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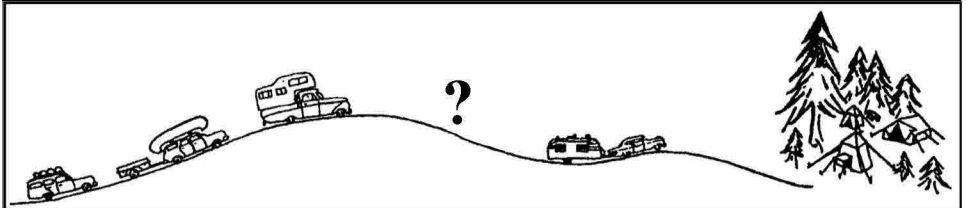


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John & Dolly Ide



Can you believe it? It seems like we were just in Sedalia last week for the 2018 Camporee; now it's already February 2019 with the next Camporee only a little over four months away. We're all looking forward to another great year camping, dancing and getting together with folks that love the same things, folks just like you.

Apparently, there are some of you out there who have not yet sent in their membership renewals for this year. Please do so, so that we can continue to keep you informed thru the *TIMES* and include you in all the great times that are on the horizon. You don't want to miss out on any of it because we have some great things planned for the year.

We want to welcome another new chapter, the Crossfire Campers of Loudon, Tennessee. Susan Russell and her husband Jim, with Susan Wolford's help, have done a fabulous job of starting a new chapter based just southwest of Knoxville. They got fourteen couples and a single member together and will have their first campout in April. Don't miss her article and their camping schedule in this issue. If you're anywhere in their vicinity, please be sure to camp and dance with them.

Among other things, you will certainly not want to miss our next Camporee in Maggie Valley and then the NSDC in Atlanta. If you've attended any of the NSDCs in the past, you know that they're suffering from the same disease as the NSDCA. It's called aging. Their annual attendance continues to dwindle, just as our Camporee attendance and membership. I really want to encourage you in any way that I can to keep up your chapter and NSDCA membership. If your chapter decides to disband, that does not mean that you can't remain a member of the NSDCA. Remember that it's not just about dancing, but more about the great times you spend with good friends (who over time become more like family) around a shared meal, a campfire, or on the dance floor. The real reason for the NSDCA is the close fellowship we share; the dancing is the icing on the cake.

With that said, we're looking for some special help from our members so that we can not only keep the NSDCA going, but actually grow it and make it better. We need some help with the *Showcase of Ideas* at the

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Tom & Pat Herscha



Winter arrived in north Florida without a punch this year. It's been cool at times, but not the freezing cold of the north. When we do get freezing temperatures, they do not last for very long – and no snow!

Our chapter had a great time in Lake Park, GA for our January camp out. There were 16 of us that earned IDIOT badges. If you have never heard of that, it means a group goes to the caller's camper in the middle of the night to wake him and demand that he calls tips, and we must dance until he says he is tired and it is time to stop. Our "idiots" woke caller Bill Chesnut at 2:00 AM Saturday morning. Of course Bill was in his Gator pajamas, and his wife Mary decided to stay in bed. His revenge was that he made us dance for over an hour without a break. He called different combinations and we broke down a lot! We laughed so much! Not everyone participated in earning the Idiot Badge, but they didn't miss the opportunity to eat. We had 50 people go out for dinner Saturday night to the Fish Net Restaurant. The staff did a great job getting our food to us, and it was delicious.

In February we went to the Olustee Festival in Lake City, FL. It was a great weekend of dancing. The street fair was filled with all types of vendors and we got to spend lots of money on their wares. One of the highlights was being part of the entertainment; we danced in the town square and used this opportunity to promote square dancing.

The more people that participate in these events the more fun we have. Another way to have even more fun is to **get involved**. Volunteers are always needed at the Chapter, State, Area and National levels. Please consider getting involved so that we can keep the NSDCA the most fun organization to belong to! When you get involved you get to meet more people and have more fun. Square Dance Campers are the nicest people we have ever met.

The 2019 International Square Dance Camporee will be here before we know it. It is time to send in your registrations (see pages 32-33)! The committees are working hard so that you will have a great time. Maggie Valley, NC has many sightseeing opportunities. We hope to see everyone there.

Tom & Pat



David & Mary Bruun



What a Winter everyone has had across the nation this year. SNOW, ICE, or RAIN wherever you were living, worse than usual. We are glad to be wintering in Texas; we will take the rain over the extreme cold, ice and snow that our home in central Illinois has been having. However, we are looking forward to Spring coming and being able to start camping again with our local chapter. We are planning on attending the Illinois State Camporee in Rockville, IN (June 7, 8, 9) and the 61st NSDCA Camporee at Pride Resort in Waynesville, NC. (June 18, 19, 20). Maybe we will see you there.

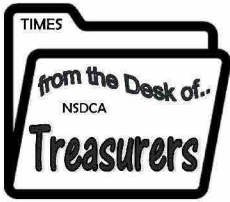
Chapter 152 (AL) is working very hard on preparing a GREAT time for us all. If you haven't registered yet, do so with the registration form in the middle of your *TIMES* or print one off of the website (NSDCA.org). It is easier for them to plan for crafts, games, dance schedule and meeting schedules for all of us to enjoy and have fun doing.

Hosts are needed for Future Camporees, just let any of the officers know your plans and we can get you started. 2020 is just around the corner; if no one comes forward, it is left to the BOD to do the planning. With the NSDC being held in Spokane, Washington next year, it is highly unlikely that we will have it near that location. So PLEASE consider.

Some DO'S: Remember to send in your "Chats around the Campfire". Remember that dues were due... yes we take late ones, as there are some bills that need to be paid. Remember we still have the new member promotional going on... \$10 per couple, \$6 for single with a charge of \$6 per badge. Remember to use the website to fill out forms, they are easily accessible on our website. Remember to keep us updated with all **Membership Renewals**, **Officer Election** and most important any **Change of Address**. Working together makes our work much easier.

Until we meet in a square, keep dancing, camping and enjoying all the fun that square dancers do. Hoping to see all of you in Maggie Valley, as after all "The Mountains are Calling... Come Dance with Me".

Mary and Dave Bruun



Tom & Kathy Nickel



As I write this, we set a new record for a low temperature this morning (Jan.31st). It was -26^oF this morning, wind chill -40^oF. Sure, am glad we are not camping. Speaking of camping we hope you have started planning on attending the camporee at Pride Resort in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. A great time of fellowship, games, dancing and other activities are being planned for you to enjoy.

Thanks to all who have renewed your memberships. We are great organization that includes people from Canada, United States, and Germany. Camping and dancing are two great activities to enjoy, along with the fellowship of different nationalities. If you have not renewed yet you can still do so just send in your renewals. We would love to still have you as members.

Please verify you have given Roger Tipps your correct address as he gives the printer the address labels for the mailing of the *TIMES*, your newsletter. Continue sending in your chats around the campfire; we like seeing what your chapter is doing.

Volunteers are always needed to serve our organization. We are always looking for Board members, staff positions, and camporee hosts.

Looking forward to meeting many of you in Maggie Valley and being able to dance with you in a square.

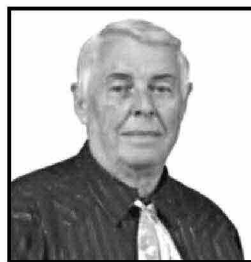
Tom and Kathy Nickel

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NSDC in Atlanta and with promoting the NSDCA in the RV park at Atlanta. Our own Bill Baker of chapter 123 is Publicity Chair who will be helping us, but we do need more help. If you would consider helping us, please let us know as soon as possible.

Dolly and I really appreciate all of you and always look forward to dancing with you and spending time with you at your campouts. We hope that we'll see each of you somewhere on our travels this year. Until then, we pray that you stay safe and healthy, and keep the wheels on your mobile house moving. May your road be smooth and level, and your squares tight and never break down. *Dolly & John*

Roger Tipps Membership Secretary



Many chapters will start the 2019 camping season very soon. Remember the National Board has a dues special for new members of only \$10.00 a couple and \$6.00 a single for the year. Badges are an additional \$6.00 per person. This special is also good for past members who have not been a member for 3 years. Let's all work to increase your chapter's membership so we can continue camping and dancing for many more years.

We welcome Tennessee Chapter 198, the Crossfire Campers. With the leadership of Jim and Susan Russell this new chapter was started with a total membership of 19 couples and 1 single. What a great start. When traveling in their area plan on dancing with them. Remember, the *TIMES* can be read online at NSDCA.org; that will help you schedule dances while on your trip!

When submitting membership changes, badges orders and new member forms PLEASE type or print so I do not make an error updating.

We still are getting many *TIMES* returned that cannot be delivered with outdated address. It is your responsibility to send in these corrections. Once a *TIMES* is returned no new *TIMES* will be sent until you send in the correction. You should email these corrections to me at rtms99@aol.com. It is the responsibility of you and your chapter to keep your mailing address correct. (Editor's note: If you are a 'snowbird' you can let Roger know when you will be at your winter site and he will ensure a Winter issue of the *TIMES* will reach you.)

Some chapters are co-camping with other chapters for more fun. They retain their chapter identity, collect their chapter dues and make the weekend special. The more squares on the floor the more fun for all.

Now is the time to make your reservations for the International Camporee at Pride. There will be a lot of dancing and many areas for great side trips and many areas to view wildlife.

Let's all plan on a great 2019 for camping and square dancing.

Roger Tipps

State & Area Representatives Reports

SouthEast Area; Don & Susan Wolford

Our SouthEast area is growing again. We recently signed on the latest NSDCA Chapter #198, Crossfire Campers. They are located in Tennessee. So glad to have a chapter back in the state of Tennessee. We recently met with some of the charter chapter members in Loudon, Tennessee.



#198 members pictured: Front row L to R: Jean Hiser, Ann Sharland, Susan Russell (President); Back row L to R: Don Wolford, Susan Wolford, Gwyn Rosenberger, James Davis, Harold Sharland, Kathie Runnion, Dick Gamble, Sinda & Ray Daugherty (Treasurer) and Manuela Ptacek (Secretary). Members not pictured: Stephanie Gundlach, Jack Millspaugh, Dusty Disney, John Ptacek (Secretary), Jack Rosenberger, Jim Russell (President), David & Michelle Shipman, Roger & Sylvia Strickland, Daniel & Glinda Torvik, Dave Wilson, Glenda Short, and Steven & Renee Morrell.

Their first campout is already scheduled for April 26th & 27th at Big Meadow Family Campground, 8215 Cedar Creek Rd., Townsend, Tennessee (see page 40). Come on out and camp and dance with us.

Florida State; John and Mary Burzo

Hi everyone. This is our first time doing this report. We had a wonderful time visiting different clubs all over Florida. The first one we went to was the 43rd Florida State Camporee at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis. The way the campground gave us free coffee; that is always good! Ron and Linda Imus were the chairmen; the theme was "Welcome

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to the Wild West,” and they did a wonderful job. We had a jail that someone had to pay to get you into and you had to pay to get out; it was fun! There was a big outside bonfire with many treats. Bill Chesnut and his team did the calling; Ann Hadsall and her team did rounds. Gail and Gary LaRue did the pictures – if you get a chance go on line and check it out (the URL below is all on a single line and is case sensitive):

[http://play.smilebox.com/SpreadMoreHappy/
4e4459314e4463354d4452384d5441324d446b7a4d4445770d0a](http://play.smilebox.com/SpreadMoreHappy/4e4459314e4463354d4452384d5441324d446b7a4d4445770d0a)

Our next trip was the joint chapter 128-168 Christmas party at Lake Oklawaha RV Park in Fort McCoy. It is a great place to camp and dance. The park is out in the woods in a small town. There is a Christmas parade that last about 20 minutes and lots and lots of candy is thrown to the spectators. We dance in the street as the cars try to pass. Back at the clubhouse we throw snowballs at each other. No one got hurt as the snow balls were made of cotton. The dancing is always great with Bill Chesnut calling and Ann Hadsall cueing. After dinner and dancing we had a Christmas present exchange. That is a hoot! All of us were dressed in our best green and red Christmas colors sitting in a big circle. I mean a really big circle (about 70 people)! Ron Imus was in charge of getting the gifts out in an orderly manner and keeping the elves at bay. Exchanging gifts still took a long time, but great fun we all went to our campers laughing but real tired. We all made back to breakfast; never too tired for food!

The last trip we took was to #193, The Roadrunners. Their campout was at Highland Hammock State Park in Sebring. We always spend Christmas with our grandchildren who live in Punta Gorda, FL, which is only 70 miles from the park. The park was wonderful! This was our first campout there with the 193; the weather was good for a nice bonfire, and dancing and food was wonderful. The way the park was setup we had to dance in the afternoon. Sonny McCartney did squares and rounds with Chuck Ryall. The afternoon dancing was a blessing; we had a great time dancing, then an early dinner, then best of all we had a bonfire with all the trimmings: storytelling, games and great fellowship. The afternoon dancing is a real good idea. We are not getting any younger and we have more energy in the afternoon.

John & Mary



New NSDCA Communications Director Karin Callander

Dick and Karin met at a square dance lesson in 1988, being given by the late, great Tim Marriner, when he was just a youngster starting out. Dick treated her to strawberry pie from Shoney's after the dances, and as they say, the rest is history. Their dancing was interrupted for many years, as they raised their 3 children, but he still bought her strawberry pie at every opportunity!

Originally from Virginia, they followed Karin's professional career to North Carolina in 2000 (Dick was already retired and could travel easily) where they danced regularly with Winston-Salem's Salem Squares and Greensboro's Swinging Stars for a few years. When Karin retired in 2007, their wanderlust and love of dance (and a 40 foot 5th wheel) carried them all over the country, even into Mexico and Canada, looking for a place to call home.



They eventually settled in Victoria, TX, traveling back to the Rio Grande Valley for work and dancing opportunities. In 2014, they sold everything but the dog and her sewing machine, packed the camper, and headed east, settling in Crystal River, FL. There, they joined the Citrus Squares of Dunnellon, Clover Squares of Williston and finally discovered NSDCA, joining Chapter 128, Square Wheels.

Apparently, the travel bug has bitten once more, and they are currently spending the winter in central Florida, waiting for the rest of the country to warm up before they hit the road again. Their plan is to make the rounds and visit friends and family prior to the International Camporee at Pride, then go to their very first National Convention, in Marietta, GA. After that, they will head west and go wherever there is good dancing and warm sunshine. Perhaps you will see them across the square from you!

'OOPS!'

Don't trash
my
'POP TAB'



Remember to save your pull tabs from sodas and other canned beverages and bring them to the 2019 Camporee in Pride. See page 47.

