there. And where did all this take place? Right here in Rockport. As soon as the Texas numbers began to skyrocket, our governor implemented a shelter-in-place order. Our local mayors took it a step further and instituted a nighttime curfew, shut all the beaches, community parks, trails, ballfields and pools, and technically closed the borders to our county. And, if you translate the order literally and into plain English, you will read that if you're in the county, you are not even supposed to leave one town to travel to another! And unless you are going out to get food, medicine or medical assistance, or to provide such, you are not even supposed to be out on the roads! And, theoretically, no one is supposed to ENTER our county from anywhere outside our county. Yeah, I say technically, 'cuz, well, this is Texas. And rural Texas, at that. Hard to enforce such broad restrictions. We are very fortunate that the campground we are staying in has lots of permanent residents. As a result, they couldn't shut down completely, and they allowed those of us who were already emplaced to stay, and they cancelled all the incoming campers. They even had to cancel a Gary Shoemake appearance that was scheduled to draw 25 camping couples! (Ed: Gary Shoemake is an international square dance caller based out of Tennessee.) But, what do ya know. We were well into the fourth month of this pandemic before we got our first local case. We are now up to two, and have maintained that number for a couple of weeks.

There's a "new normal" in town now, and it looks like it's here to stay. Groceries are a bit more plentiful than a few weeks ago, and you can even find a pack of TP on the shelves every now and then. Our trucker friends have really stepped up their game and we are indebted to them, more now than ever. But I think the new normal is definitely going to change square dancing forever. I think (and HOPE!) more and more dancers will be washing their hands between tips and more clubs will be providing sanitizer for their members. There's a short video clip circulating on Facebook that shows dancers in full HazMat and PPE gear dancing up a storm. And some people were complaining about having to wear long sleeves and crinolines. HA! Funny, but sad.

We are so fortunate that we are safe, as are most of the folks we know personally. We've heard from our Canadian dancers, and they are fine too; our English friends are even more restricted than us, and one of them is a nurse, but they, knock on wood, are both well at this time. We

are looking forward to the time when we'll all be able to travel and gather together and dance. I know several callers are chomping at the bit even now. I only hope that we will remember how to do what they call. Oh wait, we didn't always do that in the first place, so why would they think we'll start next month?

Want to keep up with our adventures (who wouldn't)? Subscribe to our blog, www.TenWheelsTurning.blogspot.com, and every time I write a new post, you'll automatically get an email! (You'll be able to unsubscribe at any time if you ~~change~~ lose your mind.) Till we meet again, Virtual Yellow Rocks!

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Custard Filled Acorn Squash

Ingredients

- 3 small acorn squash
- 3 oz Philadelphia reduced fat Neufchatel cream cheese (softened)
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- 2 tbsp amaretto (or just more milk!)
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds



Steps

- 1) Cut squash in half, remove seeds.
- 2) Place cut-side down in a shallow microwavable baking dish.
- 3) Cover and microwave on high for 10-12 minutes or until tender.
- 4) Combine cream cheese, sugar, eggs, milk, amaretto and vanilla. Beat until smooth.
- 5) Uncover squash, turn over and fill with cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with almonds.
- 6) Microwave on 1/2 power for 5-10 minutes or until custard is set.

Serves six. ~229 calories/serving.

Total fat:	8 g	Total carbs:	36 g	Sugars:	11 g
Saturated fat:	3 g	Protein:	7 g	Dietary fiber:	4 g
Sodium:	108 mg	Potassium:	832 mg	Vitamin A:	22%
Vitamin C:	40%	Calcium:	29%	Iron:	10%

[above nutritional information assumes using amaretto vs all milk]

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Helpful Hints for your RV: Energy Management Systems

RV Electric Protection Devices

How often have you had “issues” with the shore power connection at a campground? Maybe you didn’t know you had a problem, but it could have been a brownout situation (low voltage) or a voltage surge (spike), either of which may damage your equipment, or maybe the campground pedestal connector was wired backwards (swapped hot/neutral) so the panel’s circuit breaker actually comes after the electricity flows through your unit instead of before, possibly leading to a potentially shocking situation (also known as a “hot skin condition”) for yourself or equipment damage. It’s not a matter of *if*, it’s *when* you’ll run across situations like these. So, how can one protect themselves against issues like these?

All RVs, whether requiring 30-amp (30A, 3 prong plug) or 50-amp (50A, 4 prong plug) service, use 120-volt electricity; the 30A service is a single 120-volt feed whereas the 50A service provides two 120-volt feeds. The 50A RV service is not wired the same as the dryer outlet in your sticks and bricks home, which provides 240-volt electric service.

Surge Suppressor

For transient voltage spikes, a surge suppressor will do the trick. Surge suppressors are relatively inexpensive (~\$100 and up) – like the ones you buy to protect your computer equipment. When looking for a surge suppressor you will pay attention to the amount of energy (number of joules) it can absorb and its response time. Having a reasonably large number for joules is nice, but the more important factor is response time – the smaller the number the faster it responds, thus it is better. Nanoseconds are billionths of a second, whereas microseconds are millionths of a second, or 1,000 times slower. Don’t consider anything in the millisecond range (another 1,000 times slower).

Surge suppressors come in two basic models: hardwired and portable. In a hardwired model the device is permanently installed in your RV; it is always there working as soon as you plug into shore power, it can’t be permanently “borrowed” by a thief and you won’t accidentally leave it behind. The disadvantages to a hardwired surge suppressor are it is more expensive than a portable model, it must be installed (either by you or professionally – an additional cost) and unless it has a remote readout, you do not know if it is still providing adequate protection (surge suppressors wear out over time). You’ll also probably leave the unit with your RV when you sell or trade it, but this can be a good selling point to help get a little more money for your rig.

Energy management System

An energy management system (EMS) typically combines a surge suppressor with some additional features such as monitoring for: over- and under-voltage (e.g., brownout), open ground and open neutral, correct line polarity (i.e., swapped hot and neutral) and 240-volt service (as identified above for the sticks and bricks dryer outlet). Shore power is not immediately passed through to the RV when you plug into the campground’s power pedestal outlet until the EMS verifies everything is okay. Many EMSs allow a variable delay from 15 seconds up to a few minutes; the longer delay serves to protect the RV’s air conditioner compressor if it happened to be running when power was cut by the EMS due to a momentary violation of monitored conditions; a quick restart of a compressor that has been running can lead to its early failure. EMSs are available in three general models: portable with readout, hardwired with local readout and hardwired with remote readout. In addition to being somewhat more expensive than a surge suppressor (~\$300 and up), hardwired units also have the same issues as a built-in surge suppressor (an additional expense if you have it professionally installed versus doing it yourself, and it’s not easily transferrable between units if and when you replace your rig).

Please note if your RV has a generator, a special adapter may be needed to allow

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stayed another week, asked the same questions and then we stayed another week.

Our normal leave Texas time is end of March. Texas is good sized and with the 250 per day plan, you need two days to get to the border at Texarkana. And its another two days to get to central Illinois from there.

So we stayed another week.

Our campground had closed to 'outside visitors' and cancelled all reservations for anyone coming into the park after March 7th. Even the people that left their units all year and were regular weekend visitors were not allowed in. No guests were allowed, no grandkids, nobody. Security people were posted at the gate, and to enter we needed a sticker in the window of the truck. If we left over night, we had to leave the park and couldn't come back.

Of course, all the local restaurants were carryout only, if they were open at all. The mayor closed the beach except for exercise; there was NO FISHING! All local short-term rentals were stopped, no golf cart rentals, only essential services were open. And of course, NO SQUARE DANCING.

We finally decided to travel home. We loaded up the camper with more fresh water than we normally carry, and made extra sure that the tires, undercarriage, brakes and lights were in extra-good condition. We added some more food and beverages, had a couple new books to read and tried to get prepared for a different version of the trip.

The planning changed, while we liked to take a lunch break of about an hour and liked the restaurant time in the evening, that wasn't going to happen on this trip.

The daily drive changed to 400 – 450 miles, so we would only spend two nights on the road. This required finding new campgrounds and calling those campgrounds to make reservations. It was really to find out if we could actually spend the night; we felt pretty sure they were not going to be full.

It also required calling the State Police or Department of Transportation to check on ability to travel through and spend the night in Texas and Missouri.

Early one Thursday morning we left the island, rode the ferry across to the mainland of Texas and headed through Houston for a new campsite in Carthage, Texas. We have travelled through Houston several times, and usually time its transit for between 11 and 1 on a Sunday to minimize traffic issues. We've always had considerable traffic even with six lanes. This trip we had the same six lanes but only had about 20 cars, 4 or 5 semis and no other RVs on the road. We rolled through Houston with no issues. We ate cold sandwiches for lunch, didn't take our usual hour rest stop and didn't wander around Cracker Barrel either.

We camped in Carthage just fine; it's a nice campground. We took a walk around their pond and looked into their closed recreation hall. Nothing else to do, so we had dinner in camper, watch a little TV, got up early the next day and headed for Missouri.

At the Texarkana border the electric notification boards were saying: "If travelling from Louisiana, you must self-quarantine!" Well, that's new! At the Arkansas border the electric signs said: "No recreational lodging permitted!" Uh oh, what if we need to spend the night in Arkansas? Never seen anything like this before.

Went through the center of Little Rock, actually experiencing more traffic than Houston. Arkansas wasn't as locked-down as Texas was, and while still not a problem there was more traffic than we expected. More cold sandwiches for lunch; getting to like them better.

By the way, diesel fuel in Texas was between \$2.08 and \$1.97, Arkansas was \$2.13.

We made it to Poplar Bluff, Missouri and did our new routine. Auto-level, adult beverage, dinner in camper, walk around park, TV, up early – and headed home.

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Four fuel stops with gloves; I had trouble one time needing help getting turned around, and a friendly guy that has a fifth wheel directed me carefully and successfully. I had to go into the truck stop to prepay for fuel once and two campground attendants. There was a total of four people we had any careful contact with during 1140 miles!

I really don't want this to be the permanent way to travel; I understand the need for it now, but you miss a lot of good restaurants, people and experiences. Plus there's the worry of a breakdown or tire issue that is always in the back of your mind.

I'm not sure how long this will affect our travels and our lives; we do need to keep safe, but I hope this is short lived.

Bill Baker, NSDCA Publicity Director



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the EMS to pass electricity from the generator through to the RV. Most generators have a floating neutral which is interpreted by the EMS as an open neutral, and thus a fault condition; a commercially available adapter is relatively inexpensive and you can also construct one using information available from the web.

Auto-Transformer (or Autoformer)

An EMS does not regulate the voltage coming from the campground's power pedestal; it suppresses surges and disconnects your RV from the electric supply if there is an issue with one of the parameters it monitors. There is another device, however, that can help regulate shore power voltage: the auto-(trans)former.

Electric components require a specified amount of power to properly operate. When line voltage sags during a brownout, something else must increase to continue to supply the amount of power required by your electrical appliances. That 'something' is electric current, or the number of electrons flowing in the wire (measured in amps). Your RV is either wired for a 30-amp or 50-amp electric supply. The 30A circuit can provide up to 3,600 watts of electric power at 120 volts, whereas the 50A circuit can supply up to 12,000 watts, or 6,000 watts each 120-volt leg. Current produces heat, and the larger amount of current requires a larger diameter wire to safely pass the electrons in the circuit without causing overheating and possibly a fire. The added heat due to increased current during low voltage situations is what eventually damages your electric components causing early failure.

An autoformer artificially boosts voltage when it sags, causing a proportional reduction in current. Autoformers by themselves cannot remedy an over-voltage situation, but they typically include circuitry similar to an EMS to monitor for overvoltage, spikes, reversed polarity and the like. Autoformers also come in portable and hardwired models and are significantly more expensive (~\$450 and up) than the other options.

All the above units come in 30-amp and 50-amp models. To my knowledge, all 50-amp models will work as-designed if properly installed when using a 50A-to-30A dogbone when only 30A service is available. You should never use a 50-amp model for an RV that uses 30-amp service.

I have owned two RVs and have personally installed an EMS in each (a model manufactured by Progressive Industries, but there are other brands available; do your research to see which model best suits your needs). Installation time was about 3 hours, but it was well worth my time as one of the campgrounds we stayed at did have the hot and neutral swapped and the unit did not allow electric energy to be passed into the trailer's circuitry. The remote readout told me what the problem was and after I informed the campground manager, he had an electrician properly rewire the outlet (fortunately the electrician was still on site; it was a new outlet and the electrician, although licensed, flipped the leads when connecting them to the receptacle). At other places campground power was overtaxed due to the high load from air conditioners; my EMS cut power when voltage was low, and while it made for a temporarily uncomfortable situation temperature-wise, at least my trailer's air conditioner was protected.

When plugging your cable into the campground's power pedestal's outlet, be sure the controlling circuit breaker is switched "off" if one is present before you plug in; this will eliminate arcing when you plug in (conversely, switch the breaker "off" before pulling the plug out of the outlet). Also check the outlet for burn marks (indicating a previous arcing incident), a cracked receptacle, or other deposits that could interfere with making a good electrical connection. If all looks good, plug in, reset the circuit breaker to "on", and feel better knowing that you are in a better place with protection of your RV investment.

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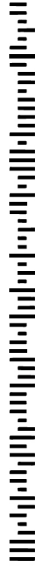
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