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Take your sweetheart dancing this Valentine's Day

BIG NEWS

ADVERTISING INFO & RATES

Payment in advance is expected & appreciated for all advertising prior to the publication deadline. Payment is sent directly to the Editors along with the ad copy. Make checks payable to: **NSDCA**.

RATES for COMMERCIAL and NON-MEMBER ads

Full page \$132.00 Three-Quarter page: \$113.00
Half page \$79.00 Quarter page \$47.00

Everyone can take advantage of our AD SPECIAL - By taking a non-changing ad in four (4) consecutive issues, and paying in advance, you will receive a 10% discount on your total cost!

To celebrate our new venture with NSDCA TIMES, and to recognize our NSDCA members, the editors are offering a 20% discount off the Commercial Rate for all ads placed for NSDCA chapter activities.

All States, Provinces (chartered or not) and Chapters are entitled to place one (1) ad of any size at half price once each calendar year.

Contact Sarah or Charlie today to place your ad at these fantastic prices!

Questions concerning advertising in the NSDCA TIMES should be directed to the Editors.



Board Brousings

From Your Presidents - Herman & Pat Meyer

Well the camper is winterized but the activities of the Square Dance Campers continue. Many issues come up behind the scene, which provide a need to ponder just what is important to NSDCA, and that which is just an unpleasant situation that creates concern.

In the formative years of this organization, we had square dancers who enjoyed spending some wholesome time with their children in a camping environment. The next step was to combine both activities at some annual square dance workshops which became campouts. As word of mouth spread of the enjoyment at these events, the group grew in number and drew from further distances than the immediate area.

Near the beginning of the second decade, as NSDCA became a reality, the children were now busy working and raising their own families. Some, but not all, followed the example set forth by their parents in camping and enjoying family time.

As the second generation progressed the popularity of square dancing increased in the 80s. However, with time, comes change. As we head into the third generation or 50 years later, we are attracting more of the retired people than the young families. Square Dancing is declining in many areas as camping and full-timing is increasing in popularity.

As existing square dance clubs that had campers in their membership chose to join our organization, we inadvertently caused some clubs to split their original membership because not all of the members met the strict requirements of our Bylaws. Added to this situation is the misunderstanding of what the requirements are. In the past, we have had Chapters drop out because they were not able to hold square dances anymore. The Bylaws do not require that a Chapter must have a dance. It states that a potential member must be a square dancer. This is defined as having taken lessons or is accepted by a square dance club by exhibiting the ability to square dance. The same holds true with camping. The Bylaws do not require that you have a camper but that you have camped. It does not seem consistent that we would expel anyone who can no longer square dance or camp due to health, advanced age or loss of spouse.

Once more, we need to promote our activity by word of mouth wherever we go. It amazes me how many people have heard of square dancing and camping but so few seem to know that their friends are involved in these activities. This should not be the case. We have no reason to be ashamed of the wholesome family oriented activities we love.



From Your Vice-President - Martha Zimmerman



The 53rd Annual International Camp-O-Ree, July 20, 21, 22, 2010, will be in Orlando, Florida, "Magic Moments in Florida". Start planning your summer vacation in July 2010.

I encourage all of the Chapters to contact your Area and State Reps about your Chapter activities. They have a quarterly report to submit. The form is on the NSDCA web site. Let me know what the Board of Directors could do for you to help with your job.

The \$20.00 coupon membership drive is still good until Dec. 31, 2009. The NEW membership program for 2010 uses the same type coupon with the main difference being the visiting couple/single must join your chapter and NSDCA at the campout when the coupon is used. This is for a non-member to camp with the chapter of their choice. The chapter will refund the \$20.00 to the camper and send the coupon to NSDCA with a proper authorization number within 7 days of the campout and the chapter's check for registration. The chapter will receive a check back for reimbursement of \$20.00.

Let's all get together and encourage non-campers to attend our campouts. Maybe when they enjoy the camping, dancing and friendship they will want to join in.

Tell all of your square dancing friends about all the fun we have camping and dancing. Hope to see you in a square some where.

Have fun exercising and laughing all the same time.

From Your Secretary - Janet Bowen

Beginnings (Take 2 minutes to read this)

Last month I asked for members to write to tell me how you got started in square dancing. Only one person wrote. (Thanks Jeanne). I feel like the typical comedian who taps the microphone and says "HELLO, ANYONE OUT THERE?" I realize how we just don't have time to read all the articles. Like everyone, I read my chapter's club news first. Then I go to browse the pictures to see if I was captured in any of them. We all do like to see our names or pictures in print. I would like to put together a profile of square dancers. Need to get an idea of how we all got started and next why we stayed. These are my thoughts. What's yours?



Now for some of the responses of my last survey (which I had to go get by cornering members at a campout). I bet that club will be reading this to see if I put in their responses.

- 1~ Couple invited to dinner dance and they got them up to square dance.
- 2~ One couple went to a sail club and square dancing was the entertain-

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ment.

3~ While walking for the March of Dimes, friends suggested they take square dance lessons.

4~ (Wives Club) wanted to take lessons

5~ Friends were Camper Dancers. They had to learn square dance so they could go camping and dancing with their friends.

6~ Parents were dancers.

I myself was at a campout with my sister and her husband when the president pulled me up for the last minute of the dance. We did a grand right and left to say "good night" to everyone. Hooked ever after.

NEXT SURVEY. What do you like about your club? What do you **NOT** like about your club? No names please.

Contact me at Secretaries@NSDCA.org through the link at NSDCA.org or by regular mail to the Middleton, WI address. Looking forward to hearing from you.

From Your Treasurers - Bob & Sally Wilcox



Here it is December already and most of us who live up north have finished another wonderful camping season. The snowbirds are south for the winter enjoying much warmer weather and all that it brings.

It's time to pay our dues for next year. If you haven't mailed yours yet please do before the Christmas mailing rush. Our biggest expense (Insurance) comes due at the first of the year and it's your dues that

pay the bills.

Twenty-two chapters participated in the FY-08 Membership Promotion. They used 59 coupons and we gained 24 new members.

The 2010 Membership Promotion begins on January 1, 2010. Details are in this issue of the Times and on the web at <http://www.nsdca.org>. The website has downloadable coupons and Membership Applications.

How do you like the new NSDCA Times? Please send your comments to the Editors at nsdcatimes@nsdca.org or to any BOD Member. If you know someone who has not received their Times, they may be one of the nearly 40 bad addresses that we paid the Post Office to return to us. Please have them contact the Membership Secretary to verify their address.

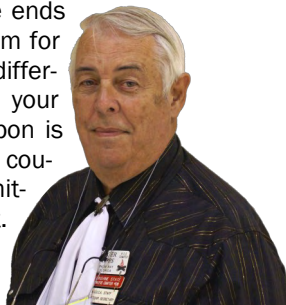
Make plans now to attend the 2010 International Camporee in Orlando, Florida. Details are on the Future Camporees Page at <http://www.nsdca.org>. You'll find a link to the Camporee page. Registration forms can be downloaded and lots of information is available.



From Your Membership Secretary - Roger Tipps

The 2009 \$20.00 Coupon Membership Drive ends December 31, 2009. The **NEW** Membership Program for 2010 uses the same type coupon with the main difference being that the visiting couple/single must join your chapter and NSDCA at the campout when the coupon is used. An authorization code is required and the new couple's application and chapter's check must be submitted with the coupon within 7 days of your campout.

The chapter will receive a check for the \$20.00 from NSDCA. You may obtain the authorization number by e-mail to RTMS99@aol.com or by calling 321-427-9226. You may find the coupon at NSDCA.org. The coupon, like in 2009, may be copied and placed on a flyer with your chapter's phone number.



Since this new program has been posted on NSDCA.org, I have had several calls asking if their chapter can offer to pay \$20.00 like this year's promotion. Of course your chapter can do what they think will result in them having a larger chapter.

At the General Membership Meeting of the Florida State organization of NSDCA I reported on the results of the \$20.00 coupon in Florida. Seventeen coupons were used in Florida resulting in 13 new members. Hats off to Chapter 128 for using 5 coupons and getting 5 new members! They used this promotion the way it was intended.

It is time for your chapter to send in their chapter dues. Please be aware of the new address for NSDCA; **P.O. Box 628433, Middleton WI. 53562-8433**. Several chapters hold their dues until all has been collected which is the wrong thing to do. Send in dues as they are collected!! All of the new forms are available online.

We had more than the usual number of Times returned because of members moving or going to warmer areas earlier than in past years. Could I get an update on the winter/spring/summer/fall address and when you will be at each? E-mail me at RTMS99@aol.com with the corrections. The Post Office charges us about 75¢ for every notification of undeliverable Times. The Post Office will not forward our news magazine. This charge makes it very important for you to correct your addresses.

It is the Chapters' responsibility to make corrections with me on your membership rolls. I have no contact with your members and do not know who moves, goes to warmer areas, marries, etc. Please help me help NSDCA save your money!!

Your Board of Directors have now added the Times to our website, NSDCA.org. It is posted online by the first of the month (March 1st, June 1st, September 1st or December 1st). For those of you who travel and would prefer to read your Times issue online, we can stop mailing a hard copy to you. It is imperative though that I have your wishes expressed in writing or through an email.





From the Editors' Desk...



Dear Readers,

We received such a positive response to our first issue. Thank you for sending along your comments and chapter photos, your Chapter Chats and schedules. We appreciate the efforts of all our chapter reporters. Our work was eased greatly by your use of the email system. For those who aren't comfortable using the computer, please remember that snail mail remains a viable option for sending along your articles and photos for inclusion in future issues.

Many folks reported that the online forms weren't cooperating 100%. Our webmaster is working on this problem and we appreciate hearing of any hiccups to the web site. With your ideas and suggestions we will continue to smooth out the wrinkles and have the NSDCA.org site be user friendly, informative and inviting to all our visitors. Keep sending along your comments.

In response to your suggestions, we have added a few more items to the magazine. Check out the Tech Tips informational article on page 41. It will be hosted by Bob Wilcox and he'll be sharing your ideas and suggestions, as well as his own, so send them along.

You will notice that the Cooking section has been renamed 'Kamper Kitchens'. This was a regular of this

publication during the 1980s and I loved the name. Check out the suggestions for this issue and please send along your favorite cooking tips and recipes. We all KNOW that square dancers have the BEST cooks!

Please note the corrected email address for our NSDCA Secretary, Janet Bowen. We have also corrected the contact info for our Membership Secretary, Roger Tipps and IL State Rep, Barbara Perkins. These were listed incorrectly in the September/Fall issue. Check the listings on the inside back cover of each issue.

Our apologies for any inconvenience our error may have caused.

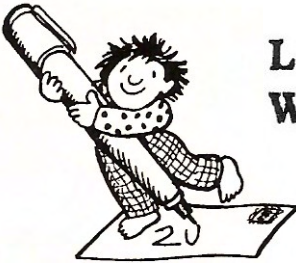
The March/Spring issue will include the annual listing of Chapter Contacts. Please ensure that you have provided the Membership Secretary with the latest information for your chapter. This information is provided on the same form used for updating the Officers and Membership Contact person for each chapter, Form 5. All the necessary forms can be found at the NSDCA.org web site. Remember, any new member will be looking for a way to reach your chapter. Be sure your chapter information is accurate!

Remember, this is YOUR magazine, so let us know what YOU want!

Sarah & Charlie, editors

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS.....

(This column is for YOUR comments. Let us hear from you! Please remember, letters should be in good taste and must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request)

Sarah & Charlie,

I love the new format for the Times. I enjoyed What's Cooking.

Under state rep a correction: Illinois phone number should be 815-423-6463 and e-mail should be bpenetrn@aol.com (r n not m).

Thanks,
Barbara Perkins
Illinois state rep

Hi Sarah,

Like the new format.....good job. Then we knew it would be a good job!!!!

Carole & Garland McKenzie

Hi Sarah & Charlie,

We got our new times on Saturday. It looks great! We were very happy to see you used our picture from the Grand March for the front cover, that was a nice surprise. We like the new format, thanks a bunch!

Jim & Naomi Mills

Hello Sarah,

Just got our NSDCA Times - BEE - U - TI - FUL!

Carolyn & Bill Olson

Dear Sarah,

Just wanted to complement you on the revised NSDCA Times. You and Charlie did a wonderful job. Hope you have a great time at the Camporee!

Barb Siegrist

Hi Sarah,

I checked out the online TIMES and found it there in all its glory! I have enjoyed looking at both the TIMES online and reading the magazine. Great job either way!

Jeanne Hartwig

Dear Editors,

Like the new "TIMES" format. Like the recipes they were great keep it up.

Roger Frazier, #183

Sarah & Charlie,

Congratulations on your new position. I love the new book format for the TIMES. I also like the fact that we can e-mail our news. Looking forward to working with you.

Pat Dillard #180

Dear Editors,

Just looked at the NSDCA web site. Sure an improvement over a few years ago.

You are doing a great job with the Times. We looked at the Times on line and it was very easy to read. Not sure we are ready to give up the printed copy, but will consider it further. See only 7 people had looked at the on-line-Times, so maybe we all need a boost to use the web-site and give the copy on line a further look.

Keep up the good work.

Paul & Kay Thompson
NSDCA Past President

From the ... KAMPERS' KITCHEN

NOTICE - NOTICE

Many of our long-standing members will remember this column from years past. We would like to continue this tradition of sharing great recipes and serving tips which lead themselves to camping. We would like to make this a regular feature of the TIMES however, we cannot do that unless we receive recipes from all over the US and Canada!. So do not wait for the other guy or gal to do it - SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE NOW. We would like to know a bit about the cook too.

Roberta Feathers of #143 Florida Wheelers agreed to share this recipe with us. It was a big hit at our recent FL State Camporee President's Luncheon.

Bean Salad Supreme

Serves 6 to 8

1 - 12 oz can Campbell's Pork and Beans (or any brand name to your liking.
1 cup diced green pepper
1 cup diced celery
1 cup diced yellow onion or can use sweet onion
1/2 cup Dukes mayonnaise or to taste

Mix first four ingredients together, add mayonnaise, and serve.

Hint: This dish can be heated before serving if you want. For a nutritious and tasty luncheon salad, add cooked diced chicken.

This salad is popular with the potluck crowd at campouts. The ingredients are easily stored and it takes only minutes to prepare. It's a great accompaniment to barbecued hamburgers. It won first place in the New Jersey Samboree Cook-off. For large groups, this recipe is easily doubled.

This year's Camporee Chairman, Dolly Ide of #093 Drift Arounds (Florida) made these for our weekend and was willing to share the recipe:

Twice Baked Potatoes

4 large baking potatoes (scrubbed really well)
1 pkg. (3oz.) cream cheese (softened)
2 Tablespoons Milk
1 envelope (1oz.) ranch salad dressing mix
¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 ½ cups mashed potatoes (I just cooked extra potatoes for this, but you could use instant)

Scrub & pierce potatoes; Microwave, uncovered on high for 18 to 20 minutes (till tender). Let stand 10 minutes. Mash the extra potatoes or mix up instant ones. Mix together cream cheese, milk, salad dressing mix and mashed potatoes. Cut each potato in half length wise and scoop out pulp. Add pulp to mashed potato mixture. Spoon into potato shells and top with cheese. (Bacon bits, chives etc. optional). Microwave about 3 to 4 minutes on high to serve.

Extras may be frozen on a cookie sheet and transferred to a freezer bag for up to 3 months. (That's what I did, and you microwave the frozen potatoes at 50% power for 8 to 9 minutes Or till heated through)

FLORIDA DREAMING VACATION AGAIN 2010

Magic Moments in Florida
July 20, 21, 22, 2010

Just minutes away from our Camp-O-Rec are many things for the young and the young at heart to enjoy in Orlando, Florida

Theme Parks



Shopping

Kennedy Space Center

Nightlife

This is only a small sample of what Florida has to offer for your next vacation

53rd NSDCA
International Camporee
Orlando, Florida

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NSDCA.ORG (click on camporee)

Registration: Roger Tipps
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59th National Square Dance Convention®
“Louisville Again in 2010”

June 23-26, 2010 Louisville, Kentucky



**THE WORLD'S GREATEST SQUARE
DANCE EVENT OF 2010**

REGISTRATIONS

The total number of dancers registered for the 59th National Square Dance Convention topped 3,000 in October. This included dancers from four foreign countries and every state in the union except Alaska. If you are not registered do it today.

VOLUNTEERS

The Programming committee is looking for volunteers, singles or couples, to serve as hall monitors.

A hall monitor sits at a table in the front of the hall and checks in the Callers, Cuers, etc and counts the number of squares or couples dancing twice an hour. You cannot dance all of the time so why not volunteer for an hour or two. To volunteer contact the Programming Chairman, George & Betty Harding at program@59thnsdc.com.

HOUSING

Housing at the 59th National Square Dance Convention® is being handled by dancers. If you want information about housing at the 59th National Square Dance Convention® go to the convention website www.59thnsdc.com.

On the left hand side of the webpage there is a listing in blue of several links. Click on "Hotel Listings" for a complete listing of all hotels/motels being used by the convention. Information provided includes address and price. The listing also indicates which hotel/motel is sold out. Dancers will be informed within a

few weeks which hotel/motel they have been assigned.

If you click on the listing "Hotel Information" you can find out a lot of information about each of the hotels/motels such as: Check in/Check out times, if they have coffee, Microwave Oven, Fridge, Hair Dryer, Iron and Internet in the room. Which hotel/motel has an airport shuttle, a continental breakfast, do they have a charge for parking, are pets allowed, is there a workout room, an on-site pool, restaurant, bar or lounge?

For any questions, you can contact the Housing/Registration Chairman at reghousing@59thnsdc.com or mail your inquiry to "59th National Square Dance Convention®, P.O. Box 128, Milton, KY 40045-0128.

ROOMMATE LOCATOR

The old saying that "There's safety in numbers" is very true and can also equate to saving some money. The Single Square Dancers USA (www.ssdusa.org) maintains a roommate locator to help dancers find roommates for any dance and they wanted to be sure that single dancers were aware of that service as they were preparing to attend the 59th NSDC in Louisville, KY.

This contact information was sent by Larada Horner, the editor of the SSDUSAGram. "As always, our SSDUSA roommate locator is willing to help find roommates for any dance." Please contact Laurie Steward at Lkstewa@hotmail.com or 507-685-4476 with your name, phone number, E-mail, gender, and dance that you are trying to find a roommate for.

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If there are others looking for a roommate for that same dance she can advise you.

PARKING AT THE 59TH NSDC®

All hotels and motels being used by the 59th National Square Dance Convention® offer free overnight parking for their guests. The Kentucky Expo Center, where the convention will be held, has 19,000 lighted parking spaces but charges \$6.00 per car with no in and out privileges. A parking pass is being offered which will allow unlimited access to the Expo Center parking lot from Tuesday June 22 through Saturday June 26, for a cost of \$32.50. The parking pass can be ordered on the official convention registration form (available online at www.59thnsdc.com) and picked up beginning Tuesday June 22 at the Headquarters Hotel, the Crowne Plaza, which is located just outside the main gate to the Expo Center. Picking up the parking pass at the Crowne Plaza Hotel will save you the \$6.00 parking fee you would have to pay if you picked up the pass at the Expo Center.

59th National Square Dance Convention® Fashion Show

The Fashion Show during the 59th National Square Dance Convention® will be held on Saturday June 26th at 2:00 pm in Freedom Hall, just a few steps from all the other activities. The Fashion Show will last about one hour. Kentucky being the Bluegrass state, we will have a Bluegrass Band with vocalists performing ½ hour prior to the start of the Fashion Show. The theme for the Fashion Show is "Fashions on the River Belle". The scene for the stage will be a backdrop with a colorful Riverboat on the water and trees on the shoreline under partially clouded skies. This décor will beckon you to join us on a journey to

Louisville.

The Belle of Louisville is in her 95th year and is recognized as a National Landmark. She serves as the Western anchor of Louisville's award winning downtown Waterfront Park.

With the beautiful setting, the glamorous attire of the models and some humorous remarks/actions by the Commentator, YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS FASHION SHOW! For more info contact the Social & Special Events Chairman, Ives & Carol Pruett at social@59thnsdc.com or at 812-278-3020.

HANDICAPABLE DANCING

The Handicapable program at the 59th NSDC® is being chaired by Charlie Wheatley, a local caller who works with two groups of handicapable dancers in the Louisville area. Charlie is very familiar with handicapable dancers. The Handicapable Hall will be open from 7:00 to 10:00 PM all three nights of the Convention. The 59th NSDC® will be held at the Kentucky Expo Center. The Expo Center has convenient close in handicap parking and easy access to all halls. The Convention is now working with 17 different hotels/motels. For information on these hotels/motels go to the 59th NSDC Web-site .

VISIT THE 59TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION® WEB SITE
at www.59thnsdc.com

The Registration Form can be downloaded from the 59th NSDC® web site at <http://www.59thnsdc.com>.

General Chairman
Ron & Cindy Schoen
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ARTS - DANCE UPDATE

NEW DANCE WEB SITE

YOU 2 CAN DANCE.COM

The Alliance Of Round, Traditional, and Square-Dance (ARTS-Dance) has undertaken the task of creating a web site dedicated to the promotion of square dancing, round dancing, and contra dancing. Each of these forms of dance include a leader who directs the dancers. Unlike most of the dance web sites in existence, the site will be designed for those who are not already actively engaged in these forms of dance. The idea is to provide a short video of each activity, presenting positive images and dispelling some of the old stereotypes. There will be descriptions of each activity and positive photographs. The site will extol the health and social benefits of dancing in general and each of the dance forms individually. If there is interest by the visitor to the site, there will be menus to direct them to contacts in their area.

The name of the web site will be "you2candance.com". Our current production plan calls for the site to be up and running, by mid-fall 2009. When the site goes "live" we need to get the word out, with major promotion and publicity. This is where the dance community comes in. Imagine if all the dance leaders and dancers had a "you2candance.com" sign in their car window, Imagine business cards with nothing on them except "you2candance.com" being left in doctor and dentist waiting rooms and stuck on supermarket bulletin boards. Imagine banners hanging outside dance halls (whether owned or rented) with just "you2candance.com". How about free bookmarks for your library or second hand book store? Eventually people will click on the web site just to see what it is. With any luck, some of them will be interested and access the contact information on the site.

The site is being designed by custom Video Productions of Red Bank. NJ (www.cvpj.com). The project coordinator is Roy Gotta (roygotta@optonline.net). Suggestions, pictures, volunteers to be state, city, or local contacts, or anything you think might be of value to the project should be sent to Roy at the above email address,

Since ARTS- Dance is a 501 (c) (3) corporation, tax-deductible contributions to the project are welcome. Please send donation to: ARTS Treasurer, 1316 Middlebrook Drive, Liberty. MO 64068-1941. For additional information. please Email Jerry Reed. ARTS Executive Director at ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org.

Please pass this information on to the dancers in your area.



**Not only for Christmas, but all the year through;
The joy that you give to others,
is the joy that comes back to you.**





In Memoriam

*Sadly missed by their square dance camper friends.
With our deepest sympathy to their families.*

002	Pine Tree Roger Heinritz	009	Wild Rose Ramblers Lee Deck
014	Blackhawk Crosstrailers Lyle Ray Grinnell	036	Fireside Squares Margaret Olson
058	Curly Q Campers Roy Lilyea	068	Wandering Wheels Donna Anderson
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We have tried to collect all the names reported in the September and November Chats. Please send along any other names we may have omitted. Please keep the friends and family members of these dancers in your thoughts and prayers.

**Register Early
For the International!
Don't miss out!**



*Don't
Forget*

NSDCA TIMES DEADLINES

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Email: nsdcatimes@nsdca.org

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- Indicate what program you are using.

If your programs are a more recent version than these, call or email for instruction on "Saving Down".

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PrintMaster or PrintShop by Broderbund, version 18
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It's not necessary to include your camping dates within your article as that information is listed separately under the Campout Listings.

We welcome items sent in earlier than the deadline. Please send your articles, recipes, photos, or items of interest to:

NSDCA Times Editors nsdcatimes@nsdca.org or
Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi, 9660 SW 62nd CT, Trenton, FL 32693-5837

**Remember that the next deadline is:
February 1st**



A warm welcome to all our chapter reporters, both new and returning. We are appreciative of your efforts to keep us informed on the activities of your chapter. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sarah & Charlie, editors

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The pirate ship Camp-O-Ree sailed away from Island Blueberry Hill, Bushnell, FL October 24, 2009. The Pirates left without prisoners, some of us had to walk the plank or go to the brig, but we all made it through safe and sound.

Thursday the pirates let over 18 squares get out and they danced their feet off, of course some broke the rules and had to go to the brig, but were quickly bailed out so they could enjoy the fun. The ice cream social was a welcome event as we needed some cooling down.

On Friday the Pirates were even more generous. There were over 20 squares on the floor and many by standers but no one was thrown into the brig. The cooling process took plenty of cider and donuts which was quite pleasant. Then we were entertained by the Devil and the Old Maid (Billy Luper and Maxine Thomas) and also Roland Minch an accomplished ventriloquist.

By Saturday the Pirates gave up and turned us loose. We're free now to play the rest of the weekend. We did too! Some of us played golf while others played games and others enjoyed the fashion show. I think I saw Jonny Depp strutting around. The show ended with the Good Guys in the Black Hats. Dinner had a Carib-

bean flair very different and delicious served by your one and only Board. We rested about 30 minutes and back to dancing, shopping and just plain fun. Among the captives were our callers- Jim Cosman, Bill Chesnut, Ted Kennedy, Charlie Pergrossi, and Sonny McCartney, and cuer Larry Chatos. They did a great job keeping us on the floor. The winner of the Treasure Chest (100 gold coins) was Laurence & Cora Sanders of #044. See you don't have to live in Florida to win!

If you missed this Florida State Camp-O-Ree try to make our next one Mardi Gras Magic October 21 through 24 2010.



Camporee Chairs Dolly & John Ide planned a wonderful event this year.

005 - ROLLAWAYS - MI
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Many of our club members are, for different reasons, not wanting to dance every tip. Therefore, our caller

Bill Barcroft and his wife Laurie entertained us with good ole music and singing. We were camping, our last camp-out of the year, Oct. 9-11 at our cuer Jerry and Pat Preston's home. We missed Garth Smith, as he was nursing a bad back.



Caller Bill Barcroft & his wife Laurie entertained us with good ole music and singing.

We closed out our weekend with a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. We have been enjoying blueberry pancakes and I'm thinking about trying pecan or walnut pancakes for something different next year.

Our next potluck meeting will be at Jerry and Pat Preston's home in Dowagiac, Michigan on Nov. 14. No more camping until Spring, but keep on dancing!

007 - TRAVEL 'N SQUARES
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The 2009 camping season is over for Travel 'N Squares. We fondly remember the good times. We are planning on continuing the fun into 2010.

There are some sad events though. First of all, our fabulous caller, Errol Atkinson, announced his retirement from calling as of May 2010. We will surely miss his great dance programs.

Secondly, we decided to excuse our chapter from the duties at the Michigan Camp-O-Ree. Several of us plan to attend the 2010 camporee and volunteer our services wherever we can help.

On the bright side, all the couples paid N.S.D.C.A. dues for 2010 so we plan to still be #007.

009 WILD ROSE RAMBLERS - IA
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It was a beautiful Fall for camping but due to some health issues some weren't able to get out with their rigs so we ended our camping season with a pizza party at Jensens. We did have all 5 of our members present! We set up our schedule for the rest of the year and the 2010 camping season. Our goal is to get everyone healthy and ready to go.

The last of our members reached the 50 years of marriage milestone. So we helped them celebrate in September. Congratulations Harold and Sherry.

Safe traveling to all the snow-birds. We look forward to square dancing with other NSDCA members in Texas.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Holiday season and a prosperous 2010.

010 PIONEER - WI
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Over the September 17-20 weekend, we held our last campout of the year at St. James Retreat at Shawano. The weather was beautiful and we had a fun weekend with our many friends. All our campouts were fun-filled events.

Our new officers for next year will

be President Nelson & Ruth Seward, Vice President Keith & Vernice Knudsen, Secretary Glenn & Doris Knox, Treasurer Don & Jane Coffey, and Back-Up Treasurer Melvin & Donna Cartwright.

A spring get-together is planned for April 18, 2010.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone.

014 BLACKHAWK CROSSTRAILERS
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The Blackhawk Crosstrailers are sorry to share the passing of Lyle Ray Grinnell. He was a longtime member of #014 and passed away in early October. Lyle and Barbara joined

NSDCA in 1974. Our hearts go out to Barbara and their family. Lyle will be missed by many.

019 HAWKEYE SWINGIN' WHEELS
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Our final campout of the season, October 2nd-4th, was scheduled once again at the Iowa Amana Colonies for the annual Amana Octoberfest weekend. Unfortunately, due to the cold and wet weather, sickness, and other reasons, attendance was limited. We do thank those who did venture out.

Our annual meeting/holiday party at the Hickory Garden Restaurant in Davenport was held on Sun-

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day, November 1st, before our snow-birds headed south for warmer climates. The food was delicious and the gift exchange, games and prizes were lots of fun. Thank you, Don & Natalie, for all your hard work! Sincere get-well wishes go out to our members who have had health problems, etc. this past year. We miss you at our campouts and dances! We wish everyone a blessed and happy holiday season. We're looking forward to a good year of camping and dancing in 2010. There's always room for another chair around the campfire. Come join us for the fun and fellowship of camping AND square dancing. To all of you and your families, we wish you happy and peaceful holidays!

022 PA DANCING CAMPERS
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Our October 2009 weekend at the Grange Fairground, Centre Hall, PA, was everything we hoped it to be. Our annual 'Stone Soup' meal was delicious and the best ever. The dancing was just great with Howard and Donna Williamson as caller and cuer.

We also enjoyed playing games Saturday afternoon. Competition was fierce for the ball toss. Howard and Donna just could not be beaten. Competition was also very interesting for Toss Across. The women seemed to be better than the men. There's always next year, guys.

Everyone had been asked to bring a memorable or interesting item that might or might not reflect their identity. These items were put on display and campers had the chance to guess just who it belonged to. Owners of the items were revealed

after the Stone Soup Meal. The two most interesting: (1) a cow bell worn by Bob Foster's cow years ago and (2) a lamp Paul Watson made from Abalone sea shells he collected.

Campers are put away for the winter and will be out in the spring to attend the PA State Camporee at Shippensburg Fairground in May.

023 ROAD RUNNER RAMBLINS - MO
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Well I haven't had an article in the NSDCA Times for a while, no excuses almost always missed the deadline, but I am not going to do that again. Have marked my calendar.

We have been busy planning and doing whatever is planned for each month. We have planned our annual meeting in November to Sikeston MO to the home of throwed rolls - Lambert's Restaurant. Some are camping; others are going to hotel/motel it. Whatever means we use we will have a fun filled weekend. We always do when we get together.

Our winter meet and eats are going to be fabulous, the committee is working on it right now. The thoughts of where we could be going were presented at our last meeting. WOW, we'll be having a good time. Even though it's winter I am looking forward to where we may go. Planning committee, keep up the good work.

Not much else going on just planning for the Holidays that will be here before we know it. So to take care until the end of the year:

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Press Release from Callerlab

DIRECTIONS - November/December 2009 issue



FROM THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, Dancing lowered the risk of dementia. Based on studies, the Journal rated the results from dancing higher than for those who read, played board games or musical instruments. The frequency of the activity also plays a large roll in its effectiveness. Those people who participated more than once a week in a dance activity realized a lower risk.

A Washington Post Article dated June 19, 2003 presented the following statistics: Dancing lowered the risk of dementia by 76%; playing board games lowered the risk of dementia by 74%; playing a musical instrument lowered the risk of dementia 69%; working crossword puzzles lowered the risk of dementia by 38%.

This study further emphasizes the Mayo Clinic Study in 1994. That study showed Dancing can burn as many calories as walking, swimming or riding a bicycle. During a half hour of sustained dancing you can burn between 200 and 400 calories. One factor that determines how many calories you'll expend is distance. In one study, researchers attached pedometers to square dancers and found each person covered nearly five miles in a single evening.

Dancing further provides cardiovascular conditioning. Regular exercise can lead to a slower heart rate, lower blood pressure, and an improved cholesterol profile. Regular exercise also helps strengthen bones. Dancing is a positive alternative to aerobic dance or jogging. Dancing also contains a social component that solitary fitness endeavors don't. It gives you an opportunity to develop strong social ties which contribute to self-esteem and a positive outlook.

The following is an excerpt printed from *Dancin' News of Central Florida*.

LIVE TEN YEARS LONGER!

Square Dancing will add 10 years to your life, a surprising new study shows. Dr. Arron Blackburn states, "It's clear that square dancing is the perfect exercise. It combines all the positive aspects of intense physical activity with none of the negative elements."

The study was based on their physical examinations which indicated that both female and male square dancers could expect to live well into their "80's.

The square dance movements raise the heart rate like any good aerobic exercise should. All the quick changes of direction loosen and tone up the muscles, but not so severely as to cause injury. In square dancing, when you're not moving you're clapping hands or tapping feet, which all contributes to long term fitness.

036 FIRESIDE SQUARES - IA
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We were saddened by the loss of Margaret Olson in September. She had been ill for several years, but still was an active member. She and Loren joined our club in June 1982. We will miss Margaret and our sympathy to Loren for his great loss.

September was the first and only campout this year without rain or cold weather, so we did get to enjoy a nice game of goofy golf.

September found us at Roberts Creek West outside of Pella, Iowa. Our host, Paul & Carrol Cameron and Ron & Vicki Gamble provided all of us with a spaghetti dinner and garlic bread. The rest of the club provided all the trimmings. We had a potluck on Saturday night and on Sunday the host again provided several different coffee cakes.

The October campout was changed to the third week end because of illness and was held at Ficus Grove. We again were inside most of the week end because of very cool weather and some mist. On Friday night Bud and Carol Van Dyke provided the club with walking tacos that were a big hit. We had community chili on Saturday; with everyone combining their chili into one pot and cooking several hours for our potluck on Saturday night. On Sunday morning Steve and Eileen Holmes provided Dutch letters and rolls and Bud and Carol made several Coffee cakes to share with the club. We had plenty of hot coffee and hot chocolate.

We had our winter meeting on November 20, 2009 to change officers, as many of our members are going south for the winter. Our first campout next year will be at Winter-

set City Park, in Winterset, Iowa, that will be April 23, 24, and 25, 2010. Have a good winter and see you next camping season. Have a wonderful holiday season.

042 SWING 'N HITCHES - MI
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A valiant effort was made by Betty Richey and Millie Burns to reinstate our October campouts, but ended up cancelling due to lack of participation in spite of promise of good weather and wine and cheese party. Looks like our catered dinner dance will continue to be our October get together.

Sorry to report Carol Tilley broke her leg while taking out the garbage....where were you Nathan? Catherine Lucius's valiant battle with cancer is not going as well as hoped. Betty Richey is dealing with some complications following reconstructive surgery.

Thinking back over the year, some things that stand out in my mind: John Procy's gas campfire and fish fry. Diana Procy's coffee cakes. Pat Satterfield's salads. Millie Burns' cookies and decorations. Dick Smith's eye surgeries with promise/threats of x-ray vision. Our secretary Donna Smith's organization. Gene Eberlein's projects on his new lathe. Great response we had with crafts for State Camporee.

For those of you fleeing south....enjoy. Ed and I will throw another log on the fire and continue making plans for next year's campouts.





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055 FIRELITERS - IA
Bob & Esther Scott

September 10 & 11 was our last campout for 2009 with 4 campers and many former campers driving in to help celebrate Bob & Esther Scott's 60th wedding anniversary with John & Jean Tessman and Bob & Mona McNamara serving homemade ice cream and cake.

We've had good attendance all year and enjoyed the State Camporee at Marshalltown. It was voted to keep it there every year. We've had lots of potluck meals, break brunches, rubins & pies and s'mores. We had a great time playing board games, beanbag & washer toss.



058 CURLY Q CAMPERS - NY
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The 2009 camping season has now ended and members have winterized their units or headed south for the winter.

This summer at our campouts the ladies worked on craft and sew-

ing projects and the men usually found time for at least one outing at a local golf course. We enjoyed great fellowship around a variety of yummy meals. But, again this summer, we had the usual cool or rainy & misty nights whenever we planned to have a campfire. We appreciate the friendship of Gary and Judy Pruyne and always enjoy Gary's calling.

Over the Labor Day weekend, nine units spent four nights in Dansville, NY at a Hot Air Balloon Rally viewing a balloon glow on Thursday evening and four launches over the weekend. It was a beautiful sunny weekend with opportunities to visit food and craft vendors, see a classic car show, and enjoy pancake breakfasts, and meals at local restaurants. We also attended a "German-fest picnic" held at Cubby & Judy Van Loon's home in Dansville for family and square dance friends.

Ten units gathered, for our October mid-week outing at Ives Run, a Corps of Engineer Campground, in Tioga, Pa. On Wednesday we were welcomed as special guests at the Canyon Squares Club in Wellsboro, Pa. It was a great evening of dancing with their caller, Jeff Bobst.

It was with great sadness that we lost Roy Lilyea in April after a lengthy illness and grieved with his wife, Linda and family. Roy's special friendship will be greatly missed. John and Winnie Willson celebrated their 60th anniversary in February.

Other active members who celebrated anniversaries of 50 years plus throughout the year included: Bob/Myrt Batsford, Paul/Jane Bree, Bucky/Hazel Dew, Gerald/Joanne Jones, Owen/Cathy Loudin, Art/Lucy Mastellar, Basil/Bev Simons, Paul/Dorothy Stuck, and Marty/Marlene Watson.

We congratulate the new editors of THE TIMES for the great job they did publishing the fall issue. And, we also thank Barb Connelly and Doc & Peg Tirrell for the energy and efforts they have so willingly volunteered as editors for the past fourteen years. We also commend the board members, other staff members and state representatives of NSDCA for their commitment and efforts to continue our national organization.

Wishing safe travels and good health during the holidays and through the winter months to our NSDCA friends.

060 FLUTTER WHEELERS - IA
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We at 060 were sad to see the camping season come to a close. We had our last campout of the season at Smith's farm. Jim & Nancy Oliver of 036 joined us. As always we were glad to have guests.

We had our usual games, potluck supper and last but not least we ate out on Friday night.

This is the campout for election of officers and to choose our 2010 camping sites. Looks like a fun year ahead with 060 hosting the All Iowa Camporee in June at Marshalltown.

Some of our members are making plans to head south for the winter. We wish them a safe trip and return next spring. The rest of us, who will brave the Iowa winter, will meet

the second Wednesday of each month to chat and eat.

Until next time, smile and people will wonder what you are up to. Happy camping!

061 DAKOTA WHEELERS - SD
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First of all we want to thank Helen and Les Kampton for all the years they have done the news for our club.

September 18th & 19th was our last camp out for this year. What a beautiful weekend to end the season. The last 2 campouts we had rain.

We camped at Lake Benton for the 2nd time this year. We had the biggest turnout we've had for a long time. There were 17 units! We received 2 new couples who joined. Nice! We are always looking for new members.

Friday night we had Jamboree style dancing with 3 callers. On Saturday night we had 4 extra people join us for the dance, which was Jamboree style again. We have a nice building to dance in but this time it was a little crowded but everyone enjoyed themselves. A delicious dinner was served both nights.

We do crafts on Saturday morning. Our meeting with election of officers followed by Church service with music by one of our members who furnished her keyboard.

On Sunday pancakes were served to everyone then we played beanbags finally with good weather.

Everyone headed home with hopes we'll all see each one on our next year's camp out.

We welcome any one who would like to come and dance with us. Check our schedule in the next

issue.

CO67 BLUEWATER ROLLING SQ - ON
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Anyone asking “where the summer went”, always received the answer “what summer?. We had a great time just the same through cold, heat and rain drops.

Our executive board would like to send a big thank you to all our square dance campers who worked and assisted in making our weekends a success.

A big thank you to our caller Denny & Judi Howlett in giving us a good time.

Have a warm, safe and healthy winter and we'll see you in June.

068 WANDERING WHEELS - MN
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Wandering Wheels had a great summer of camping and square dancing. As noted in the Fall NDSCA Times, we started out with the 3-day Memorial Day Weekend at the Isanti County Fairgrounds in Cambridge, MN with Tom Allen as our caller. In June, we were at the Stoney Creek RV Resort in Osseo, Wisconsin and danced to Dick Severson.

Our summer continued with “Christmas in July” in Rochester, MN

at the Autumn Woods RV Park where we danced to Larry Fruetel. The rally room was decorated with a carload of Christmas decorations brought by David Lent and Linda Biederman-Hink. We exchanged Christmas ornaments and wrapped gifts in that time-honored dice game format. As usual, some of the items were quite popular and stolen many times and others were viewed with trepidation.

August found us in St Peter, MN at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds dancing to Roger McNeil's calling and Bernadette McNeil's cuing. We had a wonderful fresh sweet corn feed along with the usual potluck. Our theme for the weekend was “Under the Big Top”.

September's campout was in St Cloud, MN with Larry Johansen calling the dances. We also had two guest callers Jane Simpson and Tom Jacobs. We held our annual Silent Auction fundraiser with many wonderful items to bid on. The activity that weekend was “One Act Plays” – a bit of improvisation. The audience voted for their favorite and there were no losers as all teams received the same prize – a bag of chocolate.

Our camping and dancing season ended in October at the Jordan KOA in Jordan, MN with caller Ernie Auringer. The weather was cold and rainy. We gathered in the rally room to play games in the afternoon. It was also a good weekend to snuggle



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in and take a nap in the afternoon (and you didn't even have to explain yourself!) It was a nice end to the camping season.

Our final event for the year was a Christmas potluck and dance called by Larry Johansen. We opened it up to camper/dancers from the Twin Cities and surrounding area as a way to demonstrate what a good group we are and to encourage them to join us next season. We're looking forward to next year and invite you to join us at one of our weekends.

070 PENN YORK CAMPERS - PA
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Our July 24-25-26 campout was at the Brokenstraw Campground, with 14 units present. On Friday & Saturday evening we danced and had a campfire with our friends. This is the club's 35th anniversary year. We celebrated with a cake and three couples who were at the 1974 first campout. The couples are Woody & Jane Stahl, Darwin & Lois Lundsten, and Jim & Rose Reed.



There were 16 units camping at the Hare Creek Campground Sept 11-12-13th. The dancing was very enjoyable with extra guests at the Saturday dance. After the dance we had a corn roast.

To wind up our year of camping we camped at the Spartansburg Fair Grounds. After a wet soggy set-up time on Friday evening, we danced, and enjoyed all our friends. Saturday was a bright mostly sunny day. After our dinner and business meeting we danced to Don Yosten, our fantastic club caller. At the after party Jack &

Shirley Jordan played and sang. They are very talented. Sunday morning we had our pancake breakfast, with all our Friends. There was 14 units at this campout.

074 KEYSTONE ROVERS - PA
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Our 2009 camping and square dancing season is drawing to a close. It's been another great year for fun, fellowship, and food. Speaking of fun, fellowship and food, our August camp out provided plenty of all three. We joined our good friends, the Yellow Rockers, at Lickdale Campground. The weekend included a great assortment of games, both physical and mental. They included bag toss baseball, washer toss, and board games, including Social Security and dominos. For dinner on Saturday evening, we enjoyed Walt Erb's famous corn roast and a "doggie" roast by the Yellow Rockers grilling specialists. When dancing time came about we had to make a decision about dancing in a non-air air conditioned hall with temperatures and humidity hovering around 90 degrees, or going back to the game boards. We all opted for the latter. The evening was climaxed by fellowship around the campfire. In the morning, more food; pancakes and sausages provided by the Yellow Rockers.

Our season will come to a close with weekends in September and October at PA Dutch Campground at Manheim and our annual Christmas breakfast gathering at Shady Maple. The Keystone Rovers wish you all a blessed and joyful holiday season.

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In our never ending quest to satisfy ALL of our readers, we have strategically placed errors and typos within the confines of this publication for those who are always looking for them. If only one person finds a 'goof', then we have accomplished our task.



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Sarah & Charlie



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076 RIVER CITIES TRAVLIN SQUARES
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It's been 9 months since their house was destroyed by fire, but Elwyn & Donna are in their new home. Square dancers were there to help them during these difficult months. A new puppy was presented to Elwyn and Donna, as they had lost their dog in the fire. Princess now has Elwyn and Donna in training.

After 67 years of accumulating treasures in their large home, Einer and Wilma are moving. There's no room for junk in their new place, so some things go in and out. They still camp with us and tell me they like all campgrounds and enjoy the dancing and meeting square dancers. Camping and square dancing just makes a great weekend of fun.

Jerry and Maizie have enjoyed the games that winter Texans have brought back to the north. Most recently they are learning the new twists to some of the good old games. At our August campout we were treated to cobbler deserts made in cast iron Dutch ovens topped with ice cream. Yum! We kept warm with the hot cobbler and the campfire. This summer I learned how to make 9 inch personal pan pizza in a Dutch oven. Everyone makes their own and then is set into the Dutch over and 'baked' for about 4 minutes and it's so good.

There's always good food where there are campers and square dancers. If you are in our area of Iowa, join us at our camper dances and then at the campfire and enjoy our stories and share a few of your own.

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082's final summer social campout, our 'Square Dancer's Grand Gathering 2009', took place at Disney's Ft. Wilderness Campground during the final days of August. Eleven rigs gathered in Loop 'Whispering Pine Way' for days of relaxation and fun-filled activities.

Our chapter caller, Charlie Pergrossi, and his wife Sarah were hosts for our September campout, assisted by past-presidents, Dick and Nancy Fournier. Our fun-time took place at the Floridian RV Resort in St. Cloud, FL during the fourth weekend of September. It was our first weekend of square dance camping after a summer of monthly social gatherings.

We congratulate the new editors of our camping magazine, NSDCA Times, Sarah and Charlie Pergrossi. We welcome new associate members to our chapter - Roger Tipps and Janet Bowen.

Jan and Pete Shankle arrived Saturday evening to do early, early rounds at 7 PM. Great to see them both. All of us in Hitch 'n Go appreciate their talent and dedication to us.

We won the plaque for highest percentage of dancers attending the October State Camporee in Bushnell, FL. Our members participated in many activities: golf, bocce ball, fashion show, workshops, meetings, along with hosting the ice cream social after the pirate-themed dance on Thursday evening. The dancing and pirate activities were enjoyed by all.

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In September we did not have a club campout. Instead, our chapter hosted the annual "Tri-State" outing in Akron, CO on Labor Day weekend. This is a campout that includes clubs from Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming. We had a wonderful four day weekend of dancing (called by Mike Oliveri and Dave Guille) plus many other activities. There were forty rigs in attendance, as well as a number of local dancers.

Our last campout of the season was on Oct 2nd through the 4th. We had a great time and good weather for October. Friday night we enjoyed games and plenty of snacks to tide us over until we could get real food. Saturday morning we had a craft session that involved making Halloween skeletons out of gallon milk jugs. They turned out interesting, to say the least. Saturday night we had a potluck followed by our dance, called by Mike Oliveri, and then, of course we had dessert.

Our Christmas party will be held on Sunday December 6th at the Masonic Hall in Fort Collins, CO. The theme will be "Angels on High!"

Hope that you have all enjoyed your summer as much as we have in Mobile Squares. Come see us anytime!

093 DRIFT AROUND SQUARES - FL
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We just came back from the 2009 FANSDC Camporee held the weekend of October 22-25. The theme was Pirates, and our club,

#093, was in charge of the decorations for the hall. Our club really came through with many ideas on how to make the hall a pirate ship. We also decided to have a Brig on Thursday night. People were thrown into the Brig: their mates had to get them out. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There were a lot of pirate costumes worn on Thursday night!

On Friday evening of the Camporee held at Blueberry Hill RV Resort in Bushnell, FL, we had our potluck. It proved again that there is never a shortage of good cooks in our club. We danced the night away for three nights, ate at local restaurants, had potlucks, and a catered dinner. And now, on this Sunday evening, we are all tired to the bone. We paid the price to Captain Scurvy, found Black Beard's treasure map and the treasure, and we leave the weekend knowing that we have done our best. We will return again to have Captain Jim Cosman lead us through our paces once more.



Pirate callers Ted Kennedy, Jim Cosman, Charlie Pergrossi & Camporee Chair John Ide. Arrr ya dancing'?

106 SQUARE-UP CAMPERS - PA
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Sitting around our campsites we were in awe of Al Lair's auction purchase of 10 pounds of pasta shells

2010 NSDCA INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE
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he made while at White Oaks Camp-
ground in Strasburg, PA. Not wanting
to take the huge box home, wife Ivy
divided the shell supply amongst eve-
ryone and the idea of bringing those
cooked shells back to next month's
campout was born.

At Dogwood Acres we had the
“Sumptuous Shell Square Off” chal-
lenging the premium pasta preparers!
Judge Dave Meyers tested and re-
tested all the delights, finally award-
ing prizes to both Janie Turner and
Pat Donnelly. What valuable awards
did they receive? Why, spaghetti and
macaroni pasta of course! Saturday
morning we entertained the residents
at the Green Ridge Nursing Center
and then went out to eat lunch. No
one dared to order pasta I'm sure!

At August's campout at Ferryboat
we enjoyed caller Bob Engel as he

kept the dance floor flowing and
spectators tapping their feet. Some
rode the historic wooden ferryboat
across the Susquehanna River. The
Spoon Game was fun watching the
ladies capture that last spoon. Both
Pat and Barb almost wrestled for it
as the crowd roared!

At September's weekend at
Camp Swatara we enjoyed plenty of
liquid sunshine, great dancing, ice
cream brownie sundaes and even
more laughing at the ladies Spoon
Game.

At our last campout at Outdoor
World, Elmer Absher donated a bowl
he handcrafted for the 50/50 draw-
ing. While dodging the raindrops, we
had a fun filled dancing weekend
ending with a pancake breakfast on
Sunday. We extend an open invitation
to visit our fun group in 2010!



George and Lisa Treichler of #108, are just one couple introduced to camping and dancing through the 2009 Membership \$20 Coupon Drive. Read the details for the 2010 Membership Drive and bring your friends in for a weekend.

108 SOUTHERN TIER WHEELERS - NY
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We will be wrapping up our "09" season with our annual Christmas Party at the Tyrone Fire Hall, Tyrone, NY on Sunday, the 6th of December; history when you read this. One thing we will be celebrating; however, in addition to the great calling and cueing of Gary and Alice Bubel, will be a very successful year and thanks in large part to the \$20 Off Coupons.

We had a great response and several actual new members, like George and Lisa Treichler, shown here. We are happy also that the offer will continue next year. As always we dance once a month, May through October, and always conclude with an early December Dinner Dance and Christmas Party. All of our camp out weekends are at the Camp Bell Campground, just south of the beautiful New York State Finger Lakes District...and in the Sail-Plane (read Glider here), capital of the World! We are also just a few miles from Ham-

mondsport and the Curtis Wright Flying Museum...where aviation really started - ask any US Navy Pilot.

Plan to visit us in 2010. Walk-ins are always welcome. the 2010 weekend dates are: May 14-16; June 18-20; July 9-11; Aug 20-21; Sept. 10-12; and Oct. 8-11, a long weekend!

C112 HORSESHOE SQ 'N' WHEELS - ON
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In September we turned 30 years old and did we party!! In a beautifully decorated hall we saw photos of ourselves, the way we were, all done up in plaids, bell bottoms, dresses with that funny V point at the waist, flounces and even a maternity dress. Remember how we used to try to hide our babies under great big tent dresses? Yeah, some things are better now a days! A photo display of the cars we drove 30 years ago kept the men interested...and all those old LP record jackets decorating the walls...ah, brings back youth, doesn't it?!

Highlights of the weekend included a thanksgiving church service on Sunday, a roast beef dinner for 104 past and present members on Saturday night and a Gong Show. Was that ever fun...skits, stories, songs, whatever! Sonny and Cher were up there 3 times and never did finish their acts before being gonged! Abba entertained with Dancing Queen and Waterloo (our host city) And, thanks to a typo in a previous Times issue, where we were referred to as Queen Acre Park, instead of Green Acre Park, our club had just the ammunition it needed to live up to the name. You guessed it...big

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busted, wiggled, Queen-sized-party-hosed masculine legs in high heels coming down the red carpet! Our guys sure know how to give us a good laugh!

Our founding couple, Lionel and Marilyn Bond, were awarded the prestigious Trillium Award for their long time service, a well deserved honor that left them speechless. We are greatly indebted to them for starting such a

wonderful club and continuing to be such an active, positive influence among us. Besides all that, don't they look great?!



113 DAKOTA RAMBLERS - ND

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The Dakota Ramblers had their last campout at Lakeside marina, at Jamestown, ND. We had a great turn out and welcomed two new members, Sharon and Marlan Sorenson. We also had two guests from Minnesota NSDCA Marlene and Jim Jurak. Then we also had five callers; it just doesn't get much better than that.

We have great plans for our 2010 season. The third weekend in May we will be celebrating Adam and Cecelia Baumstarcks' 50th wedding anniversary, and they've invited everyone to join us at Steele, ND.

June 3rd, 4th & 5th, we will be

hosting the 51st International Square & Round Dance Convention in Jamestown, ND with free dry camping and several great callers and cuers and lots of fun things planned. Sure hope we see you all there. We have a great schedule for the rest of the summer also. We hope you all have a fun and safe winter.

116 CAMPING SQUARES OF KANSAS

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What a wonderful way to finish the month of July and start August by visiting historical Dodge City, KS. We enjoyed the rodeo, gun fights, and car races. We also visited historical Boot Hill; the famous place where Matt Dillon put many outlaws of the Old West.

We headed for Lakeside RV Park at Assaria, KS and several of us arrived on Thursday where an unplanned potluck supper was put together. We were very fortunate to be joined by the park manager and his family. Their hospitality was wonderful. Later we roasted marshmallows by the campfire. Geo-caching seems to be entertainment for several campers when we visit different areas in our wonderful state of Kansas.

On September 17 & 18, our campout took us to Fall River, KS, where several were taken on a tour of the dam by the park rangers. We learned that we were 65 feet below the water level. It was fun sitting by the campfire and listening to the roar of the water being released from the dam.

Rain, cold weather, ice and snow didn't dampen our spirits when going on our last campout for the

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Cell Phones for Soldiers hopes to turn old cell phones into more than 12 million minutes of prepaid calling cards for U.S. troops stationed overseas in 2008. To do so, Cell Phones for Soldiers expects to collect 50,000 cell phones each month through a network of more than 3,000 collection sites across the country.

The phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone – enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad.

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist from Norwell, Mass., with \$21 of their own money. Since then, the registered 501c3 non-profit organization has raised almost \$2 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas.



Robbie and Brittany now help support Canadian troops as well by providing much needed supplies such as clothing, laptops, video cameras so our troops can send messages home to their loved ones and other basic necessities. Through generous donations and the recycling of used cell phones, Robbie and Brittany have already helped thousands of soldiers around the globe.

“Cell Phones for Soldiers started as a small way to show our family’s appreciation for the men and women who have sacrificed the day-to-day contact with their own families to serve in the U.S. armed forces,” says the teens’ father, Bob Bergquist. “Over the past few years, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of others. But, we have also seen the need to support our troops continue to grow as more troops are sent overseas for longer assignments.”

Through increased fundraising efforts, the Bergquist family hopes to raise more than \$9 million in the next five years to fund new programs, such as providing video phones with prepaid service to allow soldiers abroad to see their families on a regular basis.



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Editor Note

Be sure to include your Chapter's Name and Number, along with the reporter's name and contact info in each of your Campfire Chats. We want to hear about important events which have occurred since your last report. Share news of weddings, anniversaries, chapter elections, special camping events, and deaths in your submissions. Remember to send along photos! You are invited to send your news in early! Deadlines are the final date for receiving information, photos and ad copies! Thank You for your help.

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season. This took us to Larned, KS. Saturday we went to the Santa Fe Trail and we toured the Santa Fe Trail Museum. Later some went to the candlelight tour of Fort Larned which was celebrating the 150th Anniversary Commemorative Reenactment Ceremony 1859-2006. "As guardians of the Santa Fe Trail" soldiers escorted mail and freight trains filled with much needed supplies to other western cities.

Willard Palmer, a square dancer and member of Camping Squares passed away in September. Several of our members have been ill also. We hope they are all feeling better. Our prayers and sympathy are with you who have lost loved ones.

May you have a wonderful holiday season and happy camping in 2010.

118 OZARK CAMPER DANCERS - MO
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The end of another year and we would all like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Our members have had a very eventful year with all the surgeries and illness that have kept our attendance low. I think we all are on the mend and next summer should be much better.

Some are already headed south

to Texas and warm weather. We had a good turnout in Grove, OK with some wonderful weather in September and looking forward to the last campout in October.

The members that stay home try to get together each month in Springfield, MO.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

119 WANDER YONDERS - WY
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It is always hard for us "North Westerners" to put up our campers and prepare them for winter, as this means our camping season has come to a close. But as I write this CHATS article we are getting a winter storm complete with falling temperatures, blustery winds, and a foot or more of snow. We are thankful for our warm homes. Grab a hot chocolate, a comfortable chair and enjoy reading the NSDCA Times.

We had a great time in Grand Lake at the Buffalo BBQ Square Dance. There were 18 units from our Chapter that attended with 15 squares at the dance. Dave Guille called and Leroy Shade cued. This event continues to grow in size, and we enjoyed the Cowboy Church at the Lake's edge and Parade that followed. August 11-17 is the annual trek to Lolo, MT for the Plus level Square Dancers and it was a sell out

this year with Dave Guille teaching and calling for the dancers. For a little excursion, the club traveled over to Medora, ND for a Pitch Fork Dinner and Musical Playhouse, which they say, everyone should attend sometime.

Tri-State was hosted by the Mobile Squares in Akron, CO. Dave Guille and Mike Olivira called the square dances and Miller Kelley cued the round dances. It is always a fun weekend when we get together with our neighbors from Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. We can boast about our winners in the games contests, Marlin Walter, Frank McKinley, Donna Walter and Margaret Arfsten. CONGRATULATIONS!

Our final outing is the Buggy Stomp in Laramie at the Quadra Dangle, September 11-13. It was well attended this year with Dave Guille and Jerry Junck calling and Leroy Shade cueing the rounds. After we survived the damage to the hall from the "wall tornado", we are thankful to be dancing back in the Quadra Dangle and we now have 40 spots that can hook up to electricity.

Our Potluck/Meeting and Election of Officers will be November 1, 2009.

Happy and safe holiday wishes to all. We'll join you again in the spring.

123 SWING 'N' TRAVELERS - IL
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Swing 'N' Travelers had our final campout of the season Oct. 9-11, at Galesburg East Best Holiday Campground, to enjoy the Spoon River Drive. Our season has been active and very enjoyable.

Each monthly campout is hosted by two couples, who plan activities,

etc. Our August camp out included making Ladder Jacks.

The September camp out included 17 units, lots of great food, square dance Friday night with caller Herb Edwards, and a Country Opry Show at Kentuckiana, Hopedale, IL.

We will look forward to monthly get-togethers at different locations hosted by club members.



#123 setting up for a lively round of Ladder Toss

125 SUPERSTITION SQ WHEELERS - AZ
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Our September campout was a welcome back from the summer break. Canyon Lake RV Park in Apache Junction was the place, with 7 rigs and 3 drive-ups. The highlight of this campout was the report of the Camporee from Rayne, LA, presented by Paul & Kay Thompson and Tom & Arlene Rimert, who attended the Camporee. The theme of the weekend was "Big Fun on the Bayou". We were presented with Louisiana Mardi Gras beads to wear, and we toured a rice and crayfish farm and a Tabasco factory courtesy of the excellent reports from our presenters. Later we

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2010 NSDCA MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

The 2010 NSDCA Membership Promotion begins January 1, 2010.

The program is similar to the current coupon promotion except that **your guests must join NSDCA to receive the \$20.00 camping fee refund.** When they complete the membership application and refund coupon your Chapter will give them the camping fee refund.

The National Square Dance Campers are inviting non NSDCA members to join us for a weekend and we will pay the first \$20.00 your weekend camping fees. (Friday and Saturday nights) Come join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Call for a time and location near you. Even if you do not know how to square dance come join us. This may be your kind of relaxation and fun!

This NSDCA 2010 Membership Promotion offer expires December 31, 2010.

Contact the NSDCA VP for dates and location of a chapter near you:

Martha Zimmerman
Phone: 352-336-5311
Email: Vice-Presidents@NSDCA.org

All coupons submitted for reimbursement must now be sent along with the membership application to the Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary will annotate them with the new members membership number before sending them to the Treasurer for reimbursement. Reimbursement will be sent to the Chapter.

Send the following 2010 Membership Promotion coupon along with your membership application to NSDCA within 7 days of your campout.

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participated in a crayfish race with Frances Peterson and Carol Dingee having the fastest crayfish. We enjoyed a dinner and a breakfast at the Lakeside Restaurant at the RV Park where we had good food and very accommodating personnel.

October found us at another lake, Lake Pleasant, but with warm weather still with us. Our first morning we were surprised by a visit by 18 wild burros, actually not too wild as they let us get close for pictures with only a few snorts from a couple of the burros. Friday evening was finger food pot luck, followed by a campfire. Bill & Carol House had driven up Friday afternoon showing off a new rig, which was admired by all. The tournament was beanbags with Will Haynes and Estel Hook taking 1st place and 2nd place went to Bill House and Kay Thompson. Our luncheon pot luck was great, and the bees thought so as they joined us in great numbers. They especially liked the pumpkin pie Frances brought. Even though it was very warm during the day, it cooled off enough for campfires in the evening. The Sunday service presented by Kay & Paul Thompson was thought provoking; encouraging us to be kind to one another. Thanks to our Wagon masters, Will & Barb Haynes for a very enjoyable campout!

128 Square Wheels - FL
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Our recent camp out in September was at Pacetti's Marina Campground in Green Cove Springs, for our 29th Anniversary. We shared our special weekend with the Gypsy Squares. We enjoyed a beautiful warm weekend. We danced both Friday & Satur-

day night with Bill Chesnut. Lisa Wall cued on Saturday night. We had over 60+ dancers for Square & Round dancing.

Saturday, Bill Chesnut & Robert Padgett led a Plus Workshop which brought in many dancers from our local clubs from Jacksonville & Orange Park.

We had a covered dish dinner after the workshop, which was oh so good, just love the desserts! After the dinner we had our meeting to elect new officers. We elected new Presidents, Pat & Tom Herscha and all other officers will remain in office and are doing a wonderful job. Thank you for a great job.

In late August we bid a sad farewell to Helen Williams after a long battle with cancer. She and her husband Ed have been loyal members of #128 for many years. Helen will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ed and their children in the difficult months ahead.

Our next big campout was the O'Leno Hoedown at O'Leno State Park November 6,7,8, which is always a great dance & fun for all. Bill Chesnut and Bob Poyner will be calling with Lisa Wall doing the cues for round dancing. We always look forward to seeing many friends from all over Florida.



We welcome new members to our club - Bob & Barbara Rosenthal from Lake City and Lisa Wall from Jacksonville Beach.

Look forward to seeing all our friends in the upcoming camping trips.

135 HAPPY HOBOS - CO

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With falling temperatures, blue autumn skies offering a view of wild geese heading south in formation, gold and crimson leaves beginning to blanket the ground, we note signals of another very good, memory-filled camping year come to a close. One highlight of our season was the Tri-State campout in Akron, Colorado, held by the Mobile Squares #085, in early September. We say "thank you" to them for such fun activities and warm hospitality along with great dancing and chances to enjoy old and new friendships. An interesting side trip was a tour of the Akron's Global Harvest Foods plant which manufactures prepared bird seed and bird treats as well as other animal feed.

A week or so later, going to La Junta, a number of our campers took a forestry department-led excursion of the nearby Picketwire Canyon. It was an interesting day trip getting to see dinosaur tracks, an old Spanish cemetery and Indian pictographs.

In October we camped at Loveland RV Retreat and danced with Fort Collins' Collinaders. It has been an enjoyable summer!

November is our Anniversary Dinner Dance and then we're anticipating a great season ahead. Happy holidays, safe traveling, fun dancing. Until then...



139 LIMONADERS - FL
143 FLORIDA WHEELERS - FL
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Well here it is the end of October and time for another article. Chapters #139 and #143 do not meet in the summer, and this year decided not to have a campout in October since the Florida Camporee was the same weekend. We hoped that most of both Chapters would be able to meet in Bushnell at the Camporee and catch up on the summers doings with each other.

All went as planned and it was good to see everyone - 143 had 7 RV's and 139 had 2. It looks like everyone made it through the summer in fairly good shape. Did learn though that sadly we have two couples from 143 who can no longer dance and camp with us. Ed and Marge Gustavus, who have been Chapter Editors for many many years decided they are no longer capable of dancing, also Jim and Naoma Cotton, who have both been experiencing medical problems will also no longer dance. They will all be missed, not only on the dance floor but socially. We are fortunate that Lois Tenny has agreed to be the new editor - many thanks to her and Al for stepping up to this challenge.

The two clubs will next meet at Olde Mill Stream in Umatilla on November 20-22, and in December at Lake Oklawaha RV in Ft. McCoy on December 18-20. All dancers are welcome. Come and enjoy our dancing and good times.

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TechTips

By Bob Wilcox (050)



The Times is instituting a new column called TechTips. This column will deal with tips to keep our campers in good shape, tips to make camping setup easier and anything else we can think of to make camping more enjoyable.

Your ideas, tips and questions are needed to help me figure out the types of items you would like to see. Please send them to techtips@nsdca.org. Please put TechTips in the subject line so I don't delete your email as spam. Items pertaining to camper safety are particularly requested. Pictures in gif or jpg format are welcome.

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2. No lady is to dance in black stockings, not to have her elbows bare.
3. To prevent spitting, no gentleman will chew tobacco or smoke.
4. No whispering to be allowed. If anyone should be found to make insidious remarks about anyone's dancing, he or she shall be put out of the room.
5. No gentleman will appear with a cravat that has been worn more than a week or a fortnight.
6. Long beards are forbidden, as they would be very disagreeable if a gentleman should happen to put his cheek beside a lady's.
7. No gentleman is to squeeze his partner's hand, nor look earnestly upon her, and furthermore, he must not pick up her handkerchief provided it were to fall. The first denotes he loves her, the second, he wishes to kiss her and the last that she makes a sign for both.

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152 CAMPERS & DANCERS - AL
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After all the excitement of the Camporee in Rayne, the Campers & Dancers just sat back and relaxed at our August campout at the Pine Mountain RV Resort in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Well, we said that we'd do that, but actually our wagonmasters Gary and Janet Goodman kept us on the run. Friday morning we went to the new Army Infantry Museum, where we learned about the roles the Infantry has played in the preservation and defense of our nation through various wars and conflicts. The exhibits are state-of-the-art and we urge everybody to stop by Fort Benning when you're travelling through Georgia.

Afterward, we lunched at Dingleberry's Pharmacy (with a real old-time soda fountain) in downtown Columbus. Their world-famous Scramble Dog should be on your list of "1000 Things To Do in a Lifetime". Like the Infantry Museum, words can't describe Dingleberry's - you've gotta go see for yourself!

Roger Loney and several members of his club gave us a great dance that night. It's always fun to dance and make new friends all at

the same time. The Goodmans were camping in their new motor home and during the dance on Friday night the Chapter tradition continued. Their rig got royally "rolled" with lovely blue polka-dotted toilet paper that just matched the blue of their rig! They were good sports and let the paper flutter in the breeze until the next day.

On Saturday morning we always play bingo at our campouts, and Harold and Ruth Thrasher were really lucky that day and walked away with the majority of the prizes. They really work hard for our Chapter so none of us begrudged them the goodies - but they did get a lot of teasing!

August is so hot in Alabama that we always go to Florida for some cool breezes! Topsail Hill Reserve State Park, near Santa Rosa, is our favorite Florida beach, and most of us stayed a week or more. Seems like we can't have a campout without some (unplanned and unwanted) excitement. We ate homemade vegetable and Mexican dinners, went out for seafood, and danced on Friday night to our own John Paul Bresnen. Destin is only a short distance away, so we took advantage of the shopping opportunities as well as the white sand beaches.

In only a week, our Chapter went from the seashore to the mountain - Brindlee Mountain in northeast Alabama where we held our September campout the next weekend. The weather was just right for our soup supper on Friday night followed by dancing with the Brindlee Mountain Promenaders. They have a lovely old school (with nice wooden floors) converted into a dance hall/community center. Wayne and Shelia had several family members along for the



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campout and they all cooked a wonderful breakfast for us Saturday morning before bingo. As usual, we all ate too much. The highlight of the weekend came at dusk when we all piled into a hay-filled wagon. It was perfect – a hayride down deserted country roads with a chill in the air and a bright full moon overhead! Afterward we danced in the open-air pavilion (with a roaring fireplace) to warm up.

If you're looking for fun with a great group of dancers, just stop by one of our campouts and we'll make you feel right at home!

153 STRAWBERRY TRAVELERS - FL
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Our October campout was at Blueberry Hill in Bushnell, FL. Strawberry Travelers are well known for our friendship circle under the tent behind Willis's motor home. It's a pleasant gathering place for all to come grab a chair and share stories, jokes, crafts, meals, and snacks. We especially enjoy that Charlie and Sarah Pergrossi, our caller and wife, participate in all our club activities. Guests Ted and Nancy Kennedy from Slidell,

Louisiana were welcomed guests. Ted is also a great caller and tells good Thibideau and Boudreau jokes.

Many ate out together at a local restaurant on Friday. Charlie and Ted kept the dancing lively at the evening dance, and Charlie challenged us with a 6-couple tip. Saturday was a hot dog cook-out at the friendship circle and then everyone worked on costumes, skits, and other projects for the state convention.

Saturday evening was a pot-luck dinner & general meeting before we dressed in our traditional strawberry outfits for the evening dance....and what a dance it was with two excellent callers!

Almost everyone stayed for the entire week since the FANSDC state convention was the following weekend. Plans included biking, spelunking, and shopping at flea markets and local thrift stores!

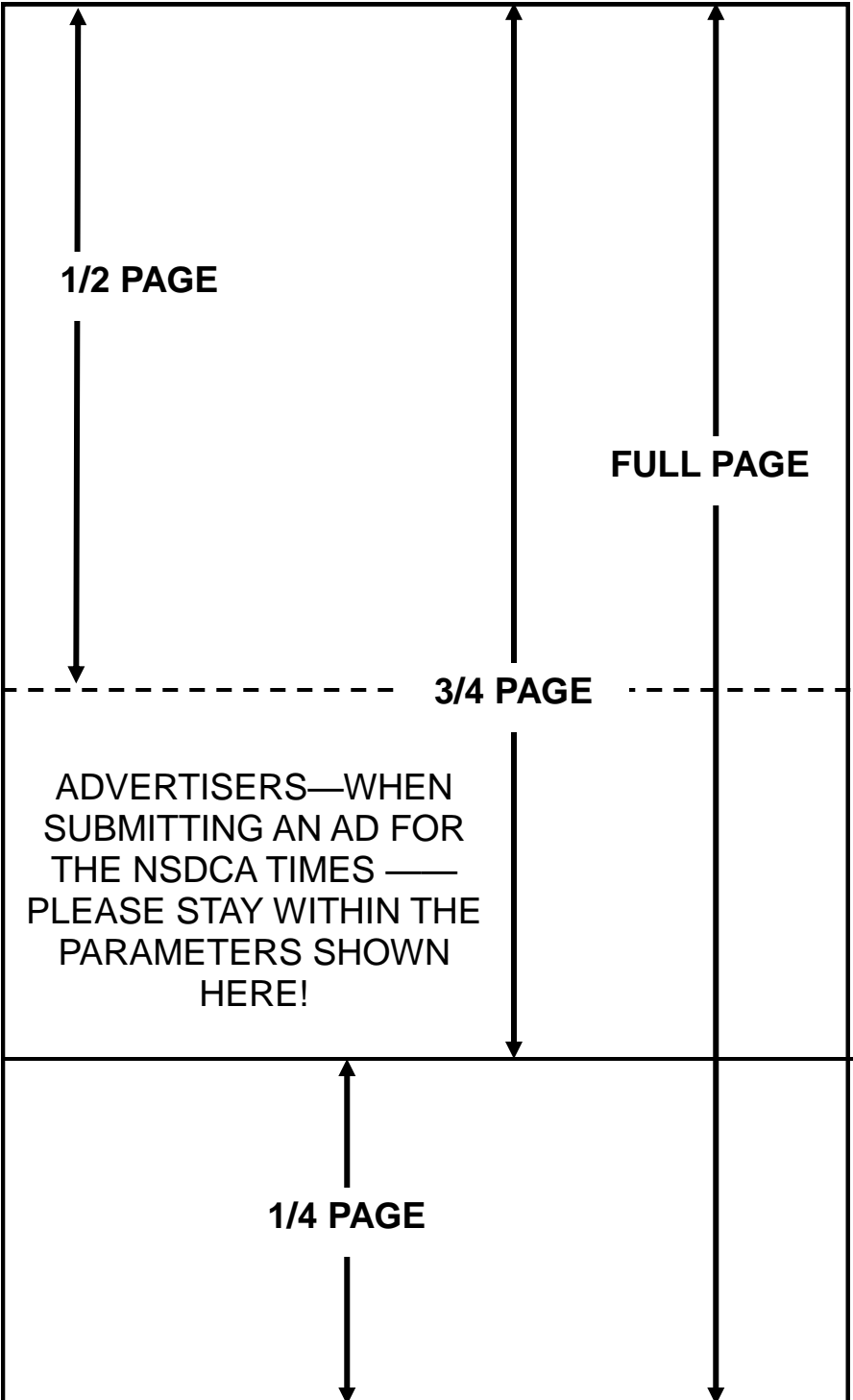
The next Strawberry Travelers campout will be December 11 - 13, 2009 at Theme World RV in Davenport FL. If you are in the area come join us. This is our Christmas campout so we always have plenty of food and dancing. Our February campout will be held the first weekend in the month, Feb 5 - 7 so it won't conflict with the Annual Blue-Grey square

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Think it's inevitable for your body to slow down as the years go by? Not so! A new Rush University study reveals that adults who keep their social calendars full - say, volunteering, joining a book club, or lunching with friends - had better strength, speed, balance and mobility into their 60s, 70s, and beyond than those who rarely ventured out. Socializing keeps your mind active, which helps ward off brain-related changes that lead to a decline in motor function.

-Women's World, p.5, Sept. 14, 2009

[Editor's note: I believe adding camping & dancing into your social calendar will have the same benefits as those listed above.]



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As your Editors, we reserve the right to condense, omit, or edit articles in order to best utilize available space. .

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A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire that hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"



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dance the following weekend. We will be camping at Lake Oklawaha RV Resort in Ft. McCoy, FL.



The pirates of #153. Arrr ya dancing?

164 ADIRONDACK DANCING CAMPERS - NY

Maureen "Mo" Wall 518-747-5942

However cold the winter, we'll find a golden sun. However dark the night hours, the dawn is sure to come. Each sunrise - every sunset has so much warmth to bring. However cold the winter, it always ends in spring.

By now all our snowbirds are tucked in way down south and all their letters let us know how good it is to be there in the warmth of the sunshine. No matter where each of us spends the winter months, it's always good to know there is a special place to gather and dance with out local clubs and chapter friends. Whether we are snow lovers, snow birds, or snow bunnies, we all know how to have a great time.

We sure hope the winter months treat you well and keep you busy. All of us will be looking forward to the upcoming holidays and the Adirondack Dancing Campers wish each and everyone of you a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Until we chat again - best wishes and lots of yellow rocks. Happy Holidays!

170 STAR CITY SQUARES - NE
Lyle & Jinnie Disney 402-466-0119
ljdisney@windstream.net

Wow, where has the summer gone? Seems like we just got the camper on the road and now it's time to put it away for the winter. In August Star City Squares met at Prairie Oasis at Henderson, NE. September found several units in Hastings, NE at the Nebraska State Square Dance Convention. October was our last camp-out for the season. We are going to meet at Rock Creek Station State Park near Fairbury, NE. Hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. Star City Squares wishes all of you a Happy Holiday and a blessed New Year.

173 RAILROADERS - PA
Zane & Barbara Feathers
814-696-0110

Railroader Camping & Dancing club wound up another year of camping and dancing as of October 8,9

and 10, 2009. Time sure has a way of slipping by. We would like to thank Emil Corle for calling for our club May to August of 2009, while our caller Howard Williamson has been recuperating from back surgery. We appreciate and love you both. We also thank Evelyn Lingenfelter for giving us a good year of round dancing at our campouts. Our best wishes go to all the snowbirds traveling and our wishes for a safe trip. Our dinner/dance will be held April 17, 2010 at the Masonic Lodge in Hollidaysburg, PA to kick off our 2010 camping season. We will also have newly installed officers for our 2010 camping season, President will be Tom and Bonnie Rockwell, Vice President will be Joe and Patty Hincherrick, our Treasurer will be Helen Naimark and Joe Nardi, asst. Treasurers will be Ron and Judy Estep, Secretary will be Lone Hammaker and asst Secretaries will be Tom and Clarice Noll. Thank you to all who will serve in 2010 and all who have served in the past. Best wishes to all and hope to see you across a square.

C175 RIVERSIDE GYPSY SQUARES - ON David/Theresa Ryan 613-283-4546 Tryan1966@sympatico.ca

July was a Halloween theme with a fabulous job of decorating the hall. Harry & Margaret in silver, ancient, ghoulish type costumes and our winners - Ted & Freda Moore dressed as ??? Everyone's costume was wonderful, creative, unforgettable. Even our caller - Berry Chumbly got right into the swing - dressing, talking & calling as Elvis. Pumpkin Pie contest, watermelon carving contest & games galore - thanks Sandy & Bill. Great job everyone!!

August 'Clowning Around' theme had lots of clowns with Dave Watson as a juggler using a cane. Corn Roast in the rain and a Penny Auction entertained people on Saturday. Local clowns performed the Sunday service with Myrtle and crew at their best. Gypsy Joe had to get in the act and struck again. Apparently, he had his way with the Summer's new rig.

Gypsies ended the season in September with a 15th Anniversary Party and what a great weekend with a catered dinner at the church. We feasted on roast beef and all the trimmings until we were stuffed. No one left hungry & one even took home a 'doggie bag'. Caller - Bob Summers & Crier Dorothy Tweed did a fine job of tiring us out on the dance floor. Again the organizers did an amazing job with wine & cheese, cake & ice cream, slide show, video, gypsy written songs and a 'fashion show' featuring Bill, Doug, Ferdie, Mel, Pierre, Ransom, Stuart, Ted & Thomas dressed to the 9's with outfits that were very unique. As luck would have it, all were 'for sale' but there weren't any takers, sorry guys. Thank you to the outgoing executive for their great job and hard work and we wish the



New presidents for C-175

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Orlando Tours

For more Florida Magic enjoy your vacation on our tour bus. Let our driver transport you on our air conditioned bus so *BOTH* of you can enjoy the sights of Orlando.

Tour #1 NO ENTRANCE FEE.

Sunday ~ Disney Downtown 5 ~10 pm

Lots of small and large shops. Balloon ride.(fee)
Restaurants. (Rain Forest Cafe, T Rex Café) and many more.
Snack shops, Candy stores. Ice cream shop. Entertainment.
Music every night. See the lights at night.
Come stroll the paths by the lake. Take a boat ride upstream.



Tour #2 NO ENTRANCE FEE.

Monday ~ Lakeside Winery 9 ~ 2 pm

Pack a picnic lunch.

Enjoy the ride to Clermont on your air conditioned bus
Tour the winery and sample the various wines they make.

After the tour and wine tasting enjoy your picnic lunch with your fellow bus riders under the shade trees at their picnic area.



Tour #3 NO ENTRANCE FEE

Thursday ~ International Outlet Mall 9 ~2pm

Shop a huge collection of brand name discount shops
(Sacks Fifth Ave, As Seen on TV), and many more. Food court too.
You may take your purchases back to the bus with your driver
keeping the bus available so you can shop with both hands free.

This is a chance to get those Florida souvenirs and
the clothing bargains you look for in an Outlet Mall.



Each tour is \$22.00 per person.

Limited seats available.

Reserve on your reservation form.

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newbies all the best in the coming year.

Gypsy Joe says' Adios, hasta la proxima'.

179 GATEWAY WAGONEERS - IL-MO
Bob & Gloria Herr 314-432-6355
rgherr32@sbcglobal.net

Greetings from the Gateway Wagoneers. Our summer was great with good weather especially for the Midwest in August. Camping at Cole Creek in South Central IL was highlighted by a Hot Air Balloon Festival in Centralia, IL. September we camped at DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. We have some very talented people in our club. They built a 36 ft. float and entered the annual Apple Festival Parade in Murphysboro, IL. We were honored with TWO 1ST PLACE TROPHIES-Best of Class and Most Original. The theme was BARN DANCE MEMORIES.



Our last campout of the year was in Branson MO. We saw the play NOAH with over 50 people in the cast and many pairs of LIVE ANIMALS. It was an outstanding show. Old Town Branson had much to offer - umpteen craft shops, eateries, antique/flea markets, at least 100 different shows, Silver Dollar City, shopping, places to browse and spend your money. NO more camping as a club

till next April, but most of us will be dancing somewhere till then.

180 SPINNING WHEELS - MN
Pat Dillard 507-356-8134
pedill@yahoo.com

Our July campout at Hidden Meadows Campground in Pine Island had eight rigs attending. We did have a few brave campers join our group in dancing to Larry Freutel on Saturday night.

August found six rigs at Hope Oak Knoll in Owatonna. Dino's Acres in Waterville hosted five rigs.

Currently our membership consists of 10 rigs. The Wagonmaster, Arnie Putnam, decided to try two new campgrounds for the year 2010 outings. In May we will be camping at Autumn Woods RV Park in Rochester. In September we will have an extended stay at Cushon's Peak Campground in Houston.

Our annual meeting was held at Timberlodge Steak House in Owatonna. Newly elected officers are: Floyd & Judy Engelhardt - President; Jerry & Merva Swanson - Vice-President; Keith & Pat Dillard - Secretary and NSDCA Times Reporter; Arnie & Han Putnam - Wagonmaster; Jacie Lieske - Treasurer.

Our camping season is over for 2009 here in the frozen tundra. We have already had two snowfalls. Some of our members go south for the winter. The rest of us stay here and dream of warmer days to come so we can again get the rig on the road.

**Does your campground
advertise in the Times?
Why not?**

181 MONTSHIRE CAMPING SQ - NH/VT
Oliver & Kaye Peck 802-886-8273
orkjp@vermontel.net

Our fall campout had a smaller group at Thicket Hill in Hinsdale, NH. Bob Butler did the calling and Walter Wall was the cuer. During the week-end we ate well and the weather was wonderful although the bite of fall was in the air.

At our business meeting it was decided that for next year we would have our spring campout at Danforth Bay on Lake Ossipee and in the fall return to HorseShoe Acres in Andover, VT. Suwanee Gibby has agreed to be our secretary.

The kick-off dance for the New England convention in Maine was attended by some of our members. Vermont had good representation!

Some of our members have had health problems and hope that all are better now.

Happy Holidays to all!

C182 BLUENOSE RV SQUARES - ON
Laurie & Elizabeth Hutchcroft
902-638-8268
lehutch@ns.sympatico.ca

The Bluenose RV Squares started the year with their first campout and dance held at the Elm River campground on May 29th weekend and ended with a Turkey dinner and dance on the October 2nd weekend. We averaged 23 – 30 rigs at all our campouts this summer. Our campouts and dances are held on the third weekend of each month during the summer. We dance Friday and Saturday evenings with our caller Ralph MacDonald. During all the campouts, skits and food are aplenty.

This year the club decided to publish a web page and this page is now up and running at the following url - www3.ns.sympatico.ca/lehutch/bluenoserv For all up to date information on our club, visit the webpage where you will find out about all that is going on in the chapter.



With all the wonderful smells coming from the kitchen, members want to know "where's the turkey?"

183 RAINBOW SQUARES - KY
Roger & Marty Frazier 89-652-6740
rfraz34@charter.net

It has been a hectic time for a lot of people this past year and our chapter has witnessed some real health concerns also.

Wayne Mousseau one of our charter members lost his fight with cancer. Lol Rouleau is recovering nicely from a broken leg and Marty Frazier from Knee replacement. Tom Johns and his wife Kathryn both had shoulder repairs and this week Kathryn is having one knee replaced followed in early November with the other knee. OH, them "golden years".

On a more pleasant note the Corn's have a new unit for next season. Several members of our chapter celebrated 50 or more years of married life. In these days and age that's

a great accomplishment. They include Art and Sharon Bentley with 50 years, Bill and Dorothy Rouleau with 57 years, John and Dorothy Santini with 58 years, and Marty and Roger Frazier 51 years.

Next season's activities will depend a great deal on the health and availability of our dancers. It is very discouraging to a caller to prepare for a weekend of dancing and have only 4 couples show up for the weekend. We plan to be full force at state July 8 -9-10 in Gladwin. Officers have been elected and they will be working on a program for 2010.

Presque Isle was our last camp-out for the year and a great time was had by all, the fall colors were just magnificent.

A big special thanks to Nancy Apsey for an enjoyable class in quilting.

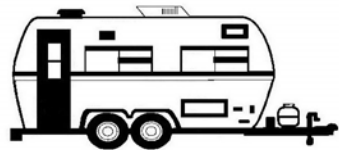
C187 NORTHERN LIGHTS SQ - ON
James & Helen Chisholm
705-368-3390
Chisholm39@sympatico.ca

Wow where does the time go. I guess we have been so busy the time flew and the summer is gone. Our last RV Square Dance time is here.

We went to Orono and had a great time. Our group, C-187, did really well on the sports field. Jack Robertson 1st in Horse shoes, Donna Gibson 2nd in Horse shoes, Bruce Gibson 1st in Ladder Golf, Pearl Robertson 2nd in Ladder Golf & James Chisholm 3rd in Bean Bag. Great job gang! We hope more people turn out for Fergus 2010.

We had our elections for officers and all stood for another 2 years. It was a very busy RV Camping, a lot of great dancing & social time. As always our Club really enjoy our meals.

It was Christmas in the Park in Sept. Our caller, Clyde and Ruth Culling, have returned home to start their regular club. Thanks again Clyde for a great job and special thanks to Ruth for her helping hand with the new dancers. We enjoy our times together with all. Fall has come and everyone will be putting the RVs away as we come to the end of our season up north.



We miss hearing about the news of your chapter.

Any volunteers?

USDA PUBLICATIONS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

USDA has produced quality club leadership and educational materials for use by dancers and leaders to promote and perpetuate the dance activity. Tri-fold Information Sheets are free, and Pamphlets and

Booklets are free up to 10 copies. You can order or print copies from the web at www.usda.org. USDA materials are not copyrighted and duplication for club and organization use is permitted and encouraged.



Dancing Across America

Written & contributed by Jerry & Donna Robey
of Gainesville, FL

Our adventure began a year ago, in July of 2008, when we had the opportunity of square dancing with the “Santa’s Swingers” in the Farthest North Square and Round Dance Hall in America. This historic dance hall located in Fairbanks, Alaska was built by and for square dancers, and the caller, Jeri Weatherford, actually lives in North Pole, Alaska. It was about this time that we heard about the “Travelers Award” which is sponsored by the United Square Dancers of America. (USDA)



The purpose of the “Travelers Award” is to promote visitation between dancers in all 50 states. To encourage visitations of square dancers to regular club dances, festivals and state or national square dance conventions across state lines and around the United States. The goal is to attend a square dance in all 50 states. Since we enjoy traveling, we thought why not give it a try. As a part of our trip to Alaska, we were able to dance in Washington, Oregon and Colorado thus the seed had been planted. We began to wonder, could we really square dance in all 50 states?

Last Fall our dream began to take form as we danced our way throughout the Midwest and South Central parts of America thus adding another 17 states. This past winter, we began working on a plan to dance in all the remaining states West of the Mississippi. The 58th National Square Dance Convention was being hosted in June of 2009 in Long Beach, California. We reasoned that it would make a fantastic road trip to “dance our way across America” to California and back. Through the cooperation of dance clubs and callers in 19 states, we planned a trip that was to take 6 weeks. To be exact, we were on the road in the West for forty days and forty nights. Jerry, a retired United Methodist Minister said he liked the Biblical sound of this adventure.

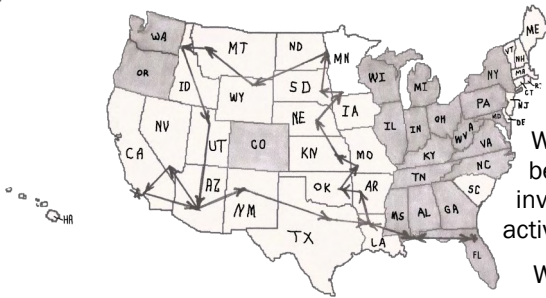
In total, the road trip covered over 9,000 miles of this magnificent country. The sights and sounds encountered gave vivid meaning to “America the Beautiful”. We saw it all, purple mountains majesty above the fruited plains, amber waves of grain, mixed with the lush green of Midwestern farms in contrast to the deserts of the southwest. This adventure was truly an experience from sea to shining sea...the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. And yet, the most remarkable part of the adventure was the people.

We were given a fond farewell from our square dancing friends in our home club, the Grand Squares in Gainesville, FL. The Grand Squares under the direction of our club caller, Lonnie Ligon, dance in Gainesville at the Carpenter’s Union Hall on 53rd Ave every Tuesday night. The dancers followed our travels with a map that was prominently displayed showing our progress. Square Dance Clubs from Louisiana to Idaho and Minnesota to California

opened their doors and their arms to us in such a warm and friendly way that we were always with friends. In Worthington, Minnesota, Chuck and Jackie Moore put together a special square in our honor. In addition, they hosted the entire group to a cookout and put Donna and I up for the night. The square dance "family" is truly wonderful as we became a part of each community through which we passed. New dancers are always encouraged to share this warmth and fellowship as classes are made available each September for individuals and couples that want to join the fun.

Of course, the highlight of our trip was the Convention in Long Beach, California. There in the grandeur of the magnificent convention center over 5,000 dancers from around the world gathered for a week in June. In addition to non stop dancing in 18 different halls, there were seminars for dancers and callers alike, special events and tours were always available, and dancing for young and old alike. There was even a square dance competition for teens as well as for adults. During our travels and while we were dancing in Fargo, ND, we were invited by the square dance caller, Roger McNeil and his wife Bernadette to dance in the competition as a part of the North Dakota square. Over 30 squares joined in the fun as we matched wits with two national callers, Randy Dougherty and Tony Oxendine. Even though we didn't win, we loved the experience and made new life long friends. Then, there was the couple from Bristol, Florida that we met while dancing in Mesa, AZ. Glenn and D.J. O'Neal are Florida dancers like ourselves who were on their way to Long Beach. As we became acquainted, we decided to dance together again in Las Vegas on the way to California, and in Albuquerque on the way home in addition to the non stop dancing from morning to night at the convention.

In retrospect, this trip was an adventure of a lifetime and all made possible by the thousands of people that enjoy square dancing as a hobby. We are filled to overflowing with memories of our "40 days in the wilderness" which covered over 9,000 miles through 22 states. We have now danced in a total of 40 states, and are in the process of planning a trip to New England this fall to enjoy the Fall Colors and to



dance in another nine states. We will celebrate our accomplishment by dancing in our 50th state, Hawaii in January. We encourage all that may be reading our saga to get involved in the wonderful activity of square dancing.

We'll see you in a square.

The indicated routing shows the travels of the Robeys from Florida to California and home again during the summer of 2009.

Editor's Update: In early October 2009, Donna and Jerry completed another

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USDA USA TRAVELER PROGRAM

The USDA USA Traveler Program remains very active. We have two couples from Germany who are working on completing the program. Positive comments have been received from all participants. Oliver and Andrea Kuester are already planning their next vacation to complete more States. Oliver is learning to call as well. Most recently Jerry and Donna Robey have completed dancing in 39 States. Jerry sent almost daily reports of their travels to Long Beach and back home again to Florida. During their trip to Long Beach, Donna became ill and rather than return home they went and got treatment and continued on their way. They report meeting and making new Square Dance friends. Jerry and Donna plan on going to New England in September at which time they will have 49 States and they will complete all fifty States with a trip to Hawaii in January 2010.

The USDA USA Traveler Program was the brainchild of Bill and Bobbie Shepard. The purpose of the program is to “promote visitation between dancers in all 50 states”. The goal is to attend a club dance, a state or national convention, or a local festival in all 50 states. No duplications are permitted and records are kept by the Program chairman.

A Badge will be awarded after dancing in 12 states. The bars are awarded as follows:

- 12 States – Red Bar
- 24 States – White Bar
- 36 States – Blue Bar
- 48 States – Silver Bar
- 50 States – Gold Bar

Participants who visit 48 states are awarded a free admission to the next National Convention. After visiting 50 States participants are also awarded a free admission to the next National Convention. Participants traveling as a couple only need to fill out one form. Forms can be obtained by either downloading from the internet at www.usda.org or by contacting the Program Chairman at:

Joy & Joe Vaccari, 227 Hughes St NE, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548
850-243-9484, usda.usa.traveler@usda.org

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portion of their journey. They departed Florida and followed a route up the east coast dancing along their way. They shared their regular reports via email with all their friends from across the US. When they returned to north-central Florida in November they had completed dancing in their 49th state, tired but inspired by the beauty of the northeast region and having met so many more square dance friends. They are resting up for their next trip - Hawaii in January 2010. They haven't been idled during these past weeks. Jerry and Donna have taken an interest in combining their passion for square dancing with camping. They picked up their new RV in mid-November and are making plans to visit the many member chapters of NSDCA. You are always welcome and we'll keep the light on for you.

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What a blast from the past!

While camping with #018 in early in November, we had the opportunity to dance at Travelers Rest Resort in Dade City, FL. This is a beautiful campground-residence park on the west coast of the state. During the Friday night dance several of the park residents came to watch and enjoy the music. One such couple was Gla & Mary Louise Robbins. During our conversation I learned that they are no strangers of camping and dancing, as they formerly belonged to #107 Hoosier Swinging Squares. They were delighted to learn that many of their camping friends have remained active in the chapter.



They returned on Saturday night with their NSDCA badges, wooden doll for outside their RV and a cookbook developed by the ladies of #107 during the late 1980s.

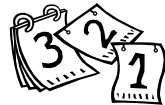
Gla and Mary Louise are no longer able to dance, but their certainly enjoy the music and the company of the dancers. They travel each year between their homes in Indiana and Florida.

It was a read treat to spend time with this friendly couple.

--Sarah Pergrossi

CHAPTER CAMPOUT LISTINGS...

JOIN US FOR CAMPOUTS OR CAMPINS



Please send along your camping schedule for inclusion in each issue. All advance dates are welcome too. Email is the preferred method of sharing. Be sure to include the dates of your campout, chapter # and name, location of your campout (city & state also), and contact person. All the same info as the Chat Forms without the forms.

December 4

068 - Wandering Wheels
Christmas Party,
United Methodist, Church
Crystal, MN

December 4-5

080 - Gold Coast Camping Dancers
KOA Okeechobee, FL

December 4-6

168 - Gypsy Squares
Ocala Sun RV Park, Ocala, FL

December 6

001 - Garden State Sq Dance Campers
Brownstone House, Patterson, NJ

December 11-13

153 - Strawberry Travelers
Theme World, Davenport, FL



December 12 **Hanukkah**

December 18-19

139 & 143 - Limonaders & FL Wheelers
Lake Oklawaha RV Resort
Fort McCoy, FL

December 25 **Christmas Day**



December 26 **Boxing Day**

December 31 - January 3, 2010

082 - Hitch-N-Go
Olde Mill Stream RV Resort
Umatilla, FL

January 8-10

093 - Drift Around Squares
Lake Oklawaha RV Resort
Fort McCoy, FL

January 15-17

018 - Sunshine State Pioneers
Visiting #128 at
Wild Frontier RV PK
Ocala, FL

125 - Superstition Square Wheelers
Saddle Mt RV Resort
Tonopah, AZ

128 - Square Wheels
Wild Frontier RV PK, Ocala, FL

139 & 143 - Limonaders & FL Wheelers
Lake Oklawaha RV Resort
Fort McCoy, FL

January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

January 29-30

082 - Hitch 'N' Go
Olde Mill Stream RV Resort
Umatilla, FL

February 2 **Groundhog Day**

February 5-7

153 - Strawberry Travelers
Lake Oklawaha RV Resort
Fort McCoy, FL

February 11-14

125 - Superstition Sq Wheelers
Cane Creek Rec Area
Cane Creek, AZ

February 12-14

093 - Drift Around Squares
Lake Oklawaha RV Resort
Fort McCoy, FL

128 - Square Wheels
Casey Jones RV Park
Lake City, FL

168 - Gypsy Squares
Casey Jones RV Park
Lake City, FL

February 14

**Chinese New Year
Valentine's Day**



February 17

Mardi Gras



February 19-20

082 - Hitch 'N' Go
Great Outdoors
Titusville, FL

February 19-21

139 & 143 - Limonaders & FL Wheelers
Lake Oklawaha RV Resort
Fort McCoy, FL

March 5-7

168 - Gypsy Squares
Stagecoach RV Park
St. Augustine, FL

March 6

C175 - Riverside Gypsy Squares
Prescott Presbyterian Church
Prescott, Ontario, Canada

March 12-14

093 - Drift Around Squares
Lake Oklawaha RV Resort
Fort McCoy, FL

March 14

**Daylight Savings
Times begins**



March 17

St. Patrick's Day



March 18-21

125 - Superstition Square Wheelers
McDowell Mt Park
Phoenix, AZ

March 19-20

018 - Sunshine State Pioneers
Visiting #082 at Olde Mill Stream
RV Resort, Umatilla, FL

082 - Hitch 'N' Go
Olde Mill Stream RV Resort
Umatilla, FL

128 - Square Wheels
Suwannee Valley RV Resort
White Springs, FL

139 & 143 - Limonaders & FL Wheelers
Olde Mill Stream RV Resort
Umatilla, FL

March 20

Spring begins

March 30

Passover



April 2

Good Friday

April 2-4

168 - Gypsy Squares
Stagecoach RV Park
St. Augustine, FL

April 4

Easter

April 5

Easter Monday

April 9-11

093 - Drift Around Squares
Lake Oklawaha RV Resort
Fort McCoy, FL

153 - Strawberry Travelers
Theme World
Davenport, FL

April 16-18

018 - Sunshine State Pioneers
Visiting 139/143 at Blueberry Hill
RV Resort, Bushnell, FL

128 - Square Wheels
Deerhaven Retreat, Paisley, FL

139 & 143 - Limonaders & FL Wheelers
Blueberry Hill RV Resort
Bushnell, FL

April 23-25

001 - Garden State Sq Dance Campers
Otter Lake Campground
Marshalls Creek, PA

060 - Flutter Wheelers
Fiscus Grove
Liscomb, IA

082 - Hitch 'N' Go
Theme World
Davenport, FL

April 30-May 2

C122 - Central Wheeling Squares
Milton Heights Campground
Termaine RD, Milton, Ontario

May 7-9

128 - Square Wheels
Stagecoach RV Park
St. Augustine, FL

168 - Gypsy Squares
Stagecoach RV Park
St. Augustine, FL

May 9

Mother's Day



May 14-16

018 - Sunshine State Pioneers
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093 - Drift Around Squares
Pacetti's Marina Campground
St. Augustine, FL

108 - Southern Tier Wheelers
Camp Bell Campgrounds

180 - Spinning Wheels
Autumn Woods RV Park
Rochester, MN

**Chapter and State Association
Camporees - 2010**

June 18-19-20 IOWA
Riverview Park
Marshalltown, IA

July 15-16-17-18 ONTARIO
CentreWellington Community
Sportsplex, Fergus, ON

October 21-22-23-24 FLORIDA
Blueberry Hill RV Resort
Bushnell, FL

July 20-21-22 FLORIDA
NSDCA International Camporee
Central FL Fairgrounds
Orlando, FL

States and Provinces who are con-
ducting Camporees – please send in
your dates & locations.

**National Square Dance
Conventions**

Louisville, KY - June 23-26, 2010
www.59nsdc.com

Detroit, MI - June 22-25, 2011
www.60nsdc.com

Spokane, WA - June 27-30, 2012
www.61nsdc.com

Oklahoma, OK - June 26-29, 2013
www.62nsdc.com

**Canadian National Square and
Round Dance Convention**

Halifax, NS - July 29-31, 2010
[http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Culture/
SRDFNS/Con2010/Welcome.htm](http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Culture/SRDFNS/Con2010/Welcome.htm)

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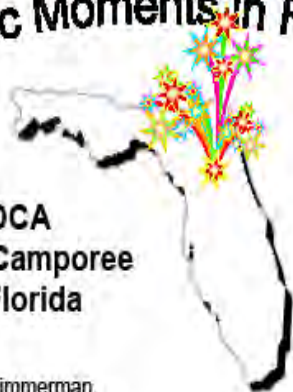
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