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## John & Dolly Ide



You've heard people say that "I know it's tough, but somebody has to do it." Well, as I sit here writing this letter, my view overlooks the Blue Mesa Reservoir about 15 miles west of Gunnison, CO, just a little east of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Well, somebody has to do it and I'm just thankful it's Dolly and I. The difficult part is that it seems like just yesterday when we were planning for the Camporee at Pride Resort in Maggie Valley and now it's almost August. Worse yet, by the time you read this, it will be September with the camping season nearing an end for many of you. All I can say to that is COME SOUTH for the winter!

Now about the NSDCA. We had a great summer and a fabulous Camporee hosted once again by Chapter 152 from Alabama. Thanks for a great job; well done. If you missed it, you should plan on joining us in Lebanon, TN, next year from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> for another great time as we go *Roaring Into the Twenties*. Check out the flyer and registration form in this issue and sign up early. There will be lots of great sightseeing with Nashville just 30 miles west and the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration right there in the same fairgrounds where we will be camping. You'll definitely need to plan for some extra days before and after to take in all the fun.

A few comments about the general meeting at the Camporee. The expected vacancy on the Board of Directors disappeared with David and Mary Bruun stepping up and agreeing to serve another 4 years. There were no other nominations from the floor of the General Membership Meeting, they were voted in by affirmation. Thank you, David and Mary, and to the rest of the Board for their hard work on your behalf.

We can also report some other great news with the help of many of the Board and other NSDCA members who helped us host the Showcase of Ideas at the NSDC in Atlanta. A special thank you to Roger Tipps and Lois Farrell who came to Atlanta for the single purpose of being at the Showcase to welcome visitors and introduce them to the NSDCA. The extra effort resulted in welcoming twenty new members in addition to the three new members that signed up at our Camporee. That's twenty-three new members as a result of some dedicated effort. Now all we need is for everyone to put forth a little extra effort so that we can have our chapters and the NSDCA grow and thrive.

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## Tom & Pat Herscha



Now that summer is leading into Fall and the 2019 International Camporee is over, it is time to start thinking about the next camporee which will be in Lebanon, TN. Get your reservations in early because this gives the committees time to get their plans in order. The Board is working hard to make it a great time for everyone. Not only will the dancing be wonderful, but there are also great sightseeing opportunities in the area.

We would like to mention the "Tower of Tabs". The donations of beverage pull-tabs go to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children which is a very worthy cause! It really doesn't cost you anything to donate these tabs - when you drink a beverage from a can, save the tab. Ask friends and family to save tabs for you. There are still 9 months to collect the tabs and bring them to Lebanon. This year we had great success with 181.2 pounds of tabs collected. I challenge all chapters to make it over 200 pounds by the 2020 Camporee.

After the Camporee in Maggie Valley we traveled to Hiawassee, GA, a small town almost on the North Carolina-Georgia border. If you are there at the right time, there is a fairground where they have big name entertainment. We also visited Bell Mountain. What a beautiful view from the top (see picture to the right).



Next we traveled to Atlanta to the National Square Dance Convention. John and Dolly Ide set up a very attractive display at the "Showcase of Ideas" which was visited by many people interested in the NSDCA. It was great fun talking to so many people who did not know about the NSDCA. We had many people join and even had interest in starting new clubs!

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## David & Mary Bruun



W E L L, you will still be reading our notes for the next few years! Even though we were going to step down after serving our four-year commitment, other circumstances arose and with no other nominations from the floor at the annual meeting, we agreed to serve again. Our Board has been working very well through email, even though we only meet once a year at the International Camporee.

Speaking of the next Camporee ... get your CALENDAR out and put the dates of June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 on there!!! We want you all there in Lebanon, Tennessee at the Wilson County Expo Center. The BOARD will be hosting next year's Camporee with the help of volunteers (THAT COULD BE YOU). If you would like to help, please contact John & Dolly Ide, Chairmen. The registration form is located in the middle of this issue of the *Times*. PLEASE tear it out or copy it, and send it to Don & Susan Wolford, our volunteer registrars.

Remember to use the forms on the NSDCA website ([nsdca.org](http://nsdca.org)) when corresponding with all the Board or staff members, especially Roger Tipps, Membership Secretary ("TYPED forms are the BEST"). Any officer or staff member can help answer any questions you may have. Keep a copy of your *Times* close by with all names, email addresses & phone numbers. After all, the *Times* is your source for information. We are always here to help you.

Now on a personal note: We just celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii with our daughter Teena, son-in-law Bill and grandchildren William and Hannah, only to have a SURPRISE of our lifetime from Dave's brothers and sister and spouses arriving to celebrate with us. What more could a person ask for. Well, maybe to continue to camp and dance with all of our friends we have met through NSDCA. Hope to see you all soon in a square!!!

*Dave & Mary*



## Tom & Kathy Nickel



Another great International Camporee was held at Pride Resort, Maggie Valley, NC. Chapter 152 did a fantastic job of hosting this year's event. Fun was had by all who attended. For those who could not, we sure did miss you. Perhaps you will be able to attend next year in Lebanon, TN. It is being hosted by the NSDCA Board. We are looking for Chapters to host future camporees, so please consider this request.

There will be openings on the Board next year, so please consider running for a position. It is not too early to be thinking of serving on the Board. It is a rewarding experience to work with other people from across our organization.

The *Times* is your newsletter and it can only be good as you make it. I enjoy reading about everyone's campouts. Let everyone know what you are doing, so we can do them as well. Please keep your mailing addresses current as your *Times* will not be forwarded to you and we have to pay for their return.

It is also time to start working on renewals for next year. Let's keep our organization great and keep working on recruiting new members. Last year's local club grads are a good source for new members. Camping and square dancing makes for a lot of great times.

After traveling to the Pride Resort, we came home for two weeks and then left with most of our family for camping in Door County, WI. We did not have any electricity and had to carry water for ten days; talk about getting back to the basics of camping! Door County is an area in WI that juts out into Lake Michigan from Green Bay, WI. There are campers from all over the upper-midwest states enjoying our state park at Fish Creek, WI. We are already planning on traveling there again next year. If you are ever traveling to that part of our state, be sure to stop at all the wineries. Cherries are the bumper crop.

Hope to see most of you Lebanon, TN next year. It will be another great Camporee.

*Tom & Kathy Nickel*

## Roger Tipps Membership Secretary



Welcome to all our new members and enjoy the best of camping and dancing. But most important have fun.

I had a very exciting learning experience in Atlanta at the National Square Dance Convention that I want to pass on to the National Board, Area Reps, Chapter Reps and all square dancers. When you visit non-camping dances, ask those you dance with and visit with if they are campers. Many of these dancers *are* campers, so invite them to join your chapter for a weekend of camping, dancing and fun. You will be surprised at the number of new members that will join you for a great weekend of dancing and camping and joining your chapter. Try this and see for yourself and tell me about your successes.

To help NSDCA grow, the Board is continuing the reduced initial membership of \$6.00 per single membership and only \$10.00 per couple. The required badges are \$6.00 each with a pin backing or \$9.00 with magnets (see page 52).

It is time to start thinking about renewing for 2020. Please tell your membership secretary that you are going to renew and for them to follow the directions and add only the changes in emails and not all emails. Let's have all renewals in before 12/20/2019 to avoid the Christmas mail slow down.

We will have the 2020 NSDCA International Camporee in TN the last week of June. A big plus is the huge fireworks show for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Plan to stay a couple of extra days at a reduced daily rate.

With every issue of the *Times* some are returned for bad addresses with members moving or going south for the winter. Some of these returns cost up to \$2.51. Please verify all the summer and winter addresses. Email address changes to [rtms99@aol.com](mailto:rtms99@aol.com) as soon as possible. The *Times* is online the first week of the month it is mailed. You can read this issue and prior issues at [NSDCA.ORG](http://NSDCA.ORG).

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# State & Area Representatives Reports

## NSDCA Florida State Representative

We are sad that we were not able to be at the 62<sup>nd</sup> International NSDCA Camporee. We had our best reporters there to help us out, and they did a wonderful job. Thank you, Ralph and Viv Taylor, for being General Chairman this year.

It was a wonderful turnout: representation from 17 US states (Florida had 21 rigs) and Canada. Congratulations to Alabama's Chapter #152 and a big thank you to Pride RV Resort in Maggie Valley for having us. The *Parade of States* is always amazing – all the various Chapters dressed in their club colors and the National anthem - what could be better?

Dancing was wonderful as always, everyone so happy to see old friends from prior Camporees and the fun of making new friends. Thanks to all Callers, Cuers and Line Dance Instructors; we can't have fun without them!

What did you think of that tower of tabs? It must have been something to see it grow throughout the days of the Camporee. Getting the Snooper every day is wonderful, thank you Diane Connor. There was a special Father's Day dance, and congratulations to the lucky dads that got the Gold Hammers.

In case there was not enough to do we had some games on Tuesday and Wednesday; they are always fun - win or lose - it's the challenge.

Now to the after-party by Chapter 152's masters of fun and games: first was the wonderful Celtic Dancing done by Kenzie, the granddaughter of Tom and Kathy Nickel. After the dance we had a shotgun wedding with an unwilling groom that couldn't get away - very funny. Some said it would be very difficult to erase the skit from their memory. Ice cream soon after that made everyone even more happy.

Finally, the results for the Tower of Tabs: collectively we amassed 181.2 pounds of pop-top tabs for the Shriner's Children's Hospital; Florida chapters contributed 109.2 pounds of the total.

*John and Mary Burzo*

## NSDCA Pennsylvania State Representative

In May, the Pennsylvania State Association S2 Chapter of NSDCA had its annual Camporee at the Yogi at Shangri-La campground in

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The other significant news of the past year is that we're working hard to trim our expenses and improve our financial position while looking to do some serious promotion. Comparing actual 2018 revenues to expenses, we cut our loss from almost \$2,100 down to less than \$800. A significant part of those expenses was the several hundred dollars we spent on promotional items to make the NSDCA known in Atlanta which was significant in signing up twenty new members. We found out that much of the national square dance/camping community had never heard of the NSDCA. We intend to change that and hope to do even better in the future, both financially and with memberships with the help of Bill and Kathy Baker, our Publicity & Public Relations Directors. They have some great ideas for the future so stay tuned for a positive future for the NSDCA.

In the meantime, keep your squares tight and above all, have fun.

*Dolly & John*

*(Vice President: continued from page 5)*

We hope everyone had safe travels over the summer and look forward to seeing everyone again.

*Tom & Pat*

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Thank you for being here and making this one of the best years of camping and dancing. Have fun and enjoy your friends.

*Roger Tipps*

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

## About the E-Tree ...

First, it doesn't need watering, it's not a tree, but a communications distribution method.

As the NSDCA is an organization that is spread across the continental US, Canada and Germany, it's important that we have an ability to communicate items of importance or interest to every member of the NSDCA. That's what the E-Tree is all about. It's administered by your Communications Director, Karin Callander, and depends on the following, that:

1. Karin Callander has the correct and current e-mail addresses for the State and Area Representatives.
2. All chapters have identified a Chapter Representative. This can be the President or any member of the chapter that is willing to perform the communication task.
3. State and Area Representatives have correct and current e-mail addresses for all Chapter Representatives in their areas of responsibility, preferably as an e-mail distribution list.
4. Chapter Representatives have correct and current e-mail addresses for all their chapter members, preferably as an e-mail distribution list.
5. State and Area Representatives quickly forward any E-Tree communications to all Chapter Representatives in their areas of responsibility.
6. All Chapter Representatives forward any E-Tree communications to all their chapter members.
7. All NSDCA members regularly check their e-mail, preferably daily.

If all members would participate in the E-Tree process, it's easy to see that any E-Tree notice should be able to reach every e-mail connected member within one day. We're asking that all our members help us make sure that this works. We will not give out anyone's e-mail to unauthorized users. Please help us in this process and for:

1. All members, please make sure that your Chapter Representative has your correct and current e-mail address.
2. Chapter Representatives, please make sure that your State or Area Representative has your correct and current e-mail.
3. State and Area Representatives, please make sure that Karin Callander has your correct and current e-mail address.

Karin is also working on implementing an alternate method using Google Groups. If you're a Google user, this may work for you.

Thanks for your help.

*John Ide*

## Why Should We Belong to the NSDCA?

I've often been asked and thought about why we should belong to the NSDCA? What do I/we get for our \$20 annual fees? After all, we can camp and dance together without the NSDCA.

The short answer is *friendship*, being with friends that enjoy camping and square dancing like you do.

However, there is a longer and better answer.

It is true that the major benefit is *friendship*, but these friends are truly special because they become more like a family, and often closer than your own family. You'll of course dance with them, but when you spend a weekend or more with the same people, people you enjoy being around, people you'll laugh with, cry with, cook with, eat with and so much more, they become more than a family. They're people who in many cases will help and support you in your most trying moments, often when your own family has let you down. When is the last time that you were able to spend two whole days relaxing with your family, children, grandchildren, siblings, parents, etc., when you didn't have to cook, entertain, cut the grass, wash the car, do the laundry and so on in between a few moments of relaxing and enjoying one another? Then the extended benefit is that through the NSDCA, you can stay connected even though you may live hundreds or even thousands of miles apart.

Because of the monthly campouts and dances, you'll naturally stay connected locally, but through the NSDCA's annual national events and major state or area events, you'll stay connected with old friends. But like most things, you'll get out of the NSDCA only what you put in. In order to have friends, you must be a friend; in order to have fun, you need to contribute to that fun. That means going to the campouts and dances, going to the state events and area or national events. It's not necessary to attend them all, but if you never go or participate, you can't expect to receive in kind.

The NSDCA *Times*, which takes most of your annual \$20, gives you a voice and a resource to share your ideas and experiences with your friends across the country and allows you to stay connected through the Campouts listing section so that you can visit camping/dancing friends no matter where you go. It also allows your friends across the country to visit you since they can check on your campout schedule. True, there is the small matter of insurance. Yes, it's small because it only cost you about \$3 annually and seems to do very little for you unless you need it, or so you think. That's true as long as we're more concerned about ourselves than the NSDCA and what it can do for all members, including ourselves. Most of us already have accident or medical insurance so why

should we pay again? The truth is that the insurance includes a general liability rider for \$1,000,000 which is required to protect the NSDCA and all of us at our major events, and without it, we would not be able to book the major sites for our Camporees. The major event venues require it and your own insurance does not provide it for all of us.

For those of you who are still asking whether or not you're getting your money's worth, all I can say is that it's worth many times more than the \$20, but only if you participate and share yourself with your friends. Consider that if you just attend the annual NSDCA International Camporee, you'll save the \$20 off your registration since non-members are charged full price; that means that your membership is free if you attend that year's Camporee. Then if you travel and attend other NSDCA chapter campouts or events, most of them also offer an NSDCA member discount. If you visit Florida and attend our annual Camporee, you'll save another \$20 since NSDCA members also receive a \$20 discount. Other state Camporees do even better than that. By my calculation, the two Camporee events mentioned alone save you twice what membership cost you, and you haven't gone anywhere else yet.

The punch line is that if you want more than your money's worth, you need to participate, to have fun, to enjoy your friends, and be an active member of our national organization, the NSDCA.

Sincerely,  
John Ide  
President, NSDCA

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Milton, PA. This was the second year the State Camporee was held in Milton with all PA Chapters represented at the Camporee. Several local square dance clubs provided a trails-in dance for our campers, and likewise were invited to dance with the chapters during the two-night camporee. The S2 Association annual membership meeting was held during the camporee. Park and Kathy Bierbower, whose term as Presidents had expired, were reelected to serve another four-year term as S2 Presidents. Completing the list of officers for S2 are: Vice Presidents Dennis and Karen Statler; Secretaries Ken and Carol Graham; and Treasurers Bob and Kathy Engel. The next Camporee will be held in May 2020 at a location soon to be announced. All NSDCA members are welcome to join us.

*Park and Kathy Bierbower*



# and the FUN continues...

The camper hiding place in the Summer issue was out in the open, under the “All Dancers Welcome” banner about the middle of the right side of page 54, in the Florida State Camporee ad. Once again there were 26 entries, and all were correct. Congratulations. We’ll see how well the campers get lost (and found) this time!

Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Alabama Campers & Dancers (AL)	152	Diane Connor
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Marie Berridge
		Bill and Cherie Arch
		Bob & Sally Foley
Camping Squares of Kansas	116	<b>Mike Huddleson</b>
		Frank Golden
Gateway Wagoneers (IL/MO)	179	Jim Forbeck
Hitch 'N Go (FL)	082	Kathy Allen
Illiana Square Wheelers (IL/IN)	044	Larina Sanders
Spinning Wheels (MN/WI)	180	Pat Dillard
		Jim & Marcia Partridge
Square -Up Campers (PA)	106	Michael Gelinas
		Dan & Judy Alex
Swing 'N' Travelers (IL)	123	Joe & Lois Schaefer
		Carol Scher
		Al & Charlene Fahsbender
		Phyllis Anderson
		Herb & Pat Edwards
		Bert and Dwaine Dunn
		Norma Schertz
		Chet & Janet Bowman
		Judy & Jerry Boutelle
		Ron and Norma Mayer
		Lloyd and Patsy Schumacher
Wabash Valley Wheel Arouds	196	James Huffman
		Cyd Hunter

The winner this time is Mike Huddleson of the Camping Squares of Kansas, Chapter 116. Congratulations! Your 2020 NSDCA membership fee will be waived.

It was noted that the results of the “Lost Camper” contest for 2017-2018 were not posted in the *Times* yet (mea culpa!). The winning Chapter for the most submissions for last year’s “Lost Camper” contest is Chapter 123, Swing ‘N’ Travelers of Illinois. They had 35 correct entries; #128, Square Wheels of Florida and #130, Lakeshore Rollin’ Squares of Ontario, also received certificates for having at least two correct entries per issue.

The NSDCA Board would like (once again!) to recognize Chapter 123, Swing ‘N’ Travelers of Illinois, as the 2018-2019 winner for the most entries to the “Lost Camper” contest; they submitted 39 total entries (covering issues 64-4 through 65-3). Unlike last year, no other chapter had at least two correct entries per issue.

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

Unfortunately, it seems as if the caravan’s fearless leaders, Alex & Jen Brabender, have suddenly lost their way. They were the first (left-most) RV in the caravan shown on the cover. They are driving a sedan and pulling a single-axle travel trailer (see the Summer 2019 issue for background on the caravan and images of each traveler). Please see if you can locate them elsewhere in this issue and give them directions to get back to the caravan.

Good luck! Send your answer via email to [NSDCAtimes@gmail.com](mailto:NSDCAtimes@gmail.com) or by regular mail to **Ken Shacter, 5418 Weller Place, Jacksonville, FL 32211** by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please be specific as to the location in this issue; provide the page number *and* where on the page our wayward campers are. Simply providing something like “on page 2” or “on the bottom of page 2” is insufficient; however, something like “on the bottom of page 2 immediately above the page number” or “on the bottom of page 2 below the ad for badges” gives a good indication you have properly located our campers. Be sure to include your Chapter number regardless of the way you choose to communicate. Thank you.



## Highlights of the 2019 NSDCA International Camporee

Although the Camporee didn't officially begin until Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, two free dances were held - one on Sunday for Father's Day and the other a Trails-End, on Monday. A 'Meet-and-Greet' was also held on Monday. Games, crafts, workshops and official meetings all began on Tuesday, with (of course) a continuation of the real reason you came to the Camporee: dancing and fellowship! Tuesday night's *Parade of States* showcased over 120 dancers representing 20 NSDCA Chapters from 17 different US states or Canadian provinces. The dance floor sported 15 squares and 24 couples dancing rounds. Evening afterparties were well attended.

The newly seated Board of Directors consists of: John and Dolly Ide, Presidents; Tom and Pat Herscha, Vice Presidents; Dave and Mary Bruun, Secretaries (reelected to a new four-year term by affirmation); and Tom and Kathy Nickel, Treasurers. The photo below shows the Board engaged and actively working during one of their meetings. A copy of the 2018 fiscal year financial report is presented on the facing page.



Certificates for "New Chapters" were awarded to Chapters: 196, Wabash Valley Wheel Arouds (IN/IL) 6/30/2016; 197 Camping Squares of North Carolina (NC) 7/29/2018; and 198 Crossfire Campers (TN) 2/1/2019. "Most New Members" certificate was given also to 198 Crossfire Campers with 18 new members, with a total of 31. Anniversary certificates were given to the following Chapters: 25 Years: Riverside Gypsy Squares 175C (Ontario, CN); 40 Years: Camping Squares of Kansas 116; Horseshoe Squares 'N' Wheels 112C (Ontario, CN). 45 Years: Mobile Squares 085 (CO/NE); Hitch-N-Go 082 (FL); River City Traveling Squares 076 (IA); Trail 'N' Squares 075 (IL); Keystone Rovers 074 (PA/DE); Nebraska Camp 'N' Dancers 073 (NE); Penn-York 070 (NY/PA); Wandering Wheels 068 (MN); Trade-By-Travelers 066 (IL); and 50

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**NSDCA FY18 ANNUAL FINANCIAL ASSETS REPORT June 1 2018 - May 31 2019**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Modified Cash Basis**

		<b>Final</b>
<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>FY-2017</u>	<u>FY-2018</u>
Checking Account	\$ 5,833.35	\$ 6,342.98
Money Market	\$ 16,598.62	\$ 24,855.75
CD#1		
CD#2	\$ 10,253.21	\$ -
Advance - '20 Camporee	\$ -	\$ 750.00
	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 32,685.18</b>	<b>\$ 31,198.73</b>
<b>Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$ 33,775.55</b>	<b>\$ 32,685.18</b>
<b>Gain(Loss) - Modified Cash Basis</b>	<b>\$ (1,090.37)</b>	<b>\$ (1,486.45)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Badges	\$ 967.50	\$ 808.00
Camporee		
2017	\$ 1,687.55	
2018		\$ 818.56
Dues	\$ 12,966.15	\$ 12,228.75
Insignia	\$ 32.35	\$ -
TIMES Ads	\$ 48.75	\$ -
Interest	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.92
Miscellaneous	\$ 435.28	\$ 23.55
<b>Total Revenues Collected</b>	<b>\$ 16,141.26</b>	<b>\$ 13,882.78</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Badge & Shipping	\$ 477.00	\$ 842.50
Insurance - Liability/Bonding	\$ 4,194.47	\$ 2,734.43
Legal & Accounting	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 368.00
Membership Expenses		
Data Processing		
Rent - Storage Space	\$ 140.00	\$ -
Supplies & Postage	\$ 175.23	\$ 375.58
Insignia	\$ -	\$ -
NSDCA TIMES		
Postage/Printing	\$ 8,536.10	\$ 8,053.44
Rent - Storage Space		
Promotion by NSDCA	\$ 40.00	\$ 886.00
Coupon Program		\$ 40.00
Printing & Materials		
Various Reps/Staff/Directors		
Meetings/Travel		
Staff Supplies		
Rep/Staff Expense	\$ 1,156.50	\$ 762.83
Website Expense		
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,084.33	\$ 425.45
Bank Charges		
Licenses & Permits	\$ 128.00	\$ 131.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,231.63</b>	<b>\$14,619.23</b>

# The Mountains Called...



**Best Homemade Ice Cream Ever!**



**Great Dancing!**

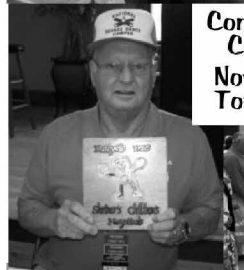


**Congratulations! Chapter 128**  
Now that was a Tower of Tabs!



2 Girls & 1 Guy?

"Bare foot'in"



**A Shotgun Wedding**



**Chapter 031**  
Congratulations 50 Years



**2019 Camporee MEMORIES**



# ...and Many Came!



Side trip to Sevierville TN



Great Eats!



Yes, Your Board  
danced in the  
POOL!

Hey! That's the  
best I have  
ever looked in a  
swimsuit



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### 014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

We had a great turnout for the Illinois State Camporee and International Camporee. The photo shows those attending the State Camporee. For our August campout we will be camping at Lowden State Park, home of the Chief Blackhawk statue. We will join the street dance at Mt. Morris, IL Saturday afternoon featuring our very own caller Bob Asp, during the town's Straw Festival. Join us around the fire or at the dance!



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

### 031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin

Camping season is finally here in Wisconsin!

Our club had two group campouts so far. May 17 - 19 we had a soggy weekend at Token Creek. The rain stayed away so we could dance and have our potluck Sunday Breakfast. Three weeks later we had a very successful campout in Montello, WI. Great weather and many campers to help the Badger Rovers celebrate 50 years as a club. Thank you to those that came and the new Badger Rover couple - welcome Janet and Gary Willard.



Many Badger Rovers traveled to Pride Resort to continue our 50 year celebration! What a fun week we had. Thank you to the Alabama Chapter for hosting this event! Loved the park and enjoyed all the amenities - thank you to the callers/cuers - hope to come back there soon. We are already planning on Lebanon for next year and will see about getting a good group from Wisconsin there.

David Lust; davidlust@gmail.com  
Sharon Schmidt; 608-830-7543; sschmidt@weabenefits.com



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

Summer is in full swing in Pennsylvania. We had a great time at our July campout. We had a small turnout for various reasons, illness, family events and vacations, but we were able to dance on both Friday and Saturday nights. The weather was sunny and dry but also hot and humid. In fact, it was so hot (triple digits were threatened on Saturday but it fell a few degrees short of 100) that we didn't even have a campfire after the dance. We are looking forward to the rest of our campouts this year. Our club president has guaranteed that the weather will be more comfortable in August. We shall see!!! If you happen to be in our area on one of our campout weekends, please stop by and join us for a tip or two. Looking forward to seeing you.

Jim Mongiovi, 717-349-2298, [jmongiovi@pa.net](mailto:jmongiovi@pa.net)

## **068 Wandering Wheels; Minnesota**

Our 2019 camping season has been great so far! On Memorial Day weekend we camped at the Isanti County Fairgrounds in Cambridge, MN, and danced to Tom Allen for 3 nights. We welcomed almost 100 guests during the 3 dances. We were also glad to have the NSDCA *Times* editor Ken Shacter and his wife Carolyn camp with us as part of their trip to MN for a family wedding.

June took us to New Ulm, MN, and we were a smaller group, but still had a lot of fun dancing to Dick Severson. Besides our own state convention, we had a few couples travel to the National in Atlanta. We even had one couple, the Grimaldis, travel to Huntsville, AL, to dance under the Saturn V rocket which was part of the Trail-Thru! They had been married in Huntsville and lived there for a couple years before relocating. John had even worked on the Saturn V in an engineering capacity, so it was a very special trip for them.

In July we camped in Rochester, MN, at Autumn Woods RV Park and experienced some bad weather on Saturday morning. So, what do you do when it's pouring outside, Dan Sahlstrom is leading a workshop, and the power goes out? Duh- you keep on dancing! We made use of the limited natural light, a couple small lanterns, and Dan's Bluetooth speaker on his phone and continued to dance!

Our craft later that afternoon was to make a game called "Sticks,"

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which is a card game that has a variety of card scenarios (written on pop-sicle sticks) that you must satisfy before proceeding to the next level (similar to Phase 10). First we made it, and then we played it!

We still have August, September, and October campouts to look forward to and would love to have you join us!

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

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

Can you believe that our first camping weekend ended with a healthy dose of “liquid sunshine”? We had our multicolored umbrellas out in full force on Sunday morning! Camper Judy Willis led a lovely devotions session as the rain drops turned into torrents of cloudbursts. We shared a meal then donned our rain gear and boots and scurried back to our campers. The weekend dancing went very well; we ate lots of yummy foods and enjoyed each other’s company. James Jacks, as usual, spent time at the auction held next door. You will have to ask his wife Johanna how he got everything home. We had a furry four-footed camping pal at the Willis’ campsite all weekend. She is a cutie but thinks she is still a puppy! She had Judy up and out of bed at 4:22 a.m. with an “outdoor” visit – of course it was raining and her shiny black coat got a soaking! With 4 squares of dancers, the weekend was full of enjoyment and laughs; why not join the Square Ups some weekend?



Kathy Engel; kathye@kuhncom.net

## **116 Camping Squares; Kansas**

We started our season with a great weekend in April at Lake Afton in Goddard, KS for our Hobo Stew Dance. We had a good turnout and a wonderful time. In May we had a fun campout at Big Hill Reservoir in Cherryvale, KS and good dancing with the Independence club. At the end of the month we had the Kansas State Square Dance Convention in Salina - a fun weekend of dancing and camping!

June, of course, brought the NSDCA International Camporee in North Carolina and the National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta - a won-



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derful month of travel, camping & dancing. Our mid-July campout was in Hutchinson, KS; we danced with the local club. At the end of July we went to the HASSDA Festival in Manhattan, KS and camped at Tuttle Creek Lake. At the end of August we camped at the Kingman RV Park; no dance is available in the area, so we will see local sights.

We'll be camping in Hesston, KS in early September (see our schedule starting on page 36) and dancing with their club on Saturday evening as well as some sightseeing. Later in the month we will camp below the dam at Fall River State Park and attend the local festival. Mid-October will be our last campout of the season at Santa Fe Park campground in Chanute, KS, dancing with their club Saturday evening. Our South-Central Kansas Fall Festival will be held near the end of October at the Westside Church of God in Wichita, KS. There will not be any camping at this event.

Anyone in the area is always welcome to join us! For more information, contact:

Marty & Frank Golden 316-943-4137, [fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net).  
Cheryl Ferris, 316-640-4273, [marshfur@att.net](mailto:marshfur@att.net)

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

Memorial Day was our first official campout of the season. Ten RV units went to Laramie, WY for the annual Memorial Day dance at the Quadra Square dance club. We enjoyed dancing to our club caller, Dave Guille and Lynn Strobel from Billings, MT.

Friday morning we had our Wander Yonder meeting and pot luck breakfast. We discussed our activities for the rest of the summer. As usual, we had more than enough to eat! We have some really good cooks in our club!

On May 25<sup>th</sup> the club held a 90-year rededication of our hall. It was first dedicated on May 20, 1929 by the Union Pacific Railroad. It was built by and for the Union Pacific Athletic Club. We had a very nice ceremony with lunch provided by the club for all!

For our Saratoga, WY campout we had 10 units attend a fun filled 4 days. Lots of eating and playing games. On Friday we went to Ryan Park and a gentleman gave a talk and showed slides of the POW camp where German and Italian soldiers were kept during WW II. Also, the CCC had a camp there. Very interesting. We had lunch at Ryan Park; the cotton was

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flying like snow, but sitting next to the river was very pleasant and relaxing.

Ten couples are going to Lolo, MT for a week of plus dancing with our local caller Dave Guille.

Please consider attending our Buggy Stomp campout in September (see page 36) if you are in the area.

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

## 121 Northwoods Stompers; Michigan

The Northwoods Stompers, Chapter 121, attended the Michigan NSDCA Camporee in Otisville, MI. Square dance callers pictured are Jim Davis (#121, Northwoods Stompers), George Ferguson (#018, Sunshine State Pioneers), Ted Hughes (#018, Sunshine State Pioneers), and Wayne Adams (#005, Rollaways); they entertained all with their calling and cueing.



Northwoods Stompers will be attending the Ontario NSDCA Camporee and camping in Harrison, MI in August and September, respectively.

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

## 123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois

Our 5-day Memorial Day weekend had people coming and going all the time. Garage sales, graduations, graduation parties, a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party, and gathering grandchildren were just a few things that occupied our time. Our host & hostess had crafts of card holders, T-shirt bags, Snoopy dogs from a milk jug, and a rustic bird nesting box/bird feeder for everyone. Other games for the weekend were: Red Solo Cup stack; the most formed words from Memorial Day Weekend (each winner and loser got gift certificates to eat out); Bean Bags, with Al & Charlene





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Fahsbender (1<sup>st</sup>) and Jim & Naomi Mills (2<sup>nd</sup>) ... yes, they drew their spouses' name!; Sticks; and Wizard, just to name a few. Our traditional homemade ice cream is always a treat during this weekend. We shared hot dogs around the fire before our Saturday evening dance with Herb Edwards, then back to the campfire or playing cards in our huge building. The Sunday morning church service paid a Memorial Day tribute to our veterans. Before leaving for home Monday morning, our hosts served a pancake and sausage breakfast.

Nine of our members traveled to Rockville, IN June 7-9 for our NSDCA State Camporee that was hosted by Chapter 196, the Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds. Most of us went a day early to tour the area where the Covered Bridge Festival is held in the fall. Can you believe there were 31 bridges in just that one county? While there, several enjoyed the Strawberry Festival that weekend. We enjoyed dancing to our state callers, Bob Asp & Sheila Terhune. Unfortunately, only two of our club members traveled to North Carolina to the 2019 NSDCA Camporee; maybe we will have more participation next year.

Guests are always welcome to any and all of our dances. Check us out in the Times or on line. Here's hoping our Chats editor gets back from Alaska soon!

Mary Bruun filling in for Sue Mayer; 217-522-1899; rosumay2@msn.com

### **128 Square Wheels; Florida**

Our last campout was in May at Recreation Plantation RV Resort in Lady Lake, FL near the Villages. We enjoyed what the Villages had to offer: great dining, shopping and entertainment on the town square. Some even rented golf carts to take in the sights. The Friday Night Dance was raided by the Ocala Twirlers. We served a treat of strawberry shortcake. On Saturday we danced in the afternoon and again at night. Some of us went to the Town Square where there was an antique car show. There was a swing band playing and some of our group showed their moves as they rocked the night away. Everyone met back at the campground and enjoyed the afterparty. Breakfast on Sunday was a grab-and-go and the apple fritters were a big hit.

“The Mountains are Calling” was the theme for the NSDCA International Camporee that was held in June at Pride Resort in Maggie Valley, NC. Many of our members went and had so much fun. Alabama Chapter

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#152 did a wonderful job as the host for the Camporee. The dancing was great with many wonderful callers and cuers. We even danced in the pool and had a wet T-shirt contest. Our Florida luncheon was well attended. Tom Herscha (Chapter member and also NSDCA VP) spearheaded our club to collect can tabs for the "Tower of Tabs" drive to raise monies for the Shriners Children's Hospital. Tom accepted the plaque for Square Wheels for the most tabs collected. 108 lbs out of a total of about 200 lbs collected for the whole drive. Thanks to everyone for their tabs.

Summer travels continued with a trip over the mountain to Pigeon Forge, TN; Ron Imus was the guide for the seven couples that went. We stayed four days at a beautiful campground and enjoyed dining out and attending shows. The Bush Beans tour and restaurant was fun, too. We traveled east to meet up at the National Convention in Atlanta, GA. We had quite an encampment at the fairgrounds. Even after long days of dancing we enjoyed the afterparty dancing back at camp. The *Show Case of Ideas* was a big success, thanks to John and Dolly Ide and their helpers. Roger Tipps was kept busy signing up new members for the NSDCA. All tuckered out from dancing and traveling, we parted ways for our own summer travel adventures.

Please see our schedule of upcoming campouts starting on page 37.

Gail LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com

Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net

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

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

In June, Chapter #152 hosted the 62<sup>nd</sup> International NSDCA Camporee at the Pride resort in NC. Even though it was hard work, we had fun. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves playing games, working crafts, dancing for five days, meeting new people at the *Meet & Greet*, being entertained with the skits and afterparties, and dancing in the pool / having a wet T-shirt contest.

In July, we camped at Nashville Shores Lakeside Resort in Hermitage, TN. We enjoyed two callers on squares that weekend: Gene Aldridge and Rob Baird, and two cuers on rounds and lines: Susan Wolford and Robbie



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Carrington. Everyone did a fine job. We visited the Barnlofters, a local square dance club. As our special activity, our Wagon Masters Hank & Martha Sweetman and Don & Susan Wolford arranged for us to eat at McNamara's Irish Pub. We then visited the area attractions: floating the Lazy River, seeing the American Pickers, visiting the Parthenon, and the Hermitage (home to President Andrew Jackson).

In August we were at River Country Campground in Gadsden, AL. We danced Friday and Saturday night to Rusty Willoughby (caller) and Pauline Angress (cuer). Our Wagon Masters, Rusty & Elizabeth Emmons and Tom & Diane Connor, planned a relaxing weekend after running for many months.

For our September and October campouts, please see the campout schedule which is listed in this issue of the *Times*, or online at NSDCA.org. We would love to have you come camp and/or dance with us. We love visitors.

Elizabeth Emmons; 205-492-2397; rustwood@charter.net

## **153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**

The Strawberry Travelers have been taking our usual break for the summer months, but as we begin to think about the fall our thoughts go to camping again to start our 2019-2020 club year.

We are looking forward to camping at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL, October 18-20, followed by the Florida State Camporee the very next weekend held at the same campground. This makes it so convenient. In fact, many of our club members remain camped for the time between these two events. This allows for great fellowship opportunities to catch up with everyone on how they spent their summer! It's almost like the first day of school again when the teacher would ask us the same question and we nervously addressed the whole class.

We had four couples at Maggie Valley who reported how much they enjoyed all the dancing with lots of cuers and callers. Three of them went onto the National Square Dance convention in Atlanta after leaving Maggie Valley.

The campout after October will be December 6-8, 2019 at Silver Dollar RV Resort in Odessa, FL. We will celebrate the club's anniversary along with various Christmas festivities you won't want to miss! See

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page 43 for details.

Happy Camping!

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

## **175C Riverside Gypsy Square Dance Club; Ontario, Canada**

We are part way through our camping season at the Riverside Gypsy Squares. Our last campout was “It’s not July, it’s Easter” as the theme. I wonder if the Easter rabbit made his appearance?

We are planning a “County Fair” theme for August and will include a jam contest. Many of us will be dusting off recipes or making jam for the first time. Should be fun and the best part is that we will have a chance to sample them all on Saturday night.

September will be a special campout as we are celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Saturday afternoon will feature a square dance with a pot luck to follow. The evening will be given over to visiting and social dancing. The Chapter’s general meeting will also be held that weekend, so it will be jammed packed with activity.

Looking forward to the festivities.

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

## **180 Spinning Wheels; Minnesota**

Our camping season started in June and everyone was happy to get together with our camping friends again. The weather was perfect but the ground was saturated and wet because of so much rain, but it doesn’t matter to campers. We had our friends for fellowship and that is all that matters. Our Chapter had two RVs totaled last winter after a roof caved in on the campers due to so much heavy snow, so we will have two less RVs in our club, but our friends still come to visit with us at our campouts. We met at the Hope Oak Knoll Campground in June and at the Hidden Meadow Campground in July. We have not been able to dance this season due to so many of the members have health issues and not having enough to make a square to dance. We have not recruited new members for some time now, so the club is slowly fading away. We will be getting together at our next campout at the Hope Oak Knoll Campground on August 9 – 11 in Hope, MN. Anyone in the area is welcome to join us.

Carolyn Pederson; 507-451-5077; edcarpd@gofast.am



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

After a very long and hard winter here in the northeast we were finally able to dig our campers out of the frozen tundra. With thoughts aglow about the upcoming warm weather we cleaned up our rigs and started to get them ready for camping and dancing! We were treated to a wonderful spring, and our first dance was attended by more dancers than we have had in a while. We had a wonderful time at our Spring dance at the Danforth Bay campground in New Hampshire. We gained some new members at the dance and are looking forward to our dance in August.

This Chapter Reporter and his wife, Roberta, were thrilled to be camped across the road from John and Dolly Ide at the National Square Dance convention in Atlanta. We were proud to display the balloons on our unit showing that we were part of NSCDA. We pointed out some of our other members from our club that were there. Several units had balloons floating in the breeze for all to see.

Our August dance took place at the Horseshoe Acres campground in Vermont the first weekend of August. That is how we got our name, Vermont and New Hampshire (MontShire).

We have already scheduled our spring dance in Danforth Bay. However, living here in the northeast (both of our states border Canada) we will soon be thinking about one last fling and then preparing for foliage season which brings thousands of visitors to our area. Then sadly we will start putting away our units for the winter.

Leon Jaworski; papajaws54@hotmail.com

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

We ended our 2018/19 season with our May campout at Whispering Palms RV in Sebastian, FL. We danced to a western theme and were blessed with several guests both Friday & Saturday nights. We had two squares up dancing most of the time. Our caller, Sonny McCartney, wearing the biggest cowboy hat I have ever seen, came up with a cute club expo dance that we hope to learn and show off at some of our events. Chuck Ryall, our great cuer kept those of us that round dance enjoying some new songs and a few new moves a well. One of our very talented members, Lana Conner, taught us all how to paint a desert scene. We all came away with beautiful paintings; in fact, our paintings looked even better to each of us the next morning. It seems the 'paint-fairy' came in at night and put

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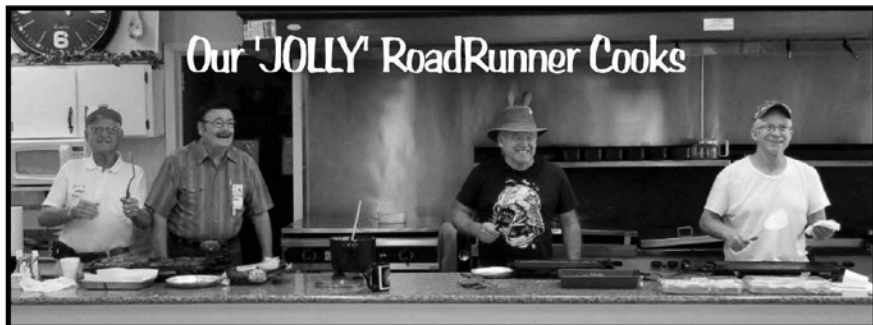


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some beautiful touches on each of our pictures. We all felt like budding “Rembrandts”!

Biscuits and gravy were on the menu for our *Famous Saturday Breakfast*, which is always so large that we all have plenty for Sunday morning too, so no one leaves ‘til almost noon. We always have a great crew of Jolly Cooks in our club, which means Great Food!



Well enough said about May, let’s move on to the great Camporee put on at Pride Resort in Maggie Valley, NC by Alabama Chapter 152 in June. A great time was had by all, as you can see by the collage of pics from there (see pages 18-19). They forced your Board of Directors to square dance in the pool! I personally loved it, and by the way have never looked better in a swimsuit (cover-up that is!)

With the summer slipping away and almost gone now, our club is getting ready for a new season of camping & dancing fun. We will be back at Whispering Palms RV in Sebastian, FL for both September and October campouts. Please check the listings in this *Times* issue or online at NSDCA.org for all the dates and locations, then plan to camp & dance with us this year. Now while you are planning your fall dancing, don’t forget to put the Florida Camporee on your October calendar. Don’t miss this fun event that brings all the Florida clubs together, including many other camper/dancers from surrounding states, for a 4-Day Event for that costs only \$50 plus your campsite fee (which is quite reasonable I might add). Our “Rockin’ the Night Away” 50s theme is on track to be a blast – from the past! So lace up those saddle shoes, break out your poodle skirts and make your reservations now!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU IN A SQUARE SOMEWHERE!**

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



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## 196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds; IN

WE DID IT! Chapter 196, now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year, took on a new challenge: hosting the Illinois State Camporee on June 7-9 at the 4-H Campgrounds in Rockville, IN. We had 27 units camping in this interesting area with 31 covered bridges to visit, lots of antique shops, good restaurants and specialty stores, and an on-site golf course. Our own Sheila Terhune was the Camporee MC, and she and Bob Asp, #014, did all the square dance calling. They sounded great together! A local round dance cuer, Linda Brown, generously donated her time and talent on Saturday evening by volunteering to call the rounds.

We were blessed to have a large, air-conditioned hall, complete with a



full kitchen. On Friday evening we served a dinner consisting of lettuce salads, million-dollar spaghetti, garlic breadsticks and many homemade desserts. Cherie Arch, #014, brought a delicious, two-layered strawberry cake, decorated as an invitation to the 2020 State Camporee at Pecatonica, which will be hosted by Chapter 014. On Saturday evening we enjoyed a potluck dinner together in the hall, while on Sunday morning we shared donuts, fruit, coffee, and juices, with a freewill donation basket. Harvey Collette, #123, led us in a non-denominational Christian service, with Alice Richmond, #196, leading the music, accompanied by her playing the ukulele.

We also had a craft, games, and lots of door prizes. We wish to thank all of the Chapter 196 members who helped make our first state camporee a success, as well as all others who attended and/or helped in any way.

Marian Hatfield; 618-554-6591; danandmarian@hotmail.com

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# ROADING INTO THE 20'S

## 63<sup>rd</sup> NSDCA INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE

Wilson County Expo Center, Lebanon, Tennessee  
945 E Baddour Pkwy

NSDCA Board HOSTING - June 30, July 1 & 2, 2020



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

Site Location Information and Utilities Requests:  
STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER #: \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP: \_\_\_\_\_  
ELECTRIC Plug: 30 Amp \_\_\_\_\_ 50 Amp \_\_\_\_\_  
RV Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Feet # Slides \_\_\_\_\_

A dump station is available for all. We're also looking into providing a honey wagon for longer term campers.

All Board of Directors, please check here ( )

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

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

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

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

Square and Round Dance Interest (Check all that apply)  
 Square Dance \_\_\_\_\_ Round Dance \_\_\_\_\_ Line Dancing \_\_\_\_\_  
     Mainstream \_\_\_\_\_ Phase II \_\_\_\_\_  
     Plus \_\_\_\_\_ Phase III \_\_\_\_\_  
     A-1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phase IV \_\_\_\_\_  
     A-2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phase V \_\_\_\_\_  
     Youth/Teen Dance Program \_\_\_\_\_

**SPORTS Interest (Signup on arrival)**

Horseshoes M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Corn Hole M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_  
 Washer Toss M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Bocce Ball M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Crafts Interest M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

**Callers and Cuers Participation (Due by April 1)**

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

Caller Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Caller Availability (Check all that apply) M \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_



Phone Number (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ T \_\_\_  
Cuer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Cuer Availability (Check all that apply) \_\_\_\_\_  
Line Instructor Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Line Instr Availability (Check all that apply) M \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ T \_\_\_

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

Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_  
Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_  
Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

**EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPECTED DEPARTURE DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**63<sup>rd</sup> Camporee Fee (June 30, July 1 & 2):**

3 days.....\$140.<sup>00</sup> 2 days.....\$105.<sup>00</sup> 1 day.....\$65.<sup>00</sup>

If only 2 days, which 2? Tues \_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_  
If only 1 day, which 1? Tues \_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_

Units with one person may deduct \$10.<sup>00</sup> from their registration.

# of extra adults in your rig @ \$10.<sup>00</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Non-NSDCA Members \$20.<sup>00</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Camping fee: days prior to & following the camporee date \$25.<sup>00</sup> # of days \_\_\_\_\_

Refunds are available by written request.

**Camping Fee for days prior & following the camporee:**

Please note: You may be required to move your rig if you arrive before June 29 (Mon) and plan to stay for a few day after July 2 (Thurs). Extra day fee is \$25.<sup>00</sup>/day

June: Fri (26) \_\_\_ Sat (27) \_\_\_ Sun (28) \_\_\_ Mon (29) \_\_\_

July: Fri (3) \_\_\_ Sat (4) \_\_\_ Sun (5) \_\_\_ Mon (6) \_\_\_

**Summary of Fees Submitted:**

Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ US Funds  
Additional Fees: \_\_\_\_\_ US Funds  
Additional Days: \_\_\_\_\_ US Funds  
Total Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ US Funds

**Please make all checks payable to 63<sup>rd</sup> NSDCA Camporee and send (along with this form & self addressed envelope) to:**

**Susan Wolford: 6000 Wyeth Rock Rd., Guntersville, AL 35976**

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

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## 198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

A special *thank you* to John and Dolly Ide, Roger Tipps and the many volunteers who worked at the National Square Dance display in Atlanta recruiting campers who love to square dance. Because of their dedication, the Crossfire Campers have 4 new chapter members, bringing our total membership to 35. Six of



Above, left to right: Chuck & Ruth Osborn, Ann & Harold Sharland and Susan & Don Wolford.

our members attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> International NSDCA Camporee in Maggie Valley at the Pride RV Resort.

We have members that will be camping at the Tennessee State Convention in Gatlinburg, TN on August 1-3. Upcoming Crossfire campouts will be at the Springlake RV Resort in Crossville (July), and the Holiday Travel Park of Chattanooga (September). Details are in the “Campouts” section of the *Times*.

As a new chapter we are very excited and looking forward to the 63<sup>rd</sup> NSDCA International Camporee at the Wilson County Expo Center in Lebanon, Tennessee. Mark your calendars for June 30, July 1 & 2, 2020.

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# Chapter Campouts

The following listings are believed to be accurate. Before making any plans, please double-check with the contact listed to ensure the campout is scheduled as noted. (current as of 2019-08-01)

## September 2019

### September 6<sup>th</sup> ⇔ 8<sup>th</sup>

- 068 Wandering Wheels; Minnesota**  
St. Cloud Campground; 2491 2nd St SE, St. Cloud, MN  
Tim Hansen; 651-272-6995; ilsldjm@gmail.com
- 106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania**  
Shady Oaks Campground; 40 Round Barn Rd, Newmanstown, PA  
Jack & Patricia Stone; 717-575-6300; jpstone77@gmail.com
- 116 Camping Squares of Kansas; Kansas**  
Cottonwood RV Park; Hesston, KS  
Dancing with the local Hesston Club on Saturday evening  
Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net
- 119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming**  
Buggy Stomp; 3509 Grays Gable Road, Laramie, WY  
Leo & Diana Fergel; 303-635-7312; lfergel@bresnan.net  
Call Wagon Masters for reservations

### September 8<sup>th</sup> ⇔ 10<sup>th</sup>

- 185 Central RV Square Dancers; Nebraska**  
Crystal Lake Campground; Ayr, NE  
Marshall & Patty Damgaard; manpat@gtmc.net

### September 12<sup>th</sup> ⇔ 15<sup>th</sup>

- 180 Spinning Wheels; Minnesota**  
Chester Woods Campground; Eyota, MN  
Keith & Pat Dillard; 507-356-8134
- 193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**  
Whispering Palms RV Resort; Sebastian, FL  
Louise Woodward; 772-577-3882; wlouise5712@gmail.com

## *Chapter Campouts—continued*

### **September 13<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers Association; New Jersey**  
Otter Lake Campground; Marshalls Creek, PA  
John Huettemann; 201-852-7514  
Call the Wagon Masters for reservations
- 070 Penn-York Campers; New York/Pennsylvania**  
Leisure Lake; Corry, PA  
Pete Engman; 814-726-0687
- 123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois**  
Prairie Pines Campground; 711W. Perimeter Rd., Rantoul, IL;  
217-893-0438 (Make reservations by August 23)  
Dave & Mary Bruun; 217-381-4041; sewwood69@gmail.com
- 182 Bluenose RV Squares; Nova Scotia**  
Elm River Park; Masstown, Nova Scotia  
Bill & Sylvia Power; 902-876-1794  
william.power01@bellaliant.net

### **September 19<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois**  
Pilgrims Campground;  
W7271 County Rd C, Ft Atkinson WI; 920-563-8122  
Sept 19: Fireside Dinner Theatre - Buddy Holly Story  
Bob & Cinda Asp; 815-624-4330; sgbobasp@aol.com

### **September 20<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 128 Square Wheels (hosting); Florida**  
Southern Oaks RV Resort  
14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL; 352-347-2550  
Nightly rally rate \$34.00 (subject to change)  
Mary Chesnut; marynut4@gmail.com; 352-214-5880  
Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252  
Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583
- 148 Rolling Squares; Nebraska**  
Nebraska State Square and Round Dance Weekend; Hastings, NE  
Ryan Hruska; rkhruska@cox.net; 402-690-4772

## *Chapter Campouts—continued*

**September 20<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 002 Pine Tree Campers; Wisconsin**  
Country View, Mukwonago, WI  
Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083; Tricia@MooLady.com
- 045 Penn Dixie Square Campers; Pennsylvania**  
Twin Bridges Family Campground  
1325 Twin Bridges Road, Chambersburg, PA  
Elizabeth Powell; 240-271-8106
- 130C Lakeshore Rolling Squares; Ontario, Canada**  
Shady Acres Campground;  
740 Serpent Mounds Rd., Keene, Ontario, Canada K0L 2G0  
Donna Cruwys; 613-962-8816; w\_cruwys@yahoo.ca

**September 20<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin**  
Fox Hill RV Park & Campground; Baraboo, WI  
David Lust; 608-289-7582; davidlust@ymail.com

**September 26<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 082 Hitch-N-Go Squares; Florida**  
Southern Palms RV Resort  
1 Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL; 352-357-8882  
Fredda Barlow; 813-404-1708; jotemdownd@gmail.com

**September 27<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 152 Campers and Dancers; Alabama**  
Spring Lakes; 255 Fairview Drive, Crossville, TN; 877-707-1414  
Caller: Terry McGill; Cuer: Susan Wolford  
Wagon Masters: Hank & Martha Sweetman; 615-481-5941
- 198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee**  
Spring Lake RV Resort;  
255 Fairview Drive, Crossville, TN; 877-707-1414  
(Co-camping with Campers & Dancers, #152; Terry McGill calling)  
Jim & Susan Russell; 865-207-7444; sunsetbeach537@gmail.com

## *Chapter Campouts—continued*

**September 27<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 116 Camping Squares of Kansas; Kansas**  
Fall River State Park; Fall River, KS  
Camping below the dam & attending local festivals  
Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net
- 175C Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada**  
Happy Green Acres, 2 Greenacres Rd. Mallorytown, Ontario, CN  
Mary Anne Reinhard; 613-838-5781; mareinhard@sympatico.ca
- 197 Camping Squares of North Carolina; North Carolina**  
KOA Campground; Lumberton, NC (off I95 Exit 17)  
Leo & Susan Trepanier; 910-308-3943

**October 2019**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers Association; New Jersey**  
Otter Lake Campground; Marshalls Creek, PA  
John Huettemann; 201-852-7514  
Call the Wagon Masters for reservations
- 068 Wandering Wheels; Minnesota**  
McLeod Co. Fairgrounds; 840 Century Ave SW, Hutchinson, MN  
Tim Hansen; 651-272-6995; ilsajm@gmail.com
- 106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania**  
Twin Bridge Meadow Family Campground; 1345 Twin Bridge Rd,  
Chambersburg, PA  
Jack & Patricia Stone; 717-575-6300; jpstone77@gmail.com
- 182C Bluenose RV Squares; Nova Scotia, Canada**  
Loch Lomond Park; Amherst, Nova Scotia  
Bill & Sylvia Power; 902-876-1794; william.power01@bellaliant.net

**October 10<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**  
Whispering Palms RV Resort: Sebastian, FL  
Louise Woodward; 772-577-3882; wlouise5712@gmail.com

## *Chapter Campouts—continued*

**October 11<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee**  
Holiday Travel Park of Chattanooga  
1623 S Mack Smith Rd, Rossville, GA; 800-693-2877  
Jack Rosenberger will be calling.  
Jim & Susan Russell; 865-207-7444; sunsetbeach537@gmail.com

**October 11<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 116 Camping Squares of Kansas; Kansas**  
Santa Fe Park Campground; Chanute, KS  
Dance Saturday evening. Last campout of the season.  
Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net
- 123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois**  
Champaign Sportsmen's Club; 302 N. Lake of the Woods Rd, Mahomet, IL; 217-586-9951  
(First-come basis - no reservations needed)  
Dave & Mary Bruun; 217-381-4041; sewwood69@gmail.com

**October 13<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 185 Central RV Square Dancers; Nebraska**  
Windmill State Park; 2625 Lowell Rd, Gibbon, NE; 308-468-5700  
<http://outdoornebraska.gov>  
Marshall & Patty Damgaard; manpat@gtmc.net

**October 15<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds; Indiana**  
4-H Fairgrounds; Rockville, IN. No reservations required.  
Covered Bridge Festival ... this is a huge event... 100's of vendors!  
Dan Hatfield; 618-554-3929

**October 18<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 045 Penn Dixie Square Campers; Pennsylvania**  
Twin Bridges Family Campground; 1325 Twin Bridges Road,  
Chambersburg, PA  
Elizabeth Powell; 240-271-8106



## *Chapter Campouts—continued*

- 153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**  
Southern Palms RV Resort; One Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL  
Doug Meyers; 407 448-5192; dougmeyers@thefoundryc.org

**October 24<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 27<sup>t</sup>**

- FANSDC 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Camporee; Southern Palms RV Resort**  
**1 Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL 32726; 352-357-8882**

- 082 Hitch-N-Go Squares; Florida**  
Fredda Barlow; 813-404-1708; jotemdownd@gmail.com
- 128 Square Wheels; Florida**  
Mary Chesnut; marynut4@gmail.com; 352-214-5880  
Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252  
Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583
- 153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**  
Doug Meyers; 407 448-5192; dougmeyers@thefoundryc.org
- 193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**  
Louise Woodward; 772-577-3882; wlouise5712@gmail.com

- 152 Campers and Dancers; Alabama**  
Navarre Beach Camping Resort  
9201 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, FL; 888-639-2188  
Wagon Masters: Larry & Paula Boone; 205-529-2245  
Wilburn & Judy Hester; 205-616-1472

**October 25<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 116 Camping Squares of Kansas; Kansas**  
South Central Kansas Fall Festival  
Westside Church of God, Wichita, KS  
No camping.  
Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

**October 25<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 197 Camping Squares of North Carolina; North Carolina**  
KOA Campground; Lumberton, NC (off I95 Exit 17)  
Saturday night is the Halloween party!  
Leo & Susan Trepanier; 910-308-3943

## *Chapter Campouts—continued*

### **November 2019**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> ⇔ 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**128 Square Wheels (hosting); Florida**

Wild Frontier Campground

3101 NW 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ocala, FL; 352-629-3540

Nightly rally rate is \$30.

Mary Chesnut; marynut4@gmail.com; 352-214-5880

Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252

Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583

**November 1<sup>st</sup> ⇔ 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**148 Rolling Squares; Nebraska**

River City Squares Dance

Walnut Creek Campground; Papillion, NE

Ryan Hruska; rkhruska@cox.net

**November 7<sup>th</sup> ⇔ 9<sup>th</sup>**

**152 Campers and Dancers; Alabama**

Roaring Pines; 83 Roaring Pines Road, Somerville, AL

Caller: Wayne Mahathey

Wagon Masters: George & Cil Herndon; 334-740-0649

**November 7<sup>th</sup> ⇔ 10<sup>th</sup>**

**193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**

Zachary Taylor RV Resort; Okeechobee, FL

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

**November 8<sup>th</sup> ⇔ 10<sup>th</sup>**

**196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds; Indiana**

Indiana State Convention; French Lick, IN

Dan Hatfield; 618-554-3929

## *Chapter Campouts—continued*

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> ⇨ 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 128 Square Wheels (hosting); Florida**  
NEFSARDA Fall Festival in Jacksonville Beach;  
Camping at Hanna Park or Mayport Naval Base  
See this web site for details:  
<http://floridasquaredance.com/northeast/fallfestival.html>  
Make your own arrangements.

**November 21<sup>st</sup> ⇨ 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 082 Hitch-N-Go Squares; Florida**  
Blueberry Hill RV Resort; 6233 Lowery St., Bushnell, FL  
352-793-4112  
Fredda Barlow; 813-404-1708; jotemdownd@gmail.com

**December 2019**

**December 6<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 128 Square Wheels; Florida**  
CHRISTMAS PARTY Lake Oklawaha RV Park  
15991 NE 243<sup>rd</sup> Place Road, Ft. McCoy, FL; 352-546-5500  
Nightly rally rate \$29.70  
Mary Chesnut; marynut4@gmail.com; 352-214-5880  
Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252  
Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583

**December 6<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**  
Silver Dollar Resort; 12515 Silver Dollar Drive, Odessa FL  
Doug Meyers; 407 448-5192; dougmeyers@thefoundryc.org  
Please notify Bill Parry if attending; 603-289-8057 or 603-867-4871

**December 12<sup>th</sup> ⇨ 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**  
Christmas Party at Lake Josephine RV Resort; Sebring, FL  
Louise Woodward; 772-577-3882; wlouise5712@gmail.com

## Helpful Hints for Your RV: Batteries (Part 2)

This is a continuation of the article from the Summer 2019 issue of the *Times*. That article introduced the 12-volt “house battery” system supplying your low-voltage lighting and control requirements in your RV, and discussed the types of batteries available, inspection and general battery maintenance. This issue covers testing, watering, cleaning and storage.

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

### Testing

Visual inspection alone is not sufficient to determine the overall health of the battery.

Both open-circuit (unloaded) voltage and specific gravity readings can give a good indication of the battery’s charge level, age, and health. Routine voltage and gravity checks will not only show the state of charge but also help spot signs of improper care, such as undercharging and over-watering, and possibly even locate a bad or weak battery cell. The following steps outline how to properly perform routine voltage and specific gravity testing on batteries.

#### I. Specific Gravity Test (i.e., acid density; for flooded batteries only)

1. Do not add water at this time.
2. Fill and drain the hydrometer 2 to 4 times before pulling out a sample.
3. There should be enough sample electrolyte in the hydrometer to completely support the float.
4. Take a reading, record it, and return the electrolyte back to the cell.
5. To check another cell, repeat the above steps.
6. Check all cells in the battery.
7. Replace the vent caps and wipe off any electrolyte that might have been spilled.
8. Correct the readings to 80° F (26.6° C):
  - Add 0.004 [or subtract] to readings for every 10° F (5.6° C) above [or below] 80° F (26.6° C)
9. Compare the readings.
10. Check the state of charge using the Table 1 on the next page.

The readings should be at or above the factory specification of 1.277 +/- 0.007. If any specific gravity readings register low, then follow the steps below.

1. Check and record voltage level(s).

2. Put battery(s) on a complete charge.
3. Take specific gravity readings again.

If any specific gravity readings still register low then follow the steps below.

1. Check voltage level(s).
2. Perform an equalization charge. Refer to the *Equalizing Section* (in the next issue) for the proper procedure.
3. Take specific gravity readings again.

If any specific gravity reading still registers lower than the factory specification of 1.277+/- 0.007 then one or more of the following conditions may exist:

1. The battery is old and approaching the end of its life.
2. The battery was left in a state of discharge too long.
3. Electrolyte was lost due to spillage or overflow.
4. A weak or bad cell is developing.
5. Battery was watered excessively previous to testing.

Batteries in conditions 1 – 4 (as identified immediately above) should be taken to a specialist for further evaluation or retired from service.

**Table 1: State of Charge as Related to Specific Gravity and Open Circuit Voltage**

Percentage of Charge	Specific Gravity corrected to ...	Open-Circuit 6V	Voltage 12V
100	1.277	6.37	12.73
90	1.258	6.31	12.62
80	1.238	6.25	12.50
70	1.217	6.19	12.37

## II. Open-Circuit Voltage Test

For accurate voltage readings, batteries must remain idle (no charging, no discharging) for at least 6 hours, preferably for 24 hours.

1. Disconnect all loads from the batteries.
2. Measure the voltage using a DC voltmeter.
3. Check the state of charge with Table 1 above.
4. Charge the battery if it registers 0% to 70% charged. (Editor's note: A battery with less than 80% of its charge value as identified in Table 1 is considered fully discharged, even though its voltage is still greater than the "rated" value.)

If the battery registers less than the Table 1 values, the following conditions may exist:

1. The battery was left in a state of discharge too long.

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2. The battery has a bad cell.

Batteries in these conditions should be taken to a specialist for further evaluation or retired from service.

## **Watering**

### **FLOODED BATTERIES ONLY**

Flooded batteries need water.

More importantly, watering must be done at the right time and in the right amount or the battery's performance and longevity suffers.

Water should always be added after fully charging the battery. Prior to charging, there should be enough water to cover the plates. If the battery has been discharged (partially or fully), the water level should also be above the plates. Keeping the water at the correct level after a full charge will prevent having to worry about the water level at a different state of charge.

Depending on the local climate, charging methods, application, etc., batteries should be checked once a month until you get a feel for how often your batteries need watering.

### **Important Things to Remember**

1. Do not let the plates get exposed to air. This will damage (corrode) the plates.
2. Do not fill the water level in the filling well to the cap. This most likely will cause the battery to overflow acid, consequently losing capacity and causing a corrosive mess.
3. Do not use water with a high mineral content. Use distilled or de-ionized water only.

**CAUTION:** The electrolyte is a solution of acid and water so skin contact should be avoided. Wear your protective clothing (gloves and goggles).

### **Step-By-Step Watering Procedure**

1. Open the vent caps and look inside the fill wells.
2. Check the electrolyte level; the minimum level is at the top of the plates.
3. If necessary, add just enough water to cover the plates at this time.
4. Put batteries through a complete charge cycle before adding any additional water (refer to the *Charging Section*, next issue).
5. Once charging is completed, open the vent caps and look inside the fill wells.
6. Add water until the electrolyte level is 1/8" below the bottom of the fill well.
7. A piece of rubber can be used safely as a dipstick to help determine this level.

8. Clean, replace, and tighten all vent caps.

**WARNING:** Never add acid to a battery.

### **Cleaning**

Batteries seem to attract dust, dirt, and grime. Keeping them clean will help spot signs of trouble when they appear and avoid problems associated with grime.

1. Check that all vent caps are tightly in place.
2. If necessary, clean the battery top with a cloth or brush and a solution of baking soda and water.
  - When cleaning, do not allow any cleaning solution or other foreign matter to get inside the battery.
3. Rinse with water and dry with a clean cloth.
4. Clean battery terminals and the inside of cable clamps using a post and clamp cleaner.
  - Clean terminals will have a bright metallic shine.
5. Reconnect the clamps to the terminals and thinly coat them with an anti-corrosive spray or silicone gel.
6. Keep the area around batteries clean and dry.

### **Storage**

Periods of inactivity can be extremely harmful to lead acid batteries. When placing a battery into storage, follow the recommendations below to ensure that the battery remains healthy and ready for use.

NOTE: Storing, charging or operating batteries on concrete is perfectly OK.

### **The Most Important Things to Avoid**

1. **Freezing.** Avoid locations where freezing temperature are expected. Keeping a battery at a high state of charge will also prevent freezing. Freezing results in irreparable damage to a battery's plates and container.
2. **Heat.** Avoid direct exposure to heat sources, such as radiators or space heaters. Temperatures above 80° F (26.6° C) accelerate the battery's self-discharge characteristics.

### **Step-By-Step Storage Procedure**

1. Completely charge the battery before storing.
2. Store the battery in a cool, dry location, protected from the elements.
3. During storage, monitor the specific gravity (flooded) or voltage. Batteries in storage should be given a boost charge when they show a 70% charge or less. See Table 1 in the *Testing Section* on page 45.

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4. Completely charge the battery before placing it back in service.
5. For optimum performance, equalize the batteries (flooded) before putting them back into service. Refer to the *Equalizing Section* (in the next issue) for this procedure.

In the next issue we will address how to select and use a battery charger, equalizing, discharging, watering and tips for maximizing battery life.

## Mediterranean Farro Salad

3 cups chicken or vegetable stock  
1 cup uncooked farro, rinsed and drained  
1 large cucumber, seeded and finely-diced  
2/3 cup finely-diced roasted red peppers  
1/2 cup finely-diced sun-dried red tomatoes  
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese  
2/3 cup finely-diced red onion  
1/4 cup finely-chopped fresh parsley  
Greek vinaigrette (see ingredients below)



### Greek Vinaigrette Ingredients:

3 Tbsp olive oil  
1 Tbsp freshly-squeezed lemon  
1 Tbsp red wine vinegar  
1/3 tsp dried oregano  
a pinch of garlic powder  
a pinch of salt  
a pinch of black pepper

### Steps

1. Stir together stock and farro in a medium saucepan; cook according to the package instructions until *al dente*. Let farro cool for at least 10 minutes.
2. Transfer farro to a large mixing bowl; add in remaining ingredients (including the vinaigrette). Toss until combined.

Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate for up to two days.

Serves eight. ~200 calories/serving

Total fat:	8 g	Total carbs:	24 g	Sugars:	2 g
Saturated fat:	2 g	Protein:	7 g	Dietary fiber:	4 g
Sodium:	152 mg	Potassium:	392 mg	Vitamin A:	3%
Vitamin C:	6%	Calcium:	19%	Iron:	7%

Our modifications: 2.5 cups water (in lieu of the stock); 1.25 cup quinoa (in lieu of the farro); 1/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes; 2 Tbsp lemon juice; 4 Tbsp apple cider vinegar. We also add 16 oz. of reduced-sodium garbanzo beans (chickpeas), rinsed and drained.



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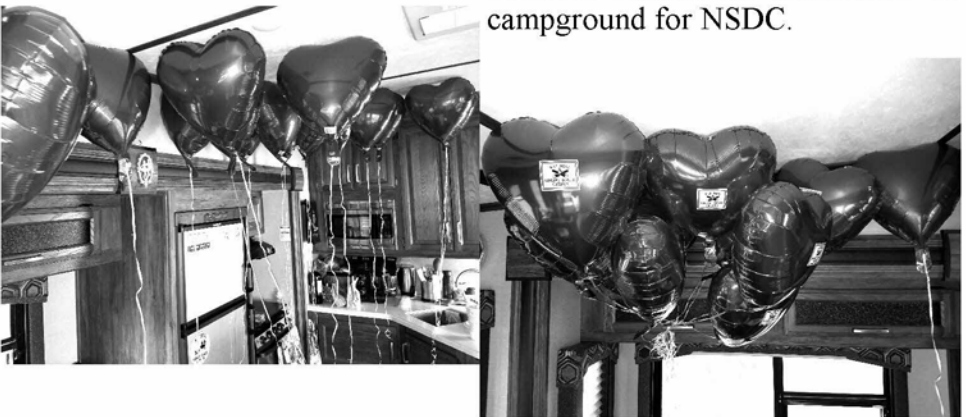
Years: Badger Rovers 031 (WI).

Service Plaques were given to the following: Marilyn Kittle, Badge Maker (July 2006 - June 2019); Chuck & Jane Winkenwerder, SE Area Representatives (2013—2018); Larry & Paula Boone, Insignia (June 2016—June 2019) and Bruce Morgan, Webmaster (December 2012 - December 2018).

Diane Connor reported on the “Tower of Tabs”; it couldn’t be stacked to the ceiling as they would have fallen over. Fourth place went to Illinois Chapter 014 with 12.5 pounds; 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Alabama Chapter 152 with 16.4 pounds; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Louisiana Chapter 149 with 18 pounds and 1<sup>st</sup> place to Florida Chapter 128 with 109.2 pounds. Other contributions were Chapter 001 (NJ/PA) with 8.1 pounds; Chapter 031 (WI) with 6.1 pounds; Chapter 193 (FL) with 4.9 pounds; Chapter 123 (IL) with 4.5 pounds; Chapter 198 (TN) with 0.9 pounds and Chapter 045 (PA/VA) with 0.2 pounds. There were two unidentified bags with 1.7 pounds and 0.4 pounds, which brought the grand total to 181.2 pounds. (~246,432 tabs).

Don Wolford reported on the games: all had a lot of fun with no rain-outs. Bean Bags: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Dave Bruun & Jerry Dwenger; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Bob Asp & Don Wolford; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Tom Claar & Sharon Schmidt. Washer Toss: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Dave Bruun & Tom Claar, 2<sup>nd</sup> place David Lust & Don Wolford; 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sharon Schmidt & Mary Bruun. Shuffleboard: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Dave Bruun & David Lust; 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mary Bruun & Jerry Dwenger. Horseshoes: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Tom Nickel & David Lust; 1<sup>st</sup> place, Joe Kakolowski & Don Wolford. Bocce Ball: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Joe Kakolowski & Debra Howard; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, David Lust & Jerry Dwenger; 1<sup>st</sup> place, Dave Bruun & Sharon Schmidt. Miniature Golf: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Susan Schwartz & Paul Schwartz; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Barbara Rosenthal & Marilyn Scott; 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sharon Schmidt & Debra Howard.

Balloons readied for distribution at campground for NSDC.



## NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



Well, that trip I mentioned planning in the Summer issue has come and gone. We traveled ~4,700 miles through 15 states, with layovers in: the Chattanooga, TN area; Paducah, KY; the Stillwater, MN area; the South Dakota Badlands; the Isanti County (MN) Fairgrounds (camping and dancing with #068, the Wandering Wheels on Memorial Day weekend); and finally to our ‘resting’ place in southern Maine. We’re off soon to camp and dance in VT with #181, the MontShire Campin’ Squares.

As NSDCA president John Ide mentions elsewhere in this issue, the *Times* can serve as your guide to square dance camping events throughout the USA and in eastern Canada. But to adequately provide this service, Chapters must provide their schedules. Many do, but numerous others, however, do not furnish their camping calendar information – nor do they supply write-ups discussing their camping events. My favorite part of the *Times* is the “Chats Around the Campfire” section and the reports contained therein. While I have no documented evidence, I strongly suspect that the angels that organize our campouts and State Camporees might reflect upon what they have read as reported within these pages by other chapters when planning their activities.

Some statistics: of the 54 active chapters in the NSDCA, only 18 have entries in this issue’s “Chats Around the Campfire” section and 24 have provided campout schedules for the timeframe (September-December) listed in this issue. NOTE: The most-current, up-to-date camping schedule is posted on the NSDCA website: [nsdca.org](http://nsdca.org). While I recognize that not all chapters meet every month, especially as winter approaches, those chapters that *do* report year-round are fairly consistent. I would like to encourage *everyone* to submit something to the *Times* for these two sections (“Chats” and “Campouts”), no matter how trivial you think it might be or infrequently your chapter meets.

Please be sure to identify your chapter in the subject line of the email; this makes it easier for me to sort things out when assembling the newsletter. Also include the name of the person writing the article or providing the camping schedule and contact information (email and/or phone number). Photographs should be at least 300 dpi resolution; most cell phone cameras and DSLR jpeg/jpg files should be adequate. Deadlines are listed on the inside of the front cover (page 2).

Thank you.

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- 9:00- 4:30pm Registration and check-in
- 2:00- 4:00pm Dance Workshops - Round (2pm) - Square (3pm)
- 4:00- 5:00pm FANSDC Board Meeting
- 6:30- 7:00pm Early Rounds
- 7:00- 9:00pm Square & Round Dancing (THEME or Casual)
- 9:00- 9:30pm After Party Entertainment

**FRIDAY - October 25**

- 7:00am- ? Golf Outing
- 9:00- 4:00pm Registration and Check - in / Sports, Games, and Cards
- 1:00- 5:00pm Workshops; Lines (1pm) - Round (2pm) - Square (3:30pm)
- 6:20- 8:50pm Early Rounds - **Line up for Grand March at 8:50 PM**
- 7:00- 9:00pm Grand March - Square & Round Dancing (Club Colors opt.)
- 9:00- 9:30pm After Party Entertainment

**SATURDAY - October 26**

- 9:00-11:00am Recycle and white elephant sale / Camporee Craft
- 11:00-12:00am Historian Update Albums
- 11:30- 1:00pm lunch / General Meeting
- 1:00- till ? Sports, games and card finals
- 2:00- 3:00pm Round Dance
- 3:00- 4:00pm Advance Square Dance
- 5:00- 6:00pm Catered Dinner (Bring your tickets)
- 7:00- 9:00pm Square & Round Dancing (Square Dance attire State Colors)
- 9:00- After Party Entertainment

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