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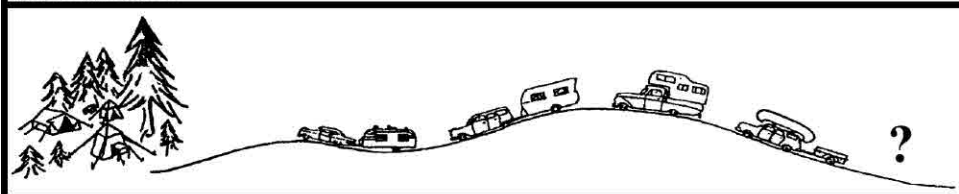
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John & Dolly Ide



To all our members:

Do you ever wake up in the morning and feel like you just woke up from a nightmare and feel like everything is really the way it's always been? Then you turn on the news or pick up your newspaper and ... AAAAAAAAAAAAAAH, you want to scream!

I'm here to tell you that this too will pass. This nightmare will one day be behind us. Our hope is that the time for it to be over will come sooner instead of later. Between the real nightmare of COVID, and the news media inflicted nightmare of national politics, I can't wait to simply just focus on a favorite caller and do what he says: square dance. Maybe even two or three weeks running without a stop (except to eat and sleep). Well, that's not reality but a nice thought.

To that end, many of us have been working through it all to plan some great times of square dancing for our members. I know that most of the dance schedules have been cancelled this past year, and even into next year, but we believe that our Camporee in Rayne, Louisiana from July 4th through July 8th next year will be one of the best ever. If you've kept up with our news from the last issue of the *TIMES*, you already know that we've expanded the Camporee an extra two days for the same registration fee. The only additional charge will be for the campsite, but all additional activities are included at no extra charge. In addition to the extra fun in Rayne next year, you can also enjoy the fun at the 70th National Square Dance Convention in Jackson, Mississippi from June 23rd through the 26th and then dance your way to Rayne on the **Rayne Train** from June 27th to July 3rd. And you thought I was kidding about square dancing for several weeks. We'll all need the extra dances to get everyone back to the level we used to dance at before we forgot everything this past year.

The last thing I want to bring to your attention is our/your organization, the National Square Dance Camping Association. We all know that square dancing in general has been on the decline nationally, as has been the NSDCA. We want to encourage all our members to stay con-

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Tom & Pat Herscha



The year 2020 has been a very different year! We hope everyone has stayed safe and well. Many chapters decided it wasn't feasible to get together and others have camped together for socialization. We missed our square dance friends so much that we decided to get together at Goldhead State Park. We sat around the campfire, played outdoor games, and caught up with each other's lives.

Our Chapter 128, Square Wheels, is planning the first campout since COVID-19 began. Our December campout will be our Christmas get-together. However, it is going to be planned a little differently so that we can all remain safe and well. It will be good to see all those we have missed throughout these trying times.

Even though COVID has interfered with the NSDCA, we have still been operating and planning for our future events. Everyone has still received their NSDCA *TIMES* and the Board has still been meeting via conference calls and carrying out our duties as usual. Let's hope that 2021 will be a better year and all our activities can resume!!

Please plan on attending the 2021 Camporee in Rayne, LA. Lots of fun things are planned for that event. Get your registrations sent in as soon as possible. Also, don't forget to plan on being a part of the "**Rayne Train.**" Campout spots have been picked out and places to dance have been arranged so that the "party" can continue from the National Square Dance Convention all the way to Rayne!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone! We miss you all and we are looking forward to a healthy and active 2021!

Tom and Pat Herscha





David & Mary Bruun



HOPE you voted! We did! HOPE you are Staying Safe!! We are!! HOPE you are ready for 2021!!! Both Dave and I are MORE than ready for 2020 to become HISTORY!!! Just think of all the things we are going to be doing in the coming years. At the present time we are planning to head to warmer temperatures of Texas for the winter. We know we will still be wearing masks and social distancing as much as we can (probably a requirement for some time), but we can live with that.

Other PLANS we have are attending the 63rd National Camporee in Rayne, LA. If you haven't registered yet, please send in your registration A.S.A.P. Make it a Christmas present to your significant other. The registration form is in the middle centerfold of this TIMES. PLAN to spend 5 fun-filled days with your square dance friends from across the United States, Canada, as well as overseas. Afterall you, didn't see some of them this year--maybe only on Facebook, Zoom or Chapter outings, which we were able to have four gatherings in late summer and fall.

With the Board reducing your 2021 (ONLY) membership to \$10 for couples and \$6 for singles, we still need everyone to PLEASE send your membership renewals by the end of December. NSDCA still has operating expenses, which probably the largest being the TIMES. Hope you are all reading the chats, seeing what others have been doing or wish they were doing, keeping up with the lost camper winners, recipes, tips on camping, news from your Board and staff members, etc. The list goes on and on.

REMEMBER: It's not too late to volunteer for one of the two Board positions for next year. One being for a 3-year term and the other a 4-year term. COME ON down (as on the 'Price is Right') or WE NEED YOU (Uncle Sam); yes, anyone can volunteer to be a Board member. We are also needing someone to head up our Nominating Committee. There are jobs for several of you! Just Step Right UP!!!

The Bruun's are sending belated Thanksgiving Blessings, Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year without all the craziness of this last one!!!!

Mary & Dave Bruun



Tom & Kathy Nickel

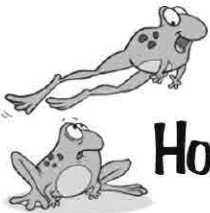


2020 has been a different kind of year. Many activities have had to be canceled. Churches and schools are closed to our activities. Early in the camping season the campgrounds were also closed. When they did open restrictions were in place. We were not able to dance or have our famous potluck suppers due to social distancing. Campfires were in a bigger circle. I did manage to cook donuts over an open fire at our fall campout.

The dancing has stopped in our area since February and are cancelled thru December. Dinning out is almost at a stand still with restrictions in place. I realize most of you are in the same boat. I hope everyone is staying safe and we can survive together.

Your NSDCA dues are due so please get them sent in. They can be submitted several times as updates occur in your membership. For 2021 they are a reduced rate of \$10 for a couple and \$6 for a single. We need to keep our membership strong in these difficult times. Please make sure your address is correct so you can receive your *TIMES* magazine and any correspondence we have for you. We are looking for new Board members as we have two vacancies occurring on the Board, so please consider offering your talents to the Board and the organization. The plans for the Camporee are being developed so we can continue our great activities. Plan on visiting Rayne, LA. Hopefully we can all be dancing and camping soon. Stay healthy.

Tom & Kathy Nickel



If your going to Jackson.....

Hop on the Caravan Train to Rayne !



Roger Tipps Membership Secretary



Many chapters have started camping and dancing after many months of staying at home. Most chapters have decided to make masks and hand sanitizer available. Other chapters are camping, playing games and visiting with friends and having a good time.

NSDCA yearly fees are due now. The National Board has cut our yearly amount in half; \$10.00 a couple and \$6.00 a single. Please do not wait because the mail is slow and you do not want to miss an issue of the *TIMES*.

I want to recognize chapter 196, WABASH VALLEYWHEEL AROUNDs being the first chapter in the US to have all of their members renewing for 2021. This chapter also added a new member. In Canada, C028 also was the first to renew all their members.

This is only a sample of what chapters can do if they have the desire to have their chapter continue to grow and members having more fun.

Please stay safe and still have a good time with your friends.

Roger Tipps, Membership Secretary

A brief update on important NSDCA Rules and Guidelines per NSDCA Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures:

Associate Membership:

1. Implies memberships in more than one NSDCA chapter.
2. Associate member(s) may not hold office or vote in the associate chapter(s).

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 - D) The fire must be resting on or touching the crossed logs.
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State & Area Representatives Reports

NSDCA Florida State and Area Representative Report

Hi guys. Well the situation has not change too much since last report. This report will start a little different: all bad news first. We pour our hearts out to all the wonderful callers and dancers we lost or were hurt in an accident or just retired.

Don and Sherry MacGregor (#128, Square Wheels) had the virus but are OK all is well. Doug and Beth Meyers (#153, Strawberry Travelers) also had the virus but all is well now. On August 16th Dee Casteel (#128) had a head on collision, broke her arm is doing good now but it will take some time to get behind the wheel again. On October 3rd Maxine Thomas fell and broke her left foot and sprained her right ankle other than that she is in good spirits. Doctors say she will be dancing by February - that's hoping the virus will let us. Ron Rear-don (#082, Hitch-N-Go Squares) retired. Now here comes the really sad news: On September 26th, the Florida RoadRunner Squares (#193) lost their caller, Sonny McCartney. There was a service for him at their November 14th campout out. One of our former #128 dancers, Chuck Breedlove, also passed on August 10th. That's all the bad news I have at this time.

Now it's good news time! The 2021 Florida State Camporee is in good shape; all of the chairman just moved up from 2020 and the 2021 chairperson moved up to 2022. We have a new chairman from the #153, Steve and Trucy Rogers.

The Strawberry Travelers (#153) have been social camping most of the summer but now they had a square dance campout at Red Oaks in October; all had a good time it was good to be with dancing friends again.

Hitch-N-Go Squares (#082) has been social camping also. All of the halls are closed so there is no dancing, but is always good to see how everyone is doing. Roadrunner Squares (#193) had their first dance in early October at Whispering Palms in Sebastian, FL. Because they were using the hall they had to clean and clean some more. There was some square dancing; all went well. It was good to see all our friends again.

Since there was no 2020 State Camporee that means there is no Camporee news.

Here's a heads-up on the Square Wheels (#128) Christmas Party, December 4-5. If all goes well, we hope to have the best socially-distanced party ever! There will be some dancing if you want. All

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



As I wrote last issue's column in late July, we were about to leave to go to our summer home in Maine, but we were unsure about our ability to safely travel and camp along the way. Fortunately, Florida residents had been removed from the 'stay away' category in the northeast states, but the campgrounds we contacted cautioned us to avoid weekends as we wouldn't be able to find a spot. That was encouraging news – people are traveling – but discouraging in that we'd have to hustle, spending only three or four nights on the road (we typically take over a week if we are 'rushing' and over a month if we are 'lallygagging'). We stuck to ourselves en route and only had to have contact with two campground hosts for payment (wearing masks!); the other handled things over the phone when we made our reservation and a welcome packet was awaiting us outside the office when we arrived. After we arrived in Maine our weekly square dance club held a meeting in the parking lot of the facility where we normally danced, all socially distanced in a large circle, to discuss plans for dancing. The weekly club had been banned from the Town's facility we use because of the pandemic, and due to the general age of our group, we're considered in the high-risk category if one were to contract the virus. The decision was to hold off on any dancing activity until September of 2021, pending revision if some miraculous cure or preventative solution occurred in the interim.

Most square dance camping clubs have been following suit – no camping or dancing. Some have been 'gathering' via Zoom meetings, some have met to camp and socialize, while a few brave souls have camped and danced. I would not say that things are returning to normal – but the stirring of activity is a hopeful indicator. I am a 'visual' person – meaning something sinks into my noggin much easier if I see an image – and keeping track of campouts has always been a challenge. Starting with this issue of the *TIMES* you'll find two additions to the normal listing of campouts: an indication if a campout starts on a day other than Friday, and a 'calendar' layout (which will also be online). Entries for campouts throughout the year are available in the online version of our NSDCA square dance camping calendar while near-term campouts are listed in the *TIMES*. If and when you feel comfortable getting 'out there' please be sure to touch base with the club's listed contact to ensure the activity is still being held. With the resurgence of the virus this Fall, one is never sure what tomorrow will bring regarding state-imposed restrictions on gathering or travel.

One of the things we have been doing during this forced isolation is experiment with food. We're still not comfortable dining out, although

we have ordered take-out a few times. This got me thinking – why not collect recipes from our NSDCA members and compile it into a digital cookbook? The recipes don't only have to be camping-based, your favorites you like to prepare at home are also welcome. If there's enough interest, a print version may be made available through a publisher like Amazon books. Please email your contribution to NSDCAtimes@gmail.com and be sure to provide clear directions for ingredients, how to combine them and any special cooking or baking instructions. Be sure to include your name and NSDCA Chapter. I will also select interesting contributions to feature in the "Let's Get Cooking" column.

Remember, feel free to submit your camping schedules as soon as they are finalized or if there is a revision; there is no need to wait until the deadline for a new issue of the *TIMES*. I know plans are still in a state of flux due to ongoing changes with government-mandated rules for social-gathering events, but when a date changes (whether an addition or cancellation) let me know and the online version will be quickly updated to reflect the modification.

Finally, when communicating with me – whether for the "chats", camping schedules, obituaries, lost camper contest or something else, please be sure to identify your chapter in the subject line of the email; this makes it easier for me to sort things out when assembling the newsletter. Also include the name of the person writing/submitting any article/camping schedule/obituary and their contact information (email and/or phone number). I sometimes have to follow-up with what is submitted.

Thank you. Stay safe and healthy! And thanks to everyone who submitted something for this issue during these unusual times! Let's collect those recipes!

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nected, to keep dancing and camping, and keep the NSDCA alive. I don't know about you, but I can't imagine not spending regular fun times with friends at campouts and dances. The friends we've made are all part of our extended family and we don't want to lose any of you. The Board has taken the action of cutting the 2021 membership fee in half so that no-one has an excuse not to join us next year. Now it's up to you. Decide now that you're going to continue camping with your friends and dancing if you're able.

We look forward to seeing all of you next year, if no-where else, definitely in Rayne, Louisiana.

Dolly & John

We Remember Our Friends

As we all get older, the certainty of an empty position in our squares becomes a recurring reality. We've shared good times, great dancing, wonderful food and hours of chats and laughter around flickering campfires. It's no surprise that we occasionally need to include some of those dear to us in this newsletter column.

Rudy R. Jasa Sr. (#012)

A gentle soul, Rudy R. Jasa Sr., passed away early Sunday, August 2, 2020, from complications following a fall. Rudy was born Aug. 27, 1930, in Cedar Rapids. He married the love of his life, Margaret (Marge) Nesetril, in 1950; they recently celebrated 70 years of marriage.

Rudy and Marge enjoyed square dancing and camping for many years. Rudy and Marge are past presidents of both the Iowa State Federation and the East Central Iowa Federation as well as the past editors for the Iowa State Magazine. They also served as presidents for the Square Dance Campers #012 Twirl 'N' Travelers. They were Cloggers and members of the Guys and Gals Square Dance Club.



Submitted by Herman Meyer

Sonny McCartney (#193)

Sonny McCartney 79, got the square dance bug after taking square dance lessons in 1984 and he told his wife that dancing was too hard, he wanted to be a caller. He began his calling career in December of 1984. During the next 36 years, Sonny called for many clubs across the state of Florida and always named his clubs the "Sun-Cats". He was a fixture in the Florida square dance community for many years, had one of the largest square dance record collections in Florida, and even had a Sun-Cat Exhibition Team that preformed at several National Square Dance Conventions.



He was a Charter member of the Florida RoadRunners, Chapter #193. He is survived by his wife Judy. Sonny never met a stranger, was always willing to help and is now probably calling to the "Sun-Cat Angels" in heaven. We miss you Sonny!

Submitted by Dolly Ide

Remember, if you would like someone included/remembered in this section, please let us know their name, important dates, chapter name and number, and one or two important things about them. And please provide a high-resolution photo if one is available. Thank you.



That's YOU...!

This is your organization and you are its HEART.

In June our BOARD will have 2 vacant seats.

Please consider how you can help keep us going!

There is a place for your unique skills and abilities.

Contact John Ide (352) 208-5980

“WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS”

The NSDCA was incorporated in 1964 but has had Camporees since 1958. Lebanon, Tennessee would have been our 63rd Camporee, only the second one in our long history to be cancelled. We have a rich heritage of fun, family and fellowship along with the dancing and hope to keep our past traditions. Each year, our membership has grown smaller, including the number of members willing or able to help with the tasks required to run the NSDCA. Even though the available help has decreased to merely a handful, the expectation from 100% (all) of our members is to have the NSDCA remain viable and active, to host events that are fun and enjoyable and our dancing and camping experiences continue. We appeal to all of you to consider the various opportunities to volunteer some of your time, your abilities and skills to keep the NSDCA strong. There are numerous opportunities including national Board positions (two openings in 2021), state and area representatives, nominating committee, staff and various other positions. If you don't see your skill listed but you'd like to help, please contact one of the national Board members. Your willingness is encouraged and will be much appreciated.

Thank You for Taking Time to Read This.



014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

Our chapter did have a few campouts, and it was wonderful to see everyone and catch up on things! We worked on details for the 2021 Illinois State



Camporee in June, packing ditty bags, and checking on door prizes. We had time to craft some turkeys for the holiday. We hope to see old friends and make new ones in 2021. Stay safe everyone and see you around a campfire soon!

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

031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin

Our Badger Rover group enjoyed our last campout of 2020 in the rolling hills of Southwest Wisconsin at Tom's Campground Sept. 18 to Sept. 20. We had the company of Wayne and Elaine Irwin from the Pine Tree (#002) camping group join us for the weekend. Crafts,



bean bag competition and the ever-famous Tom Nickel campfire donuts were enjoyed by all. The weather was outstanding for us to gather socially for campfires and simply catching up on what each has been doing during the pandemic. A big "thank you" to Wayne for helping us social distance square dance Saturday night! We did some round dancing as well, with Tom ending the night with line dancing. We wish everyone a safe holiday season and winter. Our camper is already stored as I write this message on October 25. We are busy building our retirement home



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by Beaver Dam, WI. Looking forward to trying some new campgrounds for our personal enjoyment next year along with having our Badger Rover group camp close by in September at the county park.

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

106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania

Square Up Campers welcomed the fall season in the nicest way! Gathered at Twin Bridges Campground in St. Thomas, PA, 10 rigs parked

among the shady trees that were just beginning to show their autumn colors. The day was sunny and the leaves were a pleasure to gaze at. Our fire ring was nestled under a big oak as we enjoyed the



crackling embers and coziness. The campground owners decorated so nicely that we took advantage of a group photo in the outside areas. If you are passing through south central Pennsylvania please feel free to visit our group.

Kathy Engel; kathye@kuhncom.net

116 Camping Squares; Kansas

Our September campout at Scott City Lake was a success, with the weather being great for camping. We toured the newly opened Little Jerusalem State Park and it was very interesting. There were several other historical sites to tour in the area also. Scott City had a very nice Arts & Crafts show and everyone was being safe by wearing masks. Our last campout of the season on October 15-18 at Pomona Lake was fun even though it was



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cool and windy. The Maple Leaf Festival was cancelled.

We have cancelled our annual Thanksgiving dinner party at Shirley Spitles outside Council Grove. Sorry to have to do it because it is always so much fun. We will keep monitoring the local situation before we decide on having our usual winter parties. The Christmas Dance on December 6 is still scheduled at this time, depending on the local situation at that time. Be sure to check with Marty and Frank before traveling to the dance.

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

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

119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

We have had a very quiet summer due to the pandemic. Most of our campouts were cancelled; we have had no dancing. We did make a trip to Saratoga, WY in July. We had nine units attend. We played games, did some crafts and sat around just visiting. We had some wonderful meals. We have some great cooks in the group! In September we went to Laramie for our annual Buggy Stomp outing; 10 units attended. The weather did not cooperate so we did most of our games & crafts indoors. And, as usual, we did do more eating! Coming up we will have our Fall meeting in November and our Christmas party will be in December.

Some of our members are not in good health, we need prayers for them. Gary Coffey had a mild stroke & is on the road to recovery.

Diana Fergel; lfergel@bresnan.net; 307-635-7312

123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois

We took things a little slower in Illinois this year, matter of fact, we were so slow that we held our normal April campout/dance in August. When the state finally opened up for groups larger than your family size, we were able to assemble safely for a mid-week campout at Hickory Hills campground near Secor, IL. The hosts put a lot of COVID-thinking into how the event was run. Instead of a potluck, they had lunch bags of either ham or turkey sandwiches (which were super thick) with all individually packaged sides. We all wondered how many units would show up, incredibly we had 15 units arrive, one had to leave due to a water leak issue but we all enjoyed seeing our old friends. There were crafts to



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make “WELCOME” signs to put by your front door and the guys all made bird feeders. Of course, lots of card games, campfires. One night we went with masks, to the Chanticleer restaurant where our president’s wife celebrated her birthday. The next day we played couples socially distanced alternate shot scramble on the campgrounds mini-golf course. One evening we watched Robin Williams in “RV” on a huge movie screen inside the big pavilion. We did have a COVID-protected square dance with lots of hand sanitizer and face masks that was called by Curt Braffet; it was great to dance again. The last morning was another COVID-designed breakfast and casually making our way back home.

For September we went to a wonderful new camping location called Friends Creek Campground, near Argenta. What a super quiet campground; once again lots of units and a great time had by all just enjoying a nearly-perfect weekend weather-wise. Sleeping was great except for all the chestnuts and acorns that hit the roof like heavy rain when the wind blew. Christmas ornaments were the ladies craft, the men made the usual small talk for their craft! Dinner was at a wonderful restaurant in Cerro Gordo, followed by cards and campfires. A rousing bocce ball challenge tournament kept the afternoon moving; we even had an officially marked court. That evening we enjoyed a COVID-planned potluck, complete with a sneeze shield, to provide a healthy meal. The hand sanitizer/masked square dance was called by Herb Edwards, with a guest appearance of Ozzie Pearl. The next day had some sad goodbyes as members of our group have sold their home and are moving to Texas.

Somehow during the meeting my hand got raised when they said they needed a new person to submit the Chats to the head office; I’m really not sure how that happened!

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

128 Square Wheels; Florida

Like most of the other clubs, Square Wheels as a camping and square dance club has been shut down. Some of the members got together in small groups and did some social camping to stay in touch. We are planning our December camp out as a club for those that are willing to get together. There will be camp fires adhering to safety protocols promoting some good stories and laughs. Hopefully, we will provide a more exciting report in the next issue.

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152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama

Campers & Dancers held a campout in August at Noccalula Falls Park in Gadsden, AL. We had dancing on Friday night with some club members and visitors. The last weekend in October a non-dancing campout was held at Roaring Pines Campground in Somerville, AL where our 2020 Annual Meeting was held; the 2020 Chapter officers were re-elected for 2021.

Our 2021 campout schedule is close to completion. Some details remain to be finalized before the complete schedule is ready to be released. At this time, no dancing is being planned at any of the 2021 campouts. Decisions on dancing will be made closer to the dates of the campout. We plan on holding all scheduled campouts unless lockdowns are put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

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

153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

Our campfires have been doused for the season due to the current situation of our nation, but the spirits of the Strawberry Travelers remain uplifted and positive. It's been 6 long months since the Strawberry Travelers met up, so when the opportunity to meet at Red Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell was arranged, many of us jumped at the opportunity.



It was a weekend of TREATS and no TRICKS! With nine rigs in attendance we enjoyed a social weekend filled with FUN & FRIENDS. Carolyn Dees greeted us with welcome gifts of ditty bags containing hand sanitizer, plastic gloves and peppermint patties. We are now ready for anything! With great excitement we welcomed long-standing members and club treasurers Bob & Laura back into the world of RV camping. After a terrible auto accident left their rig totaled, they've been traveling between home and campouts to visit and join us. Now, with their beautiful new rig, they're back to staying overnight. And in keeping with tradition, the club TP'd their rig with much valued toilet paper!! (see photo next page)



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We didn't dance during this social gathering, but there was plenty to do as we visited and caught up on our lives over the past six months. One of our club's favorite activities, other than dancing, is to visit thrift shops for 'valued' items we didn't know we needed, and so we went out shopping on Saturday. Many of us closed out the weekend on Sunday as we returned home, with a few staying over to visit Webster's Flea Market bright and early Monday morning.

We are holding our collective breath that we'll soon be able to resume our camping-dancing weekends. If you're traveling, let us invite you to join us at any of our weekends. Under the current situation, please email one of our officers in advance to verify the details. Stay well... Stay safe.

Sarah Beth Pergrossi; sarahbeth@pergrossi.net

175 Riverside Gypsy Square Dance Club; Ontario, Canada

The Gypsies, like many other clubs, have had an unusual summer, but in the late part of the season we were able to get together in as a group in the outdoors as long as we kept our distance. No in-person dancing occurred, but spent time around the campfire and a corn roast in August.

We had our Annual General Meeting in mid-September and the Club is going to be moving to a new campground. The new site is Lower Beverley Lake Park in Delta, Ontario, Canada. The campground has lots of trees, a lake and a small stream flows by some of the sites. The campground is a mix of seasonal campers and occasional campers. The Club has a number of sites which have been reserved ahead for our use but we must confirm a month in advance to have our club rate.

Normally the Club meets in February for a Mid-Winter Dance but many clubs are not dancing this fall and winter, so we will see if it is possible. Our first campout for 2021 is scheduled for May 14th & 15th weekend. If you are thinking about visiting, please see the campout listing for the Contact Person and confirm that we are indeed dancing.

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Have a safe winter and we look forward to showing off our new home come May.

Mary Anne Reinhard; 613-838-5781

193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

I just saw a note from a friend that read "I am going to stay up all night on New Year's Eve, not to see the new year come in, but to make sure the old year leaves!" That is exactly how I feel. How about you?

Our fall season began with cancelations: September's campout and our Florida State Camporee. Then on the 26th we got the sad news that our caller, Sonny McCartney, had lost his battle with lung cancer. Sonny had been calling since December of 1984. He was a fixture in the Florida square dance community and had one of the largest square dance record collections in the state. His "Sun-Cats" club preformed exhibitions at some of the National Square Dance Conventions. Sonny and his wife Judy along with a group of friends started our club in August of 2013. We are sure he is now calling to the "Sun-Cat Angels" in heaven.

The second weekend in October we were able to camp together in Sebastian, FL with lots of disinfectant on hand, mask wearing and mask making along with social distancing. Our group was small but it sure felt good to get back together again. We danced one square and mostly did rounds, visited, and made our very own RoadRunner masks.

As I write this, we are planning our November campout and have a little larger group coming. A turkey dinner is planned, along with a Celebration of Life for Sonny and a little dancing too. We are all very rusty at dancing these days!



Now Christmas is just around the corner and we are looking forward to co-camping with the Strawberry Travelers this year, and our 2021 season will start the New Year with a great weekend at Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring (truly one of the most beautiful State Parks in the state!) If you like campfires in the evening and dancing in the afternoon, you will not want to miss our January weekend. So, if you happen to be



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heading down this way for the winter, be sure to check the camping dates and listings and find a weekend to attend. Believe me ... winter camping in Florida is delightful. Come out and camp with us... remember - "Friendship & Dancing are just around your Corner".

Merry Christmas to all. We pray that you all stay safe and healthy and that we see you at a campout or on a dance floor very soon.

Chapter 193 Website: www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html

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

Word Search Puzzle

D	I	E	T	R	A	D	I	T	I	O	N	S	M	S
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Word List →

Unused letters give a hidden message:
35 letters, 6 words

AFTERPARTY	FELLOWSHIP	RIBBONS
ATMOSPHERE	GIFT EXCHANGE	SAUSAGE
CANDLES	GUESTS	SEASONAL ATTIRE
CATERED DINNER	MEATBALLS	STUFFING
CHIPS	MENU	SWEETS
CRANBERRY SAUCE	MISTLETOE	THEME
DIET	MUSIC	TRADITIONS
EGGNOG	POTLUCK	TURKEY



and the FUN continues...

The lost camper in the Summer issue was in the failed tire shown on the left side of page 38 (Figure 1). For that issue's contest there were 35 entries, and 34 were correct. Congratulations to Jerry & Judy Boutelle of Chapter 123, Swing-N-Travelers (IL) for winning the Summer issue's contest; your 2021 NSDCA membership fee will be waived.

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

Remember, you can't win if you don't enter. This is *your* newsletter!

Alas, the campers bring up the tail of our caravan, Tony & Lou Bergett (in the station wagon with their gear stowed on their car's roof) have made a wrong turn and lost their way on their way to Rayne, LA (see the Summer 2019 issue for background on the caravan and images of each traveler). Please see if you can locate them and give them directions to get back to the caravan so they make it to the 2021 Camporee in Rayne on time.

Good luck! Send your answer no later than January 31th either: 1) via email to NSDCAtimes@gmail.com or 2) by regular mail to **Ken Shacter, 5418 Weller Place, Jacksonville, FL 32211**. Please be specific as to the location in this issue; provide the page number *and* where on the page our wayward campers are located. Simply providing something like "on page 2" or "on the bottom of page 2" is insufficient; however, something like "on the bottom of page 2 immediately above the page number" or "on the bottom of page 2 below the ad for badges" gives a good indication you have properly located our campers.

Be sure to include your Chapter number and name regardless of the way you choose to communicate. Thank you.

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meals will be brown bag, there will lots of storytelling and best of all—lots of stories of how we did with the lockdown. I will let you know how the party went in the next report.

That's all I have for now. I sure hope the next report will be full of laughing, dancing and do-se-dos.

John and Mary Burzo

Chapter Name	#	Entrant
Pine Tree (WI)	002	Doris Palmen
Rollaways (MI)	005	Wayne & Joan Adams
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Marie Berridge
Badger Rovers (WI)	031	Virginia and Eldon Boehm
Illiana Square Wheelers (IL/IN)	044	Larina Sanders
Penn Dixie Square Campers (PA)	045	Jim Sebesta
Dakota Wheelers (SD)	061	Richard Wootton
Hitch 'N Go (FL)	082	Jeanne Hartwig
Square -Up Campers (PA)	106	Michael Gelinas
		Judy & Dan Alex
Southern Tier Wheelers (NY)	108	Bill and Pat Mosher
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Mike Huddleson
		Frank & Marty Golden
Swing 'N' Travelers (IL)	123	Dave & Mary Bruun
		Herb & Pat Edwards
		Jim & Naomi Mills
		Dwaine & Bert Dunn
		Al & Charlene Fahsbender
		John & Carol Scher
		Joe & Lois Schaefer
		Jerry & Judy Boutelle
		Bill and Kathy Baker
		Chet & Janet Bowman
		Norma Schertz
		Maurine Collett
		Sue Mayer
		Larry & Marilyn Maffett
Square Wheels (FL)	128	Debbie & Bill Cassidy
		Maxine Thomas
		Mark Fetzer
Rolling Squares (NE)	148	Marion Niemeyer
Alabama Campers & Dancers (AL)	152	Susan Wolford
Gateway Wagoneers (IL/MO)	179	Paulette Doerhoff
Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds (IN)	196	James Huffman
		Kerry Richmond

63rd International NSDCA Camporee



2021 - July 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8

Begins with a "4 of July" Picnic!

Rayne, Louisiana

2 Extra Days of Fun!

Thai Peanut Chicken w/ Pasta

Ingredients: Stir-Fry

- 1/2 tbsp extra light olive oil
- 1 tsp crushed garlic
- 6 oz boneless, skinless chicken breast strips
- 4 oz chopped carrots
- 2 oz chopped sweet onion

Ingredients: Sauce

- 1 tbsp low sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 cup low sodium vegetable broth or low sodium chicken broth
- 2 tbsp creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 tsp toasted sesame oil
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger

Ingredients: Pasta

- 4 oz pasta (Your choice! We also use orzo.)

Ingredients: Toppings

- 1 green onion (chive)
- 1 oz roasted lightly salted peanuts, halved

You can modify the ingredients to use what you have on hand.

Steps

- 1) Cook pasta per directions.
- 2) Sauté carrots, chicken and onions about 10 minutes
- 3) In a separate pot, whisk ingredients until blended on high heat for two minutes until it starts to thicken
- 4) Reduce heat to simmer and continue to whisk another two minutes
- 5) Plate the pasta
- 6) Mix sauce in with stir-fry and pour over pasta
- 7) Garnish with chives and peanuts

Serves two: ~208 calories/serving stir-fry; ~106 calories/serving sauce.
Nutritional information listed below is for the stir-fry and sauce only.

Stir-Fry

Total fat:	8 g	Total carbs:	8 g	Sugars:	4 g
Saturated fat:	2 g	Protein:	42 g	Dietary fiber:	2 g
Sodium:	141 mg	Potassium:	44 mg	Vitamin A:	80%
Vitamin C:	11%	Calcium:	5%	Iron:	2%

Sauce

Total fat:	9 g	Total carbs:	4 g	Sugars:	1 g
Saturated fat:	1 g	Protein:	4 g	Dietary fiber:	1 g
Sodium:	248 mg	Potassium:	110 mg	Vitamin A:	0%
Vitamin C:	0%	Calcium:	8%	Iron:	2%



Helpful Hints for your RV: The Pre-Delivery Inspection

Some friends of ours recently rejoined the travel trailer camping community. Years ago they had a pop-up, but once their kids got to a certain age this form of family activity fell by the wayside. We had fun going with them during their initial forays while looking at floorplans, whether they wanted a hybrid, a slide, a bunkhouse, etc. They eventually purchased a used trailer and asked what they should look for and check out when they picked it up.

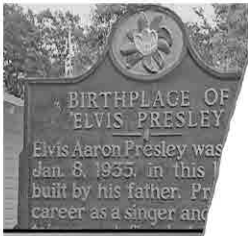
Dealers should offer the purchaser a pre-delivery inspection, commonly called a PDI. Dealers typically set a fixed amount of time for the PDI to devote one of their sales staff or techs in walking through the features of the trailer, showing the new owners the fundamentals of their unit. While a thorough PDI is particularly important for a first-time RV owner, experienced RVers should not overlook or give short shrift to this task.

What should you expect from the dealer's representative during a PDI? No two RV models are the same, even from the same manufacturer. Each system should be explained, e.g., 12V DC electric, 120V AC electric (including how to engage the built-in generator, if supplied), potable water (from the RV's storage tank as well as from the "city water" hookup), water heater use (electric/gas/failover operation), refrigerator operation (electric/gas/failover operation), LP changeover (is it automatic or manual?), dump valve operation, ...

What should *you* check? There are numerous checklists available from various RV user forums, but at a minimum you want to ensure everything works prior to leaving the dealer's lot. Does the air conditioner really cool? Does the furnace really warm the RV? Do the water heater and refrigerator work from all fuel sources? How do you use the emergency exit windows? Where are the dump valve actuators located? If so equipped, how do you operate and troubleshoot the automatic power level apparatus? Do the supplied keys all work? Are there caveats in operating any of the equipment? What is the condition of the roof (an often-overlooked area): Is the sealant around the edges and penetrations in good shape? Are there any bubbles or imperfections in the roof covering? Are there staples under the roof material obviously not set flush with the roofline?

Another item that is often overlooked is how to winterize the RV. While this may not be a problem very often in the South, those that live in cooler climes will need to ensure there is no water remaining in any valve, water line, fixture, tank or trap; frozen water can wreak havoc on

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Camping & RVs 70th NSDC



The camping and recreational vehicle (RV) park for the 70th National Square Dance Convention® will be at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, 1207 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS, a short 1/4 mile from I-55.

The Campground is approximately 1 mile from the Convention Center, but is also within walking distance of several museums and fast food establishments on the way to the Convention Center. If you prefer a little different fare, there are some excellent restaurants around the downtown area.

The RV Park includes:

- First come, first served. If you are camping together, please arrive together.
- There is plenty of camping space with water, sewer, and 30/50 amp electric service available.
- A four-day minimum stay is required.



For Additional Information Contact:

John & Dolly Ide, Vice-Chairman RV & Camping

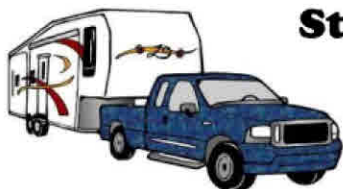
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<https://70nsdc.com>

Come Dance in the "City with Soul" in 2021!

NSDCA PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

State Camporee



June 4, 5 AND 6, 2021

Loysville, PA

Camporee location:

Paradise Stream Family Campground

693 Paradise Stream Rd, Loysville, PA 17047

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

THE CAMPGROUND OFFERS:

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

ACTIVITIES:

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



Dancing Friday and Saturday Evenings

7:00—9:00

Call the campground directly for reservations:

Paradise Stream Family Campground

(717) 789-2117

Tell the staff you are with the NSDCA PA State Camporee

Good Sam attendees will receive a discount on their camping fee



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CAMPOREE CONTACT:

Park Bierbower

717-300-5111

ScoutGuyOne@gmail.com





ROARING INTO THE 20'S

63rd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE

Rayne Civic Center & RV Park, 210 Frog Festival Dr., Rayne, LA

July 4 & 5, 2021: Special Events July 6, 7, 8, 2021: Camporee Events



NSDCA Membership # _____

NON-Member - (Requires added \$20 Surcharge-See Below)

Information for PARKING by LOCATION & RV NEEDS

STATE _____ CHAPTER # _____ HANDICAP _____

ELECTRIC: 30 Amp _____ 50 Amp _____ SEWER _____

Length of Rig _____ ft. No. of Slides _____

Adult Name #1 (Please Print) _____

Adult Name #2 (Please Print) _____

Mailing Address (Include Apt and/or Box number) _____

City _____ State/Province & Zip/ Postal _____

Phone Number (cell phone preferred--include area code) _____

Email address _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone # _____

Square and Round Dance Interest *Check Dance Levels*

<u>Square Dance</u>	<u>Round Dance</u>	<u>Line Dance</u>
___ Mainstream	___ Phase II	___ Lines
___ Plus	___ Phase III	
___ A-1	___ Phase IV	
___ A-2	___ Phase V	
___ Youth/Teen Dance Program		

SPORTS/GAMES (Circle interests)

Corn Hole ___M___F Washer Toss ___M___F
 Bocce Ball ___M___F Golf ___M___F
 Horseshoes ___M___F

Craft Interests Male ___ Female ___ Youth ___

Caller and Cuer Participation (Due by April 1)

<u>Square Dance</u>	<u>Round Dance</u>
___ Mainstream	___ Phase II
___ Plus	___ Phase III
___ A-1	___ Phase IV
___ A-2	___ Phase V
___ Youth/Teen Dance Program	

Caller Name _____

Availability (circle) S M T W T

Cuer Name _____

Availability (circle) S M T W T

Lines Instructor _____

Availability (circle) S 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 _____

Adult Name _____

EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE: 07/____/2021

EXPECTED DEPARTURE DATE: 07/____/2021

NSDCA Camporee Fees: 3 Days...\$140 2 Days...\$105 1 Day...\$65 (ALL FEES IN US FUNDS ONLY)

Please Check which days you will be camping:

(Extra Days Campsite Fees...\$25 per day)

Fri 2nd ___ Sat 3rd ___ Sun 4th ___ Mon 5th ___ Tue 6th ___ Wed 7th ___ Thu 8th ___ Sat 9th ___ Sun 10th ___

Unit with only one person (check): ___ Deduct \$10; Extra adults # ___ \$10.00 each; Non NSDCA ___ \$20.00

Registration \$ ____ .00 US Extra Fees \$ ____ .00 US Addt'l Days \$ ____ .00 US Total Fees \$ ____ .00 US

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

Send check or money order payable to "63rd NSDCA Camporee" to:

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

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

WE ROARED

INTO 2020

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

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

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



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



Thanks for **HELPING.**

Diane & Tom Connor

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these items and lead to leaks and possible subsequent structural damage to the RV. Unless you are willing to pay the dealer on the order of one hundred dollars plus to winterize your unit each year, knowing how to line up the various valves in the water system to bypass the water heater, obtain and supply antifreeze where it is needed is key to a quick and easy winterizing exercise. Remember to ask about what to do to prepare the trailer for use in the Spring after it has been winterized.

Of course, the PDI is even more involved if you have a motorhome. Not only do you need to check everything a travel trailer owner must, but there's the drive train and associated equipment that needs to be covered.

There is typically not enough time to run through everything with the dealer's representative in the amount of time they allot, and you don't necessarily wish to run over this time limit as the dealer will charge you a hefty hourly rate for their employee's time. It is usually best to discuss what the dealer will do well before you go through your PDI so you can get an idea of what they cover. Then you compare those actions against your checklist, see what you will have to do, and arrange to have additional time (without the dealer's rep) to confirm those other items are acceptable. Any issues that are found should either be fixed on the spot (if possible) or confirmed in writing they will be corrected by the dealer. Once you take your RV on a trip, you'll probably find a few other (hopefully minor) items that also need to be addressed.

One thing to remember: dealers are notorious for being backed up in their service department. Don't expect an RV dealer to be as quick in their repairs as your car dealer – the business models are totally different. Get everything that is covered by the manufacturer's warranty taken care of well before the expiration date. If you are having challenges getting the dealer to make something right or if the dealer states the manufacturer declined the warranty claim, don't be afraid to contact the RV manufacturer to ask if they would consider extending the warranty on a given item or two until the item is functioning to your satisfaction or what the issue with the claim was. All too often a dealer will put a Band-Aid[®] on the problematic equipment, only to have the warranty expire and putting you on the hook for their \$100-plus hourly labor charge and parts.

As we know – independent of our square dance rallies – owning an RV is a grand experience. Ensuring our homes on wheels are delivered to us and remain in tip-top shape helps us to have the times of our lives.

Tales From the Road

Thinking about going “full-time” living on the road? The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step!

What? Are you NUTS? Won't you miss your family and friends? How will you get your mail? What will you do for medical issues? Do all campgrounds have internet? How about TV? What will you do for banking? What will you do with all your stuff?

Going full-time can certainly be overwhelming, can't it? Well, maybe so the first time, but just like eating an elephant, you take one bite at a time, chew, swallow, and repeat. Before you know it, the elephant is eaten and you are hitting the road!

Seriously, as soon as you begin to think about whether or not you want to go full-time, it's time to start thinking about how to manage the mundane. Our first suggestion is to take inventory of your “stuff.” Do you really NEED a TV in every room in the house?? (Most full-time livable RVs come with at least 2, often 3, and sometimes FOUR (4)!!) So, there's a start! Do you have a hobby (other than square dancing, of course)? Is it easily portable, and can you fit all the stuff for your hobby into your RV? I sew. I sew clothes and quilts, so there's a whole lotta fabric, thread and notions that go along with it. I need space, and a LOT of it. Hubby takes digital photos, mostly of people, places and nature. He needs room for a camera bag, a laptop and a couple of SD cards and lenses. Just don't let your hobby overtake your food storage ... especially during this pandemic. We have realized how fortunate we are that we have storage capacity for things like paper towels and staples, so, when we see them available, we can purchase them. But, yeah ... have a yard sale. I promise you, Marie Kondo is on to something. You WILL feel better. Just be prepared to let it go for way less than you paid for it! Give your treasures to your kids NOW instead of waiting till you're dead and gone! Let them enjoy your stuff now, and then be peaceful, knowing they're not fighting over who gets what after you pass.

So, now that you've decided to take the plunge, and you've started thinking about distributing your “stuff,” what's next? How do you know if you're going to even LIKE the lifestyle? Well, the best way to tell is to hit the road! Pack up the RV, pick your destination (or don't – some people are perfectly comfortable going where the sun shines or the wind blows 'em!), get a map (Google maps are the best!!) and make your first night's reservation (pretty much a requirement in these days of uncertainty and contact-less check-ins), fuel up and GO! Stay out on the road a month or so. If you still like each other and you are finding your rhythm (in our RV we do have specific jobs: he drives and does the hard outside stuff; I do all the inside stuff and the navigation), and you find yourself wanting to see more of the country, then you know it's time to go back “home” and take the next step. “What's the next step?” you ask.

Go digital: go online!!! Most financial institutions have online apps nowadays that enable safe, secure banking from your smartphone or anywhere there is an internet connection. Obviously, there are a few nationwide banks, and there are even some that are online-only, with no physical location. Pick one and go paperless! Download the app and use it. Make sure you can do everything you need to do from your smartphone. And, nooooo, a flip phone isn't gonna cut it, so don't cheap out! You may even have to visit your cellular provider's kiosk to increase the data limits on your plan. We did — a couple of times — then Verizon finally offered us an old-timer's unlimited data plan, which enables one phone to become a hotspot. We use that in conjunction with our Verizon Jetpack we purchased for a penny through the Family Motor Coach Association's perks (<https://www.fmca.com>). We did have to sign a 2-year contract on that, and the data service runs about \$50 a month, but it is sooooo worth it. We have our own private internet, so we're not dependent on any campground or other service, and it's at our own convenience. We never have to leave our RV to "reset the modem" nor request any employee or staff to do the same. And for the first 25 GB each month, it's fast and reliable. After 25 GB, it's still available, but boy, do they throttle your throughput, so we do watch our data consumption and use it judiciously. The phones on their unlimited data plan get used whenever and wherever, without reservation.

What about mail service? Well, for starters, going digital will significantly reduce the amount of paper mail you receive. Just think – advertisements will be in your email inbox or text message feed; magazines are easy to read on your Kindle, tablet, iPad or even a large-screen smart phone. Your digital equipment doesn't have to be the latest and greatest – hubby uses a 2-year-old Pixel 3 (we had a water accident with his previous phone, which was about 3-years-old at the time) and I use a Motorola Moto Z4 (which is only a year old due to the slow and painful death of my 4-year-old phone). There are several companies just aching to provide a mail collection/forwarding service for you. Just Google "mail forwarding service." You'll be able to select the level of service that best suits your needs and budget, as well as the place that offers you domicile that suits your tax requirements. Don't forget to use one that allows you VOTING privileges ... noooo, they don't all do that! We use the very basic plan from Good Sam. It's based in Crestview, FL, and even though we've never been there, it allows us the tax advantages of Florida, and registers us to vote in Okaloosa County. We did have to request an absentee ballot, but it was done online and was super easy. And, yes, I found the County's website and ballot request form using my dear friend Google. Good Sam also allows us to come to their office, Monday through Friday, and get whatever mail they have collected for

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us, or we can call them up and ask them to read us the sender's name, and in a pinch, open the document. There are other levels of service than their basic plan, but, of course, they'll cost a bit more. You have to decide how immediate your need is. We wait about 6-8 weeks between mail calls, and we've never missed an important document or deadline.

But what about medical? Well, truthfully, that can be complicated. Thanks to hubby's military service, we have excellent insurance, and we can be seen pretty much at any military treatment facility, on any base, pretty much anywhere in the world. His hearing loss is service-connected, so he gets treatment for that through the Veterans Administration; they are all connected electronically, so it's just a matter of finding the nearest clinic and getting an appointment. I, on the other hand, deal with a couple of chronic conditions that require maintenance and medication, and I am not eligible to be seen at the VA. That means I have to be in one spot long enough to get an appointment (usually 2-3 months!) and still be there for the length of treatment (often 2-3 weeks past the original appointment). Be sure to get a physical copy of those records! The next doctor is gonna want to see them, and rather than having to sign a release and WAIT for them to be forwarded from the old doctor to the new, it's just easier to carry all your records and test results with you.

So, what about your family and friends? Well, that's a whole 'nother ball o' wax, as they say. We have made it our goal to see our kids and grands every chance we get. That might mean a road trip we wouldn't otherwise have taken, and yes, our route may deviate a bit to include them. And yes, our visits may only be a week at a time, and they may only be once or twice a year, but we make the best of 'em! In the meantime, there's Zoom and Facetime, email and regular phone calls to stay in touch on a more regular basis. And friends? Well, it's been lots of fun going to visit our friends, all over the country! Square dancing, workamping, and even sightseeing have provided us opportunities to make friends far and wide. We go see them; they come see us, wherever we are at the moment, and it's truly been a blast! We have even found ourselves meeting at a destination we both wanted to visit and staying a week or so together, before going our separate ways once again. We made friends with people from Alaska, when we found ourselves working in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, and we found ourselves meeting them for a week in Fredericksburg, TX, a few years later. We all had such a good time we extended a week! At the end of the second week, they went to Oregon, and we went back to the Gulf Coast. A couple of years after that, they visited us in Florida! We befriended one couple in Georgia and they came to see us in Texas, waaaay back in 2010. They liked it so much there they haven't left Texas yet!

I hope by now you've gathered the courage to take that first bite and that first step. It IS possible to live a full and productive life on the road, so to speak, without losing contact or friends, and still successfully manage the mundane. There are many Facebook groups dedicated to this type of lifestyle (and don't forget Escapees (<https://www.escapees.com>), a members-only club (\$59/year) that offers a Full-Timer's Boot Camp, among many other products and services), and there are many groups dedicated to specific RV brand meetups and get-togethers. In today's world, they are meeting in person less often, but their online presence is very active and social. If you would rather, feel free to shoot me an email at kcallander989@gmail.com and I'll be glad to answer any questions you have, based on our personal experiences. Please feel free to subscribe to our blog and follow our various adventures (see the link below).

In the meantime, get those wheels turning – every day is a gift and tomorrow isn't guaranteed, so go and enjoy the day!

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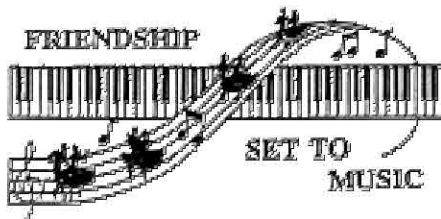
- DON'T run any electrical cord under a carpet or floor mat.

If there is a fire:

- The first step is to get everybody out of the RV and safely away from the fire.
- If it is a small fire and you can extinguish it without putting yourself in danger, put it out with a fire extinguisher.
- If it is too big of a fire or coming from an unknown source, do not risk your safety—get out!
- Never re-enter a burning RV to retrieve anything—GET OUT & STAY OUT!
- Get help. ALL adults and older children should know how to dial 911. Remember that cell service may be limited where you are, so make a plan ahead of time.
- It's crucial to know your exact location so firefighters can find you.

Remember, safety is no accident. Happy Camping!

[Adapted from <https://www.nps.gov/articles/p52-rv-fire-safety-101.htm>]



RV Fire Safety

Unfortunately, fire is one of the leading causes of RV loss in the U.S. today. Fire safety should be of premium importance to the conscientious RVer. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimates that 20,000 RV fires occur annually. Don't let yours be one of them!

RV fires can start while you are traveling or while you are parked. The following tips can help you recognize the most common fire hazards.

Before you travel:

- Make a pre-trip checklist and inspect your RV every time you hit the road.
- Have three fire extinguishers for your travel trailer (TT) or motorhome (MH): one in the kitchen, one in the bedroom, and one outside in an unlocked compartment or in your tow vehicle (TV). Make sure every traveler knows where they are located and how to use them.
- Test your smoke detector(s). Replace the batteries every six months (a good time reminder is the daylight savings/standard time changes).
- Have at least two escape routes and an escape plan. Practice it with your travelers.
- Make sure all travelers can open the RV's door(s), hatches, and emergency exits.
- Ensure that your RV's carbon monoxide and propane (LP) detectors are properly located and functioning. Recognize each detector has a finite lifetime (typically 5 years) with the end-of-life date marked somewhere on the detector.
- Ensure that the power cord for connecting your RV to a campground's shore power is in good condition and of suitable gauge wire to handle the electrical load. Replace damaged cords immediately.
- If you use charcoal for grilling, be aware that spontaneous combustion can occur in damp charcoal. Before you travel, buy fresh charcoal, keep it dry, and store it in a covered metal container.

Mechanical or electrical failures cause roughly three-quarters of the highway vehicle fires. Proper maintenance will help reduce your chances of having malfunctions on the road. **RV maintenance is important:**

- Have your RV's brakes periodically checked: a dragging brake can create enough friction to ignite a tire or (if a motorhome) brake fluid.
- Bouncing down the road can loosen electrical connections, which can produce heat, and in turn, fire. Tighten them before your trip.
- Check all 12-volt connections before every trip. Many RV fires are caused by a 12-volt short.
- Leaking fluids in the TV or MH engine compartment can ignite. During your pre-trip inspection, check all hoses for firmness, clamp tight-

ness, and signs of leaking. Have repairs made before you travel.

Safety while driving:

- At each rest stop, give your tires at least an eyeball check. Remember, a pressure gauge reading on hot tires is NOT accurate.
- You can shut off the propane at the tank and turn off all propane-powered appliances while driving. If you have an accident or tire blowout while the propane is on, your injury and the damage to your vehicle can be significantly worse if an LP line ruptures. If you elect to travel with the refrigerator operating on propane, you must turn it—and all gas-operated appliances—off prior to entering a fuel stop. (FYI, most RV refrigerators will keep food cold or frozen for eight hours without running while you travel.)
- Be cautious of where you pull over and park. A hot exhaust pipe or catalytic converter on your TV or MH can easily ignite any dry grass underneath.

Fire Safety while you are camping (or parked):

- Never leave cooking unattended, whether in the RV or outside.
- Never leave appliances that are plugged in and on unattended.
- Turn off overhead exhaust fans when you leave the RV.
- Don't leave 12-volt lights on. Keep clothing and other combustible things away from them (like in storage spaces). The 12-volt incandescent (and even LED) lights get very hot.
- Unless you have run out of LP, if the flame on your galley stove goes out while in use the gas will continue to flow and could result in an explosion. Turn off the stove and completely air out the RV before trying to relight the stove.
- Keep all combustibles—from paper towels to curtains—far enough away from your stove that they cannot catch fire.
- Gasoline and propane can pose an immediate, explosive danger. Immediately deal with any spills or leaks, and use all fuels in adequately vented areas.
- Operate your portable generator in an area where gasoline fumes cannot reach an ignition source.
- Keep your campsite fire sources, such as fire rings, tiki torches, and lanterns, away from all vehicles.
- RVs often have a very limited number of electrical outlets, and sometimes RVers use power strips to plug in more things. Don't overload the electrical outlets! Circuit breakers don't always prevent overloads from starting fires!
- It's best never to use an extension cord in an RV. If you must, make sure you use a HEAVY DUTY extension cord, and make sure the load you put on it is well within its safe load capacity.

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Get on board the NSDCA RAYNE TRAIN



**Camp and *Dance Together on the Way to the 2021 Camporee
in Rayne, Louisiana**



June 23-26, 2021 Camp & Dance at the 70th NSDC, Jackson MS

You may stay camped at the Fairgrounds or move to another campground of your choice. (See hints below)

***June 29th, Tuesday - Dance with the Yellow Rockers in Pearl MS**

Pearl is close by Jackson, MS

June 30th Wednesday – Travel to campground of your choice.

Suggestion: Fontainebleau State Park – reserveamerica.com

***June 30th, Wednesday - Dance with Tammany Twirlers, Slidell LA**

***July 1st, Thursday - Dance with Pistols 'N Petticoats, Picayune MS**

July 2nd Friday - Day of Rest

***July 3rd, Saturday - Dance with Tammany Twirlers, Slidell LA**

July 4th Sunday – Travel to City of Rayne RV Park (210 Frog Festival Dr.)

July 4th Picnic - Kick off the 63rd Annual NSDCA International Camporee

July 5th Rayne Civic Center – A really ‘Ribbit...’ting’ Trail’s End Dance

Some Camping Hints: You will need to make all your own reservations for the Rayne Train!

- Jackson has several other beautiful campgrounds in the area like LaFleur’s Bluff State Park (601) 987-3923. As of today (6/27/20) they have 10 sites available. The area campgrounds are smaller and unless you book a year in advance their available space is limited. Check local listings! (summer is their peak season)
- If you plan to stay camped at the Jackson Fairgrounds past the days you have paid for thru the NSDC Convention, you need to contact the Fairgrounds (601-961-4000) and pay the extra days to them directly. **NSDC & NSDCA will not be handling any camping fees along the way.**
- Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville, LA also books up in advance very quickly. Their reservations are thru reserveamerica.com only. (877) 226-7652 for info only. Susan and several others have already made reservations. As of today (6/27/20) they have lots of availability. (That will change as the 4th of July approaches)
- If your non-camping friends want to come along Fontainebleau State Park also rents cabins



For more information – Contact Susan Wolford (256) 673-0170

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Chapter Campouts

The following listings are believed to be accurate. The starting date of the event is Friday unless otherwise noted. Due to the nationwide disruption of group activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic, campouts or other listed events may have been cancelled due to local conditions. Those entries that have been reported as cancelled are still in the list but have been struck out (e.g., information). Please check with the noted contact(s) to confirm the status of the event before making your plans to attend. Thank you. Please note there is a “linear calendar” of campouts at the end of this listing. (current as of 2020/10/31)

December 2020

December 4th → 5th

128 Square Wheels; Florida

CHRISTMAS PARTY Lake Ocklawaha RV Park;
15991 N E 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, FL; 352-546-5500
Rate: \$29.70/night inclusive.

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Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252
Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583

December 6th

116 Camping Squares of Kansas; Kansas

Christmas Dance at 4:30 p.m.;
Southwest Presbyterian Church;
1517 SW 27th St; South, Wichita, KS
Mike Huddleson calling
Frank & Marty Golden; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net; 316-943-4137

December 11th → 13th

153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

Silver Dollar RV Resort; (co-camping with #193)
12515 Silver Dollar Dr., Odessa, FL; 813-920-4185
Stu Hall; stuartehall@yahoo.com

193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Silver Dollar RV Resort; (co-camping with #153)
12515 Silver Dollar Dr., Odessa, FL; 813-920-4185
Louise Woodward; 722-577-3882

Chapter Campouts—continued

December 30th, 2020 → January 2nd, 2021 (starts Wednesday)

- 082 Hitch-N-Go Squares; Florida**
Sanlan RV Resort;
3929 US Hwy. 98S, Lakeland, FL; 863-665-1726
Friday dance: 2 p.m. → 4 p.m. (early rounds at 1:30);
Saturday dance: 7:30 p.m. → 9:30 p.m.
Please contact the campground directly to make your reservation.

January 2021

January 7th → 10th (starts Thursday)

- 193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**
Highlands Hammock State Park;
5931 Hammock Rd, Sebring, FL
Note: All RR weekends begin with an “Early Bird Thursday” and end with Breakfast on Sunday
Pre-registration required
Contact John Ide; 352-208-5980

January 15th → 16th

- 128 Square Wheels; Florida**
Eagle Roost RV Resort;
5465 Mill Store Road, Lake Park, GA; 229-559-5192
Rate is \$38.34 including all taxes; Make your own reservation
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Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252
Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583

February 2021

February 11^h → 14th (starts Thursday)

- 193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**
Red Oaks RV Resort (co-camping with #153);
5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, FL; 352-793-7117
Note: All RR weekends begin with an “Early Bird Thursday” and end with Breakfast on Sunday
Louise Woodward; 722-577-3882

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February 12th → 14th

- 153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**
Red Oaks RV Resort (co-camping with #193);
5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, FL; 352-793-7117
Stu Hall; stuartehall@yahoo.com

March 2021

March 11^h → 14th (starts Thursday)

- 193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**
Highlands Hammock State Park;
5931 Hammock Rd, Sebring, FL
Note: All RR weekends begin with an “Early Bird Thursday” and end with Breakfast on Sunday
Pre-registration required
Contact John Ide; 352-208-5980

March 19th → 20th

- 128 Square Wheels; Florida**
Red Oaks RV Resort;
5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, FL; 352-793-7117
Rate is \$30; Make your own reservation
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Don MacGregor; dmacgr@comcast.net; 904-375-1252
Gail or Gary LaRue; glarue2775@gmail.com; 352-861-1583

March 19th → 21st

- 152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama**
Roaring Pines Campground;
83 Roaring Pines Rd, Somerville, AL
Hank Sweetman; hanksweetman@gmail.com; 615-406-6917

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

Chapter Campouts—continued

The linear calendar below covers the period December 1, 2020 through April 4, 2021. Weekends are bolded text and shaded.

2020	
1-Dec	Tu
2-Dec	We
3-Dec	Th
4-Dec	Fr
5-Dec	Sa
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22-Dec	Tu
23-Dec	We
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25-Dec	Fr
26-Dec	Sa
27-Dec	Su
28-Dec	Mo
29-Dec	Tu
30-Dec	We
31-Dec	Th

2021			
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3-Jan	Su	3-Feb	We
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Application or Renewal (Check One) Date: ___/___/___

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	First:	Last:

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	First:	Last:

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	State/Province:	Zip +4/PC:	
Phone:	Home:	His Cell:	Her Cell:
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Total Submitted:		\$.

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An Inexpensive Home Freezer Monitor

There are a bunch of fancy (and expensive) temperature monitors to indicate whether your sticks & bricks freezer has thawed due to a power failure while you were out camping on the road. A “simple and sure way” to monitor your refrigerator/freezer and deep freeze is to do the following:

Take half-full water bottles, lay them on their side and freeze them. Then place them in the appliance you want to monitor (in the upright position). The ice is “frozen to the side” and, when you return, if the ice is frozen to the bottom, then it’s readily apparent that the freezer “suffered an extended warm period” and it’s likely the food inside thawed and refroze just like the ice in the bottle.

This method won’t tell you the exact temperature and/or how long the temperatures lasted, but it will tell you whether the contents thawed, refroze and may be unsafe to eat even though everything has refrozen and looks good.

It won’t replace a failed refrigerator/freezer, and it won’t go shopping for one either, but it will give you the reassurance that while you were gone, the freezer remained below freezing and the contents didn’t thaw.

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RAYNE TRAIN Dancing & Camping Opportunities:

70th National Convention June 23—26

Camping at the Jackson MS. Fairgrounds



Opportunity #1 Tuesday, June 29 Yellow Rockers Dance in Pearl, MS

Area Camping Availability:

Remain at Jackson Fairgrounds (601) 961-4000 or move to another area campground, ie..LaFleur's Bluff State Park (601) 987-3923

Opportunity #2 Wednesday, June 30 Tammany Twirlers, Slidell, LA

Area Camping Availability: Many southern Louisiana campgrounds Such as Fontainebleau State Park, Mandeville, LA - reservations are all done thru [reserveamerica.com](https://www.reserveamerica.com) (877) 226-7652—Info only

Opportunity #3 Thursday, July 1 Pistols 'N Petticoats, Picayune, MS

In that same general area, no need to move your camper.

Opportunity #4 Saturday, July 3 Tammany Twirlers, Slidell, LA

Same dance location as Opportunity #2

Rayne Civic Center Sunday, July 4 - City of Rayne RV Park

210 Frog Festival Dr. - Rayne LA 70578

NSDCA Fourth of July Picnic

July 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8

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