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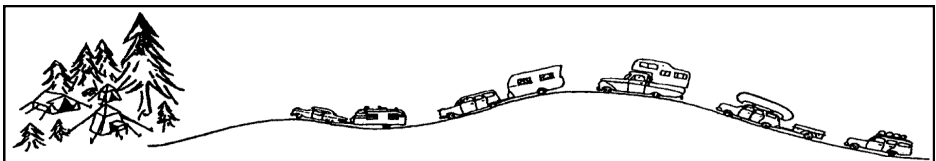
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Board Browsings



From your Presidents Ralph & Viv Taylor

We hope everyone's summer was as enjoyable as ours. We had a great time camping and dancing, meeting old friends and making new friends. Our chapter camping year ends in November and we are sad to see it go. Maybe we can camp and dance with some of our more southern friends.

We are so happy to have welcomed two active new chapters this year, #193 in Florida and #194 in California. We are very excited to have you and look forward to camping and dancing with you. If any of us can help you in anyway just let us know.

Have you seen the pictures of the 2014 Camporee that Gail Larue posted on our web site? Please take time to look you won't be disappointed. Thanks to Gail for a great job.

Due to the fact that the TIMES is always posted on the Web Site, we have decided to discontinue sending it out on the E-Tree. Only the members who have requested an electronic copy will receive it. All others will receive a paper copy.

Our 2015 Camporee will be held in Sparta, Ill. Les and Shari Millard are the Camporee Chairmen. There is a registration form in The Times and on the web site. Please take time to register early. It's going to be a great Camporee!

Our promotion of waiving the first year's dues for new members remains in effect until December 31, 2015.

Some of our Staff has had health issues this fall. Les and Shari's daughter had a very serious car accident. Chuck Wickenwerder and Barbara Perkins have health issues. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them as well as to any of our other friends who have health issues or bereavement.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the best New Year ever!

Ralph and Viv

Board Browsings



From your Vice-Presidents - Jerry & Donna Robey

Today is Halloween, and we just received our September issue of the Times in today's mail. The deadline for the December issue is tomorrow, so here goes. Since the first of September, we've enjoyed camping with chapter 031 (The Badger Rovers) in Dodgeville, WI, chapter 076 (River Cities Travlin Squares) in Thomson, IL at the Thomson Causeway, and our own club, chapter 014 (Blackhawk Crosstrailers) in Durand, IL. A good time was had by all. It continues to be fun camping and dancing with our NSDCA friends. We've tucked our motor home in for the winter and it's a good thing as we had our first light snow last night. Oh my.

One of the many assignments which have been given to us this year, include chairing the nominating committee for 2015. Our secretary, Martha Zimmerman is finishing 8 years as a faithful member of the NSDCA Board of Directors. To that end, we are now looking for a Secretary on the NSDCA Board. We have formed a nominating committee of Ed and Marie Berridge (014) and Tom and Pat Herscha (128). **WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you have a suggestion, or if you would like to become a member of the Board, please contact us or our committee. Thanks.**

We are now working on our schedule for 2015. We're looking forward to spending Jan thru April in Florida. It will be fun to reconnect with our Florida camper/dancers and we hope to camp with our old club, chapter 128 (Square Wheels) and chapter 168 (Gypsy Squares) while we are wintering in Florida. We'll be in Virginia Beach, VA in January for the winter meeting of the USDA executive committee, and then we plan to dance in Honolulu, HI (our 44th state in our quest to dance in all 50 states for the second time around) at the 50th Aloha Festival. Of course we hope to see many of you in June at the National Square Dance Convention in Springfield, MA.

We just received word that Jim and Linda Merriam had to resign as the NSDCA Canada Area Representatives after 5 years of faithful service. We appreciate all they have done to build up the chapters in Canada. We are pleased to report that Stan and Mary Smith of chapter C-112 have agreed to take on this task. Thanks Stan and Mary, and welcome aboard.

It's not too soon to make your plans and confirm your reservations for the 58th International Camp-o-ree, July 7-9, 2015 in Sparta, IL. Since this location is centrally located in the United States, we are hoping for a big turnout. We are told by the 2015 chairman, Les Millard, there are over 1,000 sites, so let's try to fill them up!

By the time you receive this, the December issue of the NSDCA times, it will almost be Christmas, so we as we sign off, we wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Yellow Rocks,
Jerry and Donna Robey



Board Browsers

From your Secretary—



Martha Zimmerman

Our membership program has been extended to December 31, 2014.

Our 2015 International Camporee will be at World Shooting & Recreational Complex in Sparta, IL. 62286. Make your vacation plans early and send in your reservations early, by May 23, 2015.

We need a Chapter or Chapters to host the 2016 National Camporee.

It is nice to read in the TIMES, Chats Around the Campfire Section about the Chapters fun at their campouts.

It is a pleasure to work with the NSDCA Board of Directors.

Tell all of your square dancing friends about all the fun we have camping and dancing.

See you in Sparta, IL. for the 2015 Camporee.



Membership

From your Membership Secretary—Roger Tipps



NSDCA is off to a good start for 2104-2015. Renewal memberships are coming in regularly along with some new members. As I say all the time; those chapters wanting to add new members are having their chapter grow. The more squares of dancers the more fun for all.

As you renew your membership please note that on the form you list **ONLY** the email address changes and not all the members email addresses.

I have found that mail and badges may take an extra 2 weeks for our Canadian Chapters.

My post office said it takes a week to reach Canada and the rest of the time depends on the Canadian post office. The last badges took 7 weeks from the time the order was mailed in Canada to the US and return to Canada with the badge envelope. Several years ago the BOD had the Times put on the web at NSDCA.ORG. While you are waiting for your hard copy you may see what your favorite chapters are doing and make your plans to visit other chapters,

Would each chapter check the listing of the Chapter contact and be sure I have the current contact person. The list of all contacts is published in each issue of the Times. Make your plans now for the 2015 International Camporee in Sparta Illinois July 7-9.

As in the past many arrive the Sunday before the start of the Camporee for additional dances and other fun activities.

Upcoming International Camporee's

**58th
July 7-9, 2015
World Shooters Recreation Complex
Sparta, Il.**

**2016
Set**

**2017
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**Thank you to ??
for hosting
2016.**

**Keep reading to
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information
Within.**

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Always send photos as an attachment—**DO NOT** embed in the document

Send everything (graphics, pictures, articles, schedules, etc.) by email.

Please do not send .pdf files send as word or works files.

Please Note

In order for every chapter to have its news published, you are asked to limit your **CHATS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE** articles to **200 words or less with one photograph, or 250 words or less with no photograph.**

Articles should cover the previous three months happenings, and any special events planned for the months after the TIMES is issued.

Please do not include your camping dates within your article as that information is listed separately under the Campout Listings and on the website.

We welcome items sent in earlier than the deadline.

Please send your articles, recipes, photos, or items of interest to:

NSDCA Times Editors
nsdcatimes@gmail.com or
nsdcatimes@nsdca.org

NSDCA TIMES DEADLINES



February 1stMarch Issue

May 1stJune Issue

August 1stSeptember Issue

November 1stDecember Issue

All Chapter Chats and Campout Listings should be sent to the editors in Minooka, IL.

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**National Square Dance Campers
Association, Inc.
Application for Membership**

I/we hereby apply for membership in the National Square Dance Camper Association, Inc.

Chapter Joining: # _____ Chapter Name: _____

Member at Large _____

Name: (His) (First) _____ (Last) _____
(Hers) (First) _____ (Last) _____

Address: (Summer) _____
(City) _____ (St/Prov) _____ (Zip+4/PC) _____
(Phone) _____
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Issue	Summer Address	Winter Address
March/Spring	_____	_____
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September/Fall	_____	_____
December/Winter	_____	_____

**First years National Membership dues (\$20.00) is waived.
Please remit \$6.00 per badge**

Send this application and your remittance to:

**NSDCA Membership Secretary
P.O. Box 628433
Middleton, WI 53562-8433**

2013—2014 NSDCA MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

The National Square Dance Campers are inviting non-NSDCA members to join us for a weekend (Friday and Saturday nights). Come join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Call for a time and location near you or visit our website:

www.nsdca.org

Check the campout schedules posted there.
This may be your kind of
relaxation and fun.

Jerry & Donna Robey
Phone: (352) 284-7912
Email: jdrobey@bellsouth.net

If you wish to become a member, send the Membership Application on the following page, with your payment for your Badges (currently \$6.00 each) to:

National annual dues of \$20.00 is being waived for your first year.

NSDCA,
P.O. Box 628433
Attn: Membership
Middleton, WI. 53562-8433

You are encouraged to make copies of the Membership Application.

NSDCA Needs YOU!

Do you like to know what's going on in our square dance community?

Do you have ideas you want to share?

Do you like to be involved?

Well, if you've answered yes to any of these questions, then we have the answer for you.

NSDCA is accepting volunteers for openings for positions on the Board, Staff and Representatives.

We want you to be involved! If you enjoy camp-in and dancing and want to help the community of dancers, then you are qualified!

WHO SHOULD BE A NOMINEE FOR THE BOD?

A LEADER - One who proceeds to be foremost, to direct in movement toward the right direction.
(Webster definition)

FAMILIAR - With general operation of NSDCA, have a background of active participation in Chapter affairs, Provincial or State Camporees, or an International Camporee and experience with social, civic, or business organizations.

REQUIREMENTS - Must be willing to serve FOUR YEARS and to attend National Board Meetings at the International Camporee and in the winter or any Special Meeting.

If you are interested, you will find complete job descriptions posted on the web-site NSDCA.org.

All necessary forms that need to be filed are also available on the website, or you may contact any member of the Board for additional information.

FOLLOW NSDCA ON FACEBOOK

Get your Facebook App and sign up.

If you already belong to Facebook, search for NSDCA.

Please post pictures of the International Camporee or your club campouts or **gatherings**. Let everyone know what you are doing, pictures of dancing or maybe your crafts and games.

Don't forget to invite your friends.

In Memoriam



Sadly missed by their square dance camper friends.

With our deepest sympathy to their families.

Chapter 123, Swing 'N' Travelers, lost a 25-year member on September 10, 2014. Leonard Breedlove will be greatly missed by his wife Carol and family besides all of the members of the Swing 'N' Travelers. He loved to dance both lines and squares!!!



**FUTURE INTERNATIONAL
CAMPOREE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

ARE YOU WILLING?

Get Together with the Other Chapters
in your State or Neighboring States
and Submit your Bid.

Host a Camporee.

2017 and beyond are still available.

Contact any Board Member

Bid Packets are available for All Areas!



Welcome to all of our chapter reporters. We really appreciate all of your efforts to keep everyone informed about your chapters activities, both past and future.

Les & Shari, editors

007 - Travel n' Squares - MI

With the days getting shorter, the 2014 camping season comes to an end. The club for the year held its own, in fact even improved, losing one member to cancer, but gaining two new couples. The member lost was our good friend and club president, Frank Kot dance partner of Barbara Ash. He will truly be missed for his wisdom and demeanor. Still remember our campfire discussion on what happens when you put a Dixie cup full of water on a burning log. Don't know, try it sometime! Due to our not having enough members able to dance, our club meets only two times during the year. One more couple and we might be able to go back to a dance schedule.

Our club has closed out the camping season for us with a dinner get together and this year will be no different. Then we scatter to different parts of the country vowing to return when the days again grow longer (and warmer!). Which leads to the question of why do the "longer days" go by so much faster than the "shorter days"?

Happy Trails,

Nick Rieser

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022 - Pennsylvania Dancing Campers – Pennsylvania

Our 2014 camping season ended with our last camp out in October. There were members who were unable to dance due to a variety of ailments and others who had previous commitments. so those who were able did assemble and opted to cancel the caller because there was not enough to make a square.

The host couples arranged for a game of Crazy Bingo Saturday afternoon and card games in the evening. They also provided an excellent evening meal of sauerkraut, pork and mashed potatoes to go with the dishes brought by the members.

Despite the disappointment, plans were made for camp outs next year. Until then we wish you all a pleasant and safe winter. We'll see you in 2015.

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Chapter 045 – Penn Dixie Square Campers – Pennsylvania

The leaves are turning colors and falling off of the trees here in central Pennsylvania. We held our last campout of the season last weekend and are now getting ready for winter.

At our September campout we performed our annual ritual of cooking a huge pot of vegetable soup over the campfire. As usual there was much discussion about the taste of the soup and, as usual, we could not come to an agreement. Some thought that it tasted good but not as good as some of the past years, while others thought it was better than past years. It is always good and always a little bit different. Some have tried to determine the recipe only to get frustrated when they see someone bring a cutting board full of a variety of cut up vegetables and dump it in the pot without measuring them or even knowing how many of each vegetable was cut up.

On Friday night of our October campout instead of our regular Friday night dance, we went up to the South Mountain Restoration Center and did an exhibition dance for the patients there. We were joined by some dancers from the Shippen Squares Dance club from Shippensburg, PA and danced for an hour to the delight of the patients and the caregivers. South Mountain Restoration Center is a long-term care facility operated by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Our club has been invited to the center several times in the past to provide entertainment, which has always been enthusiastically received by the patients.

Look for our schedule for next year in the spring issue of the Times and join us if you happen to be traveling through Pennsylvania next summer.

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Swing”N Wheels C-046 Chat for NSDCA Times

As we move closer to the “white stuff” here in South-Western Ontario, our 2014 square dance campouts are pleasant memories of square and round dancing, along with side events like finding garage sale treasures, enjoying a horse racing game, feasting at a Sunday morning pancake breakfast, and eating pie after a Saturday night dance. We are looking forward to our first campout in May of 2015.

Please mark your calendars because the 38th NSDCA Ontario Camporee will be held at Blyth, Ontario, July 31-August 3rd, 2015.

Alan & Donna Campbell

060 Flutter Wheelers – Iowa

Most of our snow birds are comfortably settled into their warmer climates and those still in Iowa will meet at the Pizza Ranch in Marshalltown monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 11:30 during the winter months. We invited all friends, past campers and other Chapters to join us whenever they can.

We had a very enjoyable experience in August at our Fiscus Grove campout when Joan, Frank and Ruth Faria from chapter 181 from MontShire Campin' Squares , Rhode Island, joined us at our campout. They were traveling through Iowa on vacation and stopped to spend the weekend with us.

Our last campout of the season was held at the Ken Smith Farm in September. We enjoyed Ken and Fran's hospitality and the use of their big warm building for games and our meeting on a rather cool and windy day. We had our election of officers and planned our camping schedule for 2015. We are planning on having 4 campouts next summer as joint campouts with other Chapters as several Chapters in our area do not have many members, however all Chapters and campers are always welcome at all our Campouts.

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Don't forget to invite your friends.

068 - Wandering Wheels - Minnesota

Our August Square dance and camping weekend was held at the Nicollet Court Fairgrounds in St. Peter. The theme, "Dr Seuss" was decorated elaborately with books, pictures, truffle-uffla trees and a lorax. The food table and craft continued the theme. Ther were many cat in a hat costumes and a Thing 1 and Thing 2. Our caller, Ernie Auringer, celebrated his 83rd birthday with us.

September found us at St. Cloud Campground square dancing to Roger McNeil and round dancing to his wife, Bernadette. This month's theme was "On the Hunt". There was lots of orange and camouflage and one deer with a target on her back. Saturday morning we had a pot luck breakfast followed by our usual club meeting and dance work shop to finish ff the morning.

The October "Fall Prom" was delightful. Everyone was dressed elegantly. The committee presented each lady with a wrist corsage and the gentlemen with a boutonniere. Jim Lizakowski was our caller. Later we changed into warm clothes and sat around the campfire singing as Jim played his guitar.

We welcome everyone to join our fun and dance with us.

Pat Ekstrom

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082—Hitch-N-Go

After a summer hiatus, Chapter 082 camped and danced at Theme World in Davenport, FL the 4th weekend of September. Hosts and hostesses were Steve and Sharon Cormier and Tom and Eiver Brown. They did a terrific job providing several delicious meals for us and making the weekend run so smoothly.

In October, several of our couples attended the Camporee in Bushnell, FL at the Blueberry Hill RV Resort. Our Chapter served up ice cream after the Thursday evening dance. We had ourselves a potluck dinner on Friday evening and breakfast Saturday morning, thanks to Phil and Jim. Dancing to several callers and cuers was very enjoyable throughout the weekend.

Fredda Barlow and Phil Sortore came in second in the Minute to Win it' game.

085 Mobile Squares

Well we are at the end of our camping season for 2014, it is time to put the RV's to bed for the winter except for those that are going to be going South.

We have had a great summer with a number of fun campouts. Our August campout was at Parrish Ranch which managed to survive the flood of September 2013. They had most of it rebuilt. Then in September we went to Ger- ing, Nebraska. The weather was beautiful it was their "Legacy of the Plains Harvest Festival" some visited Chimney Rock Visitor Center or Wildcat Hills State Park. The scenery is absolutely beautiful in that area and a great place to visit. We had our usual pot-luck with everyone overeating and then square danced to Mike Oliveri.

Our October campout was at Riverview RV park west of Loveland, CO. They as well were ravaged by the flood of September 2013, but had rebuilt the majority of the park. The trees were all changing color and were beautiful. We square danced to Mark Hammett on Friday night then on Saturday we carved pumpkins and had some great faces. After the fun and games we all went to the local Perkins for supper. On Sunday we had a local church group "West Wind Connection" conduct our church service with beautiful music and praise.

Hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and will prosper through the winter.

Carolyn & Darrell Brasier

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095 - Iowa Hobo Squares

The Hobo Squares enjoyed four regularly scheduled campouts in May, July, August and September. Our format is usually to "eat out" on Friday evening. Our president notifies all members where we plan to eat, and this gives those members who no longer camp an opportunity to join us. In June we had a good turn out from our chapter to "host" the All Iowa in Marshalltown. That was a good time for all, and our special Thanks to our officers for putting together a good campout.

For our chapter campouts our members enjoys playing outdoor games, (weather permitting), especially bean bags and washer toss. We also have a very talented member who brings lots of "mind games" which not only invite conversation but actually cause us to "think". We know both the physical and

Our final regular campout was September 5 - 7 at Little Wall Lake at Jewell. We ended our season with a combined campout with Chapter 060, Marshalltown.

We have a tentative schedule for campouts starting in April. When these are finalized they will be listed in the Spring edition with Chapter Campouts. We are planning to join with 060 from Marshalltown for some campouts in 2015.

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Swinging on the Illinois Prairie

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Square Up Campers #106

Are you wondering why Square Up camper Justin Donnelly is donned in black and white stripes and is sitting behind bars in lock up?

What could he have possibly done during our camping week ends that was so outrageous?

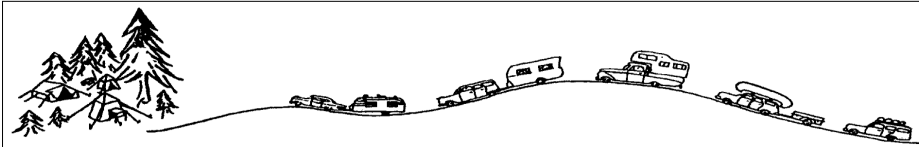
Did he give out of his wife's secret recipes?

Did he slip the clutch during the teacup chain?

Or maybe he ate all of the potato chips leaving only crumbs for the rest of the Square Ups?

There actually is not a devious bone in Justin's body and his reason for being behind bars is supporting a great charitable cause. He collected many hundreds of dollars to be placed in the "hoose-gaw" with the amount raised being his "ransom".

Thanks Justin for supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Association and for being an all around nice guy!



C -112 Horseshoe Squares N' Wheels - Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Our camping season has ended and we've even had Christmas already!! In September we celebrated our 35th anniversary as a club, complete with speeches and memories of the good old days, a potluck buffet and a special church service thanking the Lord for so many good times together. The high light, however, was an on-going slide show of the past 35 years. Fun to see what we looked like with dark hair and youthful looks! Many people were glued to the large screen rolling out history that competed with the caller/cuer for our attention!

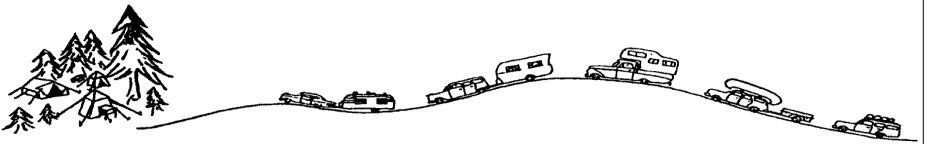
In October we had Christmas...just so we could get this photo op into the newspaper! Fun to see all the nice new Christmas pj's, hats and the floor a sea of red and green.

The best part was that no gifts needed to be bought, wrapped and opened.....just the enjoyment of each others company,



Christmas tunes and all the wonderful Christmas baking! As we get ready for the real thing, let's remember it's the Saviour of the world whose birth we are celebrating...who came as a baby to this broken world and died so that we may have everlasting life!! Now that's worth celebrating!! Merry Christmas and Happy new Year to you all!!

Joan Klapwyk
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CAMPING SQUARES CHAPTER 116

We started to arrive on Thursday to camp on the Council Grove Reservoir August 21st to the 24th. Friday was a day of leisure because of the very hot weather. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all at the Twilliger House. We enjoyed hearing the history of the home from the owner, Ken McClintock. Saturday morning a tour led by Donna Frese, of the Historical sites , Last Chance Store, The Seth Hays Home, the Old Bell and Hermits Cave . After lunch several walked the Riverwalk and a tour of the Cottage House was enjoyed . There are many more historical sites to visit when coming to Council Grove, Kansas. A share all supper was enjoyed and a bon fire was built even through the weather was hot.

Sunday share all breakfast was enjoyed followed by a wonderful church service. Then we all started toward home.

September 6th and 7th has us camping in Topeka, Ks. at Lake Shawnee to attend the Huff and Puff Festival. A tour of our State Capital , one of the prettiest capitals that a state can have. We had a wonderful tour guide that explained what the Capital has to offer. If you have a chance to visit Topeka, Ks be sure you see the Capital. Square dancing was enjoyed with the Friendship Squares of Topeka Friday evening. Saturday morning watching the hot air balloons over the waters was beautiful a sight to see. A close up viewing of the balloons completed the evening. A sight everyone should see sometime. Church services on Sunday morning always makes a wonderful way to end a campout before heading home.

Our prayers are with those who have lost love ones and for those who are or

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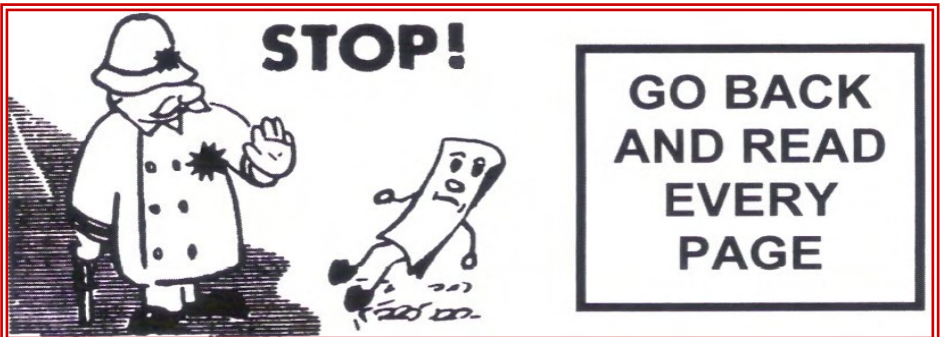
123 - Swing-N-Travelers - IL

Six couples traveled to Maggie Valley, NC to attend the 2014 NSDCA Camporee. All had a fun time dancing to Tony Oxendine and club callers from all over the United States. Craft committee did a wonderful job of keeping the ladies busy. Sports staff did a super job of arranging the games and having fun. We came home with 3 firsts (Mary Bruun in bean bags, Faith Wing in ladies horseshoes, Brandon Faith in mens horseshoes) and 2 seconds (Sue Mayer & Carl Schneider in washer toss).

After Nationals, our annual club trip was held, starting in Asheville, NC seeing The Biltmore House, trolley tour of the city and flea market. Drove to Alabama where two more couples joined us for touring Cathedral Cavern State Park in Woodville, Unclaimed Baggage Center in Scottsboro, and U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville. Our last stop was in Memphis, TN (another couple joining us) to see Graceland and Rendezvous Room (Bar-B-Que) never again!!!

Traveling to Whittington Woods at Benton, IL we were joined by four more couples (13 total) for our August campout. Very nice place, Waller's and Collett's served as great hosts with catered dinner on Friday evening, Breakfast on Saturday, Iris flower crafts & frisbee golf, eating out that evening before dancing to our caller, Herb Edward and club trip organizer & caller, Bob Wilcox. Sunday morning we had coffee and donuts (compliments from the park owners). Great weekend --running out of space--To Be Continued!!!

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Square Wheels Chapter 128 and Gypsy Squares Chapter 168

The Square Wheels and Gypsy Squares have been camping together and enjoying each other's company. We attended the Florida State Camporee in October. There was lots of dancing, good food, games, and camaraderie. The last weekend of October and the first weekend of November, the two clubs hosted the Oleno Hoedown. It is always nice to camp, dance, and enjoy the nature of Oleno State Park. We are also sad since this was the last Oleno Hoedown.

November brought us the NE Florida Square and Round Dance Association's Fall Festival. Many Square Wheels and Gypsy Squares attended this event and camped together at Hanna Park in Jacksonville. Paul and Marilyn Scott were the chairmen of this dance weekend and they did a fantastic job! Our annual Christmas parties were a great success. Christmas was a good time to thank all the people who work so hard to make our campouts so much fun!

Submitted by:
Pat Herscha

Florida Wheelers, Chapter 143

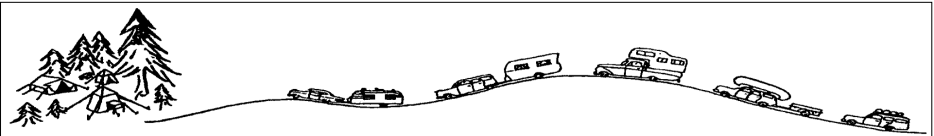
Submitted by Laurel Minch, Secretary

We look forward to the beginning of a new camping season with our November Camporee. We have great fellowship with fellow dancers, great dancing with our caller, Dick DeMeritt and great food thanks to all of our good cooks.

If you find yourself in Central Florida this winter/spring, look us up.

We are easy to find at one of the campgrounds in Busnell, Florida. You would be most welcome!

Contact Person: Roland Minch [352-347-3363](tel:352-347-3363) or rolly63@juno.com



149 -- Bayou Square-A-Rounds --Livingston/Colfax, LA

We had 17 rigs and 3 guests at the September 19-20 camp out in Livingston, LA. Jack and Christa Gail Pointer were the hosts for the weekend. Those arriving on Thursday participated in a Pot luck supper.

After everyone had arrived on Friday a group of about 20 rode to Springfield, LA to eat seafood at Charlie's restaurant. That evening Gene & Etta Sonnier did a teach/review on Rainbow Connection. After early rounds Ted Kennedy gave everyone a good aerobic workout on squares. Members Jerry & Lydia Watts and Bruce & Barbara Bordelon were greatly missed. We wish Lydia and Barbara a speedy recovery on their surgeries.

On Saturday lunch was served after the morning meetings. Curtis & Deanna Decoteau served their famous jambalaya. Some played games in the afternoon while others enjoyed naps and football games. Ted Kennedy did a mixture of squares, rounds, line dances and entertained us with some very enjoyable Gospel music. During the dance donations were collected by Mary Ann France for "Walk of Life". If you're in our area on October 31-November 1st, come join us at the Colfax RV Park in Colfax,LA.



Chats around the Campfire
Chapter #152

We have been Busy since the last Times Issue. We have camped in Tennessee, Florida and Alabama.

In August we were in Spring Lakes in Crossville, Tennessee where one of our Members gave us a personal tour of the Plantations, a post WW11 Village where he grew up. They have a museum with pictures of his family. This was most interesting.

In September we were in Johnny's Lakeside RV Resort in Foley, AL. We always enjoy being at the beach and having all the great seafood.

In October we were in River Country Campground in Gadsden, AL. We had a reunion dance and invited all our former members for a meet and greet and a pot luck dinner. It was great to catch up on families and remember old times.

Our last campout of the year is in November. We will be at Whispering Pines RV Resort in Summerville, AL. This is always a special place with a huge fireplace in our activity building. We have a continuous roaring fire with lots of games, food, dancing and fellowship. We usually manage a hay ride with lots of sing along.

We finish our year with a Christmas Dinner in December. It's been a great Year.

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WINTERSCAPE:

North winds crisp the morning air, and sculpture the new-fallen snow. Into drifts of glittering diamonds Jack Frost scattered not long ago. The landscape is ermine-wrapped in a snowy brilliancy, sunlight sparkles this wonderland, presenting a winter fantasy.

Hey Square Dancing Friends! It's that time of year again when we get ready to button everything up and settle in for another fun winter. The wooley-bear says long and mild (meaning white and wet.) Oh boy!

The Northeast is always subject to change and we just hang in there and keep on moving until it's time to think "Spring" again. We at Chapter 164 hope that everyone has a good and un-eventfull winter season.

We will be working from now on through July to plan and execute a very special rally for our 25th Anniversary year. We hope that all of you can drop us a line to let us know if you can come visit or just send a special anniversary hello. We will look forward to hearing from all of you. We also send out our very special wishes to everyone for a Happy and Healthy Holiday season. "Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a "Super Great Happy New Year" 2015

Until we are able to sit down and chat again, keep well, travel safe, Be Happy and Happy Dancing.

" Lots of Yellow Rocks"
My Best Regards,
Maureen "MO" Wall



173 – Railroaders – PA

Sadly our August campout was cancelled, but the September campout was very nice. We camped at Bedford Fairgrounds, Bedford, PA and enjoyed a covered dish meal, which included Sauerkraut and Hot Dogs Friday night. Even though the weather was a little rainy, the weekend itself was enjoyable, good company, good dancing, and good food what more could you ask for. The Caller/Cuer for the weekend were Howard Williamson and Evelyn Lingenfelter.

We enjoyed a beautiful fall weekend in Oct. camping at New Horizons in Clymer, PA. We were blessed with the company of five guests. As usual the covered dish was excellent, our hosts provided very tasty soups. Saturday we enjoyed a wonderful presentation by professional photographer David Hammaker. He left us all wanting to get our cameras out. The Caller/Cuer for the weekend were Howard and Donna Williamson.

Visitors are always welcome!

Mike & Nancy Yargus

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Riverside Gypsy Squares C175

In September, we celebrated our 20th Anniversary with a catered dinner at the United Church in Mallorytown with a terrific roast beef dinner and all the trimmings (and pie yummm). There was reminiscing by Helen Lywood, our FIRST President and was well attended by so many of our charter members. Members of C130 also joined us for dinner and for the weekend.

The monthly committee did a wonderful job of providing us with great treats, starting Friday with mystery soup and was it delicious!! Saturday, was a terrific, sold out, Farmers Market with proceeds going towards the purchase of a defibrillator for our campground. At night, again we ate but this time it was an Anniversary Cake and ice cream. All in all the weekend was super.

I know we had a great time.



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58th Annual NSDCA International Camporee
World Shooting & Recreational Complex
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July 7, 8, 9, 2015



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180 – Spinning Wheels – MN

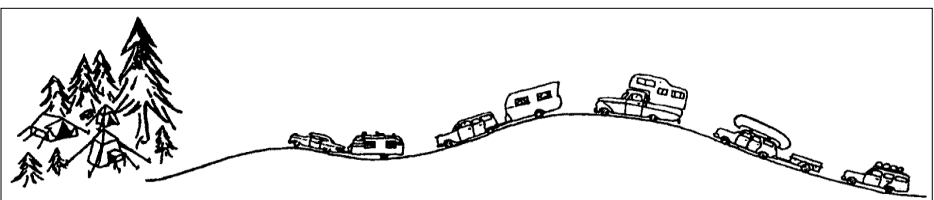
Since my last report, our group spent a weekend camping at Hope Oak Knoll in Owatonna. It was a relaxing weekend with a lot of time spent talking about and viewing pictures from the Camporee at Pride Resort.

September was our extended weekend campout. First on the agenda was an Amish Produce auction (and no- Pat did not buy watermelons this time) followed by a trip to Rushford where several dancers bought fresh-made lefse and had lunch. On the way back to the campground, we found a crafty barn sale. Next day, we traveled to Wabasha to visit the National Eagle Center. Such an interesting place to visit.

On the wayback to Chester Woods campground we came upon a winery and stopped to sample some of their wines. A hearty campfire was made and we ended the day a bit early. Since rain was forecast for the next morning, we chose to enjoy breakfast buffet at the local cafe.

October was our Annual Meeting held at Hubbell House Restaurant in Mantorville followed by a business meeting in Owatonna. Officers were selected, camping dates for 2015 chosen, dues paid and then we bid some of our snowbirds a fond farewell and safe travels. See you again in the Spring!!!!

Pat Dillard
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Chapter 181 MontShire Campin' Squares NH/VT

Our Fall camporee was held at HorseShoe Acres in Andover,VT in mid September. Entering over the new bridge was much appreciated by our members.

Our numbers were small but we had a good time. We had inadvertently left out the names of Roland and Missy Demance, former members who have come back to us after 5 years in California. Welcome Back!

We ate well, and appreciated the fleece lining in our jackets.

The business meeting included early planning for our Chapter's 20th Anniversary which will be in 2016.

Three of our members had attended the International Camporee in Maggie Valley,NC

Several of our members are helping with the organization of the 64th National Square Dance Convention in Springfield,MA in June of 2015. Interesting trips are part of the planning for the time after the convention.

Happy Holidays to all
Oliver & Kaye Peck
orkjp@vermontel.net

**We would like to welcome aboard our new
Canadian Reps:**

Stan & Mary Smith

**We would also like to say thank you to past
Canadian Reps:**

Jim & Linda Merriam

Your time has been much appreciated.



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Press Release

From

The NSDCA Board of Directors

The 2016 NSDCA Camporee will be held
in Amana, Iowa

The dates are June 26-30, 2016.

This is the week following the
National Square Dance Convention being held in
Des Moines.

We encourage all to help promote this event to in-
clude as many as possible that are going to the
Des Moines Convention and then stop and spend a
few more days with us before returning home.

Chapter Campouts



January Campouts

1/15/2015 1/18/2015

125	Superstition Square Wheelers	White Tank Regional Park Surprise, AZ	Will & Barbara Haynes (480) 982-596 oldbaldtur-
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1/16/2015 1/18/2015

128/16 8	Square Wheels/Gypsy Squares	Lake Oklawaha RV Park	
143	Florida Wheelers	Blueberry Hill Bushnell, FL	Roland Minch (352) 347-3363 rolly63@juno.com

February Campouts

2/12/2015 2/15/2015

125	Superstition Square Wheelers	Lost Dutchman State Park Mesa, AZ	Shorty & Judy Hayes (480) 388-9886 goshor-
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2/13/2015 2/15/2015

128/ 168	Square Wheels/Gypsy Squares	Casey Jones RV Park Lake City, FL	
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Chapter Campouts

February Campouts

2/20/2015 2/22/2015

143	Florida Wheelers	Paradise Oaks Bushnell, FL	Roland Minch (352) 347-3363 rolly63@juno.com
149	Bayou Square-A- Rounds	Lakeside RV Park Livingston, LA	Edwin & Mary Ann France (985) 345- 3353 ed-

March Campouts

3/20/2015 3/22/2015

128/ 168	Square Wheels/Gypsy Squares	Lake Oklawaha RV Park	
143	Florida Wheelers	Red Oaks Bushnell, FL	Roland Minch (352) 347-3363 rolly63@juno.com

April Campouts

4/16/2015 4/19/2015

125	Superstition Square Wheelers	Cave Creek Regional Park Cave Creek, AZ	Kay Thompson (623) 584-6743 Tthomp-
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Chapter Campouts

April Campouts

4/17/2015 4/19/2015

143	Florida Wheelers	Blueberry Hill Bushnell, FL	Roland Minch (352) 347-3363 rolly63@juno.com
149	Bayou Square-A-Rounds	Rayne Campground Rayne, LA	Ted Kennedy (985) 788-2253 Ted.Kennedy@hotmail.

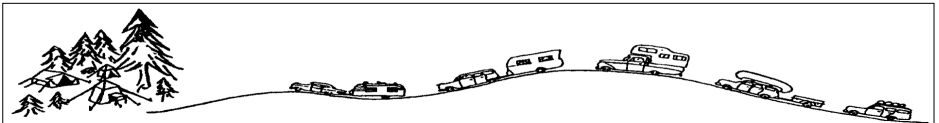
4/24/2015 4/26/2015

123	Swing 'N' Travelers	Hickory Hills Secor, IL	Joe & Lois Schaefer (309) 392-2023 jlschaefer@frontier.net
185	Central RV Square Dancers	Cottonwood Lake Lovewell, KS	(785) 753-4971

May Campouts

5/1/2015 5/3/2015

106	Square Up Campers	White Oak Campground 3156 White Oak Road	Pat & Dustin Donnelly (717) 319-6926 pat-justindonnelly@yahoo.
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Chapter Campouts



May Campouts

5/15/2015 5/17/2015

070	Penn-York Campers	Hidden Valley Camp-ground Jamestown,	Cindy Schumann (814) 726-2650
113	Dakota Ramblers	Hill Crest Park Bismark, ND	Mike & Doris Cleary (701) 320-3291 oldpeople@daktel.com
143	Florida Wheelers	Paradise Oaks Bushnell, FL	Roland Minch (352) 347-3363 rolly63@juno.com

5/15/2015 5/17/2015

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Central RV Square Danc-
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State Campout
Kearney State Park

(402) 471-1414

5/22/2015 5/25/2015

068	Wandering Wheels LTD	Isanti County Fair- grounds Cambridge, MN	Robert Sadler (612) 718-7864 bsadlemn63@gmail.com
123	Swing 'N' Travelers	Marshall-Putnam Fair- grounds Henry, IL	Joe & Lois Schaefer (309) 392-2023 jlschae- fer@frontier.net

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May Campouts

5/29/2015 5/31/2015

C182	Bluenose RV Squares	Elm River Camp- ground De- bert, NS	Jim & Marilyn DesBarres (902) 546-2282 mdes- barres@gmail.com
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June Campouts

6/5/2015 6/7/2015

106	Square Up Campers	Paradise Stream 696 Paradise Stream Rd Loysville, PA	Pat & Dustin Donnelly (717) 319-6926 pat- justindonnelly@yahoo.
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6/11/2015 6/14/2015

185	Central RV Square Dancers	Ft Robinson	Jennifer (308) 665-2900
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6/12/2015 6/14/2015

123	Swing 'N' Travelers	Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Park Chandlers-	Joe & Lois Schaefer (309) 392-2023 jlschae- fer@frontier.net
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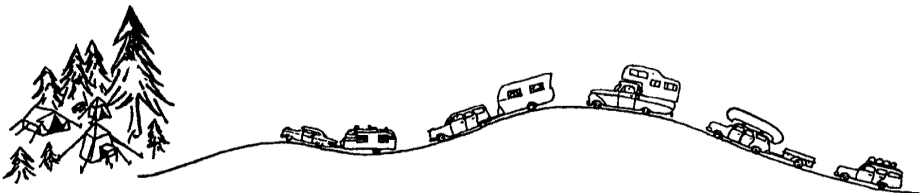
June Campouts

6/18/2015 6/20/2015

113	Dakota Ramblers	Bowden City Campground Bowden, ND	Adam & Cecelia Baumstarck (701) 254-4439 abc@bektel.com
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6/19/2015 6/21/2015

068	Wandering Wheels LTD	Finstads Oak Haven Campground New Ulm, MN	Robert Sadler (612) 718-7864 bsadle63@gmail.com
070	Penn-York Campers	Top-a-Rise Campground Frewsburg,	Cindy Schumann (814) 726-2650
C182	Bluenose RV Squares	Elm River Campground Debert, NS	Jim & Marilyn DesBarres (902) 546-2282 mdesbar-



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July Campouts

7/7/2015 7/9/2015

NSDCA	World Shooting & Recreational	Les & Shari Millard
INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE	Complex Sparta, IL	(815) 405-8213

7/10/2015 7/12/2015

185	Central RV Square Dancers	Methodist Cove Harlan County, NE	(877) 444-6777 www.recreations.gov
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7/17/2015 7/19/2015

068	Wandering Wheels LTD	Autumn Woods Rochester, MN	Robert Sadler (612) 718-7864 bsadle63@gmail.com
070	Penn-York Campers	Warren County Fair- grounds Pittsfield, PA	Cindy Schumann (814) 726-2650
113	Dakota Ramblers	La Moure Memorial Park Grand Rapids, ND	Delia Walker (701) 883-5789
C182	Bluenose RV Squares	Elm River Camp- ground Debert, NS	Jim & Marilyn DesBar- res (902) 546- 2282 <a href="mailto:mdesbar-
res@gmail.com">mdesbar- res@gmail.com

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August Campouts

7/31/2015 8/2/2015

106	Square Up Campers	Ferryboat Campsites 32 Ferry Lane Liverpool, PA	Pat & Dustin Donnelly (717) 319-6926 pat-justindonnelly@yahoo.
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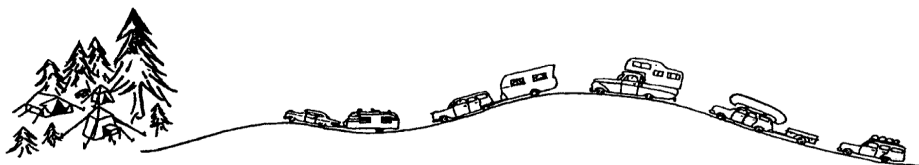
123	Swing 'N' Travelers	Kamp Komfort Carlock, IL	Joe & Lois Schaefer (309) 392-2023 jlschaefer@frontier.net
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8/14/2015 8/16/2015

113	Dakota Ramblers	Little Yellowstone Campground Clausen Springs, ND	John & Irene Walch (701) 252-8570 jwalch@daktel.com
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C182	Bluenose RV Squares	Elm River Camp- ground Debert, NS	Jim & Marilyn DesBar- res (902) 546- 2282 mdesbar-
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185	Central RV Square Dancers	Double Nickel Camp- ground Waco Inter-
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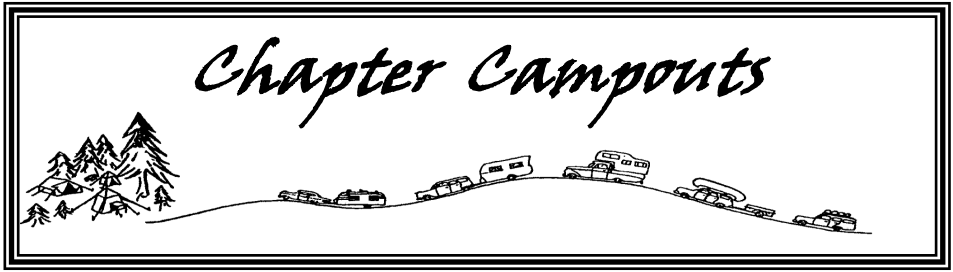
8/21/2015 8/23/2015

068	Wandering Wheels LTD	Nicollet County Fairgrounds St. Peter, MN	Robert Sadler (612) 718-7864 bsadle63@gmail.com
070	Penn-York Campers	Leisure Lake Corry, PA	Cindy Schumann (814) 726-2650

September Campouts

9/11/2015 9/13/2015

068	Wandering Wheels LTD	St. Cloud Campground St. Cloud, MN	Robert Sadler (612) 718-7864 bsadle63@gmail.com
106	Square Up Campers	Camp Swatara Campground 2905 Camp Swatara Rd. Bethel, PA	Pat & Dustin Donnelly (717) 319-6926 pat-justindonnelly@yahoo.com
123	Swing 'N' Travelers	Ramsey Lake State Park Ramsey, IL	Joe & Lois Schaefer (309) 392-2023 jlschaefer@frontier.net
149	Bayou Square-A-Rounds	Lakeside RV Park Livingston, LA	Norm & Mary Outinen (985) 809-1053 neworleanslady2@bellsouth.net



September Campouts

9/11/2015 9/13/2015

C182	Bluenose RV Squares	Elm River Camp- ground NS	Debert, NS	Jim & Marilyn DesBar- res 2282 mdesbar-
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9/18/2015 9/20/2015

070	Penn-York Campers	Hare Creek Camp- ground	Corry,	Cindy Schumann (814) 726-2650
113	Dakota Ramblers	Martin City Park	Martin, ND	Rex & Joyce Baker (701) 662-6766 jcbak-

October Campouts

10/2/2015 10/4/2015

068	Wandering Wheels LTD	McLeod County Fair- grounds Hutchinson, MN	Robert Sadler (612) 718-7864 bsadlemn63@gmail.co
106	Square Up Campers	Twin Bridge Meadow 1345 Twin Bridge Rd. Chambersburg, PA	Pat & Dustin Donnelly (717) 319-6926 pat- justindonnelly@yahoo.

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October Campouts

10/2/2015 10/4/2015

068	Wandering Wheels LTD	McLeod County Fair- grounds Hutchinson, MN	Robert Sadler (612) 718-7864 bsadlemn63@gmail.co
106	Square Up Campers	Twin Bridge Meadow 1345 Twin Bridge Rd. Chambersburg, PA	Pat & Dustin Donnelly (717) 319-6926 pat- justindonnelly@yahoo.

10/9/2015 10/11/2015

123	Swing 'N' Travelers	Champaign Sports- mens Club Mahomet, IL	Joe & Lois Schaefer (309) 392-2023 jlschae- fer@frontier.net
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November Campouts

11/13/2015 11/14/2015

149	Bayou Square-A- Rounds	Colfax RV Park Colfax, LA	Bob & Suzzie Luttrell (318) 645-2557 noonee@cp-tel.net
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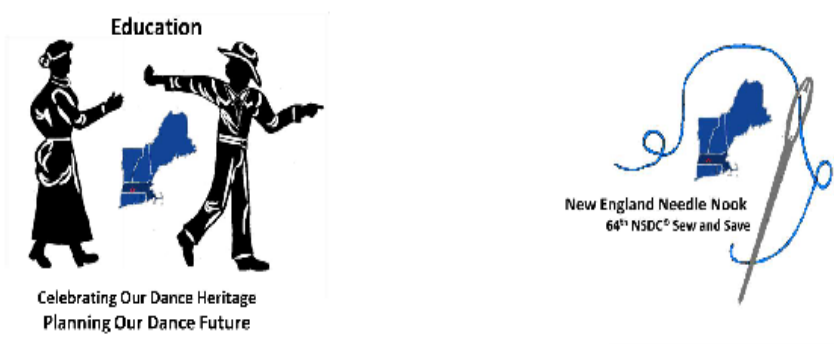
64th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

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4 Seasons

This month's focus is on Education at the 64 NSDC®. We would like to thank Gwen Tuson, Education Chairman for supplying us with this great article.



Education at the 64th NSDC®

For those of you new to the National Square Dance Convention®, there is much to do at the Convention in addition to a full dance program. Be sure to purchase your **Convention Program Book** to read about the variety of activities, speakers, and exhibits that we hope you will find to be a lively and informative Education Program at the Convention.

64th NSDC® Education Theme in Practice

Our Theme is "Celebrating Our Dance Heritage, Planning Our Dance Future". In planning our future, the 64th NSDC® will invite dancers to explore the use of technology to promote and learn square dance. Our Education programs will encourage Education presenters to use multi-media formats in our seminars and panels whenever possible. We want to involve dancers and dance leaders in conversations that look toward the future of our folk dancing.

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Welcome to all of our chapter reporters. We really appreciate all of your efforts to keep everyone informed about your chapters activities, both past and future.

Les & Shari, editors

119 – Wonder Yonders - WY

After 34 years, we are still enjoying camping and dancing!

Our last big outing was the Buggy Stomp in Laramie Wyoming at the Quadra Dangle Hall. The Buggy Stomp was sponsored by the Rawlins Pomanders as well as the Quadra Dangle in 1969. The dance was held in Medicine Bow Wyoming and moved to Laramie in 1980.

We began the weekend with a barbeque at the ranch of Ollie and Joyce Hill on Thursday night. Their hospitality was remarkable! The weather did not allow us to tour the ranch, but the barn could accommodate all 13 couples. A guest couple from Montana/Mesa joined in for all the fun. Even had room for our bean bag baseball game! The weekend dances was very well attended for dancing with Dave Guille, Jerry Junck and Leroy shade cueing.

On October 26th, the club meeting began with a scrumptious pot luck. Thirty-five members were in attendance.

President, Eleanor Perrin, called the meeting to order.

Election of officers: New President will be Diana Fergel. The other officers have agreed to stay on for another year. Linda Hines, Vice President, Julia Burke, Secretary, Sharon Matson Treasurer and Nell Coffey, Chats.

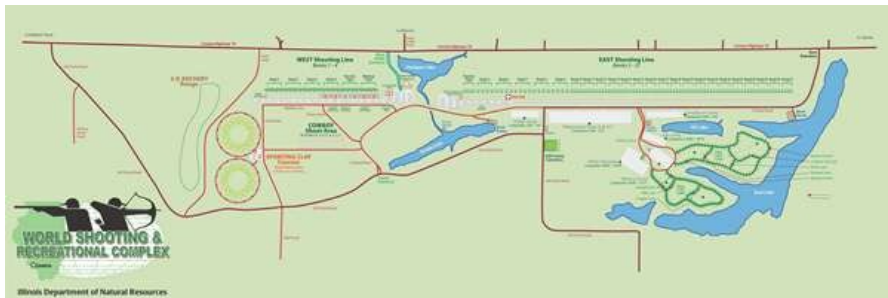
The tentative schedule for 2015 was drawn up and will be voted on at our January 25 2015, meeting.

Christmas party: December 6th. Members will bring items for senior shut in's as well as a gift for a child.

Contact: Leo & Diana Fergel – 307-635-7312

Nell Coffey – 303-823-6096

More information about 2015 Camporee



World Shooting & Recreational Complex 1 Main Event Lane Sparta, IL.

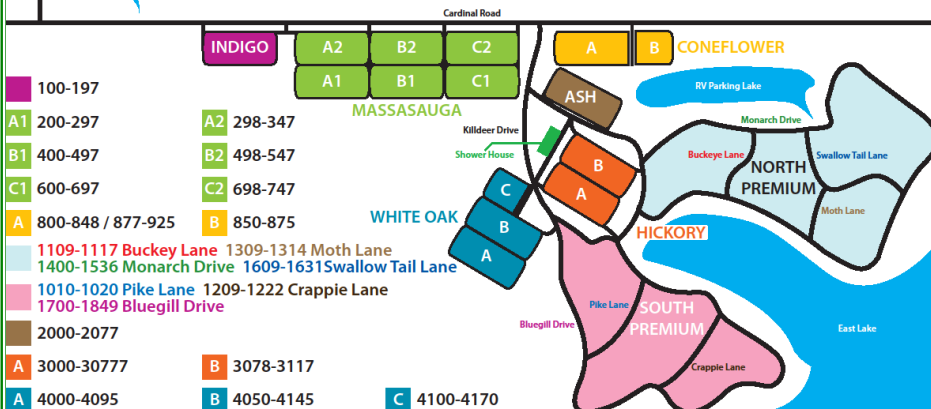
Camping sites will be a bit of a distance from the dance hall, so a shuttle service will be provided.

WORLD SHOOTING COMPLEX CAMPING

County Highway 18



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World Shooting & Recreational Complex



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The City, originally known as “Columbus” when it was incorporated in 1837, adopted the name Sparta in 1839. When the first settlers came to the area about 1812, they found almost three quarters of the land was covered with timber. The remainder of the land was a rich prairie. Early settlers came to Southern Illinois by way of South Carolina. These immigrants were of Scottish and Irish heritage. By 1859, the city had grown immensely. It boasted three churches, 10 dry good stores, three schools and several industries. It was at this time the city was officially incorporated by a special act of the state legislature. It was then incorporated under the General Law of the State of Illinois in 1873.

Sparta had connections to the Underground Railroad during the Civil War. The Burlingame House still stands in the small rural community of Eden just outside of Sparta. It is a towering two story brick home that is in dire need of repair and restoration. Slaves fleeing to freedom were hidden there and later transported to the next stop on the "Underground Railroad". This was accomplished by the delivery of farm equipment by Mr. Burlingame. A little further north, another home, owned by Mr. William Hayes, offered the same protection to slaves seeking freedom. However, in 1844, Mr. Hayes was tried and found guilty of transporting four slaves northward. Today, the Hayes home is still occupied by members of the Hayes family.

In 1930, two young Sparta men broke the world aircraft endurance record of 427 hours. The Hunter Brothers, John and Kenneth (Kenneth only 16 years old), flew the plane "The City of Chicago" and their brothers Albert and Walter flew a support plane called "Big Ben". Fuel, home cooked meals, and laundry was lowered into the "Chicago". After the historic flight, the brothers were able to procure distribution of the Midwest airmail route, which they hoped would be the basis for a future airline. Three of the brothers lost their lives in tragic accidents. John lost his life at the age of 29 while "cat-walking" over Rosedale, Missouri and he fell into the airplanes whirling prop. Albert died when he fell off the roof of a barn. Kenneth was killed in a weather related flying accident in 1975. Walter Hunter left the airmail company and became a pilot for American Airlines. Today, the Sparta airport, known as Hunter Field, is the base for emergency medical helicopters, air cargo and crop dusting services.

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