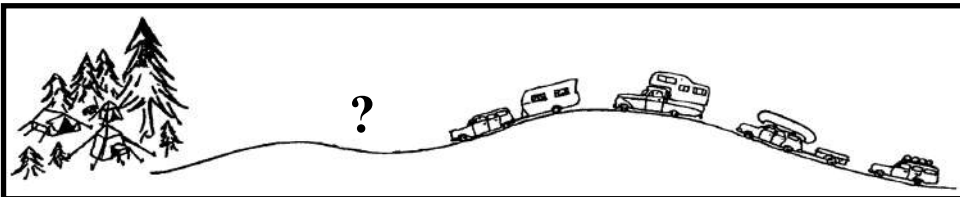


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John & Dolly Ide



Summer is coming to a close and the 63rd International Camporee is history. Although many of you were not able to come for reasons of your own, those who did come had a great time, thanks to all who worked so hard to make this Camporee a reality. We celebrated the 4th of July and several special events to make the normal three-day event a five-day camping/dancing experience. We left the past year of isolation behind and had a wonderful time. We square, round and line danced; we ate hot dogs, pizza and ice cream; we were treated to wine and cheese; we laughed, talked and shared memories and hopes with our friends; we collected 337 pounds of pull-tabs and \$200 for the Shriners; we honored our God, our flag, our veterans, our callers and cuers; we even had a campfire one evening. All things considered, the Camporee was a great success.

So now it's time to look ahead. With the retiring of Tom & Kathy Nickel (Treasurers) and Tom & Pat Herscha (VPs) (who deserve our undying gratitude for their service), we now want to welcome our new Vice Presidents, "Ozzie" Chuck and Ruth Osborne, and new Treasurers, Don and Susan Wolford. With their help, we restart our focus on revival, renewal and finding ways to keep the NSDCA strong and active for us all to enjoy. We're committed to that task and are looking for new opportunities to promote camping and dancing, because we know how much fun we and our members have when we come together to dance and camp. We've enjoyed shared fellowship with friends and neighbors over campfires and dancing together in the past and can't imagine it not being part of our lives. Let's all work together to keep the NSDCA as an integral part of our social and cultural experiences and focus on meeting on the dance floor in our favorite campgrounds for years to come.

So what's coming up in the near future? For many of us, the cooler times ahead in the Fall are some of the best camping/dancing times of the year, where we all look forward to celebrating special dance events and campouts for Labor Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving. There are also special festivals in almost everyone's future that shouldn't be missed. For us in Florida, we look forward to the annual Florida State Camporee in October. We'd love to share it with you, so come on down!

As you look ahead, don't forget to make your reservations for next year's 64th Camporee in Rockville, IN. We'll see you there.

John & Dolly



Ruth & "Ozzie" Chuck Osborn



As of the Annual NSDCA Membership meeting in Rayne, LA on July 8th, we were elected to the NSDCA Board of Directors and appointed as the Vice Presidents at the Board Meeting the same day. We are honored to accept this position, anxious to get started and realize we have our work cut out for us. We understand we have big shoes to fill, but in no way wish to step on toes as we get our own feet wet. We would like to thank Pat & Tom Herscha for all their hard work as Vice Presidents. We would also like to thank Kathy & Tom Nickel for their dedication of so many years and for their continued assistance by becoming NSDCA Registered Agent for Wisconsin and our Mail Persons. We would also like to extend a welcome to our new Treasurers, Susan & Don Wolford. We are looking forward to serving on the Board and working with a great team.

We had a great time at the Camporee in Rayne, LA. We renewed old friendships and made new ones, both on and off the dance floor. We would like to thank all the callers and cuers for donating their skills and time to make a great Camporee. We would also like to thank all the members who volunteered their time and talents to make things flow smoothly and ensure a fun time was had by all.

We heard many suggestions on things members would like to see more or less of, and suggestions on how things might be done differently. The three major concerns seemed to be: retaining & increasing our Chapters & Membership; streamlining communication; and updating old policies and procedures.

We met a very enthusiastic couple attending their first Camporee. Despite the fact they have been Square Dance Camping all over the country for more than 25 years, they just learned about NSDCA within the last year. We need to become more visible in daily life. One suggestion has been to create NSDCA "lawn signs" copying our name badge logo to display outside our rigs whenever we camp. These could be created for around \$10 each including wire stands. We would love any feedback on this.

It was expressed, more than once, some members do not feel they can communicate with the National Board and/or their concerns are not heard. We would like to encourage you to utilize the E-Tree System we

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David & Mary Bruun



Can you say RAIN, HEAT & HUMIDITY??? Well, we had all three in Rayne this year, but we still had fun in the air conditioned (almost freezing) building where everything took place. Attendance was down (only 44 units plus one in a hotel) but a FUN time was enjoyed by all. The Sunday July 4th picnic hosted by Chapter 149 was great. The games, square dancing, crafts, round dancing, line dancing and of course you can't forget all the visiting with old and new friends made it worth our long trip to the Louisiana bayou. With the extra days, we were able to do a little sight seeing in the area. FROGS were everywhere: on murals (both downtown and at the entrance to the city), statues at most businesses, the civic center, and even the police station.

We want to thank Tom & Pat Herscha and Tom & Kathy Nickel for their many years of service on the Board of Directors. We would also like to welcome our new Vice Presidents, "Ozzie" Chuck & Ruth Osborn and new Treasurers, Don & Susan Wolford. Without willing officers, we would not be able to continue as the great organization that we have. NOW for the rest of ALL OUR MEMBERS, please get involved in your Chapters. With many hands, the workload can be light.

Accuracy in communications is very important. If you have changed your Chapter officers please send in your Officers Election Form. If a street address or an email address has changed, please send it to P. O. Box 628433, Middleton, WI 53562-8444 so that both Membership Chair Roger Tipps our and *TIMES* editor Ken Shacter will have the correct information. All forms can be found on our newly updated website: NSDCA.org It is very user friendly; our new webmaster, Bob Summers, has spent many hours working on it.

Challenges arising from the 63rd Camporee: Chapter 128 (FL) has laid down the challenge for others to collect more tabs than their chapter had collected, 198.32 pounds (the total of all tabs this year was 337.46 pounds). Chapter 123 (IL) is challenging other chapters to provide more entries in the Lost Camper contest (Chapter 123 won the Most Entries Award with their 50 entries total for the past year). Get involved and have a little fun at the same time.

Remember we do have deadlines that are listed in *YOUR TIMES*. Also remember your 2022 dues; they should be paid by December 31st.

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Susan & Don Wolford



As this is our first column as Treasurer for the NSDCA, we thought an introduction was in order. We began square dance lessons in 2000. We were surprised to find an activity that was so much fun but was relatively unknown; however, we were hooked. We took lessons at two different clubs before we finally received a certificate of completion and started going to other clubs to dance. We danced for several years with local clubs and in 2014 joined the NSDCA for Camping & Dancing fun. We enjoy going to different camping locations to camp and dance. We've danced with different clubs as we traveled throughout the southern and eastern United States. We've gotten to camp and dance with NSDCA clubs in Canada, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. Camping and dancing is fun and the fellowship is great.

On a club level we have held positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer and are currently the Insurance Chairman for Alabama. We also held positions of Secretary and Treasurer for the Alabama Round Dance Teachers Association. In addition to positions we have held, Susan also enjoys cueing Round Dance.

Amana, Iowa was the first NSDCA International Camporee that we attended in 2016. We are excited that we have been able to attend all Camporees since then.

We look forward to working with the NSDCA board to promote our fun activity of camping and dancing.

Susan & Don

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It's time to sign up for the 64th NSDCA Camporee which will be hosted by the Illinois State Association and held in Rockville, IN. Check out the registration form in the center of the Times. We also are looking for someone to start thinking about the 2023 (65th) Camporee. Get together with a few chapters in your area or State Association with your intent to host (check with John Ide, our president for details).

Mary & Dave



Roger Tipps Membership Secretary



As our summer activities are winding down we must look to the future and not the past. All of us must find new members for our chapters so this great activity we all love can continue. Increasing membership is the only way we can continue.

This year at the International Camporee in Rayne, LA the question was asked about joining NSDCA and maintaining the membership. There are two requirements for being a member. First, the applicant(s) must have completed a course in square dancing or be accomplished square dancers, and must have some type of camping shelter (tent or better). Nothing is mentioned in the By-Laws that, if for some reason, the member no longer has the tent (or better) they have to cease being a member of NSDCA. If you are a member in good standing and for some reason such as health, financial, etc. you no longer have an RV, then you can be a member as long as you wish by keeping your dues current. If a member of your chapter dropped out for this reason, please call them and have them renew their membership.

Now is the time to make reservations for next year's Camporee in the land of covered bridges. There are both 30 and 50 amp sites presently available, so beat the rush and make your plans now. There are also several sightseeing trips available to fully enjoy your trip.

Each issue of the *TIMES* contains a schedule of near-term chapter campouts and dances for you to use in planning your travels (a more extensive and up-to-date list is maintained on the NSDCA website). If you are in an area where there is a campout, please consider joining them to have some extra fun in your travels.

Chapter renewals are now due, so please send them in as soon as possible. Renewal forms can be found at www.nsdca.org. Just follow the directions on the renewal form and **do not** include mailing addresses or email addresses unless there is a change. When submitting new member forms PLEASE type or legibly print so I do not make an error when ordering new badges.

We must all work together to increase the membership in the NSDCA and in your chapter. After this past year many people are eager to get out and enjoy the company of others. Lets all work to increase our membership.

Thank you for all the enthusiasm you have in believing camping/dancing is the best relaxing fun you can have.

Roger Tipps

State & Area Representatives' Reports

NSDCA Michigan State Representative Report

Michigan is just getting back to square dancing since the start of the pandemic. Chapters 005 and 007 have not yet had campouts as of this time. Chapter 121 held campouts in May and June with a nice attendance.

This year's Michigan State Camporee was held July 22nd through the 24th at Covenant Hills Campground in Otisville, MI. There were nine units in attendance, which is down from previous years. The host chapter is looking forward to additional attendees next year. The theme for our camporee was "Garden Party" and the hall was decorated beautifully. There were two callers and one cuer/caller in attendance. Workshops, a Trails End dance and evening dances were held. On Friday evening the group ate at a local restaurant and Saturday a potluck was held. Both evenings had lots of great food. Refreshments of watermelon, ice cream and toppings were served after the dance on Friday and Saturday. Sports and crafts were not scheduled for this year, but will return for 2022. A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to next year. The dates for the 2022 Michigan State Camporee are July 21st through the 23rd, held once again at Covenant Hills. More information on next year's Camporee will be available at a later date. We hope to see everyone there.

Keep dancing and camping.

Alberta & Gary Gunsell

NSDCA Illinois State Representative Report

Illinois State held their annual state camporee June 4-6 in Pecatonica, IL with 23 preregistered units and two walk-ins; six of the seven state chapters were represented. Besides the usual camping, dancing, games and crafts, as a chapter fund raiser the hosts, Blackhawk Cross-trailers (#014) with Chairman, Bob Asp, hosted a brats/hot dog supper on Friday evening. The annual all-member pot luck was held on Saturday evening. Taking a quote from Bob & Sally Foley (#014) in the June *TIMES*, they said: "You can look forward to good food, fantastic fun, renewing old friendships making new friends, games, DANCING, and campfires. Oh, and don't forget some fantastic crafts..." We say no one was disappointed.

Winners of the Washer Toss competition were Ed Nightengale (#075) and Judy Boutelle (#123) with Lottie Buckbee (#044 & #061) and Al Fahsbender (#123) taking 2nd. In the Bean Bag Toss, Naomi Mills (#123) and Al Fahsbender (#123) were the first place winners

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while Charlene Fahsbender (#123) and Chet Bowman (#123) came in 2nd. Taking first place in the Ladder Jack Competition were Naomi Mills (#123) and Al Fahsbender (#123); Charlene Falsbender (#123) and David Bruun (#123) captured 2nd.

The dancing was led by five callers: Bob Asp (#014), Lottie Buckbee (#044 & #061), Herb Edwards (#123), Tom Nickel (# 031) and Tommy Russell (#076). Cuer Kathy Nickel (#031) provided the Rounds. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the callers and Kathy FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS.

The annual meeting of the State Association was held during the camporee. The status of the officers was discussed; due to the COVID restrictions of 2020, no annual meeting was held and to elect officers, it was voted to extend the current officers' term by one year, thus keeping the rotation of two members elected each year. Barbara Perkins' (#066) and Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders' (#044) terms were up. Ed and Marge Nightengale (#075) and Les & Shari Millard (#066) were elected for the 2021-2024 term. At the Board of Directors meeting following the annual meeting, President, Al & Charlene Fahsbender (#123), Vice President Dan and Marian Hatfield (#196) and Secretary Cherie Arch (#014) were reelected. Les & Shari Millard (#066) were elected Treasurer. The remaining two couples, Ron & Sue Mayer (#123) and Ed & Marge Nightingale (075), will serve as Board Members-at-Large.

Besides the camporee report the main business was the discussion of hosting the 2022 NSDCA International Camporee Committee. While it's been being planned to host the 2022 National Square Dance International Camporee since 2019 this is the first Illinois State Meeting where the NSDCA acceptance and the ongoing plans could be discussed and voted on. The location will be the 4-H Fairgrounds in Rockville, IN, about 4 hours north of Evansville, IN where the National Square Dance Convention (NSDC) will be held in 2022. Watch for further information in future issues of this magazine.

Lawrence & Ruthann Sanders

NSDCA Florida State Representative Report

Square dancing and camping are really coming along. In May, Square Wheels (#128) went to Southern Oaks in Summerfield, FL. There were 35 dancers in attendance which meant four squares. See, miracles do happen! Sam's St. John's Seafood also had a good attendance of 30 dancers. They have the best seafood ever!

Chapter 128 has a great caller, Bill Chesnut, and a great cuer, Ann Hasdall. We even had golfing at Spruce Creek South. There were 12 expert golfers on the links and we all came in first.

There were other things to do like the Flea Market and visit the nearby Villages complex. All in all, a perfect weekend as we camped, danced, shopped and visited with friends. Who could ask for better?

Many of our dancers went to Rayne, LA for the NSDCA International Camporee. There were about 50 campers at the Camporee; a good time was had by all. Callers were Mike Gormley, Ted Hughes and Ted Kennedy, and Tom Nickel. Rounds were cued by Kathy Nickel, Chuck Ryall and Susan Wolford. Susan also provided several line-dance opportunities for crowd.

Everyone in Hitch-N-Go (#082) decided to visit their out-of-town families. Now, all of the Southerners are Northerners for the summer. Our members enjoyed spending time with their out-of-town relatives since many had not seen each other since the pandemic began.

The Florida Roadrunners (#193) have a new caller: Sam Dunn. He has a pink van which he converted to a camper, and travels with his dog Petey.

Here is the only sad note I have for this report: Jimmy Griffin lost his battle with pancreatic cancer and passed away on July 20. Please keep his family in your prayers.

That's all folks!

John & Mary Burzo

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



Summer is drawing to a close, and with the coming of Fall many Chapters will be pausing in their camping activities. However, work for the NSDCA continues year-round: we have two new State Representatives, and new Board members were installed at this year's Camporee. The Treasurers introduce themselves in their column on page 7, and the Vice Presidents introduction may be found on page 25 of the previous issue (Summer, Volume 59 Issue 3). I have the pleasure of introducing Michigan State Representatives Gary and Alberta Gunsell, and Illinois State Representatives Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders.

Michigan State Representatives Gary and Alberta were 'almost neighbors' in their rural neighborhood. They married in 1974 and took square dance lessons because both of their parents square danced and they thought it would be something they could all do together. They danced for about seven years and then took a long break while raising their son. Later they took a refresher course and joined a club in Durand, MI, where there was talk about camping. As the Gunsells have been camping since they were youngsters, this got their interest, and they joined the Northwood Stompers (#121) in 2002.



Gary retired in 2018 from the City of Linden where he was a DPW worker. He also worked for Shac Heating & AC and Meritor Automotive. Alberta retired in 2020 from Genesee County Health Department as a Clerical Coordinator. She also worked at the Sheriff's Department, Planning Commission and Purchasing Department during her years with the county. They camp and square dance in the summer in Michigan as much as possible and spend their winters in Arizona.

Some of the positions they have held during their square dancing years are: President, Vice President and Treasurer for their local club; Vendor Chairman for the National Convention (held in Detroit, Michigan); Michigan Square & Round Dance Council (current); Chairman for the Michigan State Convention; and have served multiple years as Chairman for the NSDCA Michigan Camporee.

As Michigan Representatives they are hoping to help build the number of participants in Square Dancing. They also would like to get more people to participate in the NSDCA International Camporee and campouts.

Illinois State Representatives Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders began camping in 1967 and started square dancing in 1970. They joined the Illi-

ana Square Wheelers (#044) in 1973 and are current officers in the chapter. However, since most chapter members no longer camp and several live out of the area, they only get together socially. They've held all the officer positions with the Square Wheelers and at the state level have served on the Board of Directors several times, including being state president.



Nationally the Sanders have chaired one and co-chaired at least two NSDCA International Camporees as well as helping with multiple others. They attended their first International Camporee in Bowling Green, KY in 1974, and numerous ones since. They were the North Central Representative in the 80s and 90s, and served on the NSDCA National Board of Directors from 1995 through 2006, including six years as NSDCA President.

Lawrence and Ruthann were married 60 years ago and have lived in the same town since. They are active members of their church: Lawrence is an Elder and served as Church Board President in the early 70s; Ruthann is a member of the Woman's Guild. They have two children: a daughter and a son; both kids graduated from square dance classes by the age of 10.

Lawrence retired from Illinois Bell/Ameritech/SBC after 40 years in 1996. He is also a life member of the AMVETS, a nationally recognized veterans' organization, serving as State Commander in 1995-96. His hobbies include camping, square dancing, traveling, and watching TV.

Ruthann attended Nursing School right out of high school and became a Registered Nurse in 1959. She worked in various settings both full and part time, depending on family situation, until completely retiring in 2017. In 1978 she obtained her BS in Health Arts and became certified in School Nursing. In 1992 she retired from a guaranteed pay job after she and a friend started their own company doing contract services for schools, mainly vision and hearing screenings. That company was dissolved in 2017. She considers herself an organizational junkie, at one time being a member of around six nursing organizations. She belongs to the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and currently serves as the State Parliamentarian. Ruthann is an avid reader, enjoys camping, square dancing, and traveling.

Please welcome all of our new Officers and State Representatives.





014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

As hosts of the Illinois State Camporee (June 3-6), we had a great time! It was wonderful to see everyone! We can also brag we had callers representing the states of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. There were hugs, dancing, remembrances, some crying, some laughing, and great campfires, food and fellowship. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen!



If you got "FRAMED" having fun in 2021 and did not get your photo, please email me and I can send it!

Also, if you enjoyed our crafts, you can look forward to some fun things to do next year at the 2022 International Camporee in Indiana. As always, you are welcome around our square and the campfire.

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

031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin

The first 2021 campout in May was a little damp. Our group was simply glad to be back together though, after a winter of little social and dancing events. We always enjoy tossing bean bags along with the traditional evening campfire. We ran into issues with our finding power for Tom's equipment for dancing. We quickly relocated to another shelter and dancing began!



We spent Father's Day weekend at Buffalo Lake - a warm weekend! (yes, you blink and the weather does change in Wisconsin!) We enjoyed crafts and swimming, along with meals with a 'bar' theme: Saturday afternoon it was the ice cream bar and later in the day a potato bar. Our group picture shows we enjoyed a great dance with several squares thanks again to Tom and Kathy, and an intro to square dancing for several campers.

Glad to be enjoying our two favorite hobbies again - camping and



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square dancing. Our next campout is in September.

Sharon Schmidt and David Lust; sharon.schmidt58@yahoo.com

068 Wandering Wheels; Minnesota

Memorial Weekend was our first campout and dance since the pandemic. It felt so good to be back camping, dancing, socializing and seeing all our square dance friends. We had 12 camping units, which included guests: Peter & Robin Knaeble, from Single Circles, joined us for camping for the 1st time with our club. Our “camping enthusiast,” Linda Biederman-Hink, braved the chilly (46°) nights in her tent. Our caller for the whole weekend was Tom Allen. We had eight squares on the floor Friday evening. After our Friday dance we had 11 people brave the chilly evening and joined us around a campfire. Saturday we had our annual meeting followed by a workshop, a variety of games in the afternoon, and another great dance—with 7 ½ squares. The Sunday evening dance was smaller in attendance, but we are so thankful for the 114 walk-ins we had for the three days. Some dancers came all three nights! We had a surprise guest cuer come Sunday evening, Sarah Klaphake. Campfires the next two evenings were well attended and smores were made on Sunday evening. We had our annual used clothing sale the whole weekend, which helps fill out our new dancers’ wardrobes!

We did not have an official campout for the month of June, but several of our members camped up in Breezy Point, MN and attended the 69th MN State Square & Round Dance Convention. There were a little over 200 in attendance for the Convention with Nebraskan Mike Hogan as the featured caller and Texans Kay & Bob Kurczewski as the featured cuers.

Our July campout was in Rochester, MN at the Autumn Woods RV Park. We had 11 camping units. We had three camping visitors/guests: Kerry & Debbie Almen; Jerry & Patty Ellingson; and Dean & Emily Penner (Iowa). We are so thankful to have new camping square dance enthusiasts to come and give the club a visit. Our caller for the weekend was Dan Sahlstrom. Our theme was a “Gala Event”. We were very excited when we had 24 walk-ins for the Friday evening dance and 16 walk-ins for the Saturday evening dance. Two members of the club recently purchased new RVs, so tradition is to have an open house. Saturday afternoon was spent touring the new units, and enjoying some snacks and beverages provided by the new owners. Congratulations, Jerry & Nancy Knoth and Don & Lynn Webster. There were campfires both Friday and Saturday evening after the dances.

Due to the high cost of the facility and low attendance, our August

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campout in St. Peter, MN was cancelled. We are still planning on having our September campout in St. Cloud and the October campout in Hutchinson, MN. Please check our website for any updates (<http://WanderingWheels.weebly.com>). If you are in the area and interested in camping with us, email Don Keyes at speck1948@usfamily.net.

Monica Keyes; Heartbeat20@usfamily.net; 763-213-7952

085 Mobile Squares; Colorado

We had a wonderful campout in May during which we had our Christmas party, since we missed it in last December. It was a GREAT campout! June found us in Stoneham, CO where we had a another great campout. We had a men's craft and made flag poles to have flags in front of our campers. We also had a fun surprise birthday party; Brenda was so happy to have her children and grand children at the party! We had a great catered meal Saturday evening, and the hosts (men) made breakfast every morning!



July found us in Akron, CO for nice games and socializing. The hosts (men and women) made breakfast and barbecue ribs (yum)! We are looking forward to August's campout in Pinebluff, WY, September's in Drake, CO and October's at McC Ranch in Masonville, CO. Come join us if you're in the area.

Senior Vice President Ron Skaley; rskaley@msn.com

106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania



What a great time we had at the Pennsylvania's NSDCA State Convention at Paradise Stream Campground in Loysville. Located in the south-central part of the state, it offers many amenities and a very nice new dancing area. Pictured are three of Pennsylvania's finest callers: Bob Engel, Howard Williamson and Dave Black. They were so good together with their

voices blending beautifully plus entertaining the dancers all weekend. Everyone thanked them profusely and they even got a few "yellow rocks". In addition to the workshops and dancing, State Presidents Park and Kathy Bierbower had a few fun games for us to play. It is so good to get back to dancing and see all our old friends; we couldn't have had a better time! Come join us next year, the first weekend in June at Paradise

Stream.

Kathy Engel; kathye@kuhncom.net

116 Camping Squares; Kansas

We've had a fairly quiet summer due to a lot of cancellations. We had a May campout, but no one was able to attend Nationals or the International Camporee this year. Our campout the end of July in the Atchison area was cancelled due to the campgrounds being closed. Some dancers may still attend the HASSDA dance in the area.

We were able to have a get-together at a local restaurant in July with a large group of members attending; it was so good to see everyone again!

Our August campouts have changed. The Kanopolis campout scheduled for Aug 26-29 has been cancelled. The Yoder Days festival is that weekend so we have re-scheduled our campout for that weekend with camping at the State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

We will plan on Sept 9-12 campout at Shawnee Lake, SW side, Topeka, KS to attend the Balloon Festival and the dance in Topeka Saturday evening. We have scheduled a Sept 30-Oct 3 campout and Bluegrass Festival in Guthrie, OK. Tickets and reservations must be made in advance.

October 7-10 is our last campout for the season at Chanute, KS, attending the Chanute Octoberfest and square dance.

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

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

119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

The Wonder Yonders had their annual campout in Saratoga, Wyoming and was attended by 14 camping units. It was so good to get out with our friends again, just sitting under the cottonwood trees along the North Platte River and looking at a BIG WHITE BARN across the river.

Of course, the main course is eating; there's always such good food, and it tastes so much better when someone else has made it. Baseball was enjoyed by all and there were no poor losers.

A very special side trip was arranged by Ollie Hill. The club members were treated to a tour of the BIG WHITE BARN across the river. I would really like to include all the information on this barn, but it is two pages long. It was built in 1914 for J. D. Canary. The barn is 50 feet by 100 feet; it had electricity and every convenience; the barn can hold 90 bulls in stalls on the first floor, and on the second floor, it can hold 350 tons of loose hay and 16 head of horses. Gary and I were not able to attend the campout because he had an TAVR Aorta Valve replacement on

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Monday. I sure hope that we can get a tour of this barn next year.

Our next campout will be in Laramie for the Buggy Stomp weekend September 10th through the 12th. Dave Guille and Jerry Junk will be calling. If you are in the area, we hope that you will join us; it's always nice to meet new dancers!

Club contact: Leo or Diana Fergel at 303-635-7312 or lfergel@bresnan.net.

Nell Coffey; 303-823-6096

121 Northwood Stompers; Michigan

Northwoods Stompers of Michigan conducted its 45th annual NSDCA State Camporee in Otisville, Michigan in July. Dancing was done under a



sunny sky with colorful flowers decorating the landscape. Callers Jim Davis, George Ferguson and Ed Richey kept the dance floor busy. Northwood Stompers are also looking forward to August and September dancing campouts this year in Harrison, MI and plans for the 46th NSDCA Camporee 2022 in Otisville, MI are taking shape. Hope to see you dancing!

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123 Swing N Traveler's; Illinois

Our May camp out was at Marshall/Putnam Fairgrounds in Henry, IL. It was a beautiful Memorial Day weekend. There was some rain, but most importantly 36 campers showed up to spend some quality time with each other. We had a cozy dinner at the local Mexican restaurant in Henry, and then back to the base camp for an indoor campfire provided by a portable propane fire pit. The next evening, 32 of us travelled to Toluca for a super family style meal at Mona's.

Our next day's activities included a boisterous game of bean bag base-

ball, with lots of cheers, jeers and razzing. Craft activities were pressed flower bookmarks and canvas light bulb covers for RV lights. We had a superb potluck for supper, followed by some homemade ice cream. Herb Edwards called a great dance and lots of dancers participated in our favorite pastime.

The morning brought pancakes, scramble eggs, sausage and bacon cooked on a grill; yum, yum! Many hung around on the Monday holiday; some travelled into Henry to see the Parade of Flags that honored the people of Marshall/Putnam Counties that have served in the Armed Forces. The earliest campaigns locals were involved with were the Revolutionary War and the French and Indian War; honors were also accorded to current service personnel. More than 1,000 flags are waving in this special place, many representing those that paid the full price.

June brought us to Petatonica, IL for the Illinois State NSDCA Campout. It was great fun to dance and chat with lots of people that we just don't get enough chances to meet. A great bunch of callers and cuers were on hand to keep us moving on the dance floor. The weather was great, with lots of fun times sitting around catching up on what has been happening to our many friends. It just happened to be the Route 75 Garage Sale that weekend; lots of places to stop and shop between Rockton and Freeport.

July saw the Swing N Travelers at Ramsey Lake State Park, just north of Ramsey, IL. Eleven rigs showed up with lots of great quiet times in a real gem of a park. We ate a meal at the only Ponderosa Steak House left in Illinois, had a private back room and a super waitstaff. The meal was delicious and the friendship even better.

The next morning at our business meeting Al Fahsbender presented the group with our "40 year" certificate from the NSDCA Board. He also showed the 2019-2020 Lost Camper Championship trophy that Chapter 123 won. He also gave a good report on both the 2021 International Camporee in Rayne, but also bragged up the 2022 International Camporee in Rockville, IN that the Illinois and Indiana chapters are hosting. You have to see it to believe it. (See the flyer on pages 30, 31 & 34 and the registration form in the centerfold of this issue.)

Rather than the traditional potluck, we had a wine and cheese brunch with lots of homemade wines, a great assortment of cheeses, condiments, meat trays and crackers. It was truly a wonderful time of fellowship. Following the wine and cheese, we had a "One Pound" gaily gift-wrapped auction. Bidding was hot and heavy with lots of kidding and good-natured fun when people opened up the gifts that were supposed to weight about a pound. The evening brought us to the dance with several people from the campground attending but not really dancing, except for one darling little girl that was brave enough to line dance and Hokey

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Pokey'd; Herb Edwards knows just what to play to bring out the joy in the dancers.

Donuts on Sunday, followed by devotions and departures.

Check out our local website, swingtravelers.org; you can see more stuff there.

Bill Baker; grandebill@grics.net

128 Square Wheels; Florida

The Square Wheels have not been camping during the summer, but that does not mean we have been idle. There were nine couples that travelled with their campers to the International Camporee in Rayne, LA. Some continued their journey after the National Convention in Jackson, MS and the others met in Rayne. We had our share of rain which reinforced the idea that we were in the "Frog Capital of the World." After we arrived in Rayne, Square Wheels started doing their thing. Tom Herscha, with help from Paul Scott, Bob Rosenthal and Don MacGregor, started sorting and weighing



the tabs brought by the different NSDCA chapters, for a total of 337.46 pounds. Barbara Rosenthal, with help from Marilyn Scott, helped participants complete the three crafts that were offered. Pat Herscha headed up and published the daily "Snooper" with help from Alicia King and Sherry MacGregor. Even with all the rain, Ron Imus was able to get the group fire going for everyone to enjoy. Allen Byland and Lolly Atkinson, with help from Dee Casteel and Jim Weismore, did a fantastic job with the frog decorations they made to adorn the hall.

The "Roaring 20s" theme dance was a big hit with everyone dressed to the "nines". We had some real gangsters there with their finest ladies. Even though the Camporee was a little shy on attendees compared to past years, everyone still had a good time.

Square Wheels received an award for being members of the NSDCA for 40 years while FANSDC received an award for 40 years as the State organization. The biggest award for Square Wheels was on behalf of Tom Herscha for the contribution of 198.32 pounds of tabs towards the donation for the Shriners Children Hospital. By the way, Tom has retired

as Tab chairman and we are looking for a new chairman to challenge Tom's record. We hope everyone has a nice summer and we look forward to our Chapter campouts starting in August at Wild Frontier in Ocala, FL. Come camp with us and join us in a square. If you are ever in the area; look us up and join us for a fun weekend.

Don and Sherry MacGregor, Presidents; dmacgr@comcast.net

152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama

The first campout for the 2021 camping season was held March 19-21 at Roaring Pines Campground in Somerville AL. It was a little rainy early in the week but cleared up nicely for the weekend, and it was just chilly enough for a light fire to gather around. We had a good crowd - 12 rigs.

We were a pretty laid-back bunch but did indulge in a few activities. There were games of Mexican Train, recipe swapping, bargain hunting, Bingo and square dancing. Yes, we actually danced! We donned masks and rubber gloves, fired up some CDs and squared up! It was great fun, but the general consensus was that we are out of practice and out of shape!

On Thursday afternoon, some of us went to the Amish restaurant, The Old Cookstove, in Danville, and Friday night found us at The Freight House in Hartselle. Saturday morning's breakfast of sausage biscuits with gravy was cooked at the campground, followed by a burgers and dogs cookout potluck for dinner. The food was delicious, as always, with some really great desserts.

Our second campout of the season was held at Florence Marina State Park Campground in Omaha, GA on April 9-11. We had 12 rigs in attendance. The campground was very nice, mostly level, with lots of pine trees and lilies growing everywhere!

On Thursday night, we had a hot dog cookout at the clubhouse pavilion; lots of great side dishes and desserts were shared, including the famous Donut King donuts - yummy!! Around the campfire we shared stories of infamous boo-boos that had happened in our lives, like John B. being mistaken for a dead body and John R. emerging from the shower dressed in his birthday suit to confront an intruder in his house! We laughed until our sides hurt!

On Friday, several of us went into Eufala and walked on the grounds (and peeked in the windows) of some of the stately old mansions. Oh, the silver and chandeliers and portraits! Then we went for coffee and ice cream at Superior Pecans and did some shopping, and another stop by Donut King might have been involved. Roy and Priscilla visited the Biblical History Center in La Grange, GA and reported that it was very interesting. We had dinner at Sam's Kitchen and Grill - they opened an

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hour early just for us - and enjoyed a great meal and excellent service. Back at the clubhouse, we danced a few tips to CDs, then had popcorn and sweet treats while watching the movie *Sweet Home Alabama*. This was a new activity for us and was very well received. Thanks to George & Cil for bringing the projector and screen and also to John R. for bringing your sound gear - that was really helpful!

Saturday brought rain with the possibility of severe storms, so our planned trip to Plains, GA (home of former president Jimmy Carter) had to be canceled. Some folks met at the clubhouse during the day for games, and some of us lazed the day away on the couch with a good book. Our potluck dinner that night was fantastic as usual.

May saw us travelling to Florida for a campout at Navarre Beach Camping Resort in Navarre, FL on May 14-16. This was the first campout where we actually danced to a caller since March of 2020! It was great to get back on the floor, even though most of us were a little rusty. We danced both Friday and Saturday to Miriam Meriweather and enjoyed the Gulf Coast seafood on Thursday and Friday evenings. Saturday morning we had a fabulous breakfast prepared by our Wagon Masters Paula and Larry Boone and Judy and Wilburn Hester. After breakfast many of us went to the local flea market for some shopping. On Saturday night our wagon masters provided a shrimp boil for dinner followed by Bingo. We had 11 rigs at the campout with fantastic weather the entire weekend.

June found us back in Alabama at Logan Landing RV & Cabin Resort on June 4-6. We danced to Kevin Cozad with Pauline Angress cueing. Tom Miller came along with Pauline since he did not have any dances scheduled and he joined Kevin on a couple of singing calls. Ten rigs were in attendance and it rained every day, but not all day. We were able to get in some sightseeing to Kaylumba Grist Mill on Friday followed by a potluck dinner that evening. Saturday morning we had breakfast provided by Wagon Masters Tina and Kevin Cozad and Joyce and Barry Herndon followed by Bingo. Saturday evening we went out to eat at Logan Marina and enjoyed a great meal.

Come join us at a future campout if you are able to. We would love to have you!

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153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

The campfires of the Strawberry Travelers are overgrown with grass and weeds (and HOT sunshine and mosquitoes!) because we do not meet for the

summer. Since our last campout in April, a few of our members and associates traveled to Jackson, MS for the National Square Dance Convention. It, of course, was fun, with fellowship and loads of dancing to wonderful callers and cuers. After Jackson, several of the RVers headed south toward Rayne, LA to attend the 63rd NSDCA Camporee. The miles passed by quickly as we danced with some of the local folks at their home clubs along the way. It's always fun to meet new friends and visit other square dance clubs. When we arrived at Rayne, the ground was a bit damp and soggy (it does rain in Rayne!) but our spirits and our camaraderie were not. Though attendance was down, we all gathered together and had a wonderful time while picnicking, crafting, gaming, feasting, and of course, dancing. Decorations were great and very creative! Cattails out of toilet paper rolls and crepe



paper – who would have thought – and the “speakeasy” room with all the gals and “gang-stas” that showed up! Even the news media showed up with their TV cameras and got us on the local news. See what many of you folks missed? You still have a chance to join in the next bit of fun at the Florida State Camporee “Halloween Haunting,” which takes place at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL October 21-24, 2021 (contact Bob/Barb Rosenthal at 386-365-7136). If you plan to attend, why not come a week early to join us (the Strawberry Travelers) when we kick off our new camping season? Our first seasonal club campout will be at Southern Palms RV Resort, Eustis, FL October 15-16, 2021 and many of us are staying the whole week through as we enjoy catching up on everyone’s trips, tricks, treasures, tragedies and triumphs of summer.

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C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada

Summer has arrived, although it is difficult to predict the weather for more than a few hours! The Riverside Gypsy Squares are camping again with the lifting of some COVID-19 restrictions. We still cannot really

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dance, but we are allowed to get together outdoors, and the Gypsy Squares are coming out to play.

In June, campers came out to enjoy the company of the group and partake in our annual June tradition of a strawberry social. Gypsy Joe was thankful that a small group was willing to go out to pick fresh berries and he certainly ate his fill. I should mention that we are camping at our new home, Lower Beverly Lake Campground; the staff there couldn't be more helpful. The sites are nice with trees and shade. Unfortunately, this year that meant that June also had Gypsy Moth caterpillars trying to join in the fun and ride home on the trailers. Some hours were spent cleaning rigs after that weekend.

The caterpillars had turned to moths by July, so everyone was able to enjoy our "Christmas in July" theme. A few rigs added Christmas wreathes, lights and tablecloths. The monthly committee offered a number of activities including a campfire (even in the drizzle), a group walk for those who wanted to venture out early and swimming, among



other things. The campground staff hung our Gypsy sign by the snack bar so everyone will see it on the way into the campground and a few of the other campers had questions about our group. We had some extended family members come out to camp with some of the Gypsies and it was nice to see them. We may even be able to recruit a very young new dancer!

We will meet again in August and September; a corn roast is planned for August and September's get together will include our annual meeting. We will see if restrictions continue to loosen up, but I am sure that everyone will enjoy a chance to get together to chat, compare crafts and hobbies and enjoy the chance to be outdoors with friends.

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193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Well since you are reading this, it is September already! When I was writing this back in July, we were finishing up a great Camporee in

Rayne, LA. I hope you are not one of those who missed it. I thought it was awesome, especially after more than a year of setbacks, cancellations, lockdowns and what seemed to be almost insurmountable obstacles. The weather was hot with some rain and the halls were cold (sometimes a bit too cold!); we had an inside 4th of July picnic with hot dogs and games, then a wine and cheese party with an opportunity to hear about SkyMed (emergency medical transportation) along with some great casual dancing both rounds and squares, and that was just the first two days—we had three more days to go. I hope everyone enjoyed the 1920s theme; I know our group did (→). We had a lot of fun with the props, flappers, and frogs and Rayne certainly did not disappoint us with frogs; if you happened to go into town at all – frogs and frog murals were literally everywhere.



Back in May we welcomed Sam Dunn of Sebring, FL as our new Club Caller, and as you can see (→) he is a great sport, lots of fun and almost never without his four-legged best friend, Petey. We had a great turnout for our weekend, spent some time making beaded bracelets with the help of our own talented crafter, Lana. We all enjoyed a weekend of great squares and awesome rounds cued by our favorite cuer, Chuck Ryall. It was election time for us; however, our slate of officers stayed the same. We have a great line-up of campouts planned for the 2021-2022 season; beginning in September 12 (we always begin with a social evening on Thursdays), 13 & 14 at a new RV park, Camp Central just south of Lake Wales on US 27. Check us out on our website, www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html, or at www.nsdca.org and come spend a weekend with us soon. We're planning a Hawaiian Luau weekend theme, but no grass skirts or coconut tops are required. Just dig out those flowered shirts and leis and come have a fun weekend with us. Chuck Ryall, our awesome cuer, always offers several round dance teaches during our weekends. It's a great chance for you to add some new dance moves to your round dance abilities.



So if you happen to be in the area, come be a part of our September weekend or any of our weekends. The dates and addresses can be found in the Chapter Campout Schedule section of this newsletter, the NSDCA website, or just go to our club website listed below.

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As always, "Hope to see you in a square somewhere!"

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

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198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

What a whirlwind summer we have had. We had two rigs attend the 70th National Square Dance Convention in Jackson, MS. One rig made it to Jackson via a Trail Thru Dance hosted by Pleasant Hill Promenaders in Southaven, MS. What a great dance, and we would like to thank them for assisting us in finding parking for our rig. The National in Jackson was wonderful, with activities for just about anything related to Square Dancing. Campers also were treated with parades of costumed characters attending ComicCon.

Despite tired feet, one rig jumped on the Rayne Train and enjoyed camping and dancing their way to Rayne, LA, stopping by Tammany Twirlers (twice) in Slidell, LA and Pistols 'N Petticoats in Picayune, MS. Special thanks to Susan Wolford for making the plans for the Train and the clubs for great dancing.

The 63rd International NSDCA Camporee was lots of fun with plenty of dancing, crafting and catching up with old friends while making new. Despite the rain in Rayne, they were able to slide in a campfire with marshmallow roasting, which was again a great time to get together. Our Chapter was proud to take third place in the Pull Tab Project donations for the Shriners Hospital with 22.16 pounds out of the total 337.46 pounds collected.

Enroute home from the Camporee, a stop was made in Odenville, AL to join in the celebration dance for the 49th Anniversary of Kurly Qs Square Dance Club. Thanks to Kurly Qs for assisting in rig parking.

By the time this reaches publication, several of us will have had a great time at the Tennessee State Convention, where will again get to dance with friends from all over the country.

We have been trying to locate a campground in the Knoxville area, with great difficulty, for a campout and our Annual Membership Meeting to occur the first weekend in October. If anyone has suggestions, please let us know. Otherwise, we may just plan the Annual Membership Meeting in the Knoxville area that Saturday afternoon, location TBA, with plans to dance both Friday and Saturday nights at local clubs. As we look forward to 2022, we will continue our support of as many local clubs as possible in a joint effort to strengthen and sustain Square Dancing.

Looking forward to seeing you across the Square and/or Campfire soon!

Ruth & Chuck "Ozzie" Osborn, Presidents;
CrossfireCampers198@gmail.com

63rd NSDCA International Camporee Statistics

GENERAL STATISTICS

Camporee Attendance: 44 registered RVs; 1 couple in a motel; 86 members attended Camporee; 66 members attended the General Meeting. By Chapter: 000-7; 001-1; 002-1; 014-1; 018-2; 031-1; 076-1; 107-2; 123-4; 128-9; 149-4; 152-2; 153-1; 193-5; 196-3; 198-1

By State: Alabama - 2; Florida - 17; Illinois - 8; Indiana - 5; Louisiana - 4; New Jersey - 1; Tennessee - 1; Wisconsin - 3;

Callers Present: Tom Nickel (031), Ted Kennedy (149), Ted Hughes (018), George Ferguson (018) and Mike Gormley (000); Cuers Present: Kathy Nickel (031), Susan Wolford (000), Chuck Ryall (193) and Jack Pointer (149).

First Time Attendees: Mike Gormley (000), Tom & Rita Biehn (193), Danny & Cheryl LaFleur (000), Gene Imus (107) and Lester & Mary Ann Smith (076).

Board Members Present: John & Dolly Ide (P, 193), Tom & Pat Herscha VP, 128), Dave & Mary Bruun (S, 123), Tom & Kathy Nickel (T, 031)

Staff Present: Roger Tipps (Membership Secretary, 193), Scott & Kay Reinhold (Historian, 031), Bill & Kathy Baker (Publicity, 123)

Area/State Representatives Present: Ted & Nancy Kennedy (SCent Area, 149), Don & Susan Wolford (SE, 000)

Team:

Ruth Osborn & Lolly Atkinson, Jim & Dee Casteel, Treasurer/Registration -- Susan Wolford; Wagonmaster -- Roger Tipps; Maintenance Helpers -- Tom Herscha & Tom Biehn (193); Snooper -- Pat Herscha, Sherry MacGregor & Alicia King (all 128); 4th of July Picnic -- Jack Pointer; Welcome Bags -- Jack Pointer; Meet & Greet -- Ruth & Chuck Osborn; Games -- Dave & Mary Bruun; Tuesday Night After Party -- Ron & Linda Imus and the campfire; Wednesday Night After Party -- Dan & Marian Hatfield; Dance Program Coordinators -- Tom & Kathy Nickel; Sound System Equipment -- Ted Kennedy; Photographer -- Scott Reinhold; Coffee & Water -- Trucy & Steve Rogers (153) and Tom & Rita Biehn (193); Pop Tabs Chairperson -- Tom Herscha (128); Publicity -- Bill Baker (123) and Program Book -- Dolly Ide (193).

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AWARDS PRESENTED

Charter 199, Georgia-Lina was welcomed in abstentia with the presentation of its Charter. Since no one was present, the Secretary will mail it.

Most New Members: for 2020: Horseshoe Squares 'N' Wheels (C-112), Ontario; for 2021: Mobile Squares (085), Colorado.

2020 Anniversary Awards: for 55 Years: Garden State Square Dance Campers (001); Pine Tree (002); for 40 Years: Wandering Wonders (119); Northwoods Stompers (121); Swing-N-Travelers (123); Florida Association of National Square Dance Campers; for 35 Years: Rolling Squares (148); for 20 Years: Central RV Square Dancers (185).

2021 Anniversary Awards: for 55 Years: Rollaways (005); Travel 'N' Squares (007); Pioneer (010); for 50 Years: Illiana Square Wheelers (044); for 45 Years: Hobo Squares (095); for 40 Years: Square Wheels (128); Lakeshore Rolling Squares (C-130); Pennsylvania State Association; for 35 Years: Bayou Square-A-Round (149); Campers & Dancers (152); for 30 Years: Star City Squares (170); for 25 Years: Gateway Waggoners (179); Montshire Campin' Squares (181); and for 5 Years: Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds(196);

Service Plaques (Tom Herscha Presenting): Dave Seay--Webmaster 2018-2020 (Ron Imus accepted);

Tom & Nancy Pustinger--Clothing Vendor 2015-2019 (John Ide accepted); Barb Perkins--Illinois State Rep 2009-2021 (Al Fahsbender accepted); Jerry & Pat Preston--Michigan State Representatives 2005-2020 (Sandy McIntire accepted. See page 56 for picture.)

Service Plaques (John Ide Presenting): Tom & Pat Herscha--Vice President 2018-2021; Tom & Kathy Nickel--Treasurer 2011-2021.

Sports Awards (Dave & Mary Bruun presenting):

Bean Bags: 1st Place Al Fahsbender (123) & Don Wolford (000);

2nd Place Ed France (149) & Charlene Fahsbender (123)

Bocce Ball: 1st Place Kaitlyn Knutson (031) & Don Wolford (000).

2nd Place Don MacGregor (128) & Alice Richmond (196).

Washer Toss: 1st Place Stephanie Esser (031) & Don Wolford (000).

2nd Place Don Gauck (196) & Kaitlyn Knutson (031).

Lost Camper Award (for most entries submitted): Swing-N-Travelers (123) for 2019, 2020 and 2021. They had a total of 50 entries for 2021.

Pull Tab Collections 337.46# total collected for Shriner's Hospital. See pages 48 through 50.

OLD BUSINESS

Elected to the NSDCA Board: Don & Susan Wolford, Chuck & Ruth Osborn (The Board met later on Thursday evening to resolve specific offices. The meeting placed Chuck & Ruth Osborn in the 3 year position of Vice Presidents and Don & Susan Wolford as Treasurers for 4 years.

2018 Requested Amendment to Article XI, Section 4: did not pass.

NSDCA Publicity Director

Wow, what a great International Camporee in Rayne. Kathy and I have only been to one other because of family issues, but we were really glad we made this trip. It only rained twice that week: once for three days and then for four more.

We have a considerable issue with membership and we all own a piece of it. We are all not getting younger, yet we are not adding younger people at the local levels to build our membership back up as the older ones maybe decide to stop dancing or camping.

During the COVID months, there were huge numbers of RVs of every description sold; lots of families decided to take up the wonders of camp life. They saw the value in the family time as many more people were working from home or something that approached home. Zoom meetings replaced lots of boardroom meetings, and it was okay to do that from a campsite with a good wi-fi or hotspot. We could use those people, including the children. The joy of being an NSDCA member is not just the camping, but also the joy of the fellowship of dance.

We had a TV station come to the International Camporee and they put out a nice little spot for the 10 p.m. news; they also posted it on their website. It was nice to see spots by John and Dolly Ide and shots of dancers enjoying themselves. You can probably get publicity like that with just one or two phone calls. Does your Chapter contact any local news or newspaper to tell them about your campouts?

The second ‘aha’ moment for me was at the grocery store in Rayne. I was wearing my badge and the clerk asked about why I was in Louisiana when my badge said Illinois. We talked about our Camporee and Square Dancing. She said she used to do that even after high school, but lost out and just never went back—but now she has time to try again. I wonder how many others are out there waiting to try?

Now the truth be told, I didn’t know I was still wearing my badge. Yes, normally I remove it when I get back to the camper, but this time I just forgot. Maybe we can get more attention if we forget on purpose? I am sure she would not have talked to me if she didn’t see the badge. Maybe we should all wear one every now and then.

Our Chapter just recently changed our campouts from Friday - Sunday to during the week, originally to prevent conflict between the Hook Up and Roll Square Dancers and the Brick and Mortar ones. Guess what? It’s lots easier to get a campground in the Tuesday to Thursday timeframe. Do you go to the brick and mortar dances and chat up people that might own a RV?

We all need to add just one new couple to this organization. If you have any good ideas, email me at grandebill@grics.net.

AND I DO EXPECT TO SEE YOU IN ROCKVILLE, INDIANA NEXT YEAR.

Bill and Kathy Baker



and the FUN continues...

In our last issue the lost campers were properly located on page 20 on the upper shelf in the lower left photo by 20 entries (this equivalence with the numbers is quite a coincidence). Obviously proper directions were provided to Tony & Lou Bergett; the Camporee was deemed a great success by all who attended. Not only is it a coincidence that the page number equaled the number of entries, but the computer chose a former winner from the Spring of 2020—Maxine Thomas of Chapter 128, the Square Wheels (FL). Congratulation Max-

Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Marie Berridge Sally Foley
Illiana Square Wheelers (IL/IN)	044	Ruthann & Lawrence Sanders
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Frank Golden Mike & Iris Huddleson
Swing 'N' Travelers (IL)	123	Bill Baker Sue Mayer Chet and Janet Bowman Jerry & Judy Boutelle Herb & Pat Edwards Norma Schertz Dwaine and Bret Dunn Jim & Naomi Mills Dave & Mary Bruun Barry and Joy Vlad Al & Charlene Fahsbender
Square Wheels (FL)	128	Maxine Thomas Susie Beachy
Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds	196	James Huffman Kerry Richmond

ine; your 2022 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 2022 Camporee at Rockville, IN for the chapter with the most entries.

Well, Tony & Lou Bergett are back in the group, but we've seemed

to have lost Alex & Jen Brabender, leaders of the pack with the Air-stream-looking bumper pull travel trailer (see the Summer 2019 issue for background on the caravan and images of each traveler). Please see if you can locate them in this issue and give them directions to get back to the caravan so they make it to the 2022 Camporee in Rockville on time. Note: The lost camper is not on page 57!

Remember, you can't win if you don't enter. This is *your* newsletter! Good luck! Send your answer no later than October 31st either: 1) via email to NSDCAtimes@gmail.com or 2) by regular mail to **Ken Shacter, 5418 Weller Place, Jacksonville, FL 32211**. Please provide the page number *and* where on the page our wayward campers are located. Simply providing something like "on the bottom of page 2" is insufficient; however, if you write something clever like Jim Sebesta did in the last issue, it gives a good indication you have properly located our campers, and may get your answer published!

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

Microwave fudge

Ingredients:

- 1 pound powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1 stick softened margarine
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup nuts (your choice)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup peanut butter



Steps:

- 1) Mix powdered sugar and cocoa together.
- 2) Add margarine.
- 3) Add milk, but don't stir!
- 4) Microwave at full power uncovered for two (2) minutes.
- 5) Stir just to combine ingredients.
- 6) Add nuts and vanilla. Stir until blended.
- 7) Add peanut butter. Mix and pour into 8" by 8" buttered pan.
- 8) Refrigerate for one (1) hour.



Makes 16 two-inch squares: ~111 calories/serving.

Total fat:	7 g	Total carbs:	10 g	Sugars:	8 g
Saturated fat:	2 g	Protein:	2 g	Dietary fiber:	0 g
Sodium:	57 mg	Potassium:	5 mg	Vitamin A:	4%
Vitamin C:	0%	Calcium:	5%	Iron:	1%



CROSSING RIDGES TO COVERED BRIDGES

64TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE

Parke County 4-H Campgrounds 1472 N. US 41 Rockville,
Indiana June 14, 15, 16 2022

NSDCA Membership # _____

NON-Member (Requires \$20 -see below)

Information for PARKING by LOCATION & RV NEEDS

(To camp together must arrive together)

STATE _____ CHAPTER # _____

ELECTRIC 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____ (only 20 available)

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 & ZipPostal _____

Square and Round Dance Interest (check Dance Levels)

Square Dance _____ Round Dance _____ Line Dance _____

_____ Mainstream _____ Phase II _____ Line _____

_____ Plus _____ Phase III _____

_____ A1 _____ Phase IV _____

_____ A2 _____ Phase V _____

_____ Youth/Teen Dance Program _____

SPORTS/GAMES (Circle Interests)

Bean Bags M _____ F _____ Washer Toss M _____ F _____

Bocce Ball M _____ F _____ Golf M _____ F _____

Horseshoes M _____ F _____

Craft Interest Male _____ Female _____ Youth _____

Caller and Cuer Participation (Due by April 1)

Square Dance _____ Round Dance _____

_____ Mainstream _____ Phase II _____

_____ Plus _____ Phase III _____

_____ A1 _____ Phase IV _____

____ Youth/Teen Dance Program

____ Caller Name _____

____ Availability M T W Th

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____ Availability M T W Th

____ Lines Instructor _____

____ Availability M T W Th

____ Phone Number (Cell phone preferred-include area code)

____ Email Address _____

____ Emergency Contact Name _____

____ Phone Number _____

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

____ Youth Name _____ Age _____ M F

____ Adult Name _____ Age _____ M F

____ EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE 06/ 2022

____ EXPECTED DEPARTURE DATE 06/ 2022

NSDCA Camporee Fees 30amp 3 Day..\$160 2 Days...\$110 1 Day...\$55 (ALL FEES IN US FUNDS)

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Please Check which days you will be camping (Extra days Campsite Fees (\$30 per day)

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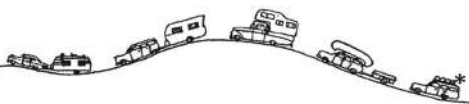
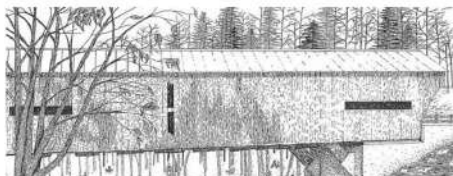
Unit with only one person (check): _____ Deduct \$10; Extra adults # _____ \$10 each; Non NSDCA \$20

Registration \$ _____,00 US Extra Fees \$ _____ US Adtt'l Days \$ _____ US Total Fees \$ _____,00US

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

Send check or money order payable to "64TH NSDCA Camporee" to:

Alice Richmond, 3835 Lakeside Drive, Columbus, Ind 47203-3611



Crossing Ridges to Covered Bridges



June 14, 15, 16 2022

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(863) 224-1991

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.

Betty Jackson (#095, Hobo Squares)

On Sunday, June 13, 2021, Betty Jane Jackson passed away at her home in Ames, Iowa, just one week shy of her 90th birthday. She was born June 21, 1931, in Traer, Iowa. She married Wayne Jackson in 1949. Betty is survived by her five children, nine grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and a brother. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and three brothers.

Betty worked in accounts payable at Montgomery Ward for several years. She was also a talented seamstress; there are many brides who walked down the aisle in her beautiful gowns. Betty worked at Iowa State University bookstore for years doing textbook buy-backs. She and Wayne volunteered at Mary Greeley Hospital, for which she earned 'Volunteer of the Year' in 2012. She continued sewing walker bags for the hospital until last year. Betty and Wayne loved square dancing, traveling, and camping, especially in combination. They visited all 50 U.S. States.



A memorial gathering to celebrate her life was held in June.

Submitted by Herman Meyer

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.

71st NSDC offers Historic Tours, Educational events

The 71st National Square Dance Convention committee, nicknamed the "River Rats," is working hard to make sure everything is just right for the dancers coming to Evansville, IN, in June 2022.

Tours are being organized in Evansville and the surrounding area. Vincennes offers the Red Skelton Museum and Grouseland Mansion, home of William Henry Harrison, 9th President of the United States. Another tour is in Corydon, IN, the first Indiana State Capitol, with a themed luncheon featuring one of the first Governors of Indiana.

Register for the convention at 71nsdc.org. While you are there, check out the education programs, themed "Making Waves."

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have available, since it works both ways; and please be sure your contact information is current. If you reach out and do not get an adequate response in a timely manner, please do not hesitate to send us a follow-up. We are human, and some issues are not easily resolved.

We have been tasked with updating/revising/consolidating several NSDCA policies and procedures which were last addressed around 2010 or before. This is no small task and will not be accomplished overnight, but we are already hard at work sifting through things. Several suggestions on what members would like to see happen were voiced at the Chapter/Area Representative & Annual Membership Meetings, and we were listening.

We would like to thank all who participated in the Pull Tab Project to benefit the Shriners Hospital by surpassing our goal of 200 pounds with a total of 337.46 pounds. It should also be noted what a generous group we had as cash donations were also collected during the Camporee of over \$200. What should our 2022 Pull Tab Project goal be?

We are looking forward to "Crossing the Ridges to Covered Bridges" in Rockville, IN June 14-16, 2022, for the 64th NSDCA International Camporee. This is the week *before* the National Square Dance Convention in Evansville, IN. Get your registrations in and ask what you can do to help!

We are open to all ideas and suggestions from membership to strengthen NSDCA and Square Dancing as a whole.

Ruth & "Ozzie" Chuck Osborn



Chapter Campouts

The following listings are believed to be accurate. The starting date of the event is Friday unless otherwise noted. Due to possible disruption of group activities because of the ongoing 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 are identified as such. Please check with the noted contact(s) to confirm the status of the event before making your plans to attend. Thank you. (current as of 2021/07/31)

Wednesday September 08 → September 10

123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois

Logan Co. Fairgrounds
1408 Short 11 th St.; Lincoln, IL
Mary Bruun; 217-381-4041

Wednesday September 08 → September 12

119 Wander Yonders: Wyoming

Quadra Dangle Club
3905 E Grays Gable Road, Laramie, WY
Leo & Diana Fergel; lfergel@bresnan.net; 307-631-1605

Thursday September 09 → September 12

116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

SW side of Shawnee Lake
Topeka, KS
This is the Balloon Festival weekend.
We will also attend a dance in Topeka on Saturday evening.
Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137;
fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

Thursday September 09 → September 12

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Camp Central RV Parks—North
15860 US Hwy 27; Lake Wales, FL; 33859; 863-638-1015
All weekends begin with an “Early Bird Thursday” and end with Sunday
Breakfast
Louise Woodward; 772-577-3882; wlouise5712@gmail.com

Friday September 10 → September 11

149 Bayou Square-A-Rounds: Louisiana / Mississippi

Lakeside RV Park

28370 South Frost Road; Livingston, LA; 225-686-7676

Caller: Ted Kennedy; Cuer: Jack & Christa Gail Pointer

Jack & Christa Gail Pointer; jackpointer@charter.net; 225-294-2118

Friday September 10 → September 12

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers:

Otter Lake Camp Resort;

1639 Marshalls Creek Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302;

570-223-0123

Ron/Pauline Vande Vrede; 973-343-3152;

vandevrede@optonline.net

106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania

Shady Oaks Family Campground

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

Paul Willis; pwcwillis@embarqmail.com; 717-414-4518

Tuesday September 13 → September 16

085 Mobile Squares: Colorado

Drake Campground

1601 Hwy 34; Drake; CO

Ron Skaley; 970-381-5642

Friday September 17 → September 19

031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin

Derge County Park

N8379 County Road CP; Beaver Dam, WI; 920-386-3700;

<http://www.dodgeparks.com/>

Make your own reservation.

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

068 Wandering Wheels: Minnesota

St. Cloud Campground

St. Cloud, MN

Donald Keyes; Speck1948@usfamily.net; 763-213-7948



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Friday September 17 → September 19

121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan

Hidden Hill Family Campground;

300 N Clare Ave; Harrison MI 48625; 989-539-9372

Mid Michigan square and round dancing with 2 callers and cueing for rounds. Dancing Friday and Saturday evenings with workshops on Saturday. Potluck dinner Saturday and treats around the campfire after dancing. Call campground for reservations.

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

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

Lower Beverley Lake Park

1 Lower Beverley Lake Rd., Delta, Ontario, Canada;
613-928-2881

Please call the month before.

We expect this will be social camping and there will not be any dancing unless restrictions are lifted.

Barb & Bob Mazerolle; 613-933-4346; bmazerolle@icloud.com

Thursday September 23 → September 26

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois

Pilgrims Campground

W7271 Cty Rd C, Ft. Atkinson, WI 53538; 920-563-8122

THIS IS A SCHEDULE CHANGE.

We will be attending a play at the Fireside on Thursday evening 9/23.

Bob & Cinda Asp; 815-624-4330; sgbobasp@aol.com

Friday September 24 → September 25

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Cedar Key RV Resort

11980 SW Shiloh Rd, Cedar Key, FL; 352-543-5097

Rate is \$35. Make your own reservation.

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

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

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

FD Roosevelt State Park

2970 GA-190, Pine Mountain, GA; 800-864-7275

Make your own reservation.

George & Cil Herndon; 334-740-0649

Thursday September 30 → October 03

116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

Cottonwood Flats

120 Harrison Ave; Guthrie, OK

International Bluegrass Festival on the grounds.

Tickets & reservations must be made in advance.

Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137;

fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

Friday October 01 → October 03

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers:

Otter Lake Camp Resort;

1639 Marshalls Creek Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302;

570-223-0123

Ron/Pauline Vande Vrede; 973-343-3152;

vandevrede@optonline.net

068 Wandering Wheels: Minnesota

McLeod County Fairgrounds

Hutchinson, MN

Donald Keyes; Speck1948@usfamily.net; 763-213-7948

106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania

Twin Bridge Meadow Family Campground

1345 Twin Bridge Rd., Chambersburg, PA; 717-369-2216

Paul Willis; pwcwillis@embarqmail.com; 717-414-4518

Tuesday October 05 → October 08

085 Mobile Squares: Colorado

McC Ranch

12155 Buckhorn Rd, Loveland CO

Electricity available, but no water or sewer.

Bob Ginnow; 303-748-4057

Thursday October 07 → October 10

116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

SW City RV Park

Chanute, KS

Chanute Octoberfest weekend.

We will also attend a dance Saturday evening at the Central Park Pavillion.

Frank & Marty Golden; 316-943-4137;

fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

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Chapter Campouts—continued

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Thursday October 7 → October 12

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Whispering Palms RV Resort

10305 US Hwy 1; Sebastian FL; 32958; 772-589-3481

All weekends begin with an “Early Bird Thursday” and end with Sunday Breakfast

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

Tuesday October 12 → October 14

123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois

Hickory Hills Campground

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

Reservations required by Sept 28 – call campground.

Mary Bruun; 217-381-4041

Thursday October 14 → October 17

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Meaher State Park

5200 Battleship Parkway, East Spanish Fort, AL; 251-626-5529

Make your own reservation.

Terry & Beverly Walker; 251-586-1818

Friday October 15 → October 17

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Southern Palms RV Park

1 Avacado Lane, Eustis, FL; 352-357-8882

Stu Hall; stuartehall@yahoo.com

Thursday October 21 → October 24

♥♥ 45th Florida State NSDCA Camporee ♥♥

Southern Palms RV Park

1 Avacado Lane, Eustis, FL; 352-357-8882

See the advertising flyer or the FANSDC website

<http://floridasquaredance.com/fansdc/index.html>

The following Florida chapters will be attending the FANSDC Camporee:

128 Square Wheels: Florida

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

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

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Stu Hall; stuartehall@yahoo.com

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

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

Thursday November 11 → November 14

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

JOY RV Resort

245 Flamingo Drive; Cocoa FL; 32926; 321-631-0305

All weekends begin with an “Early Bird Thursday” and end with Sunday Breakfast

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

Friday November 12 → November 14

123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois

Winter Gathering—Bloomington, Illinois

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Friday November 12 → November 14

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Roaring Pines Campground

83 Roaring Pines Rd. Somerville, AL

George Herndon; 334-740-0649

Friday November 19 → November 20

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

500 Wonderwood Dr, Jacksonville, FL; 904-249-4700

NEFSARDA Fall Festival in Jacksonville Beach

Make your own reservation.

Active & retired military may wish to contact Pelican Roost RV Park at the Mayport Naval Station; 904-270-7808

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

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

149 Bayou Square-A-Rounds: Louisiana / Mississippi

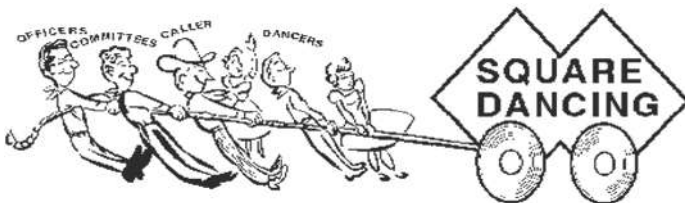
Colfax RV Park

150 Control House Road; Colfax, LA; 318-627-2640

Caller: Ted Kennedy; Cuer: Jack & Christa Gail Pointer

Jack & Christa Gail Pointer; jackpointer@charter.net;

225-294-2118



The benefit of having a TPMS and Roadside Assistance

Imagine the following scenario: You're traveling along a backroad, far from any large city, and you develop a flat tire on your tandem axle trailer 40 miles from your destination. Also imagine you don't have an after-market tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) on your trailer tires and are totally unaware you've lost a tire, so you keep driving. A while later, as dusk is approaching and a heavy drizzle begins to fall, another car passes you and beeps, the passenger pointing back towards the trailer and mouthing "flat tire". You find a safe place to pull over and discover one tire has totally disintegrated, the tread separated and tore up the wheel well causing several thousand dollars' worth of damage to your travel trailer. Fortunately you have a spare tire; unfortunately the mechanic who put the last set of tires on your trailer torqued them down so tight you are unable to break the lug nuts free. Also imagine you don't have a roadside assistance plan that covers issues with your travel trailer. What do you do?

This scenario is real - it happened to us - but we had a TPMS and were alerted almost immediately to a loss of tire pressure, so we were able to find a place to pull over and there was no need for another driver to point out the problem. As we pulled over almost immediately, the tire did not self-destruct and no damage to the trailer occurred. However, it was dusk and late fall, so the light faded quickly. And it was raining - a lot heavier than a drizzle. While I was unable to determine why the tire lost air pressure, an independent check with a gauge showed the tire was not capable of being used. Since we had a roadside assistance plan with Good Sam, we phoned the 800 number, told them the problem and gave them our location. They indicated since we were at such a remote location, they might have an issue finding someone to come help us. After about 30 minutes they called us back and informed us a wrecker would be arriving in about an hour. After the requisite arrival time came and went, we called Good Sam back and they gave us the phone number of the outfit that had dispatched a truck so we could determine when they would arrive. When we contacted the tow truck company, they told us they opted to not accept the call as we were so remote. Unfortunately, they neglected to inform the Good Sam dispatcher, so once again we waited for them to contact another towing outfit to see if they would come help us. We were lucky this time; we got their phone number from the dispatcher and called, and within the hour a tow truck pulled up behind us (with the rain still coming down, but fortunately now just a drizzle) and 45 minutes later we were on the road. We finally got to our destination at 10 p.m., five hours behind schedule, but we were safe and sound. Before we continued on our travels we got a new set of four tires.

If we didn't have the TPMS we could have suffered serious damage to the trailer when the tread finally separated from the tire. Additionally,

if we didn't have roadside service, we'd have been stuck by the side of the road waiting for a good Samaritan to eventually stop and offer help (only one passerby did offer help, but that was about 10 minutes before the tow truck was scheduled to arrive – we politely declined as we knew he was coming since we had talked to the driver while he was enroute).

There are many after-market TPMS systems to choose from. Some are limited based on the number of sensors or maximum cold tire pressure, others are limited based on signal strength – but might come with (or have as an option) a signal booster. This is of concern for long trailers, where the trailer's tires are more than 20 feet from the tow vehicle's cab where the TPMS monitor is situated. Speaking of the monitor, some brands offer a separate piece of hardware while others require you to put an app on your phone. Some TPMS systems have all sorts of user-definable setpoints, while others have only a few (or none at all). Be sure to do your homework before investing in a TPMS system, as they can range from about \$150 to several hundred dollars.

As for roadside assistance plans, there are also many to choose from, but what they cover (or won't cover) is sometimes difficult to decipher. Our Good Sam plan covers both the trailer and truck; they'll tow either or both if required to the closest service facility. Others (like AAA's plan) is an add-on policy to their regular coverage, but is limited in scope and doesn't apply to fifth wheel trailers. Numerous insurance companies offer a plan that covers the trailer and has roadside assistance as an additional cost rider. Again, do your homework. But to paraphrase the old American Express commercial, "Don't leave home without them." Just like your insurance, you hope you never need to be alerted by the TPMS and you hope to never have to use the roadside assistance, but if you ever do need them, you'll be glad you have them.

Safe travels.

A Note on Deadlines

Deadlines for articles and other submissions to the *TIMES* are located in several places in this newsletter. The deadline is not an arbitrarily set date; it is based on experience with the editing, approval and publication timeline. Pre-assembly of the *TIMES* occurs well before the last submission is provided; as each entry comes in it is screened, edited and combined with other items of similar type (e.g., Chats are numerically organized). As soon as the deadline hits, these items are dropped into a template. Ads and announcements of similar type are the last to be fit into the issue, leaving some room to maneuver different articles around. Regardless, late entries may not be included, so please abide by the deadlines. Thank you.

More scenes from Rayne, LA



Discussions & Games



1920's Fun & Crafts





Unexpected Campfire w/ S'mores



Local Boy Scout Troop 61 Honor Guard



Gangsters & Dolls

Round Dance Teaches & Great Square Dance Calling



Pop Tabs for Shriners Hospitals for Children

Thank you, NSDCA members, for your donations of tabs and money for the Shriners Childrens Hospitals. This has been a project of the NSDCA for many years and in 2021 you all came through! Almost 337.5 pounds of tabs were collected at the Camporee in Rayne, LA as well as \$200 in cash donations. On July 15, 2021, Tom and Pat Herscha drove their RV to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa, FL to deliver the tabs and present the donation check. Due to COVID restrictions they were unable to tour the facilities, but our contact, Julia, met them and helped unload. Tom and Pat were also able to tell her a little about the NSDCA and how much fun we have square dancing, and gave her a copy of the NSDCA *TIMES* newsletter.



There are 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, research, and teaching programs. Children up to the age of 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate receive care regardless of the family's ability to pay.

The hospital has formed a partnership with Trademark Metals Recycling. If you turn in any size tabs and any all-aluminum cans to one of their facilities, you can earmark the donation to Shriners Hospitals. Trademark Metals will transfer that amount and also contribute an extra 50 cents for each dollar donated. There are 1,400 tabs in a pound. From April 2002 to January 2019 over \$150,000 was donated to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Tampa through the tabs program. The money is used to purchase items for the hospital, such as wheelchairs and medical equipment.



Keep up the good work NSDCA! Let's beat the amount of tabs in 2022!

Tom & Pat Herscha

Tabs for Shriners Childrens Hospitals

The following lists the results of the pull tab collection from the 63rd International NSDCA Camporee in Rayne, LA.

Place	Chapter #	Chapter Name	pounds
1	128	Square Wheels (FL)	198.32
2	149	Bayou Square A Rounds (LA/MS)	31.04
3	198	Crossfire Campers (TN)	22.16
4	076	River City Traveling Squares (IA)	19.06
5	018	Sunshine State Pioneers (FL)	12.5
6	152	Alabama Campers and Dancers (AL)	12.24
7	193	Road Runners (FL)	11.8
8	123	Swing-N-Travelers (IL)	9.9
9	001	Garden State Square Dance Campers (NJ)	9.8
10	181	Montshire Campin' Squares (NH/VT)	7.32
11	031	Badger Rovers (WI)	2.2
12	196	Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds (IN)	1.12
TOTAL			337.46

It was previously stated only the small tabs from drink cans could be accepted. The question asked most often was, “Why can’t we use the large tabs also?” According to the Aluminum Recycling Center in Jacksonville, FL, the answer is you can, as long as it is an aluminum tab.

Note: The Montshire Campin’ Squares (#181) could not have a representative at the Camporee. However, they wanted their tabs to be counted, so they mailed their tabs at a cost of \$25.



The letter provided below was received from Shriners Healthcare for Children, thanking the NSDCA for our contribution of pop top tabs and the cash donation.



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www.ShrinersFlorida.org

July 20, 2021

63rd NSDCA International Camporee
c/o John and Dolly Ide
6000 Wyeth Rock Rd
Guntersville, AL 35976-5025

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$200.00 given 7/8/2021 to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, for its Florida location*.

We need your support now more than ever and are grateful to have the backing of donors like you during this challenging time. We send our heartfelt thoughts for the safety and well-being of you and your families.

If you need to reach us for any reason about your wonderful donation or would like to discuss other ways you can support Shriners Hospitals for Children please visit ShrinersFlorida.org or contact our Donor Development Office at 813-975-7119 or email julia.crawford@shrinenet.org.

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Argiz-Lyons".

Alicia Argiz-Lyons
Director of Development

*Thank you for your commitment to our young patients!
Amazing job collecting so many tabs!*

**Also known as Shriners Children's Florida™.*

In accordance with IRS regulations we confirm that no goods or services were provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children® in return for this contribution.



News from the Florida Association of Square Dancers

The Florida Association of Square Dance Campers (FANSDC) is happy to report the 2021 October Camporee, “Halloween Haunting”, is a Go! Mark your calendar for October 21-24, 2021 to be at the Southern Palms Resort in Eustis, FL. The Resort announced that all COVID restrictions have been lifted. We have full use of the hall and kitchen.

Our Chairpersons, Barbara and Bob Rosenthal have been preparing for this event for two years. Let’s show them our deep appreciation by having a great number of our membership in attendance. As in the past, there will be lots of time to square and round dance along with games, campfires, and food! And let’s us not forget everyone’s favorite, the long-awaited Annual Meeting! The dress code for Thursday is theme-causal, while Friday and Saturday evenings are traditional square dance attire; Friday is club colors, and Saturday is state colors/Halloween-themed SD attire.

We want to bring to your attention a change of the camping fee refund policy by the new management at Southern Palms. Southern Palms by contract is holding us to an earlier cut-off date for the refund. Therefore, should you need to cancel for any reason and you want your camping fee refunded to you, please send your request in writing to arrive by September 22, 2021, to Debbie Miller, Treasurer, 11105 Duval Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218. Keep in mind, that new registrants have until October 1, 2021 to be counted for all the fun filled activities and still benefit from the rally rate. Should you miss this 10/1 cut-off, don’t fret; you need to call Southern Palms directly (352-347-2550), pay the regular rate (not the rally rate) for camping reservations and pay the registration fee to our Treasurer, Debbie Miller upon your arrival.

This square dance camping weekend is just what the doctor ordered after this global pandemic! As the flyer on page 35 states: “Your Haunted Weekend will include: some frightfully fun square and round dancing, a few wickedly wild workshops, ghastly games, spooky after-dark parties, a creepy catered dinner, a bewitching breakfast, and ‘EEK’ much, much, more!” We will miss you if you miss out on this annual event!

It will be great getting together, seeing everyone, chatting, dancing in a square, round dancing in a circle, playing games, sitting around the campfire and breaking bread together—doing all the fun things we missed so much during this global pandemic!

Angela Brown
Tim Hill
FANSDC Presidents

National Square Dance Campers Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 628433
Middleton, WI 53562-8433



Membership Application or Renewal

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