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## John & Dolly Ide



**I**t's now five weeks and counting to our next great NSDCA Camporee. This time it's in Lebanon, Tennessee, at the Wilson County Fairgrounds and is hosted by Chapter 198, the Tennessee Crossfire Campers. Are you ready for it? Are you registered? Are you coming? Are you excited? If you answered 'no' to any of my questions, then ask yourself why not? Then find answers to all your reasons for your NO responses (excuses) and plan to come and have a great time, a great summer with all your friends that will be there.

A little history about the NSDCA: It was started in the late 1950s by the Wolf River Callers Association in support of their friends, family and campers who also loved square dancing. The interest grew very rapidly with the first camporees (or group campouts) in the summer of 1958, 1959 and 1960 at Shawano Lake in Wisconsin. The NSDCA was formally incorporated on June 1, 1964 and Chapter 001, the Garden State Square Dance Campers (which is still active today) was formed with 17 charter families. Peak membership came in the 1980s and 1990s with about 5,000 member families, couples, or singles. Now in 2023, one year away from the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Incorporation, or this year's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Camporee, I'd like to invite you to reflect on where we are and consider the rich history of square dancing particularly through the fellowship of camping.

Our nation appears to be coming apart at the seams, pulled by forces of personal insistence on lifestyles and life choices never considered possible, probable, desirable, beneficial, valuable, honorable, and many more other "-ables" 60 years ago. We currently have approximately 400 member families and lose approximately 20% each year, not because of a lost interest in the activities and values that the NSDCA has been supporting, but simply because we're all getting older. Our membership is not being replenished by younger families whose interests in activities are drawn in many and varied directions.

So why do I raise all this? This year, our NSDCA International Camporee in Lebanon, TN will draw approximately 10% of our remaining membership. The work of hosting the Camporee is done by a very

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## Ruth & “Ozzie” Chuck Osborn



**P**ray everyone has had a Blessed Spring and safe travels. We are so very thankful for the Square Dance Family we have and look forward to the ones we have yet to meet. As we write this, Ozzie is having a total knee replacement, so our dancing is quelled, leaving time to plan and organize the Camporee!

Please check the email addresses on file for you and your Chapter contacts, as we are still coming up with errors. It would be great if ALL Chapters had an email address, even if said address belongs to another member of your Chapter, so the E-Tree would work. Please also verify our Membership Secretary has your current address. If you are having your mail forwarded, please be sure to send your temporary address to our Membership Secretary (versus the USPS) to insure you get your issue of the *TIMES*; the Post Office will not forward the *TIMES*. All Chapters should be sure to complete and forward the “Chapter Officer Election Form” as several Chapter forms on file are several years old.

We are saddened to hear some of our Chapters have still not renewed their memberships. Please contact our Membership Secretary or any Board Member with any questions about your membership. This is a membership driven organization, which means we cannot continue to do what we do without YOU.

We would like to again thank Mary & Dave Bruun for serving as the National Board Secretary for many years. Their time on the National Board is coming to the close in July 2023. Nominees are welcome to submit their profiles to the Board. Information about this process is on the NSDCA Website under ‘Forms.’ We welcome Tricia & Neal Chartier (#002) as Nominee for the Board of Directors.

We encourage all Chapters to support the PULL-TAB project as a fun way for all Chapters to compete for a great cause. There will be an additional prize for the Chapter which donates the largest volume of TABS at the 65<sup>th</sup> Camporee, although monetary donations will also be appreciated.

The 65<sup>th</sup> Camporee is well on its way and we have our 50<sup>th</sup> registration as of this writing. We urge everyone to send in their registration forms as soon as possible to assist in making sure there is enough of

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## David & Mary Bruun



**W**ow, how 8 years have passed by so quickly. Yes, this will be our last year serving you on the Board and our last “Notes from the Secretaries” column. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with all the different Board members as well as any and all of our members. We (your officers) are here to help you solve any problems you may have. We will continue to help in any capacity so this organization continues to survive. Come to the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual International Camporee in Lebanon, Tennessee ( July 11, 12, & 13) to help us elect a new Board Member. Plus have lots of fun playing games, crafting, dancing and touring in the Nashville/Lebanon area. It’s not too late to register; a registration form is in the centerfold of this issue of the *TIMES*. Crossfire Campers (#198) has been working very hard to provide you with lots of things to do. Be sure to read the *TIMES* to see what they have in store for you during their ‘Hoedown Time in Tennessee 2023.’

Before leaving the Board, my goal is to have all the current active chapters send in a Chapter Officers Election Form. In the last 8 years, some chapters haven’t been doing this. After your election date, go to the NSDCA website and look under ‘Forms.’ Go to the ‘Chapter Officers Election’ form, fill it out and send it in. It will be placed in your file, which is kept by the Secretary. The information is shared with our Membership Secretary, Kathy Nickel and our *TIMES* Editor, Ken Shacter. Having the correct phone numbers, email and home address are very important when communicating with our members.

Speaking of the *TIMES*, please make sure if you announce your new officers in your “Chats Around the Campfire” you also send the more completed information to the NSDCA Secretary at Post Office Box 628433 Middleton, WI 53562-8433. This is your responsibility. Another issue is if you move, PLEASE, PLEASE send in a change of address form to the Secretary (not the Post Office) as the USPS does NOT forward the *TIMES* and NSDCA has to pay for it to be returned to the Post Office Box (presently the USPS charges \$2.74, and you don’t receive your *TIMES*). Postage has gone up twice this last year and it may be going up again in July, 2023.

Looking forward to seeing as many of our square dance camping friends as possible. Hope to see you in a square.

*Mary & Dave Bruun*



## Susan & Don Wolford



Upon becoming an official Snowbird, we are now a part of the Florida Camping Clubs. Most have ended their camping season for 2023. Some Florida campers are heading home for the summer (Snowbirds), some are getting ready to head north for the summer (Summerflies), while other Floridians are parking their campers for the summer (Florida stay-at-homers).

It was a great time to be had at the Florida State Convention. It was wonderful to meet up with so many friends we had not seen in some time. The dance was held at the Volusia County Fairgrounds in DeLand, FL. The 2024 convention has moved to The Center at Deltona in Deltona, FL. Your camping club could have a destination campout in Deltona, FL on January 19-20, 2024!

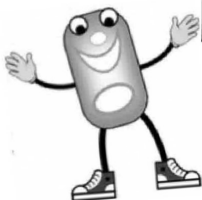
Don and I enjoyed the last campout of the season with Strawberry Travelers at Cedar Key, Florida. It is a quaint little fishing town with many shops to enjoy.

If you haven't sent in your NSDCA Renewals, please pay your local chapter and have them put it in the mail. You don't want to miss getting any of your *TIMES* newsletters.

I hope you have sent in your registration for the 'Hoedown Time In Tennessee' Camporee in Lebanon, Tennessee. The committee is working hard to put on the best ever Camporee and they need you there to help accomplish this. There's something for everyone: square, advanced, rounds, lines and most of all, fellowship! Please remember to bring your stuffed animals that will be donated to a local organization for them to use when disasters occur. Also, those of you who are book readers, bring your books to exchange for books you haven't read yet. Any leftover books will be donated to a local Adult Reading Program.

Hope to see you in July in Lebanon.

*Don & Susan*



# Keep Saving Those Pull-Tabs!

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## Kathy Nickel Membership Secretary



**H**i. With the nicer weather, I am starting to see more pictures on Facebook about Chapter campouts. Our Chapter 031, Badger Rovers (WI) will be starting our first campout in May. I am really looking forward to camping and being with our friends for a weekend. Hopefully the weather is good, as we are still having snow showers here and there.

We had a few delivery issues with the *TIMES* newsletter this last time. USPS has changed some of their requirements, so I am trying to work to see what is happening. Hopefully, this *TIMES* issue will be delivered to everyone. Please, do let me know when you are going to be living at another location and I can have the *TIMES* sent directly to you there.

Summer is a short season here in Wisconsin. We have to pack a lot into June through August. I hope everyone has a wonderful safe summer and I will miss seeing you at the Camporee. We have a two-week Annual Family Campout commitment during that timeframe. I know the Camporee will be a lot of fun so have a Wonderful Time. Enjoy your Summer!

Happy Camping and Dancing!

*Kathy*

## State & Area Representatives' Reports

### Michigan State Representative

Well, Michigan cannot decide if it is winter or spring. We are currently riding the weather rollercoaster on a daily basis. One day the windows are open with it being 80 degrees and the next day the heat is on again because it is only 48.

As I write this, May is just around the corner and the camping season will soon begin. We will be cleaning and packing the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel for our summer camping trips.

I have received some interest in the Michigan State camporee, which is always a great feeling. There is a copy of the registration form included on page 25 in this *TIMES* newsletter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the camporee. A great time is being planned for the event. It is all casual dress and we do dance in an air conditioned

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room. We also have great callers and cuers that attend to provide a great dancing experience for all in attendance. We are thankful for everyone that attends.

Not much to report at this time as our camping season is just starting. We will be camping and dancing from May through September. I will have more information in the next issue of the *TIMES*. In the meantime, keep dancing and stay safe.

*Alberta & Gary Gunsell*, Michigan State Representatives  
989-666-4232, gunsell@lentel.com

### Illinois State Representative

Greetings from Illinois where a week ago it was 80, and the next day it was 40, windy and COLD; it's not any better this week. Even the White Sox called off one of their games saying "we don't play baseball in Illinois in the winter." Well, enough about the weather, it is what it is despite what the calendar says.

However, the calendar date does at least put us all in the summer camping mood. Most, if not all our "snowbirds" are back in Illinois/Indiana or at least on the way, while others are getting their RVs ready for the upcoming camping season. Since most of the Illinois Chapters submit their own update to the *TIMES*, there isn't much for me to say. But, at the Illinois NSDCA State Association Board of Directors' meeting (the day before this submission) I can tell you plans for the 2023 state Camporee are in full swing and we will waiting for your registration to arrive. The Camporee is hosted this year by Chapter 123 at the Marshall Putnam Fair Grounds in Henry, Illinois the third weekend on June 16-18, 2023, with John & Liz Hand as General Chairpersons. Early arrivals are allowed June 15<sup>th</sup>. The scheduled includes an evening meal on Friday, a Pot Luck on Saturday night, and a breakfast Sunday morning. Crafts and games, too. A great time will be had by all. It's always a super camporee that you won't want to miss!

Plans are also being made for the 2024 and 2025 State camporee. Plus members of Chapter 014 are actively involved in the 2024 National Convention being held in Wisconsin. Many chances to camp and dance. Come join us!

Wishing all SAFE TRAVELS.

*Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders*, RSRN4@aol.com 708-946-6102

### Florida State Representative

January saw Square Wheels (#128) attend the State Square and Round Dance Convention in DeLand. In February, we camped and danced with Roadrunners (#193) and Strawberry Travelers (#153); they managed to

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## NSDCA Publicity Director

It's great that spring is in the air and many of our groups are starting to enjoy camping and square dancing. During our stay in Texas this year, our campground square dance lessons brought in 20 people to learn square dancing for the first time. Our campground supports two lessons per week and a square dance on alternating Saturday nights. We had 18 graduates before they all flew the coop.

We had another campground near us that started three squares but most drifted away, as their stay was short-term before moving on to other locations.

While traveling back from Texas this year, we had several chances to stop to dance at local clubs or to talk to people about what NSDCA means and represents. One northern Texas square dance class also had three squares with a large graduation.

The point that I am working up to is this: it appears that there is an untapped group of people that are looking for something like square dancing to come back into their life. All of the people at the two campgrounds near my winter spot have an RV of some type, and some of the people in northern Texas also own RVs. They're prime targets for us. Using [wheresthedance.com](http://wheresthedance.com) and our wonderful NSDCA website I tried to get all our campground people connected with either a local NSDCA chapter or a local square dance club, or BOTH.

In another attempt at growing our industry (yes, we could be considered a business: we sell a healthy, family-friendly activity that is good for the body and good for the soul) when I go to a local church or city park building I always ask if they have a square dance club or could they show me where one could have a square dance. Lately, I have been getting responses of "Wow, we didn't know people still did that!" to "What would it take to get one started?" Those contacts don't always come to fruition, but asking costs absolutely NOTHING.

If EVERYONE in our organization started asking those questions, could we make a difference in square dancing and the NSDCA? You bet we could!

If you need help finding a brick and mortar square dance club near you to visit to help spread the word about the NSDCA, email me with your zip code and I'll send you a list if there are any around you.

You can make a difference. I'm reading a book about how they stopped poaching of rhinos in Kruger National Park in South Africa. It was written by a retired South African Army General that headed up the program. His mantra was simple and we can use it: Dream Big, Start Small, Act Now.

Let's all see what we can do with that motto to grow this organization.

*Bill Baker, grandebill@grics.net*

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small group of members, mostly from Tennessee and Alabama, who have dedicated themselves to this task. The rest of us need to support them by participating in the Camporee simply by being there. If we don't, it won't be too many years before our opportunities to enjoy what we have in the past will be gone. Take some time to reflect on your past chapter, state and area campouts, and of course the International NSDCA Camporee and the fun, fellowship, and dancing you've enjoyed. Then ask yourself, "Am I willing to let all this unique and wholesome experience of dancing, friends, travel, and fellowship pass away in this current age of moral and social collapse?"

You may feel hopeless, like there's not much you can do for your city, state or country, but you can have a significant impact on the National Square Dance Association. Simply remain as active and as supportive as possible. We hope to see you in Lebanon in a few weeks. Come and enjoy yourself. Support your friends with your presence and participation, support the NSDCA by helping us chart the future of this great organization, and through it, help us all keep the future a little more hopeful.

*Dolly & John*

Chapter Presidents, please see page 53 for information on how to help the Board plan for the future. Thank you!

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everything. We are focusing on a great time to get together and socialize as well as dance. 'Coffee & Conversation' is planned every morning and campfires every night, weather permitting.

We look forward to seeing you across the Square & Campfire soon.

*Ozzie & Ruth Osborn (VP2NSDCA@gmail.com)*

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camp at Red Oak in Bushnell at the same time. It was not a planned co-camping, it just happened. They danced together in the hall and with a couple of good callers. A lot of visitors dropped in. In March, #193 went back to Highland Hammock and #128 went to Red Oaks and both had a good time. In April we were with #193 at Wekiva Falls; karaoke night was great – and no one imbibed too much! #128 went to Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs, FL (which is not the same as the Stephen C. Foster State Park in GA! Last year someone went to the wrong park.)

That's all folks!

*Mary & John Burzo*



### **001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; New Jersey**

We hope everyone has had a peaceful winter and holiday season.

We're looking forward to the new season of camping/dancing, beginning in May for us. We start off the season by joining Square-Up Campers (#106) in early May in Lancaster, PA. Then we are going twice to Otter Lake Camp Resort in East Stroudsburg, PA, three times to Appalachian RV Campground in Shartlesville, PA and doing something different in October... camping at Cherry Ridge Campground in Honesdale, PA. They have a variety of sites including tents, RV and cottages; you must book directly through them for the October campout.

We would really love it if other clubs could join us at our campouts. Our website ([www.gssdca.wix.com/gssdca](http://www.gssdca.wix.com/gssdca)) contains registration forms you can download, print out and send in as well as a lot of other information. Our co-president, Pauline Vande Vrede, periodically updates the photos from the campouts.

Our chapter is looking for a few friendly people that camp to come and see what we are all about. We have many New Jersey and Pennsylvania clubs that will be happy to teach you the steps to reach plus level so you can join us the following camping season.

A Big Yellow Rock to all the chapters. We hope to see you all at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual International NSDCA Camporee in Lebanon, TN.

Susan Schwarz; [susanjaneschwarz@gmail.com](mailto:susanjaneschwarz@gmail.com); 610-996-7674

### **002 Pine Tree; Wisconsin**

We are so ready to start camping!!! We are getting our motorhomes de-winterized and new tires to travel to Lebanon for the Nationals in July. We had to change the location of our June campout; we are now going to be at Country View Campground in Mukwonago, and they have a pool! Our July campout is at Pilgrim's Campground near Fort Atkinson. 'Mary Poppins' is playing at Fireside; it's a darling dinner theater close to the campground. We are planning on going on Sunday after camping. Looking forward to camping, dancing, potluck and campfires.

Tricia Chartier; [TriciaMooLady@gmail.com](mailto:TriciaMooLady@gmail.com); 414-807-4083

### **014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois**

Our first outing of the season was a "potluck" at Pizza Ranch in Roscoe, Illinois (photo, next page). It was so good to see everyone after a long winter, especially some new faces that recently joined this past fall. Our first campout is Memorial Day weekend at Pecatonica Fairgrounds with Bob Asp calling the squares. Please feel free to join us any time dur-

ing the upcoming season. We have a special recognition to two of our members who passed special milestone birthdays: in February, Phillip



Pickard and in April, Ed Berridge; both are now 80 years young! Happy birthday to you both!

See you around the square everyone!

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

### **031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin**

Our Badger Rovers enjoyed a warm potluck on February 18 in our basement. Great memories from the previous season and gearing up for the next season were shared.



Looking forward to our upcoming campouts and Lebanon in July.

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

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## **044 Illiana Square Wheelers; Illinois/Indiana**

Greetings from the members of NSDCA Chapter 044, Illiana Square Wheelers. We may be small but we're still NSDCA! Not only is it camping season in Illinois for our little camping chapter, it's time to get together for table games and of course, eats! In May we were at the home of Don and Barb Z. What fun to have Bruce and Lottie Buckbee visit from MN. Since this first one was in early May the next get together will be late June or early July. Pushing for a get together every six weeks or so this year. Not having enough dancing members doesn't keep us from getting together and enjoying everyone's company. Have a great summer of camping and dancing for those who can, but if not --- JUST GET TOGETHER.

Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders; RSRN4@aol.com; 708-946-6102

## **106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania**

Pictured are antique themed wooden locks that actually work! Square Up Camper Jack Stone, a master wood craftsman, has a great hobby that is both rewarding and fun. The lock on the left is 5" tall and made of ash, walnut, red oak, white oak, cherry and walnut. The center lock is fash-



ioned with ash and walnut, after a train's box car lock from the 1800s. On the right is a combination lock like one from gym lockers, made of oak and walnut. His handmade locks now number more than 40; he began eight years ago after receiving a book from his son as a Christmas gift, written by a retired locksmith. Jack started working alongside his dad, who was a carpenter, at five years of age. He has had his own wood working shop at home since 2005 and also demonstrates traditional wooden bucket making at Lancaster's Living History Museum. He also creates "piggins" (a small wooden pail with one stave extended upward as a handle used centuries ago for hauling grain) and toys like a "gee-haw whammy diddle" associated with an Appalachian child's toy. Come join us some weekend and meet Jack!

Kathy Engel; [kathye@kuhncom.net](mailto:kathye@kuhncom.net)

### **116 Camping Squares; Kansas**

Spring has arrived in Kansas and we are looking forward to camping season! We had a fun time at our Wichita Spring Square Dance Festival in early April. Our first campout was our annual Hobo Stew Dance and campout the last weekend of April. It was a lot of fun!

Our May 11-14 campout over Mother's Day is at Harvey County West Lake, Burrton, KS, and includes a Friday dance with State Fair Promenaders and different activities.

June, of course, brings the State Square Dance Convention at Salina with camping at KOA Campground in Salina. After that, we're off to the National Square Dance Convention in Mobile, Alabama.

July is the NSDCA International Camporee in Lebanon, Tennessee. We also have a weekday campout Tuesday, July 25 to Thursday, July 27 at El Dorado State Lake, El Dorado, KS with camping below the dam in the Eagle Pass area. No dancing at this event, just different activities.

August 16-18 is another weekday campout (Wednesday-Friday) at Sand Hills State Park in Hutchinson, KS. There is no dance in the area, so we are just enjoying various activities.

Anyone in the area is always welcome to join us! Be sure to check and be sure we haven't cancelled the event! For more information, contact Marty & Frank Golden, 316-943-4137 or [fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net).

Cheryl Ferris; [marshfur@att.net](mailto:marshfur@att.net); 316-640-4273

### **119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming**

We hope that all of you have enjoyed the coming of Spring! As for us here in Wyoming and Colorado, we are still waiting and hoping that it will be here soon so we can get out campers out!

Our first campout will be in Laramie, WY over Memorial Day. I know that I can hardly wait to see everyone squaring up on that wonderful floor. The callers will be Dave Guille and Lynn Strobel with Steve and

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Dianne Kline cueing. Our camping and dancing activities are open to all of you, and we would love to see you come by!

I don't know of anyone from our chapter that is traveling to the International NSDCA Camporee in Tennessee. All of us are getting up in age and do not travel that far from home anymore. It still makes us envious of those who are still able to attend. It sounds like it would be a very good time! Praying that all who are coming will have safe travels and a lot of fun!

There are a few campouts planned for the summer and if you are in our area and would like to attend, please give us a call for details.

The officers for the new year are: Leo & Diana Fergel - president; Tom Matson - vice-president; Rhonda Bueschler - secretary; Sharon Matson - treasury; and Nell Coffey - historian.

Club contact: Leo or Diana Fergel at phone: 307-635-7312, or email: lfergel@bresnan.net.

Nell Coffey; 303-823-6096

## **123 Swing N Traveler's; Illinois**

The Swing N Travelers started off this year at the Hickory Hills Campground near Secor, IL. This event ran from Thursday to Saturday. There were seven units there by Thursday evening where we all gathered at the Busy Corner in nearby Goodfield for dinner. The food was great but the service was real slow, over an hour from seat to eat. Fourteen people enjoyed lots of time to talk and to catch up on our past few months of absence from this group.

Friday morning was the usual business meeting to work out what our year would look like and to get some work done. Since our chapter is hosting the Illinois State NSDCA Camporee in June this year, there was considerable conversations about that event. It will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> at the Marshall Putnam Fairgrounds in Henry, IL. We will have four great callers for the dancing plus games and crafts. There are lots of campsites, so come join us.

The meeting was followed by a craft session with members making a yard ornament from five old spoons and a metal tube with a fancy knob to complete the craft. (→)

After lunch, we had a Mini Golf contest; Jerry Boutelle had the low score (photo next page). We then moved inside to play a 'bounce the ping pong ball into a purple Solo cup;' NO beer involved!







Next was a challenging task: load a bowl with cotton balls using a spoon while doing it blindfolded (below right). There were lots of comments, challenges, accusations of cheating and all-round good fun was had by the two teams involved.



Next, we used the purple Solo cups for a ‘stacking and unstacking relay type race,’ which moved a lot of cups. This was followed by several games of cards with ‘Not Your Grandma’s Bingo and Restack the Deck’ being enjoyed.

Friday evening was a pot luck dinner shared by all. Afterwards five campers traveled a few miles to a brick and mortar square dance meeting of the Whirl A Ways. Curt Braffet was the caller and we danced with up to three squares. Those not dancing did the usual watching of a real nice campfire and chatting until the cold drove them inside for some friendly card playing.

Saturday morning brought breakfast with pancakes, sausages, fruit and lemon bread treats, followed by devotions by Jerry Boutelle and then the process of packing up, some last minute good byes and see ya’ later.

Bill Baker; grandebill@grics.net

## 128 Square Wheels; Florida

Our weekend near Valdosta, Georgia lived up to expectations. Club cuer Ann and husband Ivan were back, although they drove up for the two evenings rather than camping. We want to remember all of our friends who are having health issues; not everyone has given permission to share their recovery journeys, but you know who you are and we pray for you all.

A group of us went to the Farm House Restaurant Saturday and club caller Bill told the winners of the previous night’s 50/50 they were expected to buy breakfast for the rest of the group; they got the joke!

Squared dancing and round dancing both nights were excellent! Bill had a bit of a nautical theme during one tip, calling to “Baby Shark” and then to “Rocking on Rosalee’s Boat.” Ann set the round dancers spinning around the floor with a wide variety of dances.

I counted 24 of us who went to the Fish Net for a seafood dinner on Saturday night; good food and good service. Saturday morning 12 of us chose to play games, lots of fun, while others went flea market shopping or went to antique stores or estate sales.

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We had a mostly great time at Red Oaks RV this in February; there were some little issues with the dance halls and campsites, but everyone got in and we had halls for dancing. We had 16 rigs camping from the club, and 3+ squares for dancing. Jack & Bev Henry from Strawberry Travelers (#153) joined with us, John & Bonnie from Michigan were already in the campground for vacation, and Ray & Barbara Stiver, who were members about 10 to 12 years ago, joined us for camping and then dancing on Saturday evening. We had several visitors from the campground watch on Friday; Bill got them all up for a tip and they all seemed to enjoy themselves.



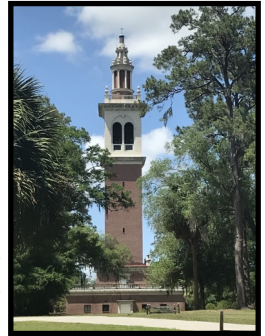
We met for a brown bag supper on Friday evening and after the dance at Boot's Hall we had a campfire; thanks Gene, Ron & Linda. Saturday was whatever you wanted early on, then Bill had a square dance workshop. Most of us went to Sonny's BBQ for dinner, and then we were at Crane Hall for dancing.



We missed all who couldn't be there because of health or RV issues, wishing you the best for future camping.

We had such a good time at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park. The weather was great (even with the rain Saturday about 11 p.m.— it was gone by the next morning). We had four squares dancing a couple of times, but mostly three. We were excited to have our newest (re-joining) members Ray & Barbara Stiver with us, as well as Gary & Diane Harrell and George & Alicia King. We also had a visiting couple from the Dixie Dancers; Audrey & Joel join us for the evening dances. Bill kept the squares moving, Ann Hadsall cued the evening rounds and Susan Snider took care of the Saturday rounds workshop. Mark Fetzer, Florida Callers Association President, did a guest tip on Saturday as well. A lot of us took the time to visit the park's museum with its great dioramas, art, and pianos of yesteryear, along with the works and history of Stephen Foster. The bell tower was amazing too (next page) with the

inside being solid marble. The bells are being restored; the park hopes to have them operational by December. We had a collection bucket out for donations for the bells and collected \$80. We also visited the gift shop, weaving cottage and the wood working cabin; there was a one-man band as well. Everyone seemed to enjoy the covered dish dinner, there were lots of good eats! Thanks to Tim & Angela for all your hard work, and to Ron Imus and crew for the campfire both nights.



Many thanks to the people who make this possible: Bill & Ann, our presidents Angela & Tim, our treasurer Mary C and everyone who participates in this terrific pastime and fellowship.

Mary Chesnut, Treasurer, Laura Ramsey, Secretary & Angela Brown & Tim Hill, Presidents

### **153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**

Howdy y'all from the Sunshine State! Picking up where I left off in our last 'Chat' for the Strawberry Travelers... We had our February (Valentine) club campout in the same park as the RoadRunners (#193) which was at Red Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell, FL. While we each had our own separate club meetings (in order to attend to the business side), we did join together for square and round dancing in the evenings. Some of us (like me and also Sam Dunn, caller for 193, and a few others) were not able to attend due to illness. I did hear through the grapevine that a fun and festive time was had by all who attended. There were some guests that came to join in with some of the festivities (such as eating out which we ALL love to do) and of course the most fun DANCING TOGETHER! Thank you to all the guests who came and helped to add merriness to the weekend! Also THANK YOU to the club officers and members (of all clubs) who continue to work (and play and dance) to keep our NSDCA, FANSDC, and individual clubs going. I think we all should make sure our club officers get told that they are very much appreciated!

Speaking of club officers, we had our election of new officers at our April campout which took place at Cedar Key RV. The biggest news there is that Bill Dees, who has served as either president, vice president, treasurer (or wherever there has been a need) in Strawberry Travelers since (at least) 2008 had to step down due to increasing responsibilities in his life outside of our club. Bill and Carolyn will continue their membership in 153, dancing, prancing, frolicking, fellowshipping, and actively present and participating in our club. THANK YOU, Bill and Carolyn, for all your tireless and true leadership and support for the Strawberry Travelers! The new officers for 2023-2024 are: Jack Henry, presi-

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dent; Susan Wolford, vice president; Bev Henry, secretary; and Bob & Laura Boucher, treasurer. A huge THANK YOU to each of them for their gift of service to our club!

Strawberry Travelers does not camp during our hot and humid summer here in Florida. However, several of our club members will be attending the National Convention in Mobile, AL in June and also the International Camporee in Lebanon, TN in July. Safe travels to all!

Our next Campout will be in October at Southern Palms RV in Eustis, FL. Many of us will be extending our stay through that next week so that we will already be in place and well prepared for the start of the 2023 “CELEBRATE AMERICA!” at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual FANSDC Camporee, October 26 - 29. Jack and Bev Henry are the Chairmen for this year’s Camporee, and it’s sure to be a fine proudly patriotic and fun-filled event. So, pack your red-white and blue and come on along and join with us too!

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## C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada

A small group of the Gypsy Squares gathered for our Mid-Winter



Dance at the end of February. The weather cooperated that day, so it made for a pleasant drive as many of our dancers travelled a distance to join in the

friendship and dancing. We danced during the afternoon and then enjoyed a potluck supper together.

Mother Nature seems to be having some indecision in bringing Spring to



Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. We have gone from having the trees and ground covered with snow and ice to temperatures as high as 24 C (~75 F) or more within a week and a half and then the temperatures have dropped again. The good news is that most or all the snow has disappeared. We are seeing plenty of trailers on the roadways around Ottawa as people are returning from warmer climates or others are bringing their rigs out of storage and preparing them for the Spring/Summer season.

The Riverside Gypsy Squares will be gathering once again this season at Lower Beverley Lake Campground in Delta, Ontario. We have our first campout planned for May 12-14. I know that I am looking forward to seeing everyone after the long winter.

There will be some activities planned for our monthly camp gatherings. I am not sure what May will bring, but I expect that strawberries will be on the menu in June and corn in August. There is always the possibility that you can swim, paddle on the Lake, take a hike and of course dance Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

I have included pictures from the Mid-Winter Dance and from last August (2022) as shown on the previous page.

Safe travels wherever you may be travelling to dance.

Mary Anne Reinhard; mareinhard1@outlook.com; 613-838-5781

### **193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**

Hello everyone! It's hard to believe that our 2022/23 camping season is ending for another year. We all just love Florida camping. We begin in the fall, run thru the winter, and end our season in the spring. September thru most of December we camp in the fall colors, though not the vivid yellows, reds, and oranges of the north; we begin to feel the hot humid weather letting up and the joy the cooler weather beginning. Even though it usually takes till the end of December, our 'COLD' winter months finally get here and bring just enough 30s and 40s to remind us how fortunate we are to live in the south. However, our warmup comes quickly in mid-February, bringing a springtime full of the beautiful fresh new greens of our deciduous trees and azaleas that simply take your breath away with their abundant flowers and beautiful colors.

Our March campout in Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring, did not disappoint us. With fabulous weather we enjoyed a tram ride through the hammock spotting and learning about our Florida wildlife, especially the alligators (next page). Then we were especially blessed to have Al & Nell Burchsted (Strawberry Travelers, #153) camping with us. He led many of us on an enjoyable stroll through the hammock as he identified and pointed out all the birds we were hearing. Al is an expert in identifying birds sounds. I believe he has a Ph.D. in that area. Saturday we all enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the fixings. We finally (after hav-

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ing to cancel both Nov. and Dec.) campouts took that Thanksgiving bird out of the freezer and enjoyed it. And it was not freezer burned at all.

In February we danced in Bushnell and were joined by Chapter 153. We all were treated to the talent-

ed calling of three or four callers and two awesome cuers. What fun! Being Valentine’s weekend, a few of our members decided to visit the nearby Russell Stover Chocolate Outlet, thus we had wonderful chocolate candy to enjoy all weekend.

April found us at a new (for some) campground in Sorrento. Located at the headwaters of a spring, aptly named (as you can see by the picture →) Wekiva Falls. It just happened to be Easter weekend, so we ended our weekend with a Sunday Sunrise Service by the Falls. Well, that was the plan, however, the morning was cloudy and very windy so much of that spring water from the Falls was being blown like rain on us. We moved the service indoors, were joined by a few campers from the park and enjoyed a worship service



led by John and a continental breakfast afterwards. I highly recommend this park as they were super nice and friendly plus they had many activities going on like a hamburger dinner on Friday and a great breakfast on Saturday. They made sure we were all invited to participate with them. We plan to go back next season for sure.

Our May campout, which hasn’t happened yet as I am writing this, is a new campground for all of us and we are looking forward to this new adventure. It is right by LEGOLAND in Winter Park, so who knows we just might go see what they have created out of LEGOs.

Best of all...I hope you are all planning to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee in Lebanon, TN this summer. It's going to be the best HOE-DOWN ever, so please don't miss it. Ruth & Ozzie Osborn and their entire team have been working very hard to show you all a great time.

So as always... "We hope to see you all in a square somewhere!"

Chapter 193 Website: [www.whirlaways.org/rr\\_193\\_index.html](http://www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html)

Dolly Ide; [dloutz9504@outlook.com](mailto:dloutz9504@outlook.com); 352-598-7162

### 196 Wabash Valley Wheel-a-Rounds; Indiana/Illinois/Ohio

We are off and running for another great year of camping and fellowship. We had our first outing of the season in April, and in typical Indiana fashion the weather was up and down. When my husband and I left our driveway and started to our destination,



it was a mix of rain/snow/sleet and buffeting winds. Two hours into the trip the wind and rain had stopped, but the temperature hadn't gotten above 40 yet. Finally, as we neared



our destination, it made into the 40s, and by the time we trekked back home it was into the 70s and sunny.

The first night it was too chilly for a potluck supper so those present went to the nearest Spaghetti Factory restaurant for an excellent dinner. The next day was still too chilly for an outside potluck so we improvised and split our food into two servings: the men ate in one member's camper and the ladies ate in another's. See the pictures above to determine which group seemed to be having more fun. Our final day was warmer and we were able to get back to our usual times with friends, campfire and potluck supper. I am also including a picture of one of our activities (next page); sometimes it takes a bit of supervision to get a camper repaired (in this case, shackles) and back on the road. Great job

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gentlemen and thanks to Kerry Richmond for the project!

We are preparing for our next outing at Shpshewana, Indiana in May. We have 16 rigs coming at this time, including some guests that we hope will become future members. We will be attending the Illinois State Camporee in June. We

are also planning to be in Lebanon, Tennessee for the International Camporee. Our complete schedule is posted in the *TIMES* and on the NSDCA website. We would love to have you join us anytime!

Karen Gerbers; dkgerbers1@gmail.com; 260-403-4846

## 198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

It’s a fantastic, colorful time of year with Spring flowers and beautiful trees waking up for our enjoyment. A time to get ready to enjoy square dance camping after a very cool and snowy winter.

Did you ever think about promoting square dance camping at an RV show? Crossfire Campers was invited to set up at the Pigeon Forge, TN RV Show in March. The weather was unpredictable as usual, but we still had a great time. We met a lot of new friends who were unaware there was an organization such as NSDCA. It’s a great way to promote square dancing, handing out information on local clubs and the classes to learn or advance their square dance skills, or handing out flyers for the NSDCA and the upcoming weekends in their area as well as square dance camper weekends in other areas. And, of course, promoting the 65<sup>th</sup> NSDCA Camporee.

“It’s Hoedown Time in TN 2023.” There is still time to register for the 65<sup>th</sup> NSDCA Camporee in Lebanon, TN July 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us for fun activities and great dancing with fantastic callers and cuers.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

See you across the square. Yellow Rocks.

Ann & Harold Sharland, maland184@aol.com

Help save your Association money and receive your *TIMES* on time! If you are relocating or moving, please use the web form to update your mailing address. Thanks!

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. PLEASE USE THE ONLINE CAMPOUT SCHEDULE FORM AT NSDCA.ORG.



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**47<sup>TH</sup> Annual Michigan N.S.D.C.A. Camporee**

**July 20-23, 2023**

*ATTENDANCE AT THE CAMPOREE IS LIMITED TO 2023 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 1, 2023 Campers: June 19, 2023

**NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS AFTER JUNE 19**

**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 19 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: \$42 per day  WED  THU  FRI  SAT  SUN (check boxes) \$42 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 Cues: Will cue  S/D ROM  Phase I & II  Phase III  Phase IV  Classics

Available for programming:  Thursday  Friday  Saturday  MC

Will Workshop:  Squares  Rounds

# Grand Ole Opry Excursion

Welcome Square Dancers!

We are fully booked for the 7 p.m. Grand Ole Opry show on Friday, July 14, 2023. This is the Friday *after* the 65<sup>th</sup> Camporee. The cost is \$103.67 (single) or \$207.34 (per couple). This price includes round trip bus to the Opry and back. I was able to reserve great seats in section 6. The Opry has still not posted who is going to be there on July 14<sup>th</sup>, but I hope to have more details by the time this issue of the *TIMES* hits your mailboxes.

**The cancellation policy:** The last day to cancel was June 1, 2023 with a full refund; after that day there will be no refund, but I will help you try to sell your tickets to someone else.

We have filled a 56 passenger bus. You may text me at 574-370-9169 or email at [Rlius46@aol.com](mailto:Rlius46@aol.com) with any questions and I will get back to you.



Ronald Imus, Opry coordinator



There's no stopping former pull-tab chair Tom Hersha (right) and friends from dumpster diving to get soda can pull-tabs for the Shriners. (→)



(←) Susan Wolford (cuing) with Don Wolford & Dolly Ide, round dancing. John Ide, Ruth & Chuck Osborne are also at this #193/153 campout. Three Board members in the same place, and it's not even a Camporee.

## From the Desk of the 65<sup>th</sup> Chair

We pray you all had a wonderful Spring and are filling your Summer schedules with Family and Dancing. Your 65<sup>th</sup> Camporee Committees have been working to bring you a GREAT Camporee have and received our 50<sup>th</sup> registration. We are hoping for more! We are looking for volunteers to be our Snooper and our Photographer.

We are planning a (potluck) Chuck Wagon on Monday at 4:30 p.m. with hot dogs and Cowboy Chili; table settings will be provided. There will also be gluten-free and vegetarian options available. We are hoping for a dish to share from those attending. Please bring your own beverage.

Our Trail In Dance on Monday will support the Red Nose Program (noses provided). All proceeds from this dance will be donated to a local food pantry.

One Chapter has volunteered to host the Tuesday 8-9 am coffee. We are looking for Chapters to host Wednesday or Thursday morning. We think this is a great way to start each day and extend our Fellowship. The Camporee will provide the coffee and tea; Chapters may provide a snack, if desired. Please let us know if your Chapter would be interested in hosting.

We feel our Veterans should be acknowledged and thanked for their service as often as possible. Tuesday night will be dedicated to our Military. All proceeds from this dance will be donated to a Military organization. We have a little something special planned so we would like a head count.

During the Camporee, we are planning two dance halls at night with squares, rounds and lines. One hall will be Mainstream/Lines and one hall with Plus/Rounds. Advanced tips will be provided if there is interest. We are also planning for Dance Workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Currently we have eight Callers and three Cuers registered and signed up to assist, but we can always use more.

We will be corralling Stuffed Animals for the SAFE program (Stuffed Animals For Emergencies) which will be donated to a local Emergency Management Agency.

We will also have a Book Exchange Table. You donate some previously read books and pick up new ones. Any leftovers will be donated to a local Adult Learning Center. We will be having RV Workshops and need to know any specific area you would like presented (repairs, modifications, etc.).

We will have a Honey Wagon Service (at an additional fee in cash or check) on Wednesday. There are two dump stations located on the premises. Due to limited time slots, we will have sign up for this Honey Wagon service upon check-in.

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Due to a previous commitment, you will not be able to park at the Fairground before Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to arrive in Lebanon, TN before July 9<sup>th</sup>, please let us know as we plan to stay at a State Park in Lebanon.

If you planning to play Cowboy Golf, please try to bring a putter. Crafters are asked to bring a bandana and T-shirt. We would appreciate if some could bring scissors, rotary cutters and/or glue guns.

Lastly, please remember to bring your Pull-Tabs for a little fun competition between Chapters.

Look Forward to seeing you at the 65<sup>th</sup>.

*Ozzie & Ruth Osborn* (65thNSDCACamporee@gmail.com)

<b>TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - 65<sup>th</sup> NSDCA CAMPOREE at the JAMES E. WARD AG CENTER in LEBANON, TN on JULY 11-13, 2023</b>	
<b>SUNDAY JULY 9</b>	
4-5 PM	Camporee Staff Meeting (Wine & Cheese Pot Luck)
6:30-9:30 PM	A SPECIAL Trail In Dance On Site w/ Squares & Rounds \$8/P (\$)
<b>MONDAY JULY 10</b>	
2-3 PM	Camporee Staff Meeting
3-4 PM	NSDCA Board of Directors Meeting
4:30-6:30 PM	"Chuckwagon" Pot Luck/Meet & Greet – BYOB (Beverage)
6:30-7 PM	<i>Early Rounds</i>
7-9 PM	Trail In Dance (Red Nose Dance Theme)
9:30-????	Campfire (WP = weather permitting)
<b>TUES JULY 11</b>	<b>WED JULY 12</b>
8-9 AM	Coffee & Conversation ( <i>host #152</i> )
9-10 AM	Sports
10-11 AM	Crafts
11-Noon	RV Workshop
1-2 PM	NSDCA Chapter Rep. Meeting
2-3 PM	<i>NSDCA Staff Meeting</i>
2-4 PM	Dance Workshops
4-5 PM	Golf/Card Bingo
6:15 PM	Parade Line-up
6:30 PM	Grand March/Opening Ceremony
7-9 PM	Dance
9-9:30 PM	After Party – 65 <sup>th</sup> Team
9:30-????	Campfire (WP)
<b>THURS JULY 14</b>	<b>FRI JULY 15</b>
8-9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
9-10 AM	Sports
10-11 AM	Crafts
NOON	Pizza lunch BYOB (Beverage)
1-3 PM	Annual NSDCA Membership Meeting
3-4 PM	<i>New Board Meeting</i>
6:30-7 PM	<i>Early Rounds</i>
7-9 PM	Dance
9-9:30 PM	After Party – Awards
9:30-????	Campfire (WP)
<b>SAT JULY 15</b>	
6:30-9 PM	SPECIAL Trail Out Dance w/ Squares & Rounds \$8/P (\$) ~ 1/2 hr drive
9:30-????	Possible Campfire (WP) if interest

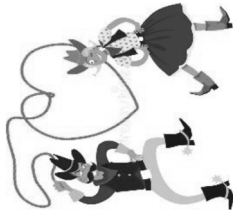
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## Email users, beware!

There have been several attempts recently at luring unsuspecting NSDCA members into communicating via email with someone posing as our Association's president. You can be assured that whomever was doing this was only interested in their financial self-enrichment at your expense. Please do the following to ensure any email is officially from an NSDCA Board or Staff member:

- On most email platforms, placing the cursor over the sender's name or displayed email address (which actually could be different than where it originated) will reveal the entire email address. You should verify the address the email came from agrees with those published in the NSDCA *TIMES* for the appropriate person who the email claims to be the author. Many of the spoofed email addresses look legitimate, but on close examination will prove to have some difference from the correct one.
- Assuming the "FROM" email address is correct, after you click the REPLY button on your email program you then need to ensure your response is being sent back to the appropriate email address. A spoofer can make the "FROM" address you see when viewing the email prior to responding different than where the response is sent back to. Verify the response "TO" address is the same as the original "FROM" which you have already verified as being legitimate.
- If you have questions about the validity of the email, you can compose a separate email (using the address found in the *TIMES*) and write to the sender inquiring if the one you received is legitimate, or you could call them (phone numbers are often found in the *TIMES* as well).
- If the email is not legitimate, I suggest you mark it as "SPAM" using your email program's appropriate tool. This should prevent this particular spoofed email from coming through to your "INBOX" in the future (it will end up in your "SPAM" folder) but unfortunately the spammers are always subtly changing the email address they send from, so you should not let your guard down.

Please note that NSDCA Board and Staff members will never send an open-ended email asking you to 'reply when you are available,' nor will they request you to send them money. All members should pay their dues directly to and payable to their local chapter; the local chapter then writes one check from their chapter's checking account, payable to NSDCA for all of the members from whom they have collected dues. The only time monies should be requested is if your chapter is placing an advertisement in the *TIMES* that falls outside the requirements to have a complimentary entry (as stated in the newsletter).



# IT'S HOE DOWN TIME IN TN

## 65th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE

JAMES E. WARD AG CTR, 945 BADDOUR PKWY, LEBANON, TN 37087

July 11, 12, 13, 2023: Camporee Events



NSDCA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_  
NON-Member - (Requires added \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

**Information for PARKING by LEVEL**  
ARRIVAL 07 \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 DEPARTURE \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER # \_\_\_\_\_  
ELECTRIC: 30 Amp \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Rig \_\_\_\_\_ ft. No. of \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Name #1 (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Name #2 (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Include Apt and/or Box number) \_\_\_\_\_

**HYPERLINK FOR ON-LINE FORM:**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**1 Round Dance Interest** (*Check Dance Interests*)  
Ice \_\_\_\_\_ Round Dance \_\_\_\_\_ Line Dance \_\_\_\_\_  
Stream \_\_\_\_\_ Phase II \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
C-2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phase III \_\_\_\_\_ Contra \_\_\_\_\_  
Partner \_\_\_\_\_  
Teen Dance Program \_\_\_\_\_  
Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ MS Workshop \_\_\_\_\_  
**GAMES** (*Check interests*)  
M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Washer Toss \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_  
M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Urban Golf \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_  
M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
ests Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_  
**Maintenance Workshop** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cuer Participation (Due by April 1)**  
Square Dance \_\_\_\_\_ Round Dance \_\_\_\_\_  
Mainstream \_\_\_\_\_ Phase II \_\_\_\_\_  
Plus \_\_\_\_\_ Phase III \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province & Zip/ Postal \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ A-1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phase IV  
\_\_\_\_\_ A-2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phase V  
\_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Teen Dance Program \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Phone Number (cell phone preferred--include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Caller Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Availability (circle) \_\_\_\_\_ M T W Th F

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Cuer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Availability (circle) \_\_\_\_\_ M T W Th F

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Lines Instructor \_\_\_\_\_  
Availability (circle) \_\_\_\_\_ M T W Th F

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**NSDCA Camporee Fees: 3 Days...\$150 2 Days...\$125 1 Day...\$90 (ALL FEES IN US FUNDS ONLY)**  
Please Check which days you will be camping: (Extra Days Campsite Fees \$20 per day) **NonCampers** \_\_\_\_\_ \$90  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Mon 10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ **Wed 12<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ **Thu 13<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sat 15<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit with only one person (check): Deduct \$45; Extra adults # \_\_\_\_\_ \$45each; **Non NSDCA** \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

**Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Add'1 Days \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*If you would like your ribbons sent to you with your mailed confirmation, please include a self-addressed, stamped business (#10) envelope with your registration. Refunds are available with a written request.*

Send check or money order payable in US Funds to “**65th NSDCA Camporee**” to:

**Ann Sharland, P.O.Box 157, New Tazewell, TN 37824**

For more info, contact Ozzie or Ruth Osborn, (518-859-0734, 518-669-3337) 65thnsdcacamporee@gmail.com



## and the FUN continues...

There were 27 entries this time (all of which were correct) identifying the location of the lost campers for the Spring issue's contest. Susan & Don Wolford of Strawberry Travelers (#153, FL), were randomly chosen by the computer as the winners of this contest. Congratulations Susan and Don; your 2023 NSDCA membership fee will be waived. I received several clever comments with submissions:

Jim Sebesta (#045, Penn-Dixie Square Campers, PA) provided,

Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Rollaways (MI)	005	Wayne & Joan Adams
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Marie Berridge Deb Pickard Cinda Asp Sally Foley
Illiana Square Wheelers ( IL/IN)	044	Ruthann & Lawrence Sanders
Penn-Dixie Square Campers (PA)	045	Jim Sebesta
Dakota Wheelers (SD)	061	Richard Wootton
Square-Up Campers (PA)	106	Michael Gelinias
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Marty & Frank Golden Mike Huddleson
Northwoods Stompers (MI)	121	Marjorie Tudor
Swing 'N' Travelers (IL)	123	John & Carol Scher Bill Baker Joe & Lois Schaefer Dwaine & Bert Dunn Pat Edwards Barry & Joy Vlad Jerry & Judy Boutelle Chet & Janet Bowman Norma Schertz Mary & Dave Bruun Jim & Sharon Waller Ron & Sue Mayer
Square Wheels (FL)	128	Debbie & Bill Cassidy
Rolling Squares (NE)	148	Marion Niemeyer
Strawberry Travelers (FL)	153	<b>Susan &amp; Don Wolford</b>



“Howie and Bev are visiting the Blackhawk Crosstrailers in the picture on page 12. They’re parked in the lower right hand corner of the picture safely located under the guy rope. I guess they saw all the Crosstrailers standing nearby and remembered their close call with the “sHoedown” in the last issue.”

Debbie Cassidy (#198, Square Wheels, FL) said, “Howie & Bev can’t hide from me! They were found tucked beneath the individual’s feet on the bottom right side of the page 12 photo. I’ve sent them a GPS with the Camporee pre-programmed so they won’t get lost anymore.”

Deb Pickard of #014, Blackhawk Crosstrailers, IL commented, “Oh-Oh! Our friends are in trouble now! If not careful, Marie Berridge may accidentally step on them as they’re parked right below her feet! Marie is posing in a group photo with the rest of us from the Blackhawk Cross Trailers and she probably doesn’t even see them underfoot!”

Marion Niemeyer (#148, Rolling Squares, NE) provided, “Under the right front tie down for the Blackhawk Cross Trailers chapter sign. Again in danger of being smooshed under foot. Snuggled under the tie down close to the stake looks to be a safe zone. By the way, my Good Sam friends say someone was acting as a nag-ivator rather than a navigator, causing them to go astray.”

Pat Edwards (#123, Swing ‘N’ Travelers, IL) offered, “Our lost camper is a bit off the road it seems. He’s about to run into the rope tie down for the BLACHHAWK CROSS TRAILERS banner.”

Joy Vlad (also of #123) informed us that “Howie and Bev are in the grass under a lady’s feet on the right side driving out of the photo on their way to Lebanon, TN.”

Another #123 member, Chet Bowman, opined, “If Howie and Bev aren’t careful, they will get stepped on. And if they drive a little farther, Sally might spy them and use them for one of her many craft ideas!”

Norma Schertz (also of #123) said, “The lost camper is in front of the lady’s feet. She better not take a step forward!”

Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders (#044, Illiana Square Wheelers, IL/IN) provided, “They are back in Illinois, hopefully enjoying the square dancing and camping with our friends in Chapter 014. Not chapter members, but wanted in the picture with the members.”

Marjorie Tudor (#121, Northwoods Stompers, MI) said, “Howie and Bev should make a quick U-turn out of the campground and watch out for feet and the tie rope in front of you. Head South to Tennessee after maneuvering in the very tall grass.”

Lastly, Michael Gelinas (#106, Square-Up Campers, PA) said, “He’s actually headed over to the next page to listen to me play guitar, haha!”

In spite of our good luck locating Howie & Bev this time (thanks to your help), now Tony & Lou Bergett have gone astray. Recall they are

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## NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



Spring has sprung in many parts of the country, but here in the South it's starting to feel more and more like an early arrival of Summer. Some Florida chapters temporarily stop camping during the overly-warm weather, while others continue on through the hot, sticky summer months (thank goodness air conditioning was invented). Competition for campgrounds with snowbirds diminishes during the summer, but it picks up with families who vacation-camp while their children are not in school. Private campgrounds typically make it easy to reserve a central location for our chapter members to congregate, whereas our Florida State campgrounds (working through a third-party web-based reservation system) often throw additional challenges to groups that are not camping in tents, like most NSDCA members. In spite of the difficulty of camping in a Florida State Park, it is often worth the trouble; they are run with a totally different outlook than commercial campgrounds, offer discounts to senior citizens, and provide a wealth of ways to get close to Nature.

From looking at the campout schedule, it appears many Chapters have been trying new campground venues. What's the story there? Let us know what challenges you face and how you solve (or at least ameliorate) them. And on this topic, Publicity Director Bill Baker's idea for "We tried this, and it worked great!" is still awaiting contributions. While not a separate column in this issue, Crossfire Campers of Tennessee (#198) was successful in spreading the word on Square Dance Camping at a recent RV show held in their neck of the woods; see their "Chat around the Campfire" in this issue.

Remember, you can always submit your campout schedule (via the NSDCA website) earlier than the *TIMES* deadline. The earlier you submit it, the sooner it will be posted to the NSDCA website for all to view and allow them to make plans. If there are changes to your schedule you can also accommodate these through the website, just be sure to denote (in the comment area) the newer entry is a change from which venue (or date) to the current one. If you are unsure of what to do, drop me an email (NSDCAtimes@gmail.com) and I'll see what I can do to help you complete your task.

### **The History of Round Dancing with Square Dancing**

By Susan Snider, Square Wheels (#128)

Did you ever wonder how Round Dancing became associated with Square Dancing? My research indicates that 'couples dancing' has been happening at square dances since before the advent of what we know as Modern Western Square Dancing. During the dance couples would do rhythms such as waltz, polka, two step, varsouvianna, mazurka and Vien-

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ese waltz either in a circle or amongst the squares. Of course, at that time there were no cuers; the dancers did patterns that they had memorized. A Round Dance may be anything that is not a Square Dance. They can be done solo, in couples, or in a group of dancers in a large circle.

Modern Western Square Dancing emerged around 1950 with the advent of recorded music and equipment on which to play it. As the number of Square Dance clubs exploded, Round Dancing also became more popular and the dances became more complicated. There were clubs that specialized in just Round Dancing. The cuers were expected to be able to cue the dances from memory. Often times, the cuer would teach the dancers the first time through and then the dancers were expected to repeat it without cues. Most of the callers at that time were also round dance teachers. Now there are so many dances that cuers read the cues from a "cue card."



Modern Round Dances are groups of cues that are 16 to 32 measures in length which are repeated several times during a dance. The *Index of Rounds* found on the Roundalab website have 30,000 dances listed.

Squares and Rounds have been partners since the beginning of square dancing. So go out and learn round dances and increase your fun at the square dance!

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at the end of the caravan carrying their equipment on the car's roof (see the Summer 2019 issue for background on the caravan and images of each traveler). Please see if you can locate them in this issue and give them directions to the 2023 Camporee in Lebanon, TN.

Remember we'll have a special recognition and award at the July 2023 Camporee at Lebanon, TN for the chapter with the most entries. Let's see if a chapter can best the reigning champs! Good luck!

You can't win if you don't enter (but in order to win you must be a member in good standing). This is *your* newsletter! Send your answer either via: 1) email to [NSDCAtimes@gmail.com](mailto:NSDCAtimes@gmail.com) or 2) by regular mail to **Ken Shacter, 5418 Weller Place, Jacksonville, FL 32211-6965** (either method to arrive no later than July 31) . Please provide the page number *and* where on the page our wayward campers are located. Simply providing something like "on the bottom of page 2" is insufficient; however, if you write something clever like the contributors listed earlier did, it gives a good indication you have properly located our lost campers, and you may get your answer published!

As a reminder, be sure to include your Chapter's number and name, regardless of the way you choose to communicate. Thank you.

# Chapter Campouts

The following listings are believed to be accurate. The starting date of the event is Friday unless otherwise noted. Due to potential disruption of group activities because of possible COVID-19 restrictions, campouts or other listed events may have been cancelled due to local conditions. Always check the NSDCA website for the most up-to-date information, and please check with the noted contact(s) to confirm the status of the event before making your plans to attend. Thank you. (current as of 9:15 a.m., 2023/05/01)

**Thursday June 1 → June 4**

## **116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas**

KOA Campground

1109 W Diamond Dr, Salina, KS; 785-827-3182

Kansas State Square Dance Convention on June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H building, Kenwood Park.

Marty & Frank Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

**June 2 → June 4**

## **031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin**

Buffalo Lake Camping Resort

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

David Lust; 608-289-7582

## **Pennsylvania**

Paradise Stream Family Campground

693 Paradise Stream Rd, Loysville, PA; 717-789-2117

Kathy Engel 717-532-5654

**June 9 → June 11**

## **001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

Appalachian RV Campground

60 Motel Dr., Shartlesville, PA; 877-570-2267 or 610-488-6319

Caller, Dave Black

Paul & Susan Schwarz; 610-996-7674; susanjaneschwarz@gmail.com

## **181 MontShire Campin' Squares: New Hampshire / Vermont**

Horseshoe Acres Campground

1978 Weston-Andover Rd, Andover, VT; 802-875-2960

Caller: Betsy Gotta

Cuer: Roy Gotta

Norma Burns njburns40@gmail.com



**June 16 → June 18**

**121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan**

Hidden Hill Family Campground

300 N Clare Ave., Harrison MI; 989-539-9372

Call campground for reservations; Dancing rounds and Squares Friday and Saturday

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

**C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares: New York / Ontario / Quebec**

Lower Beverly Lake Park

146 Lower Beverley Lake Road, Delta, ON; 613-928-2881

Campout dates above; some dancers come Thursday and stay 'til Monday.

Helen MacCallum; 613-330-4873; helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca

**♥♥♥ Illinois State Camporee**

Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds

915 University Ave, Henry, IL; 309-364-2814

Callers: Lottie Buckbee, Tom Nickel, Bob Asp, Curt Braffet

Link to flyer and registration form

Liz Hand

**June 16 → June 19**

**123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois**

Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds

915 University Ave, Henry, IL

Illinois NSDCA State Camporee

Hosts: Swing N Travelers #123

Callers: Lottie Buckbee, Tom Nickel, Bob Asp, Curt Braffet

Bill Baker 309-696-1948

**June 23 → June 25**

**002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin**

Country View Campground

S110W26400 Craig Ave, Mukwonago WI; 262-662-3654

CHANGE OF VENUE from Cliffside Park Campgrounds

Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083

**045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania**

Paradise Stream

693 Paradise Stream Rd, Loysville, PA; 717-789-2117

Contact Paradise Stream to make your reservation. Reserve ASAP!

Dances 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Kathy Bierbower; 1-717-829-4183; scoutgirlone@gmail.com



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## *Chapter Campouts—continued*

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### **Sunday July 9**

#### **198 Crossfire Campers: Tennessee**

Wilson County Expo Center

945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN; Building C

A Trail-In Dance to the 65<sup>th</sup> Camporee, Co-Host: Wilson County Grand Squares.

Pre-Rounds 6:30 Dance 7-9:30 P.M. Ken Burke calling/Diane Martin

Hamilton cueing; \$8/person

Mike Jones; 615-260-6235; MJones01@tds.net

### **Monday July 10**

#### **198 Crossfire Campers: Tennessee**

Wilson County Expo Center

945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN; Building C

Official Trail-In Dance to the 65<sup>th</sup> Camporee

Pre-Rounds 6:30 Dance 7-9:30 P.M.

No cost to registered dancers, otherwise \$5/person

### **Tuesday July 11 → July 13**

#### **♥♥♥ 65<sup>th</sup> International Camporee**

Wilson County Expo Center

945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN;

Please see the Registration Page (<http://nsdca.org/camporees.php>)

### **Wednesday July 12 → July 16**

#### **119 Wander Yonders: Wyoming**

Deer Haven RV

706 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Saratoga, WY; 307-326-8746

### **Saturday July 15**

#### **198 Crossfire Campers: Tennessee**

Hermitage Presbyterian Church

421 Highland View Dr, Hermitage, TN 37076; 615-883-8944

A Trail-Out “Aloha” Dance from the 65<sup>th</sup> Camporee

Co-Host: The Barnlofters

Pre-Rounds 6:30 Dance 7-9 P.M.

Ted Kennedy caller/Susan Wolford cuer; \$8/person

Hank Sweetman; 615-406-6917

### **Thursday July 20 → July 22**

#### **♥♥♥ Michigan State Camporee**

Covenant Hills Camp & Retreat

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

Gary Demand; 989-777-5697; gandedemand@aol.com

**Thursday July 20 → July 23**

**014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois**

Pilgrims Campground

CAMPOUT CANCELLED

Bob Asp; 815-262-9080

**121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan**

Covenant Hills Camp & Retreat

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

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan NSDCA Camporee; Dancing rounds and squares  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday; potluck; sports; and crafts

Gary & Elaine Demand; 989-777-5697; GandEDemand@gmail.com

**July 21 → July 23**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

Appalachian RV Campground

60 Motel Dr., Shartlesville, PA; 877-570-2267 or 610-488-6319

Caller, Bob Engel

Dennis Hunsberger/Jane Mastrolia; 732-406-1450;

j.mastrolia@comcast.net

**002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin**

Pilgrims Campground

W7271 County Rd C, Ft. Atkinson, WI; 920-563-8122

*Mary Poppins* is playing at the Fireside. If you are planning on attending  
we are going on Thursday evening. Call so we can get tickets together.

Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083

**C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares: New York / Ontario / Quebec**

Lower Beverly Lake Park

146 Lower Beverley Lake Road, Delta, ON; 613-928-2881

Campout dates above; some dancers come Thursday and stay 'til Monday.

Helen MacCallum; 613-330-4873; helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca

**Tuesday July 25 → July 27**

**116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas**

El Dorado State Lake, El Dorado, KS - below the dam in Eagle Pass area

No dancing, just different tours and activities in the area.

Marty & Frank Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

**Wednesday August 2 → August 4**

**123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois**

Arrowhead Acres

3315 Weldon Springs Rd, Clinton, IL; 217-935-8442

Call for Reservations by July 10<sup>th</sup>

Dance on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lincoln with Ron Betzelburger

Bill Baker 309-696-1948

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**Thursday August 3 → August 6**

**014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois**

Pilgrims Campground

W7271 County Rd C, Ft. Atkinson, WI; 920-563-8122

CHANGE OF VENUE from Blackhawk Valley Campground

Thursday night we'll be attending *Mary Poppins* at the Fireside Playhouse, advance reservations required, contact Bob Asp.

Bob Asp; 815-262-9080

**August 4 → August 6**

**106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania**

Ferryboat Campsites

32 Ferry Lane, Liverpool, PA; 717-444-3200

Kathy Engel 717 532 5654

**181 MontShire Campin' Squares: New Hampshire / Vermont**

Horseshoe Acres Campground

1978 Weston-Andover Rd, Andover, VT; 802-875-2960

Caller: Don Bachelder

Cuer: Barbara Connelly

Norma Burns njburns40@gmail.com

**August 11 → August 13**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

Appalachian RV Campground

60 Motel Dr., Shartlesville, PA; 877-570-2267 or 610-488-6319

Caller, Mark Franks

Ron/Pauline Vande Vrede; 973-343-3152; vandevrede@optonline.net

**Sunday August 13 → August 15**

**196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana**

Camp Nauvoo

1095 S Warsaw St, Nauvoo, IL

217-453-9930

**Wednesday August 16 → August 18**

**116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas**

Sand Hills State Park, Hutchinson, KS

4207 E 56<sup>th</sup> Ave, Hutchinson, KS; 316-542-3664

No dancing, just various activities in the area.

Marty & Frank Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

See a map of the 65<sup>th</sup> International Camporee layout on the NSDCA website; from the green menu bar select "Camping/Dancing" then "Camporee"



**August 18 → August 19**

**128 Square Wheels: Florida**

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

30700 River Road, Sorrento, FL; 352-268-9556 or 352-383-8055

They accept PassPort America for up to 6 days. PPA rally rate will be updated next year but will be approximately \$35/day. You must call campground and pre-register with a deposit.

Reservations must be made at least a week before to receive rally rate. If your RV is over 40' please call Tim. Rental Cabins available.

Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell 352-214-5880; marynut4@gmail.com  
or Tim Hill; 352-205-0596; or Angela Brown; 352-408-5721

**152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

Noccalula Falls Campground

1500 Noccalula Rd, Gadsden, AL; 256-543-7412 or 256-549-4663

Kevin Cozad; 205-928-2618

**August 18 → August 20**

**002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin**

County View Campground

S110 W26400 Craig Ave., Mukwonago, WI; 262-662-3654

We will be square dancing during the day. Spring City has a dance that evening in Waukesha, WI

Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083

**045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania**

Dogwood Acres Campground

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

Contact Dogwood Acres to make your reservation, preferably before 6/18  
Dances usually 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm, after BINGO

Kathy Bierbower; 1-717-829-4183; scoutgirlone@gmail.com

**C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares: New York / Ontario / Quebec**

Lower Beverly Lake Park

146 Lower Beverley Lake Road, Delta, ON; 613-928-2881

Campout dates above; some dancers come Thursday and stay 'til Monday.

Helen MacCallum; 613-330-4873; helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca

**August 25 → August 27**

**121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan**

Hidden Hill Family Campground

300 N Clare Ave., Harrison MI; 989-539-9372

Call campground for reservations; Dancing rounds and squares Friday  
and Saturday

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

## *Chapter Campouts—continued*

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**Thursday September 7 → September 10**

**119 Wander Yonders: Wyoming**

Quadra Dangle

3905 Grays Gable Road

307-635-7312

**September 8 → September 10**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

Otter Lake Camp Resort

1639 Marshalls Creek Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA; 570-223-0123

Caller/cuer, Betsy & Roy Gotta

Howard/Mary Schnuck; 732-257-1434; angels9346@yahoo.com

**031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin**

Ledge County Park

N7403 Park Road Horicon, WI

David Lust; 608-289-7582

**106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania**

Shady Oaks Family Campground

40 Round Barn Rd, Newmanstown, PA; 717-949-3177

Kathy Engel; 717 532 5654

**Wednesday September 13 → September 15**

**123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois**

Kentuckiana Kampground

27585 Kentuckiana Rd, Mackinaw, IL; 309-449-3274

Call for Reservations by August 30<sup>th</sup>

Dance on August 14<sup>th</sup> in Pekin with Curt Braffet

Bill Baker 309-696-1948

**September 15 → September 17**

**045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania**

Twin Bridge Campground

1345 Twin Bridge Road, Chambersburg, PA; 717-369-2216

Contact Twin Bridge to make your reservation.

Dances 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Kathy Bierbower; 717-829-4183; scoutgirlone@gmail.com

**121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan**

Hidden Hill Family Campground

300 N Clare Ave., Harrison MI; 989-539-9372

Call campground for reservations; Dancing rounds and squares Friday and Saturday

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

**September 15 → September 16**

**128 Square Wheels: Florida**

Southern Oaks RV Resort

14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL; 352-347-2550

Rally Rate: \$34/night (subject to change).

Must make your own reservations at campground at least two weeks before rally.

Ron Barngrover calling.

NOTE: CHANGE OF VENUE from Blueberry Hill RV Resort

Mary Chesnut; H:352-475-2550, C:352-214-5880, marynut4@gmail.com;

or Tim Hill; 352-205-0596; or Angela Brown; 352-408-5721

**September 15 → September 17**

**C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares: New York / Ontario / Quebec**

Lower Beverly Lake Park

146 Lower Beverley Lake Road, Delta, ON; 613-928-2881

Campout dates above; some dancers come Thursday and stay 'til Monday.

Helen MacCallum; 613-330-4873; helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca

**Thursday September 21 → September 23**

**196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana**

Kamp Komfort

21408 North 600<sup>th</sup> East Road, Carlock, IL; 309-376-4411

**September 22 → September 24**

**002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin**

The Playful Goose Campground of the Horicon Marsh

2001 Main St, Horicon, WI; 920-485-4744

They have an indoor pool, so bring your swimsuit.

Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083

**152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

Yonah Mountain Campground

7618 Helen Hwy, Cleveland, GA; 706-865-6546

Susan Holzhausen; 770-601-4423

**Thursday September 28 → October 01**

**014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois**

Thomson Causeway

100 Lewis Avenue, Thomson, IL

Info to be provided to club members so that we can camp as a group.

Sally Foley 815-275-1567

**September 29 → October 01**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

Cherry Ridge Campground

147 Camp Rd, Honesdale, PA 18431; 570-488-6654

Caller, Dane Bragg

Ron/Pauline Vande Vrede; 973-343-3152; vandevrede@optonline.net

WELCOME TO TENNESSEE (THE VOLUNTEER STATE) &  
**The 65th International Square Dance Camporee**

**Hoedown**  
**Time In Lebanon, Tennessee 2023**

James E. Ward Ag Ctr, 945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087

July 11, 12, 13, 2023



**Days  
 Of Dancing,  
 Fellowship,  
 Games, Crafts,  
 & More**



**Round Dancing**

**Square Dancing**

Plenty of 30 & 50 Amp Sites without sewers. (Pre-Reg Honey Wagon service available,)  
 Many Local Hotels Available for Non-Campers

The Official Trail In Dance is "Red Nose" Themed on Monday, July 10th 7 to 9:00 pm



**Corralling "Stuffed Animal  
 For Emergency" Drive**

**Book Exchange**



SWAP YOUR BOOKS



**Chuckwagon (Potluck)  
 Monday 4:00 p.m.**

**Military Appreciation**



SPECIALS  
 INCLUDE:

TRAIL IN DANCE Hosted by Wilson County Grand Squares and Crossfire Campers 198 at The James E Ward AG Center Sunday July 9, 2023 7 to 9:30 pm Pre-Rounds 6:30 pm \$8/p

A Night at the Grand Ole Opry Friday, July 14, 2023, Time TBA. Tickets are \$75/person & must be purchased in advance by contacting Ron Imus (574)370-9169

TRAIL OUT & Aloha Rock-A-Hula Dance Hosted by The Barnlofters & Crossfire Campers 198 at 421 Highland View Dr—Hermitage, TN Saturday—July 15, 2023 Pre-Rounds 6:30—Squares 7-9 \$8/p

Why not Explore & Enjoy...Fiddlers' Grove Historical Village, Museums, Trolley Tours, Antique Shops, Train & Show Boat Adventures, short drive to Nashville., Lots of History to discover

Hosted by:  
 Crossfire Campers 198  
 For More Info:  
**NSDCA.ORG**

Contact: Ozzie & Ruth Osborn  
 65thNSDSCACamporee@gmail.com  
 (518)859-0734  
 Facebook: 65th NSDCA Camporee



Registration form link [www.wybatap.com/NSDCA\\_2023\\_convention\\_application.pdf](http://www.wybatap.com/NSDCA_2023_convention_application.pdf)

# DON'T MISS THE CHANGES !



## *New "Single" Membership Fee*

For a New Single Membership:

**\$5.00**

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# We Remember Our Friends

## **Robert D. Wilcox (#123, Swing-N-Travelers )**

Bob was a man of many talents and interests. In addition to his service to his country (US Navy) he was an accomplished square dance caller, sharing his love of square dancing with countless others. Bob was also an avid RV'er, traveling the country with his wife, Sally, and their beloved dogs. Together, they explored the highways and byways of America, forging memories that will last a lifetime.



Bob and his wife Sally were members of #123 but originally joined the NSDCA through chapter #050 (Traverlighters of Chicago). He and Sally formerly served as Illinois State President, NSDCA International Camporee General Chairperson and NSDCA Board members.

Bob passed away peacefully on March 5, 2023, in Florida. He will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty, kindness, infectious smile and love of trivia. His family and friends will greatly miss him, and his legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched during his time on this earth.

Per his wishes, Bob will be interred at Bushnell National Cemetery, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to your local Animal Shelter or Rescue.

*Submitted by Ruthann Sanders*

## **William Carroll Plasterer (#045, Penn Dixie Square Campers )**

William C. Plasterer, 87, of Shippensburg, PA died at home on April 21, 2023. He was a member of the National Guard, prior to serving four years in the U.S. Air Force as Flight Engineer. He was a member of the American Legion, the VFW, and a Lifetime Member of the Vigilant Hose Company, Shippensburg. He retired as Chief Lineman from the Pennsylvania Electric Company in Shippensburg where he worked for 34 years. He served as Treasurer of Boy Scout Troop #121, and was Merit Badge Counselor for many years. He served as President of the Penn Dixie Square Campers (NSDCA Chapter 045) and chairman of the NSDCA Pennsylvania State Camporee, President of the Good Sam Camping Club Chapter 25 of Chambersburg and President of Shippen Squares Square Dance Club of Shippensburg of which he was a Charter Lifetime Member. He was Secretary of the PA Square and Round Dance Federation for two years. He was a School Board Director for the Ship-



## Grapefruit Pie

Are you looking for a tasty, tangy treat to serve at afterparties? If so, this recipe may be just the one you've been waiting for!

### Ingredients for Pie:

- 1-1/2 cups FRESH grapefruit juice
- 1/2 cup FRESH orange juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 egg yolks, beaten (save whites for the meringue)

### Steps for Pie:

- 1) Mix above and cook on stovetop until good and hot.
- 2) Mix 3 Tbsp of cornstarch and 1/2 cup water until dissolved
- 3) Then mix into juice till it thickens.
- 4) Cool, then pour into a baked pie shell.  
(If you pour into pie shell before it cools, your crust will be soggy.)

### Steps for Meringue:

- 1) Beat the 3 egg whites (saved from above) with a mixer, slowly adding 1/4 tsp cream of tartar and 3 Tbsp of sugar.
- 2) When finished (i.e., stiff) pour onto pie.
- 3) Let meringue brown in the oven at about 350 degrees.
- 4) Check every 5 minutes until brown.

Keep the pie refrigerated until use.

Makes about 8 servings: ~122 calories/serving.

Total fat:	2 g	Total carbs:	25 g	Sugars:	24 g
Saturated fat:	1 g	Protein:	3 g	Dietary fiber:	0 g
Sodium:	29 mg	Potassium:	97 mg	Vitamin A:	0 %
Vitamin C:	17 %	Calcium:	2 %	Iron:	2 %



Courtesy of Wendy Brock (#128 ) via her mom, Irene May.



pensburg Area High School for 12 years and served on the Shippensburg Park and Recreation Commission. He enjoyed conversations with new and old friends wherever he went. He never missed an opportunity to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Arlene Morrow Plasterer, three sons, six grandchildren, three great grandsons and two great granddaughters.

*Submitted by Jim Mongiovi*

Remember, if you would like someone included/remembered in the "We Remember Our Friends" 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.

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Assigned to Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_; Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*This application is only to be used for new membership applications or renewals of members whose membership has lapsed for a period of 3 months or more. If the lapse is between 3 months and 3 years, the fee is \$20. For a renewal after a lapse of 3 years or more, the fee is \$10 as a new member.*

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**Make check payable to NSDCA. Please send your completed application with your remittance (in US funds only) to:**

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# "MEMBERSHIP"



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# And the Survey Says

To All Members:

## Request for Information

At its peak, the NSDCA boasted approximately 5000 family and single memberships. For 2023, we have approximately 400 of those remaining, dropping by approximately 20% per year. The loss is primarily due to member age and the associated physical inability to keep dancing. As we look ahead over the next several years, it would be extremely helpful to anticipate member losses so that your Board would have a better ability to plan events accordingly. To help us with that, we request a response from each chapter enumerating their members according to age brackets in a 5 year spread. Please provide this information to any Board member or to our Membership Secretary ([kathynickelnsdca@gmail.com](mailto:kathynickelnsdca@gmail.com)), specifically the number of member registrations (as couples or singles) you have in each of the following age brackets at this time.

For example: (50 or younger), (51-55), (56-60), (61-65), (66-70), (71-75), (76-80), (81-85), (86-90), (91 or older)

We will try to have a simple reporting tab set up on our website (NSDCA.org) by the time you receive the current issue of the NSDCA Times.

Thank you for your help.

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**See the NSDCA website for an electronic version of the survey.**

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## GPS Search (part 1)

Do you recall the days when you'd navigate your travels with paper state and area maps you got at the gas station (for free!) or an atlas? These days your travels are typically directed with a dedicated GPS or phone-based routing app (e.g., Google Maps, Apple Maps or Waze). I'm not too fond of the phone-based apps as the quality of the maps is not great and the visible screen is small, but they do often give you a heads-up on traffic, so we often keep checking when approaching a big city or things seem to be clogging up on the Interstate.

Our truck has a built-in GPS, and a very nice one at that, but its database is vintage 2011 and it costs a small fortune (more than the price of a decent dedicated portable GPS) to update. We have been using it (typically for detailed maps versus navigation) in conjunction with a 7-inch portable dedicated GPS for directions. I also keep paper state and area maps on hand, as well as several atlases (two of my favorites are a trucker's atlas and a Michelin Road Atlas). Additionally, I usually print out (via web-based Google Maps, Good Sam Trip Planner or AAA TripTik<sup>®</sup> routing software) the route I intend for us to take. The GPS sometimes agrees with my planned route, but often it has other ideas (which I sometimes accept).

Recently, the dedicated portable GPS has started to show its age. The maps can no longer be updated (in spite of the manufacturer's 'lifetime' update guarantee) and the display screen has dropped a few rows of pixels, so it was time to start looking for a replacement. I wanted something on the order of the same size as we have been using, approximately 7-inches diagonally for viewing area, and that would accept the Good Sam Trip Planner's GPX file format the software can produce, so the GPS would finally follow the route I intended us to take. This limited me to units made by Garmin (all of our previous units have been Magellan).

I briefly entertained getting one of the RV-specific units, but the price put me off of that idea (there's no sense spending as much for a dedicated unit as to what would be the cost of a general-purpose computer). Looking around for online reviews, I stumbled on the Garmin DriveSmart 71EX, and while not stated in the owner's manual (which I downloaded to see its features) a quick chat with customer support indicated it does accept GPX files via Garmin's BaseCamp or Drive utilities. Another benefit: it was available at WalMart and cost considerably less than updating the truck's GPS database.

Part 2 will cover the things a GPS can do for you these days, the learning curve, and overall satisfaction level.

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**'Aloha'**

It means "Hello" and Goodbye", as we say "So Long & Happy Trails" to the 65th NSDCA Camporee at our Annual

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*Co-Hosted by the Crossfire Campers 198*

**Saturday—July 15, 2023**

**Pre-Rounds 6:30—Squares 7-9...\$8 pp**

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