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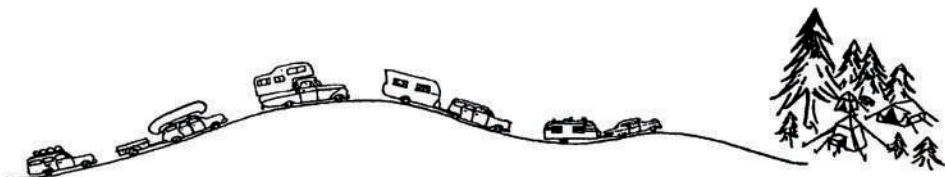
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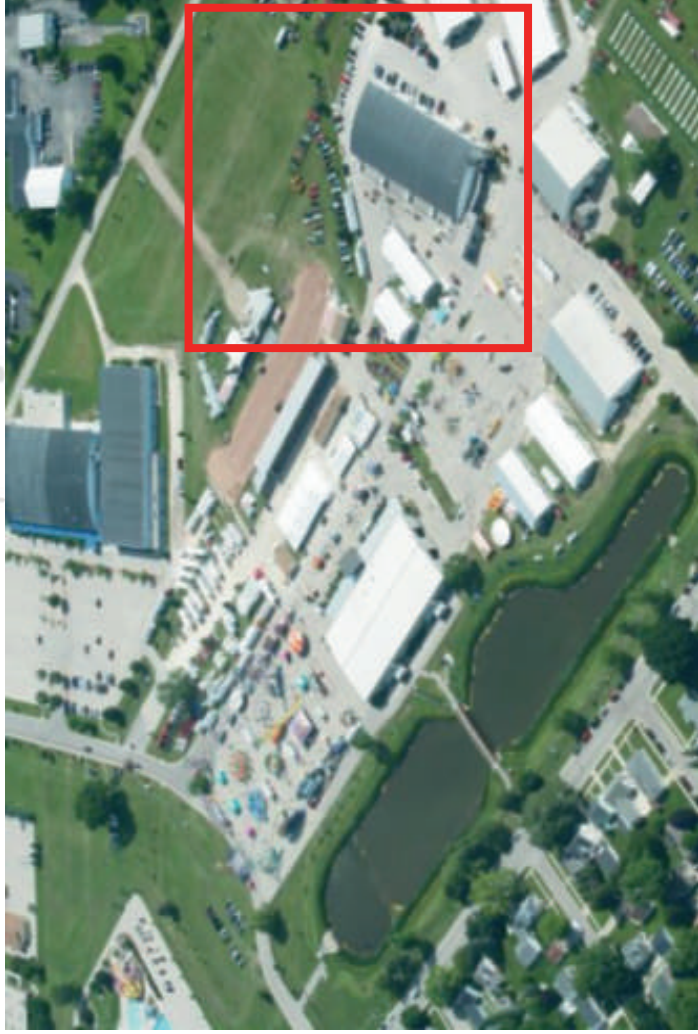
Camp & Dance  
Til The Cows  
Come Home

*66th NSDCA International  
Square Dance Camporee*

**FOND DU LAC FAIRGROUNDS, WI  
June 2024**



# Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin



## Arial View

Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds  
520 Fond du Lac Avenue

Our fairgrounds camping and buildings are located within the red box area.

Details and directions in the next Times issue.

All sites have  
20, 30, 50 Amp  
electric & water

Full hookups are limited.

**Register EARLY**



*Let's Get  
"Mac" wing!*

*Get Registered Get Your T Shirt & Get Going!*

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## John & Dolly Ide



**B**y the time you receive this in the beginning of March, many of you will be looking forward to crocuses, daffodils, tulips and other spring flowers to start poking through the cold ground ready to meet the sun. Some of you will also be ready to get rid of the winterizing preparations of your campers and prepare for some early camping and dancing while others will simply head back home up north from your southern winter homes. If you happen to live in the south, you'll be able to enjoy the best camping and dancing times of the year before it gets too hot. Wherever you live or camp and dance, do a little daydreaming and think of the fun of square dancing and camping, campfires, food and friends.

As you focus on the fun and friends, please understand that all of that fun and activity requires your participation, to be there and participate in it. Without you, none of us will have a good time. A square requires four couples and a caller, a place to dance and the music equipment. The more of you that participate, the more fun you have. And where is the most fun this year? At the 66<sup>th</sup> International Camporee in Fond du Lac, WI during the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Thanks to Tricia Chartier and her team who stepped in to volunteer their time, we are now ready to make sure that you'll have a great time. The details and registration forms are available on the NSDCA website (as well as this issue's centerfold) waiting for you to complete, print and mail with your check. Be sure to send your registration in as soon as possible so that Tricia's team can complete their planning well "before the cows come home." Be sure to join us for a great time.

Don't forget, the week after the Camporee you can move the relatively short distance to one of the many camping options around Milwaukee for the 73<sup>rd</sup> NSDC. There are several reasonably-priced camping options available in and around Milwaukee, even though the NSDC isn't providing any. We actually had someone decide to cancel their whole trip this summer because they thought that there were no NSDC sites available. That's simply not the case. See the notice pointing you to the various places available around in and Milwaukee on page 35.

Remember that it takes numerous individuals working together, vol-

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## Ruth & “Ozzie” Chuck Osborn



**W**e pray everyone has had a blessed beginning to the NEW YEAR! As a reminder, if your Chapter has not yet sent in your membership renewals, please do so ASAP. Please be sure to use the updated renewal forms (available on the NSDCA website under the menu item ‘FORMS & FAQ’) with the updated address. If your Chapter needs any assistance, please ask. We are also missing several Member-at-Large renewals.

As the New Year continues and Chapters’ annual meetings have concluded, we would like to remind everyone of the need to complete and forward your “Election of Officers” form, *even if the officers are the same*. This form is important to keep the Board and Staff informed of who to contact at each Chapter as circumstances may arise. **It is also very important for all Area/State Representatives to check their contact information as listed in each issue of the *TIMES***, as we have found a few cases where the information needed updating. As some of you may recall, we have had to text you due to outdated email information. It is a team effort to make sure we can all communicate, efficiently, as a membership-driven organization.

The 66<sup>th</sup> International Camporee in Fond du Lac, WI is well on its way. If you have not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible so they can get an accurate count of those attending. Make sure you order a T-shirt or two and indicate which activities you plan to participate in. If you are camping at an alternate site, you still need to complete your Camporee Registration so they can plan accordingly. The Committee Chair has also secured the names and addresses of more reasonably priced campgrounds for those planning on camping to attend 73<sup>rd</sup> Nationals, which is listed on page 35 of this issue.

In an attempt to get back ahead of the ball, the Board is discussing the 67<sup>th</sup> (2025) and 68<sup>th</sup> (2026) Camporee locations and dates, but we need Camporee Chairs for both years. If you are interested in serving as a Camporee Chair, please contact a Board Member. We served as the 65<sup>th</sup> Camporee Chairs and would be happy to discuss any questions.

As the 66<sup>th</sup> Camporee nears, so does the end of our term as the National Vice Presidents, and we will not be running for a second term. We have enjoyed serving in this position and working with the Board

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## Tricia & Neal Chartier



**J**ust a friendly reminder that the NSDCA has a new mailing address. We are only getting a few mailing going to the old address, thank goodness. Be careful if you are using old printed forms as they will have an incorrect mailing address. The updated forms on the NSDCA website are correct: NSDCA, P.O. Box 241, Butler, WI 53007-9998.

I have to tell you that working with the Board has been so rewarding!!! The relationships that we have built are amazing!!! That's the personal benefit that's truly a bonus. I can call anyone on the Board or Staff and they are thrilled to hear my voice and so willing to help anyway they can.

Their hearts are in the right place as they only want to see the NSDCA organization flourish. Make sure you are taking the *TIMES*, flyers for upcoming camping weekends and the Camporee flyers to dances, as it's so important to spread the word. If you are on Facebook, join other NSDCA Chapters; when you see a post, share it with your friends—maybe it will generate some interest. We just want to have more friends to dance with!! See you in a square or a campfire.

*Tricia & Neal*

### ***66<sup>th</sup> Camporee update from the MooLady!!***

We are Moooving right along!! We sure hoping you will put us in your busy summer schedule we are going to have a **BLAST!!!**



I'm treating this like a big camping weekend. We are going to have a potluck dinner every night!!! So fire up those slow cookers!!! Bring whatever you want, and please bring your own plates and silverware as it will save us money. I'm on a very tight budget!!!!

Yes, we are going to have bonfires every night. On one of the treat nights instead of providing a treat, we are going to have a s'mores bar. So bring your favorite fixings to share!! I think this will be so much fun. Dolly has some great ideas. As I can't do wheat (I have gluten issues) I make gluten free brownies. I cut the brownies in half and put a roasted marshmallow inside it's so yummy!!!

Neal and I will be at the Fairgrounds sometime on Saturday; I want to make sure someone is there to welcome you to the Camporee. There is a

*("66<sup>th</sup> Camporee Chair" continued on page 10)*



## Susan & Don Wolford



**S**o glad to see each and every Chapter renewal that has been sent in. If you haven't sent in the renewals for your Chapter, please send it in now.

Each time your Chapter changes or elects new officers, don't forget to send in the 'Elected Officers of Chapter' form found on the nsdca.org website under the tab "Forms & FAQ" and click on "Forms". Some Chapters have State Federation organizations where they send the names of their officers but, please, also mail it to the NSDCA Office, Butler, Wisconsin address which is on the form.

Have you sent in your registration for the Camporee in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin? The hosts are planning a fun time for us. It helps the hosting committee to get the registrations early so that they can know how many to plan for.

We danced with our Chapter, Strawberry Travelers, in December and had a fun time with our Christmas Santa Gift Exchange. A potluck was included, of course! We're looking forward to our February Chapter campout.

We attended the Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention in January. The attendance was around 350. It was a nice venue in Deltona, Florida and everything was under one roof. Same place for next January 17 & 18, 2025.

Hope to see you in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in June.

*Don & Susan*

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members and so many members of NSDCA. We are hoping someone will do as we did and step up to fill this position so the Board may continue to serve our membership. Anyone interested in running needs to contact a Board member to start the process, ASAP. Any member of the Board would be happy to discuss any concerns you may have about serving in this position.

In closing, we wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy 2024. We look forward to seeing you across the square and/or campfire. Yellow Rocks.

*Ruth and Chuck "Ozzie" Osborn (VP2NSDCA@gmail.com)*



## Kathy Nickel Membership Secretary



**H**i. Spring is finally coming, and I am really starting to look forward to camping again. Our winter gets a little long, especially when we cannot go camping and dancing. We have a lot of our campouts booked for this summer and now we are just waiting for the weather to participate.

Last Fall in my article I challenged all Chapters to submit their renewals by the end of December. We didn't quite meet that goal, and I am still waiting on a couple of outstanding Chapter Renewals. Thanks to all of you that have sent in your renewals. If you have not, please send in your renewals as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need help with any of the forms, please feel free to contact me via email at [kathynickelnsdca@gmail.com](mailto:kathynickelnsdca@gmail.com).

I am also looking forward to the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee that we (Wisconsin) will be sponsoring this summer. Wisconsin is known as the Dairy State and June is the Dairy Month, so our theme is "Camp & Dance 'Til The Cows Come Home." It will be nice to meet all of you in person. We are planning a great week of camping and activities for you, so be sure to sign up early. Register using our website ([nsdca.org](http://nsdca.org)) under 'Camping/Dancing' then 'Camporee' menu items (note: this form must still be printed and mailed). See the 2024 Camporee Flyer elsewhere in this issue. Also, please remember that Wisconsin is hosting the 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention. You can stay after the International Camporee and attend the National Convention. It has been a long time since Wisconsin hosted both the Camporee and National Convention, so we are really excited for this opportunity. The General Chairman of the 73<sup>rd</sup> National Convention, Scott and Brenda Deal, are members of our NSDCA Chapter 031, Badger Rovers. The 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention will be held in Milwaukee, "A great convention, in a great city, on a Great Lake." Wisconsin is a great place to visit and there is a lot to see. Visit their website at [73nsdc.com](http://73nsdc.com). Be sure to make plans to attend our 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee and then the 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention. I look forward to seeing all of you around the square this summer.

Happy Camping and Dancing!

*Kathy Nickel*



# State & Area Representatives' Reports

## Michigan State Representative

Hello from Michigan! There isn't much news to share as it is cold, snowy and can't decide if it needs to rain or snow. No matter what the weather, it is not camping weather here. The square dance camping clubs in Michigan would like to think Spring is right around the corner, but we all know there is still a few months before getting the campers out and heading to the campground for fellowship, eating and dancing.

Chapter #121 is patiently waiting for the camping season to begin in May. During the Winter season, plans are being compiled for the monthly campouts and the Michigan State Camporee. The Michigan State Camporee will be held July 18—20, 2024, in Otisville, Michigan. The Camporee will feature square dancing workshops, round dancing workshops, nightly square and round dances, sports, crafts and potluck meals. A good time will be had by everyone attending. The registration form is included in this issue of the *TIMES* (see page 46). If you would like a registration form emailed to you, email me and I will gladly provide it.

Here is a list of Chapter #121, Northwood Stompers' 2024 camping dates, with callers/cuer Jim Davis and Bill Chase: May 17–19; June 14–16; August 23–25; and September 20–22. All of our monthly campouts are held at Hidden Hills Family Campgrounds in Harrison, Michigan. Our State Convention is held July 18–20 at Covenant Hills in Otisville, Michigan. Our group also travels to Blythe, Ontario, Canada in August for their big event. Any interest or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Hope everyone is having a great winter and enjoying yourself wherever you are spending you time.

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

## Illinois State Representative

It's a bit difficult to find something to say in January when you're supposed to be thinking March. However, since you're reading this in the spring I can guess you're thinking about the upcoming camping season. I know those in Illinois are certainly looking forward to the bright warmer days of the first full season of the year. The snowbirds are getting ready to return to Illinois and those who stay at home are getting anxious to get the RV out on the road again.

Of course, everyone is looking forward to seeing the friends they haven't seen since last fall. Besides our local friends, we're all looking forward to seeing statewide friends at the Illinois State Camporee at Parke County 4H Fairgrounds in Rockville, IN (the site of the 2022 NSDCA International Camporee) May 31-June 2. Remember everyone

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## NSDCA Publicity Director

Kitty and I are in semi-sunny Texas for a few months. Square dancing in Texas is getting bigger—if you can think of things getting bigger in Texas. We stopped at Lake Hawkins Campground and enjoyed the beautiful scenery, and went to the New Years Eve Dance with Tim Tyl at the Mineola Rainers dance; 8 p.m. 'til midnight, a snack of black-eyed peas, wieners and kraut, then a Glow Ring dance with the lights out. What a great time!

The Rainers have a square dance class for one hour before all their regular dances, this year they have two squares of new dancers. We heard from Canyon Lake that Wayne Weston has a class of two squares also.

The beginners' class at our campground started in January and we had two squares, the difference is that ALL of our new dancers already own RVs of some type. Down in the Rio Grande valley, Ron Betzelberger has a class with two squares of new people.

I asked them how they are drawing people to the dance classes; they said to have a great flyer with pictures of people dancing and smiling, and talk to everyone about 'giving it a try.' I know, everyone square danced in grade school PE, but explain that it has been revised since they were in grade school. Get the classes on the calendar where ever you are. Have your current square dancers ask others to come watch one time, the caller will get them into an easy square and maybe set the hook.

I know that I harp about *wheresthedance.com* all the time, but here's what happened. I put all the schedules for the square dance classes, both in Port Aransas and the Rio Grande Valley, into the database. The next thing you know, I get a telephone call from some unknown number that left a message. When I checked the message, it was from a square dance couple that are crossing the southern edge of the USA and they are using *wheresthedance.com* to find places to dance. He wanted to know if our schedule was correct. I had a nice chat with him and am looking forward to dancing with them soon.

Is you club listed on *wheresthedance.com*? It's easy to do, and we all need more dancers.

Get the word out, square dancing isn't dead and it is great fun.

*Bill & Kitty Baker, grandebill@grics.net*

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(“66<sup>th</sup> Camporee Chair” continued from page 6)

water park close by; if you are adventurous you could probably walk over there. There is also an amazing park in Fond du Lac. Mike and Michelle Seuer (Mike is a caller and cuer) who live five minutes away from the Fairgrounds told me all about this park. It has a train and a carousel; I am so looking forward to checking that out.

I am looking for Chapters to host the coffee hour 8-9 a.m. Tuesday,

(“66<sup>th</sup> Camporee Chair” continued on page 11)

(“66<sup>th</sup> Camporee Chair” continued from page 10)

Wednesday and Friday. I am not a coffee drinker nor an early riser, so I need some help! Neal would be right there making coffee, but unfortunately he has to work (!) but will join us afterwards.

We are having games and crafts every day. Harriet Roberts has designed the cutest Cow Camper T-shirt and her son is printing them for us (see the flyer on the page 34). On Wednesday we are going to ruffle the T-shirts and cut the sleeves like we did last year at the Camporee in Lebanon, TN. Ruth Osborn showed us how to crochet the sleeves, so if you can sew and would like to bring your sewing machine, that would be wonderful. If you are not purchasing the special cow T-shirt and would like to jazz up a shirt, just bring a short sleeve T-shirt. Since Ruth showed us how to do this I am crocheting all of my T-shirts; nothing is safe in my closet!

On Thursday the NSDCA provides lunch; I am told that’s so everyone will attend the annual meeting! I told John that as we are in Wisconsin we are NOT doing a pizza lunch. We are having a Brat-Fest!!! We love our brats! We have a few companies that make them here. I am originally from Michigan; I had no idea what a brat was. I didn’t know what a bubbler was either. That’s what a Wisconsinite calls a drinking fountain. If you get a chance you might want to go to one of our many cheese shops. You might want to get some cheese curds; if they are really fresh they squeak.

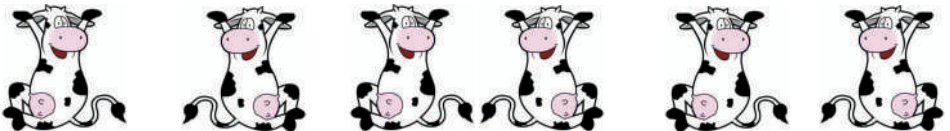
I am still looking for someone to do the *Snooper News*. I did it last year, but it’s just too much for me to take on with being the chairperson. I am collecting everyone’s email address so I will be able to forward the *Snooper News* to all.

If you would like to know how to crochet with plastic bags we could do that. You would need to know how to crochet; bring light to medium weight plastic bags, scissor to cut the bags and a ‘k hook.’ I will be glad to show you.

On Friday as you are leaving, don’t forget you may want to get a Fish Fry for lunch or dinner. Wisconsin is famous for them. Not to worry, they usually have baked fish as an option (I can’t do fried any more so that makes me so happy).

If you are staying for the National convention in Milwaukee and are planning to camp, Dolly has prepared a flyer (see page 35). Let me know where you are staying, that way I will have a list so you will know where other dancers are.

*Tricia & Neal Chartier (66thNSDCACamporee@gmail.com)*

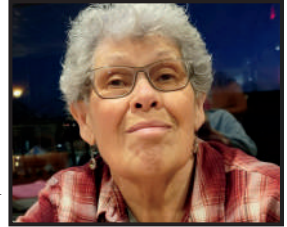




### 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; New Jersey

It's the end of January in New Jersey, and the few inches of snow we had on the 19<sup>th</sup> are gone with the temperatures in the upper 40s. We hope Spring is around the corner when the flowers will be blooming, and the birds will be chirping.

We acquired two new members and a family in Chapter #001 with anticipation of campfires, square-dancing, good food and fellowship. Welcome Maureen, Tammy and the Ditlows.



We are very saddened by the news that one of our members, Mary Schnuck, passed away on January 6<sup>th</sup>. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her; she was such a kind, gentle spirit, and had a special love for all the animals, especially our dogs. She is now with the angels that she loved so much.

We look forward to our next camping season starting in early May with the Square-up Campers #106. See our schedule on our website ([www.gssdca.wix.com/gssdca](http://www.gssdca.wix.com/gssdca)) or the NSDCA website and in this issue of the *TIMES*.

We would really love it if other clubs could join us at our campouts. Our website 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!

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

### 002 Pine Tree; Wisconsin

There is still snow on the ground, but we're already thinking of how much fun we will have camping this year. We are looking forward to hosting the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA Camporee this June in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. We are hoping everyone will join us. After the Camporee you will be herded to Milwaukee for the National Square Dance Convention.



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

### 014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

This year winter didn't come to the Midwest until January, and then our particular area received about 11 inches of snow in about 3 days. Woohoo! But it is the Midwest! Needless to say, we are anticipating the camping season with spirited enthusiasm. Our first meeting of the year will be on May 1 at the Pizza Ranch in Roscoe, IL at 5:30 p.m. Crosstrailers have some fun campouts coming for the summer months; please check out the listings and know that you are welcome in our square and around the fire.



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

### 031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin



Here is our winter meeting held at our home on Saturday, January 26. Our camping starts up in May!

Sharon Schmidt and David Lust; 608-289-7582

### 044 Illiana Square Wheelers; Illinois/Indiana

Hello from Illinois/Indiana Chapter 044. Our membership numbers may be going down, but we're still hanging in there. As I've said before we only meet socially, but usually manage to do that a couple times year even though we're now located many miles apart. One



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# Chats .....

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of the great things about NSDCA is meeting a lot of people and make many super LIFELONG friends. Personally, I’ve just realized we’ve had 50 years of making friends from all over the United States and Canada. But I also know we don’t hold the record for being the longest member.

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

## **045 Penn Dixie Square Campers; Pennsylvania**

Well, it is the middle of winter here in Pennsylvania, but you wouldn’t know it. The temperature was in the low 70s the other day and I was outside in a T-shirt. Some of our members headed for warmer climes after Christmas. I was in Florida for a short time recently and the temperature wasn’t a whole lot warmer. We held our Christmas dinner at noon on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. It was well attended and a good time was had by all. We held it at noon to avoid us old folks from having to drive home in the dark afterwards. We used to have it in the evening, but the older we get the less we like driving the back roads of Pennsylvania in the dark. The meal, prepared by the ladies of the Memorial Lutheran Church in Shippenburg, PA was delicious. We all brought gifts; an interesting and entertaining game was played to determine who went home with which gift. We are looking forward to the 2024 camping season and hope that some of you will join us on the dance floor this summer.

Jim Mongiovi; jmongiovi@pa.net

## **116 Camping Squares; Kansas**

We’ve been having a good winter with a winter party in November and our Christmas party in December with a fun stocking exchange! A great time was had by all! Our January has not been so pleasant with extreme cold and snow, so our party was cancelled. We are planning on having another one on February 5<sup>th</sup> and hopefully the better weather we are having now will still be around. Our March party on the 15<sup>th</sup> will be a little different as we are going to Yoder Farms to enjoy a family style Amish meal. It should be fun.



Our first dance of the season is our annual Hobo Stew Dance and campout at Lake Afton, Goddard, KS April 25-28 with the dance on Friday evening from 6-8:30 p.m. There will be a mid-week campout May 14-16 at Cheney State Lake, then our Kansas State Square Dance Convention starts Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup> with camping Thursday till Sunday.

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, please contact Marty and Frank Golden at [fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net) or 316-943-4137.

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

### 119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year. Here we are in the midst of the winter season. We had a very, very cold spell for a long time at the first of the year; I didn't even want to stick my nose out the door. Thank goodness, we are having seasonal weather now. We sure could use a lot more moisture, which is normal for us.



At our Christmas party in December we had a wonderful surprise: Keith and Myrna, long, long time members, attended this event for the first time in many years. They sold their winter residence in Arizona and are spending the winter in Cheyenne. It was so good to have them with us. Now we are losing other members for the winter: Marv and Rhonda are giving Arizona a try! Wish we could all join them.

As you read this, we will have had our annual meeting to finalize the calendar for 2024. The best part of the meeting is the potluck. Looking forward to the great food and of course catching up with our friends and their lives. Time flies way too fast and you can lose connections when you are not seeing each other over the winter.

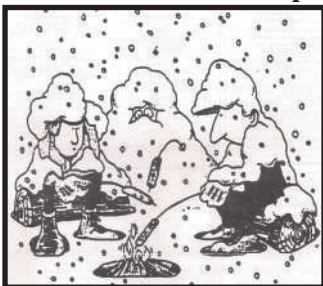
Praying that you all have a very good winter and that you will join us at one of our campouts this summer. The first one is over Memorial Day weekend in Laramie, Wyoming. You are always welcome!



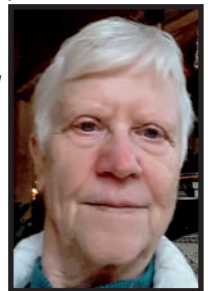
Our Chapter contact is Leo or Diana Fergel (→); they may be reached at 307-635-7312 or [lfergel@bresnan.net](mailto:lfergel@bresnan.net).

Nell Coffey; 303-823-6096

### 121 Northwood Stompers; Michigan



This picture (←) from the March 1995 NSDCA *TIMES* cover reminds Northwoods Stompers' members that spring with camping and dancing is coming soon. Hope to see you in Harrison, Michigan May 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



The photo on the following page shows Elaine Demand, Shirley Claar, Cheryl Davis, Marty Kimble and Frank Ardelean

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# Chats .....

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enjoying some socializing and dancing in Harrison, Michigan in 2023.

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

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

Throughout 2023, our square dance group didn’t have a caller or even enough available square dancers to make a square. Instead, we found campgrounds near NSDA dances. Except for Memorial weekend, we were either near Keystone in Lincoln, Illinois, Whirl-A-Ways in Carlock, Illinois or B ‘N’ B in Pekin, Illinois where I know they all enjoyed adding us to their dances. During these times, we enjoyed dancing to Ron Betzelberger and Curt Braffet with Bill Baker and Don Seaman being the callers for Memorial weekend. Along with that, many are not able to host a campout, so at some of our campouts different people had volunteered for various activities or we just mainly did “whatever.” Since I am a scheduled-type person, I had a hard time with “whatever,” but I survived! Now everyone has either gone to Texas or Arizona or decided to stay home for the winter. Many are still visiting and enjoying fellowship with some of our camping group during our off time. In fact, our Texas 123 group is going to Willie’s in Alamo in January where they will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, and game playing. The Arizona 123 group is entertaining us with all the things to see and places to eat, as this is our first winter in Yuma, AZ.



Our 2024 campouts start the last week in April and continue until the

second week in October, when we will have a special “trip” campout scheduled; we will tour parts of Route 66 for a few days, camping at different campgrounds along the way. But our May and June events will be chocked full as we have the Swing N Traveler’s campout Memorial weekend, the Illinois State NSDCA Camporee on May 31-June 2, and then June 18-20 is our International NSDCA Camporee, so it will be a busy time for us campers. You are invited to attend any of our campouts. Just let Bill Baker at grandebill@grics.net know.

Janet Bowman; cabjcb2@gmail.com

## 128 Square Wheels; Florida

December is always one of our most attended camping weekends and this year was no exception. The Springs RV resort in Silver Springs, FL always welcomes us with open arms. The weekend weather was pleasantly warm and the area has enough activities to keep us entertained.

Friday night began with our brown bag dinner; great company and as always if you arrive on-time you are actually late and have to look hard for a table to join. Bill Chesnut led the calling and included one of my favorites, *Stretchy Pants*. The round dancers looked romantic spinning around the floor to beautiful songs like *The Stars in the Sky* under Ann Hadsell’s expert cueing. Susan Snider also cued for a couple of sets. Following the dance those of us with the energy joined Ron and Allan out by the campfire; it was huge and beautiful; thanks guys!

Saturday began with an excellent breakfast provided by the campground; for \$5 we got a complete custom meal instead of the small cups of coffee we would pay for on the outside. It was a treat! Shortly after breakfast Mary, Pat, Tim, Angela, Dee and many others decorated the hall for the evening. Mary bought a collection of women’s socks up for grabs; I know Dee and I took advantage. We had a small group for playing games, and it was Martha’s day for winning, not only in Rummy Kub but also in the 50-50 drawing that evening! Area activities included free admission to the Appleton Museum with their Dickens Christmas village and other wonderful displays, also the Market at Marion and thrift store shopping.

By 5 p.m. we were back at the dinner table where Ron and Linda cooked a delicious ham and the rest of us provided side dishes for a stellar meal. Bob and Barbara shared that this would be their main holiday meal; I think I have at least three more coming up and it will be no surprise that one of us will gain more weight than the other. Desserts were abundant: Debbie’s lemonade cake was my favorite (only because I do not eat chocolate), but after I got home I also got to eat some of Dee’s cheesecake with cherries. Yum! Carolyn’s spiced pecans with honey were a treat. I am not sure of the creators of all the other offerings, but as always, we were royally served. Dancing was so enjoyable, we were

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joined in dinner and dancing by Marilyn and Paul, as well as Gail and Gary, who did not camp with us but joined in the festivities. We were surprised at the end of dancing by a drawing for Christmas treats provided by Mary. Thanks a lot!

The traditional gift exchange got off to a polite (meaning slow) start with wine and other gifts, but soon the action picked up! Nancy, Carol and Lolly were the persons that got to choose many gifts after their original gifts were ‘appropriated’ by others. I can’t remember who first got the multi-colored screwdrivers but they were stolen quickly. Lolly finally retrieved her original snuggly blanket gift. I stole Carol’s holiday soap set, that being the second ‘steal’ so I got to keep it. Everyone pitched in to quickly put the room back in order, and it was a late night to bed.

Have safe travels, stay healthy, and we look forward to our next event. God bless.

Laura Ramsey, Secretary; [ramseydp@comcast.net](mailto:ramseydp@comcast.net)

## **152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama**

Our chapter held its final campout for 2023 in November at Roaring Pines RV Resort in Somerville, AL. We danced with the 8ers from Decatur on Friday night, and on Saturday we were entertained by dancing to Wayne Mahathey. Wayne is wrapping up his 40+ year career as a caller, and he truly will be missed. The chapter also held its annual business meeting, and the following officers were elected for 2023: President – Jan and John Bloodworth; Vice President – Kevin Cozad; Secretary – Hank Sweetman; and Treasurer – George Herndon.

The campout schedule for 2024 is coming together, and you will find the details in the Chapter Campouts section of the NSDCA *TIMES* as well as the NSDCA website.

We are going to try something new for our July campout. It has been scheduled for July 28-31 at Cove Creek RV Resort in Sevierville, TN, which is a short distance from Gatlinburg, TN where the Tennessee State Convention will be held on August 1-3. This is a great opportunity to dance with Chapter 152 and to dance with an outstanding roster of callers and cuers at the state convention. Last year the Tennessee State Convention attracted over 1250 dancers.

Come dance with us at one of our upcoming campouts this year.

Hank Sweetman 615-406-6917 [hanksweetman@gmail.com](mailto:hanksweetman@gmail.com)

## **153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**

The Strawberry Travelers wrapped up year 2023 by camping together at a new (for us) venue at the Lakeland Airport, Sun ’n Fun Raiders



Campground. Though we were not directly by the runway (which was actually good thing), from our campsites we were still able to view several planes of many different sizes both taking off and landing. Those Amazon planes are really big!

Friday was arrival day. We began setting up the club canopy tent where we gather to meet and greet one another, snack, and talk-talk-talk. Two new couples, who had recently joined Strawberry Travelers, came to camp and dance with us for their first time. One of the couples even brought a guest with them. It is such a pleasure to have new people come to join us! We welcome you – Yellow Rock!

There was some sad news that was shared upon our arrival Friday while visiting under the tent: Wallace “Pops” Holbrook passed away on December 6, 2023. He was 92. In this past Winter’s NSDCA *TIMES* we reported on Sally Meyers recent passing. Pops and Sally were partners in life as well as in dancing. They were both former members of Strawberry Travelers. They will remain in our memories and our thoughts are with their families.

There was a car show at the Sun ’n Fun campground on Saturday. We had a parade of cars coming right by our club tent. It was interesting to see until we were ready to start our meeting – with all the revving up of engines and the loud music blaring from car speakers, we had to move to another area in the campground in order to hear ourselves. As a club, we are having to review, revise, and update our bylaws and our budget in order to get caught up and on track with our current times. Kudos to our club officers for all the work you are doing!

Bob and Laura Boucher were our club hosts for the weekend. They decorated the hall for the Saturday evening dinner and dance to make it so Christmas-y and beautiful. For dinner, the club supplied the turkey and gravy, and each member brought sides to finish out the delicious (and filling) meal. Afterward we danced Squares, Rounds, and Lines to some of our favorite songs as well as some fun and festive Christmas tunes. To end the night, we put our chairs in a circle in order to proceed with our “Dirty Santa” gift game. This year there was much more wheeling, dealing, and stealing of one another’s gifts, with loads of laughter and good-hearted fun.

Moving into 2024, Strawberry Travelers has voted to change our camping schedule to the FIRST FULL WEEKEND of February, April, and December; a full weekend meaning the first weekend with a Friday in it. October will be different in order to coordinate with the FANSDC State Camporee dates. Future campouts for Strawberry Travelers are: February 2-4, 2024 at Red Oaks RV in Bushnell, FL; April 5-7, 2024 at Strawberry Square in Plant City, FL; October 27-29, 2024 at Southern Palms in Bushnell, FL; and December 6-8, 2024 is still pending. Check

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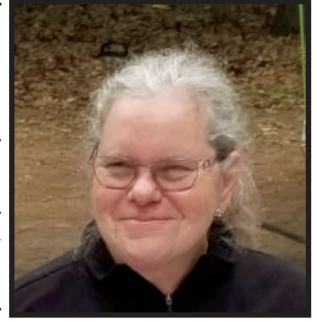
us out on FANSDC.net or NSDCA.org website.

Trucy Rogers; [trucyrogers@gmail.com](mailto:trucyrogers@gmail.com)

## **C175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada**

I am writing this note two days after a major snowfall and on the coldest day of our winter so far this season. The Riverside Gypsy Squares have followed nature's example and are hibernating until Spring. (We will be getting together for a social afternoon in February though.)

We are looking forward to a Spring and Summer of camping and dancing. We meet monthly from Friday to Sunday at the Beverley Lake Campground in Delta, Ontario, Canada. Our



dates for 2024 are May 10-12, June 21-23, July 19-21, August 16-18 and September 20-22. You are welcome to come camp and dance with us.

Each month a different group of dancers organizes the events for the weekend. In May we will be having a welcome brunch for an hour or two on the Saturday morning. This gives us the opportunity for the dancers to visit and catch up with their winter adventures. Our dancers come from communities that are spread a great distance from one end of the area to the other so we may not see some people when we are not at our camping weekends. In the Friday and Saturday nights we get together at a central spot and have a campfire; please view the two pictures from last May's campfire on a slightly chilly evening.

Spring will return soon and then we can meet up and dance out in the fresh air again.

Happy New Year to all from the Riverside Gypsy Squares.

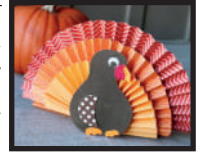
Mary Anne Reinhard; 613 838 5781; mareinhard1@outlook.com

### 193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

It's March! That means spring is near and happily the winter weather is almost gone for the year. Of course, if you are in the Sunshine state, winter is already history, and we are enjoying the warm and sometimes hot spring days again. This month I want to share with you what a great a time everyone had at our October Florida State Camporee. Our theme was "Home of the Free Because of the Brave" and what a joy it was to celebrate our wonderful country and the men and women who kept and are keeping us safe. If you have not attended one of our Florida state events, you really need to work that into your schedule. This coming October (2024) our Florida State Camporee theme will be going "Back to the Future." What a great theme!



In November our club enjoyed a great turkey dinner – and though we were small in number, we were not small in fun – thanks to Chuck Ryall and John Sweeney (our great cuer & caller). We not only ate turkey, we all crafted these cute little paper turkeys (→) to decorate our tables.



Our Christmas campout was held at Wekiva Falls Resort and found us missing our regular caller, John Sweeney. So, we welcomed guest caller Rod Barngrover for part of the week and as I remember, we were totally outnumbered by beginners. That was no problem for Rod. He did an excellent job calling squares that kept all of us dancing and having a wonderful time. Saturday evening, we had no caller, but our great cuer Chuck Ryall came to the rescue. He did double duty and kept us all dancing and having fun. One of our December highlights was the short drive to Mount Dora for a walk through that small Florida town into their wonderland of Christmas lights. I just wish I could put more pictures in this space of all their beautiful Christmas light displays, however the black and white photos would never do it justice. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season.



Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring was our January destina-

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tion. It is a favorite for everyone. We had three squares dancing every tip on Friday night (even though the air conditioning left us all a little too warm). Since we always dance in the afternoons when at the state park, we get to enjoy great campfires in the evenings. This time it was a bit chilly, but not too cold to enjoy. We just bundled up like member Winnie House did, snuggling with her three little chihuahuas (→). Our craft was wild birdseed cakes and ice cream cones; lots of fun and easy to make, but we should really call them squirrel cakes and cones as we made a lot of squirrels incredibly happy during that weekend!



February is always hearts and chocolate, and that’s just what we have planned along with great dancing and fellowship. I have a cute little Valentine Gnome craft planned for the group to put together. Lastly since you are reading this in March, we are back at our favorite state park in Sebring, FL (7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>) so if you are nearby come camp and dance with us. We are having spaghetti and meatballs because March 8 is “National Meatball Day”. Hey, did you know that?

If you’re in Florida anytime, be sure to check online for our schedule. Please consider spending your weekend with us. Our schedule is always on the NSDCA.org website and our site link below.

Enjoy your spring and as always... “We hope to see you all in a square somewhere!”

Please check out our Campout Listings at [www.nsdca.org](http://www.nsdca.org) or our 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**

Our group is enjoying our “off season” scattered in many directions. Some of us have gone to Florida, Texas or other areas where warm weather abounds to do our square dancing during these winter months. We are, however, still working on plans for the upcoming Illinois State Camporee to be held May 31, June 1-2, 2024 at the Parke County 4-H Fairgrounds in Rockville, Indiana. Parke County is a fun place to visit at any time of the year with many covered bridges, unique small towns, and lots of picturesque countryside. It’s a great area for those that like to look for antique/unusual items. We will be having the usual dancing, games, crafts, good food and ever popular social campfires. Door prizes and raffles will also be involved. There is a registration form available in this issue on page 24. Sign up soon!



We have also posted our camping season locations and times in this issue and on the NSDCA website. We will be going back to Shipshewana in May and to Rockville in the fall and are adding some new places to our list. Some of us will be attending the National Camporee in Wisconsin also. Check out our dates and join us when you can. There is always room for more when we gather!



This square attended the Indiana State Convention to end our year's camping activities.

I would like to close this issue with a poem I read recently that I thought fits us, called the Camper's Prayer: For the land that we travel, and the stars high above. For the campfires so bright and for those we love. We thank you, O Lord, for the world we explore. Please keep us and guide us, through this land we adore. Amen

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

## 198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

Hoping everyone has had a great winter. Several of us have traveled to warmer climates and are working our way back homeward.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Fond du Lac, WI at the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA Camporee, the week before Nationals. It sounds like a great time is being planned.

Look forward to seeing you across the Square and Campfire.

Ruth Osborn; CrossfireCampers198@gmail.com; 518-859-0734



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

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

[Reference NSDCA By-Laws as amended June 2018 Article II]

## Pop-Tab Reminder

Members voted at the 2023 General Meeting to discontinue saving the pull-tabs as we have done in the past; cash contributions will be accepted for donation to the Shriners' Childrens Hospital in lieu of the pop-tabs.



# 2024 Illinois State NSDCA Camporee



Games & Crafts

Antique Shops

## May 31, June 1-2, 2024

Sponsored by Chapter 196

Wabash Valley Wheel Arouns

Rockville – Parke County 4-H Fairgrounds

1472 N. US 41

Rockville, Indiana 47872

\*Eastern Time Zone\*

**Camporee** – one unit w/electric  
(water fill available)

Fri & Sat \$90.00 for 30 amp  
or \$110.00 for 50 amp

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Arriving on Thursday, May 30**

additional \$30.00 for 30 amp  
or \$40.00 for 50 amp

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening meal served for nominal charge

Saturday Evening Potluck – All Campers Welcome

Sunday Morning Breakfast – Free Will Donation

Send Registration to Kerry Richmond, 3835 Lakeside Dr, Columbus, IN 47203

Make check payable to Wabash Valley Wheel Arouns, postmarked by May 13, 2024

Registration at camporee additional \$5 per unit

For information contact [danandmarian@hotmail.com](mailto:danandmarian@hotmail.com) or 618-554-3929

Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ 30/50 amps \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Indicated number of people in your unit interested in crafts \_\_\_\_\_

## We need your opinions, please.

Dear NSDCA Members:

It's already March and we have only three months until the "Cows Come Home" in Wisconsin. We hope that you've already registered for this year's Camporee. If not, please do so as soon as possible and join your friends this summer. Many folks are working hard to make it a great event for you to enjoy. For this year's 2024 Camporee, we had no volunteers to host it or a location at which to hold it until a brand new Board Member, Tricia Chartier, took on the challenge. Thanks to her, we will have a Camporee this year in Fond du Lac, WI, close to the NSDC in Milwaukee, WI. Previous years when we tried to hold Camporee's near in time and place close to an NSDC, it seemed that we had very little benefit from the co-location. We will see how this year turns out.

In 2021, the Camporee was held in Rayne, LA immediately after the Jackson, MS NSDC, with poor attendance at our event. People complained that it was too far and too south, that it would be too hot in the middle of the summer.

At this time, we have no takers for organizing the 2025 and 2026 Camporee, so we would appreciate hearing from you.

Here are three questions:

1. Would you prefer being close to the annual NSDC? (Shreveport, LA for 2025 and Waco, TX for 2026)
2. Would you prefer a more eastern/central location for the 2025 and/or 2026 Camporee without regard to where/when the NSDC is held?
3. Since we've had difficulty finding volunteer organizers and locations, would you prefer returning to Pride Resort in Maggie Valley, NC if available for 2025 and/or 2026?

Please send your comments to [johnide2016@outlook.com](mailto:johnide2016@outlook.com) or any Board member listed in the *TIMES* (see page 49). Also let us know if you'd consider volunteering for the next Camporee team or know of a location that you'd like to suggest.

Thank you in advance for your input.

*Dolly and John Ide*, Presidents, NSDCA

### Candidates for the 2024 Board of Directors: Could this be you?

The \_\_\_\_\_ have been members of NSDCA Chapter #\_\_\_\_ since \_\_\_\_\_. They've held (or are currently holding) leadership positions in 'brick & mortar' and camping square dance organizations. They love square dancing and camping and are looking forward to many more years of fun brought to our members by the NSDCA. Please consider them for the open Board position, but as always, you may nominate a preference of your own from the floor at the General Meeting. It's important that you attend.



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unteering their time to provide you with an opportunity for a fun summer. These folks deserve a big thank you but need your help. It’s important that the work gets shared by all if we want to continue the fun times. We’re still looking for a volunteer to join our Board this summer as our current Vice President will have completed their term of office on the Board. This provides an opportunity for someone new to help out. We’re very grateful for the excellent help provided by Ruth and Ozzie Osborn, and they will share with you that the work is not difficult, very rewarding, and a great way to get to know some great people. We also need both a location and a team to host the 2025 67<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee. We’re confident that one of you will step forward and take on the task. Remember, there are many that will help.

The NSDCA has been a dominant presence in the national square dance community for over 60 years, supplementing square dancing with the fun and fellowship of camping. We understand that our membership is declining due to age attrition, but it only takes a few to provide an opportunity for many (that includes you) to have a great time. Won’t you consider volunteering a little of your time? Just contact any one of the NSDCA Board members and ask them how you might be able to help. Your participation will be very much appreciated by all of our members.

Looking forward to working with you and dancing with you in a square this year.

*Dolly & John*

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is invited to attend. Many of you could make that a stop on your way to Wisconsin for the NSDCA International Camporee in Fond du Lac while on your way to Milwaukee for the National Square Dance Convention. Lots of camping and dancing is available for your enjoyment.

Wishing you loads of pleasure this summer. Travel safe.

*Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders, RSRN4@aol.com 708-650-6122*

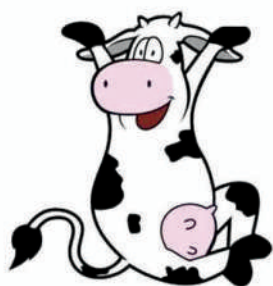
### Florida State Representative

We went with #193 (Florida Roadrunners) to Wekiva Falls in early December. About 12 of us went to Mt. Dora to see the Christmas lights. We ate dinner at a local Mexican restaurant, getting back to the campsite about 10 p.m.

Friday night’s caller came from Anthony, FL: Rod Barngrover. We had no caller on Saturday. A lot of the campground seasonal residents came to watch; one even joined in - a newbie, who we helped along. The

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# 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee



## Hooray...We Got It!

## June 18 - 20, 2024

Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

## Now it's your turn "Register Today"

### Neal & Tricia Chartier

2024 Camporee Chairmen

Here's a few things to do in the Fond du Lac area:

- ♦ **Golf** at the beautiful **Rolling Hills Golf course**
- ♦ **Fondy Aqua Park** (a short walk from the fairgrounds)
- ♦ **Kelley Country Creamery Homemade ice cream...now who doesn't like ice cream?**
- ♦ **Faris Gourmet Popcorn & Treats**
- ♦ **Lots of Fish Frys and Great Restaurants**
- ♦ **Lake Winnebago** (Fond du Lac is French for "bottom of the lake", given so because of it's location at the southern shore )
- ♦ **Lakeside Park** (Lighthouse, Carousel, Mini Train plus water pedal boats , canoes, etc. rentals)





**CAMP & DANCE 'TIL THE COWS COME HOME**  
**66<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE**  
*Fond du Lac Fairground*  
**520 Fond du Lac Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935**  
*June 18, 19, 20, 2024: Camporee Events*



NSDCA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_  
 NON-Member - (Requires added \$20 Surcharge-See Below)

**Information for PARKING by LOCATION & RV NEEDS**  
**ARRIVAL 06/\_\_\_\_\_/2024 DEPARTURE 06/\_\_\_\_\_/2024**  
 STATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER # \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP   
**ELECTRIC:** All 50 Amps **HONEY WAGON(Add\$)**

**DANCE INTERESTS** (√ Interests)  
**Square Dance**  Mainstream  Plus  A-1/ A-2  MS Workshop  Youth/Teen Program  
**Round Dance**  Phase II  Phase III  Phase IV/ V  Plus WS  SSD Workshop  
**Line Dance**  Lines  Contra  Partner  A WS

Adult Name #1 (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult Name #2 (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPORTS/GAMES** (√ Interests)  
 Corn Hole M  F  Washer Toss M  F   
 Bocce Ball M  F  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
**Craft Interests** M  F  Youth   
**Other** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Are you a Veteran?** \_\_\_\_\_ (Branch) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Include Apt and/or Box number) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province & Zip/ Postal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number (cell phone preferred--include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Caller / Cuer Participation** (√) **(Due by April 1)**  
**Square Dance**  Mainstream  Plus  A-1  A-2  Youth/Teen Dance Program  
**Round Dance**  Phase II  Phase III  Phase IV  Phase V  Other

Email address (Please Print in CAPITAL LETTERS) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Emergency Contact Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

Caller Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Availability (√) M  T  W  Th  F   
 Cuer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Availability (√) M  T  W  Th  F   
 Lines Instructor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Availability (√) 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  Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ M  F

**CAMPOREE T-SHIRTS: \$20 (# of Each):** SM \_\_\_\_\_ MED \_\_\_\_\_ LG \_\_\_\_\_ XLG \_\_\_\_\_ XXLG \_\_\_\_\_ XXXLG \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Shirts available by **Pre-Order ONLY** & must be picked up at Camporee with order deadline of **05/01/2024\***  
**NSDCA Camporee Fees: 3 Days...\$180 2 Days...\$150 1 Day...\$120 (ALL FEES IN US FUNDS ONLY)**  
 Please √ days planning to camp: (Extra Days Campsite Fees @ \$45 per day) **NonCampers**  \$90  
 Sat 15<sup>th</sup>  Sun 16<sup>th</sup>  Mon 17<sup>th</sup>  **Tues 18<sup>th</sup>**  **Wed 19<sup>th</sup>**  **Thur 20<sup>th</sup>**   
 Unit with only one person (check):  Deduct \$45; Extra adults # \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 each; **Non NSDCA**  Add \$20

<b>Registration \$</b> _____	<b>Extra Fees \$</b> _____	<b>Add'l Days \$</b> _____	<b>Total Fees \$</b> _____
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*If you would like your ribbons sent with your 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 **"66th NSDCA Camporee"** to:  
 Tricia Chartier, 4139 N. 96th Street, Wauwatosa WI 53222-1528

For more info, contact Tricia Chartier 414-807-4083 [66thNSDCACamporee@gmail.com](mailto:66thNSDCACamporee@gmail.com)





## and the FUN continues...

There were 28 entries this time (all of which were correct) identifying the location of the lost campers for the Winter issue's contest. Jim & Naomi Mills, of (no surprise again!) Swing 'N' Travelers (#123, IL) was randomly chosen by the computer as the winner of this contest. Congratulations Jim and Naomi; your 2025 NSDCA membership fee will be waived.

I am (once again) pleased to have received several more clever comments with submissions for this contest:

From perennial punster Jim Sebesta (#045 PA): "If the caller's next call is a "Stomp" it shall be an udder disaster for Howie and Bev." Mike Huddleson (#116 KS) offered, "If Howie and Bev aren't careful they may get danced on top of their camper." Martha Schapals (#014 IL) said, "At first, I thought it was a lost shoe of Mama Cow! But with closer look, I found that she better be a careful dancer!" Marie Berridge (#014 IL) wrote, "I am hoping the lost camper sees those cows square dancing on their route! Looks like they are having fun. Hoping they find a place to stay where it is not snowing!" John and Carol Scher (#123 IL) warned, "Getting ready to be stomped on by the dancing lady cow!" while Frank and Marty Golden (#116 KS) said, "I hope the cow girl can square dance on half of leg."

Sally Foley (#014 IL) wrote, "I believe they are dodging the lady moo's hoof as she dancing with her "cow"boy partner." Michael Gelinas (#106 PA) said, "I don't believe Howie & Bev are going to be late for the 2024 Camporee; they are already in Wisconsin dancing' with with the cows. Wintering in Wisconsin would not be my first choice, but I'm sure Howie & Bev will keep warm dancing with the cows until they come home. If Howie & Bev are not careful, their camper may get a "cow wash"!

Barry and Joy Vlad (#123 IL) noticed that "the Dancing Bovine's just missed kicking Howie and Bev's rig." Dwaine Dunn (#123 IL) warned, "They need to get on the move and get there form in or she will either step on them or give them a boost to wake them up." while Marjorie Tudor (#121 MI) pointedly noted their location: "Howie and Bev stopped to visit the square dancing cows at the top of pink page #30. How can you blame them for getting out of the convoy? How often do you get to see square dancing cows? There is plenty of time to get to the Camporee."

Jim and Sharon Waller (#123, IL) noted, "The camper is actually taking the dancing cows to the Camporee."


Thank goodness Tony & Lou were found and redirected to the 2024

International Camporee, but now one of our “udderly fantastic” mascots has gone missing! Yes, a cow has wandered off; can you imagine that? We certainly don’t want anyone in the convoy running afoul of our bovine friend, so please try to locate her; she pictured below with the Blackhawk Crosstrailer’s - but note *this image below is **not** the lost cow*, just a “picture” of her. She must be somewhere else in this issue.

Remember we’ll have a special recognition and award at the 2024 Camporee at Wisconsin for the Chapter with the most entries. Let’s see if a Chapter can best the long-reigning champs! Good luck!

You can’t win if you don’t enter (but in order to win you must be a

*(‘Lost Camper’ continued on page 32)*

Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Rollaways (MI)	005	Wayne & Joan Adams
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Martha Schapals Marie Berridge Cherie Arch Cinda Asp Sally Foley Darlene Johnson
		
Illiana Square Wheelers ( IL/IN)	044	Larina Sanders Ruthann & Lawrence Sanders
Penn-Dixie Square Campers (PA)	045	Jim Sebesta
Square-Up Campers (PA)	106	Michael Gelinas
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Mike Huddleson Marty & Frank Golden
Northwoods Stompers (MI)	121	Marjorie Tudor
Swing ‘N’ Travelers (IL)	123	Bill & Kathy Baker John & Carol Scher Jerry & Judy Boutelle Norm Schertz Barry & Joy Vlad Dwayne & Bert Dunn Chet & Janet Bowman Ron & Sue Mayer <b>Jim &amp; Naomi Mills</b> Tom Biehn Jim & Sharon Waller
Square Wheels (FL)	128	Carolyn Ueber
Strawberry Travelers (FL)	153	Susan & Don Wolford
Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds (IN/IL)	196	James Huffman

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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 April 30, 2024) . Please provide the page number *and* where on the page our wayward cow is 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 cow, and you may get your answer published! Please note any comments provided with your submission implies giving your permission to publish. Be sure to include your Chapter’s number and name, regardless of the way you choose to communicate. Thank you.

## Nutter Butter Banana Pudding

### Ingredients:

- 2 (3.4 oz) packages of instant vanilla pudding
- 3 cups milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 (8 oz) container sour cream
- 5 (medium sized) ripe bananas
- 1 (1 lb) package of *Nutter Butter* sandwich cookies
- 2 cups extra creamy whipped topping (e.g., Cool Whip or equivalent)



### Steps:

- 1) Place milk and vanilla in a large bowl.
- 2) Add two (2) packages instant vanilla pudding.
- 3) Beat with an electric mixer at medium speed for two (2) minutes or until thickened; let stand five (5) minutes.
- 4) Stir in carton of sour cream.
- 5) Cut bananas into 1/4-inch thick slices.
- 6) Break *Nutter Butter* cookies into thirds.
- 7) Spoon half of the pudding mixture into a three-quart bowl.
- 8) Top with bananas and cookies.
- 9) Spoon remaining pudding mixture over bananas and cookies.
- 10) Top with whipped topping.



Courtesy of Susan Snider (128)

Keep any leftovers refrigerated.

Makes about 10 servings: ~250 calories/serving

The nutritional information is based on 2% milk and 'Lite' Cool Whip	Total fat (g)	9	Potassium (mg)	358	Vitamin A	3%
	Saturated fat (g)	6	Total carbs (g)	33	Vitamin C	9%
	Trans fat (g)	0	Dietary fiber (g)	2	Calcium	11%
	Cholesterol (g)	21	Sugars (g)	17	Iron	3%
	Sodium (mg)	337	Protein (g)	5		

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**Membership Application or Renewal**

New Application \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ (Check Only One)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*This application is to be used either for new membership applications or renewal of member.*

Name(s):	First:	Last:
	First:	Last:

*How should your name be printed on your badge? IF the same, write SAME.*

For your Badge:	First:	Last:
	First:	Last:
Address 1:	Street:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	Zip+4:
Phone:	Home:	His Cell: Her Cell:
E-Mail:	His:	Hers:

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Safety Pin Badge: \$10.00 ea.	Magnet Badge: \$13.00 ea.
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P.O. Box 241  
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# Where are YOU Camping in Wisconsin?

## After the 2024 NSDCA Camporee

Thank You Tricia & Neal Chartier - 66thnsdcacamporee@gmail.com  
For doing this research on campgrounds for NSDCA Members

### Closest Option!

#### Wisconsin State Fair Grounds RV Park

640 S 84th St, West Allis, WI

414-266-7000

Rates: Full service—\$63/night + tax

Electric & Water—\$55/night + tax

May1 thru Sept 30:

30 amp Electric only \$47/night + tax

Dry (no utilities) \$40/night + tax



#### Cliffside Campground

(County/State Park) 262-886-8440

7320 Mishna Rd, Racine, WI

2023 rates: \$35 + \$12 RSVP fee & 5% tax. They have 92 sites, water/ electric (30/50) only dump stations.

Near Lake Michigan. (says 20 min ride to lake) about 95 miles southeast of Fond du Lac. & about 30 miles from the Convention Ctr. They begin bookings on Jan. 1; act quickly as they will fill up fast!



#### Country View Campground

(privately owned) 262-662-3654

110 W26400 Craig Ave.

Mukwonago, WI

2023 rates: \$42 W/E; \$47 FHU; 30 amp only & has pool. About 82 miles south of Fond du Lac & about 40 miles from

Convention Ctr. They begin to take reservations early May.



## NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

Well, winter, such as it is in northeast Florida, is officially here. I strongly suspect many of you in the northern climes would prefer the temperatures we are experiencing versus the near-freezing (or, more aptly, below-freezing) temperatures you have to put up with daily. I was reminded recently of what northern backyards look like when Marjorie Tudor (#121) sent me a photo of hers (→). It may be cold by our standards and our grass may be brown versus green, but it is certainly not white!



My NSDCA chapter remains active the year 'round, with the NSDC and the International Camporee filling the gap in our summer schedule, and the Florida State Camporee and the Florida State SDC for the fall and winter, respectively. My chapter camps in northern and central Florida and in southern Georgia, frequenting private and State campgrounds. The key, of course, is that the campground has a dancing venue.



I have not received any input regarding campground venues as previously requested. Let us know what challenges you face with new or existing facilities and how you solve (or at least work around) those issues. Also, Publicity Director Bill Baker's idea for "We tried this, and it worked great!" is still awaiting contributions.

In the last issue I requested all Chapters have someone knowledgeable review all Chapter-specific contact information in that issue of the *TIMES* to verify it is correct, and if an error was found or corrections were needed, to please email me (NSDCAtimes@gmail.com) with the updated information. I have not heard from anyone regarding this, so I am assuming (for the present, at least!) all contact information is correct.

I've also not heard back from anyone regarding my request for what you do about road "insurance" – meaning a policy purchased to make towing and other road-hazard related challenges less personally financially taxing. Someone certainly within our Association has experience with a breakdown or other unfortunate mishap that required outside (professional) assistance. What did you do to help protect yourself from large unexpected expenses while on the road? Remember, a long dissertation is not required for a response, just a short note indicating how you handle this is fine. Is there something about your current provider you have found exceptional, or something from your current or previous provider you'd caution others about? I'd like to have a column on this topic in a future issue; it's something that affects us all at one time or another. Please email me (NSDCAtimes@gmail.com) your solutions for this topic. Thanks.

Finally, I thank the Chapter Correspondents, those dedicated souls who slave over a keyboard trying to find the right words that let us know what their Chapter has been doing over the past three months. As you have hopefully noticed, several have submitted their photographs so we can see many of the contributors that are the backbone of this newsletter. Without their help I could not do my job.

Again, in response to my requests listed above, please drop me an email (NSDCAtimes@gmail.com) and I'll see what I can do to help you complete the task to which you are responding. I try to acknowledge receipt of your email within a day or two, so if you don't hear anything back from me, double check the email address you sent it to, and try again. Thanks!

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campground had a big inside yard sale Saturday.

We had a little incident while at Wekiva Falls; we were sited on a corner lot, and while making a turn to get to their site a non-square dancing camper impacted our driver side stationary window. As I write this in mid-January we are now six weeks into the repair and still do not have our unit back. The RV is at the repair shop, the window covered with plastic. It was a good campout, no matter what. If we are not dancing we're talking.

Red Oaks is our next campout (in February); hopefully we'll have our motorhome back.

That's all folks!

*Mary and John Burzo*

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.

Start your plans  
REGISTER TODAY

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of the Herd*



# Chapter Campouts

The following listings were last updated on February 1, 2024. The start day for events is Friday unless otherwise noted. Due to the nationwide disruption of group activities because of the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, campouts or other listed events may have been cancelled due to local conditions. Please check with the campout contact(s) to confirm the status of the event before making your plans to attend. Thank you.

## Thursday March 7 → March 10

### 193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Highlands Hammock State Park

5931 Hammock Rd, Sebring, FL; 772-577-3882

Sites at Highlands State Park have been pre-registered, please call John (below) to check for availability.

We dance in the afternoons and have campfire fun in the evenings.

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

## Sunday March 10 → March 17

### 152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Roaring Pines Campground

83 Roaring Pines Rd, Somerville, AL

John & Jan Bloodworth; 256-508-9331

## March 15 → March 16

### 128 Square Wheels: Florida

The Springs RV Resort

2950 NE 52nd Ct., Silver Springs, FL; 352-236-5250

CHANGE OF VENUE from Red Oaks!

Rally rate \$45/night. They honor Passport America for 3 days. If staying longer than 3 days, additional days will be \$50/night.

Must call campground to make your reservation and pre-register with a deposit.

Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880; marynut4@gmail.com; Tim Hill; 352-205-0596 or Angela Brown; 352-408-5721; doramiata62@yahoo.com

## April 5 → April 6

### 153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Strawberry Square

4401 Promenade Blvd; Plant City; FL

Dry camping available; contact Strawberry Square at 813-752-0491

Camper lots available; also contact Strawberry Square at the above number

Dancing Friday & Saturday: 7-9 p.m.; Pot Luck: Saturday, 5 p.m.

Susan Wolford; 256-673-0170; 2susanwolf@gmail.com



## Thursday April 11 → April 14

### 193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

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

FL RoadRunner weekends begin w/Early Bird Thursday & end w/Breakfast on Sunday. Make your reservation, then let Louise know you're coming.

Louise Woodward; 772-577-3882; wlouise5712@gmail.com

## April 19 → April 20

### 128 Square Wheels: Florida

Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park

11016 Lillian Saunders Dr. Hwy 41, White Springs, FL;

800-326-3521 or 386-397-4331

Rate normally \$20/night plus \$7/night for electricity (plus \$6.70 reservation fee), but \$10/night for Florida resident seniors. Must show proof of age and residency.

Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880; marynut4@gmail.com; Tim

Hill; 352-205-0596 or Angela Brown; 352-408-5721; doramiata62@yahoo.com

## April 19 → April 21

### 045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania

Twin Bridge Campground

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

You are welcome to come dance Friday and Saturday evenings or come join us for the whole weekend camping experience! 717-829-4183

### 196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio

Lake Haven Retreat

1739 W Edgewood Ave, Indianapolis, IN; 317-783-5267

Mention Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds when making reservations

Dan Hatfield; 618-554-3929

## Thursday April 25 → April 28

### 116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

Lake Afton

25513 West 39th St S, Goddard, KS

Hobo Stew Dance on Friday April 26 from 6-8:30 p.m.

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

### 123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois

Hickory Hill RV Campground

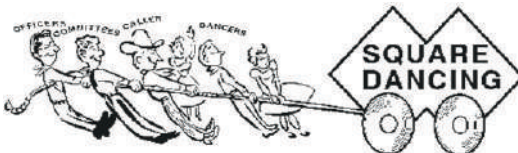
973 CR 2250 E, Secor, IL; 309-744-2407

Make reservations by March 25, 2024

Will Dance Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> at White Oaks Community Center, Carlock, IL.

Possible Plus Only Dance same place Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

Bill Baker 309-696-1948 grandebill@grics.net





## Chapter Campouts—continued

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### May 3 → May 5

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

White Oak Campground

3156 White Oak Rd, Quarryville, PA; 717-687-6207

Everyone who wants to go must call the campground and make a reservation.

We are joining the Square Up Campers #106.

#### **106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania**

White Oak Campground

3156 White Oak Rd, Quarryville, PA 17566; 717-687-6207

Dances start at 7 p.m. Friday & Saturday

Workshop Saturday 10 a.m.

Bob Engel (caller); 717-816-6633

### Thursday May 9 → May 12

#### **193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida**

Hammondell Campsites And RV Park

5601 Cypress Gardens Rd, Winter Haven, FL; 863-324-5775

FL RoadRunner weekends begin w/Early Bird Thursday & end w/Breakfast on Sunday. Make your reservation, then let Louise know you’re coming.

Louise Woodward; 772-577-3882; wlouise5712@gmail.com

### Tuesday May 14 → May 16

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

Cheney State Lake

16000 NE 50<sup>th</sup>, Cheney, KS; 316-542-3664

Camping Marsha Creek area on the West side.

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

### Thursday May 16 → May 19

#### **152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

Palomino RV Resort

1315 County Rd 222 Cullman, AL

Jonna & Eddie Denson; 205-807-3018

### May 17 → May 18

#### **128 Square Wheels: Florida**

Southern Oaks RV Resort

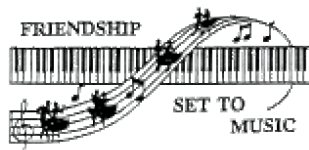
14140 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL; 352-347-2550

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

Must make your own reservations at the campground.

Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880; marynut4@gmail.com; Tim

Hill; 352-205-0596 or Angela Brown; 352-408-5721; doramiata62@yahoo.com



## May 17 → May 19

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

Otter Lake Campground

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

Caller: Paul Ingis

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

### **031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin**

Derge County Park

N8379 County Road, Beaver Dam, WI

David Lust (davidlust@ymail.com)

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

Dogwood Acres Campground

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

You are welcome to come dance Friday and Saturday evenings or come join us for the whole weekend camping experience! 717-829-4183

### **121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan**

Hidden Hill Family Campground

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

contact campground for reservations

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

## Monday May 20 → May 22

### **196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arouds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio**

Shipshewana Campground South Park

1105 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN; 260-768-4669

Mention Wabash Valley Wheel Arouds when making reservations

Karen Gerbers; 260-403-4846

## Thursday May 23 → May 27

### **014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois**

Pecatonica, IL Fairgrounds

500 West First St, Pecatonica, IL

Bob Asp; 815-262-9080

## May 24 → May 27

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

Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds

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

Make reservations by April 25, 2024

Dancing Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at Fairground

Bill Baker 309-696-1948 grandebill@grics.net

## Thursday May 30 → June 2

### **002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin**

County View Campground

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

Saturday night we are going dancing at Spring City

Tricia Chartier; 4148074083; TriciaMooLady@gmail.com

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### Thursday May 30 → June 2

#### 116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

KOA Campground

1109 W Diamond Drive, Salina, KS

Kansas State Square Dance Convention at the Salina Country Club;

2101 E Country Club Rd, Salina, KS

Local/State callers Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Justin Russell calling Saturday.

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

### May 31 → June 2

#### 106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania

Paradise Stream Family Campground

693 Paradise Stream Rd, Loysville, PA 17047; 717-789-2117

Dances start at 7 p.m. Friday & Saturday

Workshop Saturday 10 a.m.

Bob Engel (caller); 717-816-6633

#### ♥♥♥ Illinois State Camporee:

Parke County 4-H Campgrounds

141 N US 41, Rockville, IN; 765-569-3176

Illinois State NSDCA Camporee in Rockville, Indiana.

Dan and Marian Hatfield; 618-554-3929; DanAndMarian@hotmail.com

#### 123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois

Parke County 4-H Campgrounds

141 N US 41, Rockville, IN; 765-569-3176

Illinois State NSDCA Camporee in Rockville, Indiana.

Bill Baker 309-696-1948 grandebill@grics.net

#### 196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio

Parke County 4-H Campgrounds

141 N US 41, Rockville, IN; 765-569-3176

Illinois State Camporee - see flyer in *TIMES* newsletter

Dan Hatfield; 618-554-3929

### June 7 → June 9

#### 031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin

Buffalo Lake Camping Resort

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

David Lust ( davidlust@ymail.com)

### June 14 → June 16

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

Appalachian Campground

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

Caller: Dave Black

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

## June 14 → June 16

### 045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania

Appalachian RV Campground

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

Our club will be joining up with the Garden State Campers Club for a weekend of fun, join us! 717-829-4183

### 121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan

Hidden Hill Family Campground

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

contact campground for reservations

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

## June 18 → June 20

### ♥♥♥ 66<sup>th</sup> International Camporee

Fond du Lac Fairgrounds

520 Fond du Lac Ave.; Fond du Lac, WI

contact Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083

Hosted by Pine Tree Campers (002, WI)



## Monday July 8 → July 10

### 123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois

Kentuckiana Kampground

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

Make reservations by June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dancing in Pekin, Il at the Miller Senior Center on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Baker 309-696-1948 grandebill@grics.net

## Thursday July 18 → July 20

### ♥♥♥ Michigan State Camporee:

Covenant Hills Camp & Retreat

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

DANCING on Thursday, Friday & Saturday Nights

NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS AFTER JUNE 18

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 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17 may be relocated.

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

## Thursday July 18 → July 21

### 121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan

Covenant Hills Camp & Retreat

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

48<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan NSDCA Camporee

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





# We Remember Our Friends

## **Mary Schnuck (# 001, Garden State Square Dance Campers)**

Mary Schnuck passed away peacefully on January 6, 2024, surrounded by her family. Mary was a kind and gentle spirit who will greatly be missed by all who knew her. She loved square dancing with Garden State Square Dance Campers and danced with Pine Squares, Middletown Ramblers, and D&R Squares. Mary was an exceptional friend and was there for everyone when they needed something. She was crazy about all dogs and would carry



around dog snacks (even though she didn't own a dog) and feed and pet every dog that crossed her path. She loved stuffed bears and had them dressed for the holidays and in square dance clothes and displayed in her motor home. She had a special love of angels and had quite a collection of them. She loved to sew and do crafts. But, most of all, she loved her family: her husband, Howard, daughters Tammy and Michele, and all her grandchildren.

*Submitted by Pauline Vande Vrede*

## **Philip Elroy Pickard (#014, Blackhawk Crosstrailers)**

Philip (February 26, 1943 - January 22, 2024) and his wife of 28 years, Debra, were past officers and played an active roll in B&B McHenry Squares before joining Blackhawk Crosstrailers encouraging their love for RV travel. Philip could be found sitting around the fire enjoying square dance camper friends. At home his heart belonged to his beloved Kerry Blue Terriers, Rhapsody and Paris. He had a deep appreciation for music and literature, finding



solace and joy in classical compositions, opera, and traditional New Orleans jazz. His love for these was matched by a passion for travel and spending time with friends from the square dance and dog show families. Philip was committed to education, earning a BS in Mathematics, a BS in Physics, and a Master of Business Administration degree, completed as part of an Executive Program for the United States Postal Service. He also served with distinction in the US Army as a Combat Engineer with Special Forces, the Foreign Service with the USAREUR (United States Army Europe and Africa ); and as a Green Beret serving in Vietnam. Transitioning to civilian life he made significant contributions to the petrochemical industry before his tenure at the US Postal Service Headquarters. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

*Submitted by Sally Foley*

## Wallace “Pops” Holbrook (#153, Strawberry Travelers )

Wallace W. Holbrook of Zellwood, formerly of Lake Wales, Florida passed away December 6, 2023, at the age of 92. We all knew him as “Pops”. He and Sally Meyers were former members of NSDCA and 153 Strawberry Travelers. He and Sally loved square dancing. They also enjoyed camp outs, church gatherings, and traveling. Sadly, he lost his partner of many years two months ago. Sally’s obituary was in the previous issue of the NSDCA *TIMES*.



*Submitted by Trucy Rogers*

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.

## The 73rd NSDC Urges You to **WHEEL AROUND MILWAUKEE**

### GETTING AROUND

FOUR WHEELS, TWO WHEELS, NO WHEELS — NO PROBLEM!



#### BY FOOT

Milwaukee has a highly walkable downtown that’s easy to explore on foot. Downtown neighborhoods are connected by the 3-mile Milwaukee RiverWalk that winds through the city. The Milwaukee Art Museum and the lakefront are approximately 1 mile, or a 20-minute walk, from nearby hotels.



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#### BY BUS

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

**July 18-20, 2024**

ATTENDANCE AT THE CAMPOREE IS LIMITED TO 2024PAID 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, 2024

Campers: June 18, 2024

NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS AFTER JUNE 18

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 17 may be relocated by parking

**FACILITIES**

Full Hookups

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**DANCING**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nights

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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: \$50 per day  WED  THU  FRI  SAT  SUN (check boxes)      \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ nights \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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



# "MEMBERSHIP"



## Check us out at [NSDCA.ORG](http://NSDCA.ORG) Are You a Member Yet?

We, campers & dancers of the NSDCA invite our friends who are not members yet, to come join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and great Square and Round Dancing. Whether a



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Once you get a taste of camping & dancing together, we know you will be hooked!

Low annual dues, a quarterly magazine listing the locations of all the campouts in the nation plus much more... we know you will want to fill in the membership form on the previous page right away!

Mail it to: NSDCA  
P.O. Box 241  
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**The deadline for submission of articles, pictures and advertisements is the last day of January, April, July and October.**

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Full page	\$65.00	Three-Quarter page	\$50.00
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As noted on pages 48 and 53, the *TIMES* has specified dates for the receipt of submissions, whether they be campout schedule information, chats, obituaries, or other contributions, in order for them to be included in the printed and online version of the newsletter. This is due to the lead time required to assemble, proof, print and mail the *TIMES*.

Please take note of these dates and ensure your contribution is received by the deadline. It makes everyone happier—the contributors, the readers and yours truly, the editor!

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Thank you!

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**Don't Forget...**

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### **New NSDCA Post Office Mailing Address**

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Thank you!

# Camp & Dance Till The Cows Come Home

**JUNE  
18, 19 & 20  
2024**



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June 18, 19 & 20, 2024

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