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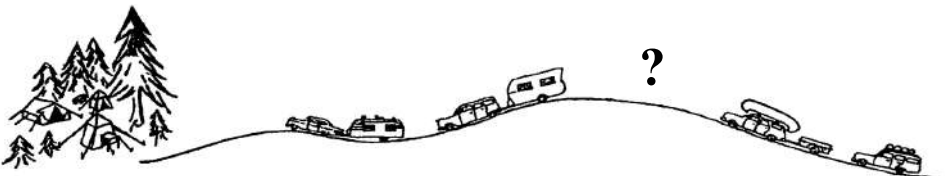
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WELCOME TO TENNESSEE (THE VOLUNTEER STATE) &
The 65th International Square Dance Camporee

Hoedown
Time In Lebanon, Tennessee 2023

James E. Ward Ag Ctr, 945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087

July 11, 12, 13, 2023



Round Dancing



7 Days
Of Dancing,
Fellowship,
Games, Crafts,
& More



Square Dancing

Plenty of 30 & 50 Amp Sites without sewers. (Pre-Reg Honey Wagon service available.)
Many Local Hotels Available for Non-Campers

The Official Trail In Dance is "Red Nose" Themed on Monday, July 10th 7 to 9:00 pm



Corralling "Stuffed Animal For Emergency" Drive

Book Exchange



SWAP YOUR BOOKS



**Chuckwagon (Potluck)
Monday 4:00 p.m.**

Military Appreciation



SPECIALS INCLUDE:

TRAIL IN DANCE Hosted by Wilson County Grand Squares and Crossfire Campers 198 at The James E Ward AG Center Sunday July 9, 2023 7 to 9:30 pm Pre-Rounds 6:30 pm \$8/p

A Night at the Grand Ole Opry Friday, July 14, 2023, Time TBA. Tickets are \$75/person & must be purchased in advance by contacting Ron Imus (574)370-9169

TRAIL OUT & Aloha Rock-A-Hula Dance Hosted by The Barnlofters & Crossfire Campers 198 at 421 Highland View Dr—Hermitage, TN Saturday—July 15, 2023 Pre-Rounds 6:30—Squares 7-9 \$8/p

Why not Explore & Enjoy...Fiddlers' Grove Historical Village, Museums, Trolley Tours, Antique Shops, Train & Show Boat Adventures, short drive to Nashville., Lots of History to discover

Hosted by:
Crossfire Campers 198
For More Info:
NSDCA.ORG

Contact: Ozzie & Ruth Osborn
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Registration form link

http://www.wybatap.com/NSDCA_2023_convention_application.pdf ←hyperlink

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John & Dolly Ide



It's just a little early, but I can taste the turkey already, both for Thanksgiving and at our next Florida RoadRunners chapter campout occurring two weeks after I write this column. Of course, I'm writing this a month before you even get the *TIMES*. It just goes to show how we all must plan ahead. ALL of us. If you happen to live where it gets cold, you either have to come south and dance with some of us, or tuck your RV in for a long winter's nap.

In any case, you can look forward to spring and our next Camporee in Lebanon, TN from July 11th through the 13th. The Tennessee chapter is hard at work making sure everyone has a great time. There is also a special group trip planned on Friday the 14th to go the Grand Ole Opry. To participate in this event, please contact Ron Imus at 574-370-9169 (rlius46@aol.com) to get on the list. You'll probably have to plan to stay over in Lebanon Friday night to participate.

In the spirit of planning ahead, please make sure your NSDCA dues are submitted to your local chapter so they can forward the dues to our NSDCA treasurer before the end of December 2022. Receiving membership dues is the only way we have of knowing how many members we have. Knowing that is vitally important for planning ahead. If you are a MAL (Member At Large) and don't belong to a chapter, please send your dues with a completed renewal form (available on our website or on page 48 this issue of the *TIMES*) directly to our Wisconsin address as listed on that form. Your cooperation with this will be very much appreciated.

I turned 79 this year and am convinced that time goes by faster each year. Looking ahead with that in mind, I'm sure that January is only a couple of weeks away. It puzzles me how Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years can all happen in just a few short weeks. Regardless, we wish you all the very best for the holidays. Until next year, be safe, hug your husband or your wife, your kids and grandkids, and anyone else you can reach. Celebrate our great country and worship the Lord according to your faith.

See you in the new year.

Dolly & John



Ruth & “Ozzie” Chuck Osborn



We are praying everyone has had a blessed Thanksgiving and safe travels. We are so very thankful for the Square Dance Family we have and look forward to the ones we have yet to meet. As we write this, we are packing to make our southern transition to Florida, via Arkansas!

Please check the email addresses on file for your Chapter contacts as we are still coming up with errors. It would be great if ALL Chapters had an email address, even if said address belongs to another member of your Chapter.

We are saddened to hear one of our Chapters is closing after many years and several others are struggling. One suggestion is to see what support we can provide to the Social Square Dance Community, which is a whole new, untapped group of beginner dancers who may camp. We are working hard with brick and mortar clubs, everywhere, to encourage what we love.

We would like to continue to thank Mary & Dave Bruun for serving as the National Board Secretary for many years and for being such wonderful support to us as new kids on the Board. Some of you may not be aware their term of office on the National Board is coming to the close in July 2023. With that being said, the Board is looking for someone(s) to fill this position. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please be sure to let one of the National Board Officers know, ASAP. Someone has to do it, it might as well be you!

It is being discussed whether the pull-tab project should be continued after the 65th Camporee due to the lack of Chapter participation (only eight Chapters contributed pull-tabs at the 64th). This will be discussed at the next Annual Meeting. Since there was great support with monetary donations at the 64th Camporee, we are looking at just collecting donations. While it does take time to process these pull-tabs, it always seemed like a fun way for all Chapters to compete for a great cause. There will be an additional prize for the Chapter which donates the largest volume of pull-tabs at the 65th Camporee, although monetary donations will also be appreciated.

The 65th Camporee is well on its way to being a great time for all. We urge everyone to send in their registrations as soon as possible to

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David & Mary Bruun



Can you believe this year is almost over? Yes! It was hard to write this column and put 2023 as a date. By the time you are reading your Winter *TIMES*, your membership dues should have been received by the treasurer of your chapter and sent to the NSDCA at P.O. Box 628433 in Middleton, WI 53562-8433. If not, please send them in as soon as possible as the deadline is December 31, 2022. Only with your participation can we continue as a healthy organization.

You still have time to notify any of the officers for a position on the BOARD for the next four years, as we will be fulfilling our second 4-year commitment to the NSDCA and will not be able to serve again. Check out the website under FORMS under Board of Directors Nominations Guidelines, Directors Nomination Form and Directors Candidate Profile. Your deadline is December 15th, but we MUST know by January 2023 so we can publicize to all members in our spring issue of the *TIMES*. We have enjoyed serving you as NSDCA Secretary and I am sure any of you will enjoy serving on the Board.

It's also time to sign up for the 65th NSDCA International Camporee which is being hosted by Chapter 198, the Crossfire Campers. They have reserved the James E. Ward Ag. Center (Wilson County Fairgrounds) in Lebanon, Tennessee. Put the dates of July 11, 12, 13, 2023 on your calendar, but add a couple days before and after the Camporee as they have extra dances planned with brick and mortar clubs in that area. If you would like to help, in any way, contact Chuck and Ruth Osborn at 65thNSDCACamporee@gmail.com. Their club is rather small and could use an extra hand or two.

Have you sent in your new Election of Officers form? It's time for that also. This also includes the all State Associations. Some chapters are behind in doing this. Accurate information helps in communication with the Board; when we need to contact your chapter/association but information is not current, we go scrambling for names, addresses, phone numbers as well as email addresses. Please keep our Membership Secretary, Kathy Nickel, up to date with all of the above.

Have you noticed that "time" has been used in every paragraph? As time rolls on, the Bruun family wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, Very Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays, and finally a Happy New Year!!! ***however you celebrate***



Susan & Don Wolford



We headed down to Florida a few weeks early this year to see how we fared through Hurricane Ian. We had some damage, but no water got inside the house (ok, maybe the garage, but not the house)! Yay! We are now a part of blue tarp city. Don has gotten three of the palm trees that went down out of the yard and onto the streetside. The largest palm is still holding strong through its root system. Even the F350 truck can't pull it loose. We are down to trying to use water to wash away the dirt and then cut the many, many, many roots. We had a slight delay when I evidently aroused a colony of fire ants. Yes, they seem to like me and I have the bites to prove it. Don doused them with some ant deterrent and we left for the weekend to dance. It seemed like the best solution to us! It will be a long time for the cleanup. Charlotte County is saying that there were winds sustained at 175 mph with gusts up to 205 mph. I can't imagine what the people who stayed through the storm went through, especially since it lasted so long.

Florida (FANSDC) put on a great Florida Camporee in October in Eustis, Florida. We had seven squares at times. It was fun to join with the Florida NSDCA camping clubs for dancing, fun and fellowship.

As we are nearing year end, remember to send in your chapter renewals. Also, send in any changes to your address if you have moved or you have a winter address. We want to avoid having to pay additional postage fees due to an inability to deliver a *TIMES* newsletter, plus we want you to receive your issue of the *TIMES* in a timely manner so you can read all the exciting news of the different chapters.

Camping season is just beginning for us in Florida. We are looking forward to camping and dancing with our Florida friends.

We hope y'all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas. Dance all you can. Stay healthy.

Don & Susan

→ We hope to see you in a square or maybe around a campfire. Safe travels and stay healthy. Yellow Rocks to you all.

Mary & Dave Bruun



Kathy Nickel Membership Secretary



Hi everyone! Our camping season here in Wisconsin has come to an end for another year. It is sad to have to winterize our camper and know that we won't be camping again till spring. I really envy those of you that are able to camp all year round. We count the days, all winter long, till our spring campout and we can be back out around the campfire with our friends again. Knowing that winter is almost here means the Holiday Season is approaching as well. Holidays are usually a very busy time for most, so don't forget to get your Chapter renewals in by December 31st. By January, we are already working on our next *TIMES* issue, so it is really nice to have your dues and address updates completed so you can continue to receive your newsletters. Try to get the dues and updates in early and beat the holiday rush.

This is also a time that many of you spend in another warmer location. So be sure to notify me if you need to have your *TIMES* sent to a winter address and what months that would be for. Remember we mail the *TIMES* newsletter via bulk mail and the post office will not forward this class of mail. In the last issue I reached out and asked for your help in getting our *TIMES* newsletters delivered correctly. I am excited to say that with your help we almost reached my goal of no returns. I had just two issues of the *TIMES* returned; what a nice surprise (and it saves your Association money). One return was that someone had built a new home and the post office did not have their new address identified correctly in the bulk mailing file; the other was an address that had been delivered to many times before, but was not entered like the post office wanted it. Both of these returns were unforeseen issues and I hope to have them resolved before the next issue. Let's keep up the good work. Please be sure to let me know if you are moving or need to have your *TIMES* newsletter delivered to another location.

Wishing all of you a Warm and Happy Holidays!!
Happy Camping and Dancing!

Kathy Nickel,
NSDCA Membership Secretary

State & Area Representatives' Reports

Illinois State Representative

Hello from Illinois to all Fellow (and Gal) Campers! Well, the camping season is over for those who live in Illinois. By the time you read this, all those staying home for the winter will have winterized their unit and those headed for warmer climates have either already gone or are getting ready to leave. Winter in Illinois (and everywhere there is a “real” winter) can be miserable with the cold temperatures, snow and the ice; dangerous, too. So those of you who ARE NOT “snowbirds” BE CAREFUL, especially when you are out and about.

The Illinois State NSDCA Association has wrapped up the 2022 NSDCA annual International Camporee (held in Rockville, IN) and are back to planning for their own state Camporee, hosted this coming year by Chapter 123, Swing-N-Travelers. It's not too early to start making your plans to attend. Mark your calendar for June 16-18, 2023, at the Marshall Putnam County Fairgrounds in Henry, IL. While this is the Illinois State Association State Camporee, attendance is open to all Square Dancers. **And** if your chapter has members who live in Illinois, you are invited and welcome to join the Illinois State Association. If you need more info, just contact us (see below). Chapter 076, River Cities Travelin Squares from Iowa was welcomed at the last IL State NSDCA Board meeting.

Looking to the future, Chapter 014, Blackhawk Crosstrailers, will host 2024 and Chapter 196, Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds, most likely will take charge of 2025. Not to be forgotten are the smaller Chapters 044, 066, and 075 as they continue to be actively involved with the state association; all have members on the Illinois State Board. Be sure to look for their “chapter chat” article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hats off to Chapter 123 and their annual Chapter member trip: 2022 was to Hannibal, MO and sounded like lots of fun. Isn't that a great idea?

This being the Winter issue, we would be remiss if we didn't wish you a Happy Holiday Season. And as we said last year “May the New Year bring you good health, some additional wealth, and great camping and dancing. Stay well and stay safe.”

Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders, RSRN4@aol.com 708-946-6102

Florida State Representative

Hi kids! This is John and Mary with the Florida report covering the 2022 Florida State Camporee held at Southern Palms in Eustis in

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NSDCA Publicity Director

We have all heard that old saying about telegraph, telephone and... Well never mind, at my age I have even forgotten the old sayings.

However, telling people about square dancing and camping as a combined event does need some kind of old adage to get the message out. In today's world, there are literally hundreds of ways to communicate. Of course, many of us use Facebook or Twitter and, of course, emails to friends, but all of those methods are limited to the ring of people you have shared with in those formats. Those folks have already heard about your weekend or midweek campouts and square dancing. I am sure that you have talked it up as so much fun it should be taxed, so why aren't they joining you?

We need to expand to the others that we don't know and get their interest in such a great activity. My wife and I discovered that when you wear your club badges, particularly if you have a couple hundred camporee tags added, it really generates some interest from people you meet in the grocery store line, at Walmart, or when you are out to eat. People like to remember the time that they square danced in school for PE. Many have told me that their mom and dad were square dancers back in the 50s and 60s and a few have said that they were dragged to the dances because the parents didn't want to pay for a babysitter. We need those people to get back to that same feeling. Many times at our square dances we will invite the non-dancers to join us and we have a short class on circle left, allemande left, dosado and a few other calls; they have a blast. Once last year my corner carried a baby on her right hip during the whole dance!

Unfortunately, for some Chapters we are starting to drift down to less than a square that dances, and that is sad.

There are other places to get you message out: on Facebook click on Groups, then click on the magnifying glass and in the search area type Square Dance—you'll find lots of groups, and one or two are mine. But there is a whole world of contacts that we could be using to get the word out; you might even have one of those in your area.

Wheresthedance.com is another great place to get your square dance campouts listed. NSDCA has a special notice on their website. It is fairly easy to list your 2023 square dance dates, if you need help send me an email and I will show you how. Each year for several years I have loaded the dance schedule for 7 or 8 groups including mine, Chapter #123.

You can also look at wheresthedance.com and search for clubs near you or when traveling. Everybody enjoys meeting new square dancers. You may have a square dance club near you and they may have just bought an RV; never know till you look.

Maybe you could invite club members that you find on wheresthedance.com to come to YOUR square dance. We have had several drop by after finding out we were having a dance near them. In August,

we invited weekly square dance clubs from around the vicinity where we camped and ended up with 48 people at our dance. It was a fantastic time that everyone enjoyed.

Make plans now for the July 11 to 13 International Camporee in Lebanon, TN. Make a caravan of it and talk about it all the way there and back.

Publicity of this activity and this format of the NSDCA is everyone's job. It truly is a USE it or LOSE it thing.

Bill Baker, grandebill@grics.net

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assist in making sure there is enough of everything. While the official Camporee starts on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the fun will start on Sunday, July 9th with a Trail In Dance at the James E. Ward Ag Center featuring national caller Ken Burke and Cuer Diane Martin Hamilton. Pre-Rounds will start at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$8/person. This event is being hosted by the Wilson County Grand Squares and the Crossfire Campers, #198. On Monday, July 10th there will also be a Chuck Wagon (potluck) for everyone registered for the Camporee at 4 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share and a head count will be obtained as this gets closer.

At the Fairgrounds is The Fiddlers Grove, which is a recreation of an old-time town with lots to see. It can be toured daily from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at a cost of \$5/person. Cowboy Golf will use their grounds.

The Official Camporee Trail In Dance will start at 7 p.m. on Monday, which is free to those wearing a Camporee ribbon. There will be a \$5/person fee for non-ribbon wearers and all proceeds will be going to a local food pantry. It is hoped some of our newer callers and cuers will volunteer to assist in the fun during this dance.

After all the fun in store at the Camporee, Ron Imus (#128) has planned a trip to the Grand Ole Opry on Friday night, July 14th. The cost is \$75/person. Checks should be made payable to Ronald Imus and mailed to Ronald Imus, 8560 SW 90th Street, Unit C, Ocala, FL 34481. For questions he can be reached by phone at (574) 370-9169 or by email at rlius46@aol.com.

There will be a Trail Out Dance in Hermitage, TN on Saturday, July 15th featuring our members Ted Kennedy (caller) and Susan Wolford (cuer) with Pre-Rounds starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8/person and the dance is hosted by The Barnlofters and the Crossfire Campers, #198.

We wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Healthy New Year.

Ozzie & Ruth Osborn, VP2NSDCA@gmail.com



001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; New Jersey

Our August campout was at the Appalachian RV Resort. Our caller for the weekend was Mark Franks. His wife, Cheryl, also joined us for the weekend. We all really enjoyed his calling; however, I think we drove him crazy this weekend! None of us were at our best, even missing some basic calls!

We had one or two squares on the floor during the weekend. Mark taught "Spin the Top" from different positions (and of course, ending in an ocean wave) and reviewed "All Eight Spin the Top" to make sure we were lined up correctly during the call at our Saturday workshop. Mark also had us do a "Trade the Wave" with no peeking!

Our theme for our evening dance was 'Wine and Cheese,' which we had after the dance. Everyone cut up their own cheese, brought crackers (including some gluten free ones) and a bottle of wine. Rena and Diane organized it and had pretty tablecloths on the tables as well as some extra plates and napkins. Thank you, Rena and Diane!

Our website (www.gssdca.wix.com/gssdca) contains registration forms you can download, print out and send in as well as a lot of other information. I periodically update the photos from the campouts.

Our September campout was at Otter Lake Camp Resort. There were nine rigs signed up, but one couple had to cancel due to car trouble. The wagon masters were Ron and Pauline Vande Vrede. The weather was pleasantly warm during the day, staying between 70 and the lower 80s and cooled down to between 50 and 60 degrees at night. It rained off and on all day on Sunday.

We had a smaller than usual crowd of about a dozen, and we decided to go to Muller's Diner in East Stroudsburg for dinner. Our caller and cuer for the weekend were Betsy and Roy Gotta. The Friday night dance was from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the inside activity center, which is where we danced the entire weekend. Before we danced, we moved the tables and chairs to make room for our square and we put them back on Sunday. Thank you to all who helped! We had one full square or a square of six couples on the floor during the weekend.

Betsy explained a "3 by 1" line with four different ways to set it up at our Saturday morning workshop, and inverted lines with center people in and outsides out. She also taught "Something and Roll" with only some people being able to roll, "Spin Chain the Gears" from multiple positions, Sashay, Rollaway, and Teacup Chain from lines. Betsy also had us peeking a lot with "Trade the Wave". After our meeting, Roy Gotta gave



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a few of our couples a beginner round dance lesson. We learned the Cha Cha. It was a lot of fun!

Mexican Train was played on Friday and on Saturday afternoon in the “H” Pavilion, with Rena being the big winner both times! She is definitely on a streak as she also won last month. Our weekend theme was a ‘Hot Dog Roast’ which we had at 5:30 p.m. Ron was in charge of bringing the hot dogs and rolls. He also grilled the hot dogs as well as supplied some of the condiments; thank you for all your hard work! Everyone else supplied sides and dessert. Thank you to all who contributed; we had quite a variety including cheesy corn, potato salad, cucumber salad, tomato and mozzarella appetizer, homemade broccoli cheddar soup, and three different cakes. One of the cakes was to celebrate all the September birthdays including Russel Wilson, Mary Schnuck, Rena Durette and Jane Mastrolia.

Our next campout in late September/early October was at Camp Swatara, a new campground for our group. Our caller was Dave Black. Wag-on masters were Dave and Cindy Whalen, and the theme for this weekend was ‘Halloween, Pie & Cider.’ Members wore costumes and brought a pie to share.

We’re looking forward to the 2023 camping/dancing season, and hope the winter is mild and quick. A Big Yellow Rock to all the chapters!!

Susan Schwarz; susanjaneschwarz@gmail.com; 610-996-7674

002 Pine Tree; Wisconsin

This summer we had a girls’ weekend. We went to Doris & Ted Palmen’s church festival (far right); with dancing at the campground (center photo). Lori Chandler was very creative with a flag fan for our meeting (below).



In Wisconsin our motorhomes and tents are put away for the season. Snow will be on the ground soon. We are already looking forward to camping next year!!!

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014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and best wishes for the New Year wherever our camping square dance friends are! Here in Northern Illinois camping season has come to an end and campers are winterized awaiting spring.



Crosstrailers ended the season with a pizza/craft get-together at the home of Bob and Cinda Asp in early October. Sunshine and warm weather prevailed. We crafted some card holders and also lace angels. We also welcomed another new member: Darlene Moore! Plans were made for the 2023 season and our kick-off dinner meeting next April. We bid farewell to our snowbirds. It was also good to see the Pagels out and about at this meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone in the spring around the fire and in a square. God's richest blessings for you and yours!



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

031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin

Our last Badger Rover campout was once again at Token Creek, September 9-11. We welcomed new members Daryl and Leslie Arndt. The fall traditional donuts by our favorite square dance caller Tom are the best! (photo next page) A fun fall craft along with



competitive bean bag games made our Saturday complete. Heavy rains in the forecast had us all clean up early Saturday night. Our Sunday morning breakfast was at the local truck stop with the rain pouring down.

We're planning a winter gathering and potluck for February 18.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

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

044 Illiana Square Wheelers; Illinois/Indiana

Our fall Social get-together was held October 10th. We had a great, enjoyable afternoon of socializing and table games, plus dinner of course!

Best of all was a surprise visit from out-of-state members Bruce and Lotie Buckbee. They were fortunate to have a calling engagement in the area so were able to attend the social as well. Our next get together will be in the spring. Wishing everyone a great winter and wonderful holidays.

Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders; RSRN4@aol.com; 708-946-6102

068 Wandering Wheels; Minnesota



We had our last campout the weekend of September 23-25. We had 12 camping units, which included three visitors and our caller. The theme for the weekend was 'Book Club.' Members and guests brought books they wanted to recycle or trade with others. We were promoting mostly children's books, so that schools in need of children's books would be receiving them.

Our caller for the whole weekend was Dan Sahlstrom. Mike Driscoll,

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who had started the club 48 years ago, joined Dan on Friday evening for a tip. We had six squares at the Friday evening dance, and eight squares on Saturday. Both nights were a FREE dance! Saturday morning, we had a workshop and Saturday afternoon Don and Lynn Webster had Music Bingo for our activity. Everyone received a blank bingo card, they filled out the card from a list of songs, then if that song came up on the play mix, they covered that spot. Of course, you also had to "name that tune". It took a lot of work to get the song mix prepared and they did an excellent job. Very fun!

We had a campfire both nights. The weekend was a celebration of the 48 years the club has been in existence. It was sad to know it would be our last chapter campout forever. We had past members come and visit throughout the weekend. Some of our members will still be dancing and maybe come to the International Camporee. Hope to see you in a square! Yellow Rocks and Blessings to all for good health.

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

085 Mobile Squares; Colorado

The Mobile Squares had a great summer season. We started in May at McC ranch in our Colorado foot hills. A good time had by all. In June we traveled to Crawford, Nebraska to Fort Robinson; great camping and lots to see and do. July took us back to Gering, Nebraska for Oregon Trail Days; lots of food and activities (I liked the mud volleyball). They shut down Main Street for a parade and car shows and of course, food trucks!

In August we had a caravan to Jackson Lake, by Orchard, Colorado. It was a very nice campground. We went in to Fort Morgan and enjoyed the museum and Cables End restaurant. Back at the lake, we enjoyed playing baseball (old people style) and some holy board (some folks refer to it as corn hole) and also had lots of good food. The hosts had big beef hot dogs the first night and they also made a great breakfast on Wednesday.

September found us in eastern Colorado; we camped in Wray and went into Yuma each day for Old Threshers Days. What a great time! They had classic tractor pulls, garden tractor pulls, PEDAL tractor pulls and of course, draft horse pulls. They had all the old farm equipment and made them work with horses. And of course, always great food!

October was our final campout and found us at McC Ranch again for Dawson





(Alaska) Days, something everyone should go on the internet and watch. Dawson serves up a cocktail that has a REAL TOE in it!! The waitresses (dressed in old-timey clothes) who served the drinks with the (supposed) toe, blindfolded us before we were served. We each thought we got (in this case) the (plastic) toe, but the drinks only contained peach tea and a pickle (see photos). In Dawson, AK it is a real toe!

We also visited a museum in Loveland, Colorado.

Senior Vice President Ron Skaley; rskaley@msn.com

106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania

Pictured (→) are three walking canes owned by camper Dennis Statler, a Square Up Camper member since 2010. He has had an interest in walking sticks for some time. The leftmost one was hand carved by friend Denton Valentine, circa 1980; made of cherry wood, it depicts deer, bear, fish, mule, deer and ante-



lope. The middle one was inherited from Dennis' dad and is made from African hand-carved wood; it is a lion's head. Lastly, on the right is a twisted oak tree vine from his farm property, circa 1980. The wood was found twisted around an oak tree that caught his eye and became a cane. Dennis has dozens more canes at home. He always had an interest in woodworking and is self-taught. In addition to farming and retail butchering he was a pattern maker at the Chambersburg (PA) Engineering Company. It was an industrial plant and Dennis would make a wooden pattern before it became a metal model. He's such a diverse hobbyist and good square dancer. Why don't you visit one of the Square Up's weekend and say hi to Dennis?

Kathy Engel; kathye@kuhncom.net

116 Camping Squares; Kansas

We had a great fall for our dances and campouts. In September we went to Oxford, KS and Chanute, KS. October was Coffeyville, KS for the Dalton Days Festival as well as Kanopolis Lake in Kanopolis, KS.

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Our October outings ended our season until next spring. We had a fun Fall Square Dance Festival in Wichita in late October. Now we're getting ready for our winter parties during the cold months and looking forward to spring!

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

Well, here we are, all buttoned up for winter; the campers are winterized and stored away. Our last campout was at the Buggy Stomp in Laramie, WY. We all look forward to this weekend. The Quadra Dangle Square Dance Club has had this weekend dance for many, many years.

Dave Guille of Cheyenne, WY and Jerry Junck of Mesa, AZ were the callers. What a great weekend. We were blessed with a great turnout of members. This facility is outstanding! It is #116 on the National Register of Historic Places. The building has a great wood floor for dancing and the rooms downstairs give us plenty of kitchen facilities to have our potlucks and meetings. All the great cooks make our potlucks outstanding. We probably all gained a pound or two over the weekend. Camping is also on site! What more could you ask for?

In November we met to elect officers and discuss the calendar for 2023.

The Wander Yonders wish all our NSDCA friends a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New year in 2023.

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

Nell Coffey; 303-823-6096

121 Northwood Stompers; Michigan

Northwoods Stompers enjoyed their last campout of the season in September. Some of the members will be heading to warmer climates and others will have put their units into storage for the upcoming winter. The last campout in Harrison, MI afforded nice fall weather, dancing and of course good food. Callers Jim Davis and Bill Towner kept dancers in step. Campouts in 2023 will be: May 19-21 and June 16-18 in Harrison, MI; July 20-22 at the Michigan NSDCA State Camporee in Otisville, MI; and August 25-27 and September 15-17 in Harrison, MI. Please plan ahead to visit us at one of these campouts.



September campout dancers getting ready for dinner



2022 Camporee game winners

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123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois

The end of the camping year for the Swing-N-Travelers was a wild and wonderful fling. We started the last quarter with a super-duper campout at Nauvoo Campground in Nauvoo, IL. About 150 or so years ago, Nauvoo was the location of the Latter Day Saints' westernmost temple; the town has a fantastic Temple and many of the old buildings have been restored. The campground was super! Concrete pads, mostly pull throughs, and they had a HUGE lodge building that we used for the weekend. The hosts for the weekend provided a full agenda, including a two-hour boat ride on the Mississippi River from Nauvoo to Fort Madison, IA. There was beautiful scenery and a fantastically perfect day of sunshine, light breezes and fun. This was followed by a regifting auction; it had to be something nice that you just didn't want anymore. Dinner was moved to Keokuk because of staffing problems at the original spot. While at the restaurant, they wanted to see a square dance, so without music we had a new caller (*me!*) call some patterns and our square performed perfectly. Our official caller for the weekend was Curt Braf-fet, assisted by Tom Manning. Our club asked square dancers in the area to attend and we ended up with 48 dancers and a wonderful time!

September kept the enthusiasm going with a Chapter road trip to Hannibal, MO, the home of Mark Twain and where he wrote his Mississippi River books: Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn. There was lots of Mark Twain tourism in town. With a total of 16 people there was sightseeing, eating, cards, eating, sightseeing, naps, eating, and a tour of the Rockcliffe Mansion, followed by more of the same...

One day was spent in Quincy, a charming little Illinois river town. Visits to the Villa Kathrine (called "The Castle") and to the John Wood Mansion were enjoyed. John Wood was the first governor of Illinois and since they didn't have a governor's mansion in Springfield at that time, he just used his house. Of course, more eating in Quincy at the Sprouts restaurant ensued.

One free day was planned for anyone to do their own thing. On the

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final day, breakfast ended the trip with goodbyes all around.

Things got back to normal in October at Arrowhead Acres. Our evening meal together was with a great waitress in her first days on the job; she didn't know the menu, but she was a trooper. We played card games afterwards in the game room. We elected a new president at the meeting along with getting some business done. The next year's camping schedule was revised many times with the final results having the Swing-N-Travelers going to camps near existing square dance clubs and using those callers to support both our club and those clubs. We played Yahtzee with HUGE wooden dice and had a nice potluck augmented by homemade wine from our beloved caller Herb Edwards. It is far too sad that he has passed on. It was a great campout that set a real nice closure to our year 2022.

Bill Baker; grandebill@grics.net

128 Square Wheels; Florida

The Florida Association of Square Dance Campers (FANSDC) held its annual Camporee October 19 - 23 in Eustis, Florida. The theme of this fun-filled weekend was 'Overload the Boat.' Multiple callers and cuers led us through the paces. I myself did not have the stamina to keep up with the 'Hot Hash' Saturday evening, but the last square on the floor was having so much fun! Chairpersons Steve and Trucy Rogers went all out to provide us with a stellar weekend. The weekend began Wednesday with a Trail-In dance led by the Square Dance Program Coordinator, Charlie Pergrossi and Mike Gormley (our personal conch horn blower, see photomontage on the next page).

Thursday's casual cruise dance ended with s'mores around Linda, Ron and brother Gene Imus' RVs where they created an impressive campfire.

Friday evening was our Grand March with all participating clubs wearing their club colors. We ended the evening with cider and donuts.

Saturday morning the hall was prepared for those who wanted to partake in the craft session and others who may have goodies to sell. For lunch we were treated to Sloppy Joes followed by our annual meeting. Prior to the evening, dance we had a catered dinner from Lee's Chicken.

The peach cobbler was so good that if I had to do it again I would have cobbler as the main dish. Many callers and cuers were there but I cannot remember all their names but our own Bill Chesnut, Ann Hadsall and Susan Snider, along with Susan Wolford (#153). All are so talented.

Dave Viera, a visiting caller, came both evenings. Many thanks to everyone for making this a memorable weekend.



We have two more events planned for the remainder of this year. The NEFSARDA Fall Festival is a two night affair with a spaghetti dinner provided on Saturday afternoon for those who purchase tickets for both days of dancing.

Our final event for this year will be our Square Wheels Christmas Party, which will be held at the Springs RV Resort at 2950 NE 52nd Court, Silver Springs, FL. The phone number for making your reservations is 352-236-5250. The rally rate is \$45 per night. As a nice perk, the campground will honor Passport America for 3 days.

On a somber note, we remember our own wonderful dancer Maxine Thomas who passed unexpectedly. She had danced in all 50 states and was more than half way through her second dance tour through the states. A long time square and round dancer, she was a very classy lady and we miss her.

Angela Brown and Tim Hill, Presidents; HLAngela17@gmail.com

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152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama

Campers & Dancers had a full summer of camping and dancing! July found us in Troy, AL at Deer Run RV Park for a weekend of fellowship and dancing to Kevin Cozad. On Friday we traveled to the Pike Pioneer Museum for a visit followed by dinner at Preston’s Restaurant and dancing to Kevin back at the campground. On Saturday, a delicious breakfast was prepared by our Wagon Masters followed by music by the Montgomery Dulcimer players in the afternoon. Dinner that evening was a shrimp boil followed by more dancing to Kevin.

In August we camped at Nocalula Falls Campground in Gadsden, AL. On Thursday evening we went to the Gadsden Twirlers Summer’s End Dance and danced to Tony Oxendine and Kevin Cozad. On Friday we went to the Wills Creek Winery for a wine tasting, followed by lunch at Western Sizzlin’. A potluck dinner that evening was followed by square dancing called by Tom Miller with lines and rounds cued by Pauline Angress. Saturday was a trip to the Collinsville Trade Day followed by dinner at the Top of the River. The day concluded with dancing to Kevin Cozad.

September found us at Yonah Mountain Campground outside of Helen, GA where the annual Oktoberfest was just getting under way. We journeyed to the Hardman Farm and Grounds for a tour then went into Helen for dinner at Big Daddy’s. Friday morning we had a breakfast potluck, which was something different for the chapter. That evening’s dancing was called by Steve Holzhausen, the son of member Galen Holzhausen. Saturday morning we played trivia and danced again to Steve. The day ended with a potluck dinner and an ice cream social provided by the campground.

Complete details for each campout can be found in the Chapter Campouts section of the *TIMES* or online at nsdca.org. 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

Ahoy there y’all!

Well, I guess it’s now time to cast aside all of the “cruise theme” comments as the 46th Annual FANSDC “Overload the Boat” Camporee has sailed her last voyage and is now decommissioned - I just had to get that last ‘wave’ of words in.

The weekend prior to the Camporee casting-off the Strawberry Travelers kicked off our new camping season at Southern Palms RV Park in

Eustis with a weekend of fun, frolic, dancing, eating, and meetings! We had seven rigs and two of those were associate members. Some of our members were still on the road traveling or attending family functions; another's rig was still in for repairs, and there was a nasty hurricane a few weeks prior that caused some damage for some of our folks as well. Nevertheless, those of us in attendance enjoyed dancing to our very capable and fearless caller, Charlie Pergrossi, who got us all up on our feet and coaxed us into the right positions in our square throughout the weekend. It was good practice and a great warm-up for the upcoming Camporee. Oh, and on Friday evening Doug and Beth Meyers met us for dinner and then returned to the campground for the dance. We loved having them come to visit us after such a long absence. We had much to catch up on and many stories to share. We are hoping that they will again be able to camp with us soon. Doug is still recovering, but is getting stronger after a long illness. Keep up the good progress, Doug! Later that week, as we were preparing for Camporee, I received a call from the daughter of Karen Lowe. She informed me that Karen had passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, October 16th. John & Karen Lowe have been long time members of NSDCA and Strawberry Travelers. She will be greatly missed by us all.

On Tuesday, those of us who remained at the campground throughout the week after the campout began the decorating and setup for the FANSDC "Overload the Boat" Camporee. Everything ended up looking quite nautical and very festive - once we battened down the hatches and secured the lines! Bob and Laura Boucher and Steve Rogers did A LOT of cutting, sanding, prepping and painting. You guys are all so very talented! In addition to all that, everyone brought and contributed many special and final touches that just made it all fit together.

On Wednesday a few more "passengers" rolled in and that night we were all treated to a Trail-In dance compliments of Charlie Pergrossi and Mike Gormley. Thursday was the first official day for the Camporee with workshops in the afternoon; the evening dance was Casual Theme Night. Some colorful and creative sea creatures appeared as well as Gail LaRue's special "guest" named Lucy (a blow-up doll) who liked to dance and had several outfits for each night of the Camporee. The night ended with a campfire and scrumptious s'mores provided by Ron and Linda Imus, #128 (Square Wheels).

Friday was our Grand March night, so all the clubs got to strut their stuff in their club outfits with their banners. A surprise guest made quite the appearance that night, too. A shirtless "Native Islander" (our own Mike Gormley) decked out in a coconut bra and grass skirt led the procession of the Grand March whilst blowing his conch shell. What a wild and whimsical group of fun (and somewhat brave?) people we had on this "Overloaded Boat" - certainly a trip to remember! Saturday started



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off with a Treasurer Hunter's Sale and Camporee Craft followed by lunch (prepared by #153) and the FANSDC general meeting. All of our officers graciously volunteered to continue serving in their current positions for one more year and the membership unanimously and enthusiastically voted to accept! Saturday night was State Colors night, and it was "smooth sailing" and more great dancing. Several of us turned in early registrations for next year's Camporee, "Celebrate America! Home of the Free Because of the Brave" to the delight of next year's Chairmen, Jack and Bev Henry, members of our club, #153 Strawberry Travelers.

Mike Gormley continues to do a fantastic job of keeping the www.fansdc.net website current and also gently reminds the clubs to keep our info and schedules current as well. One may find the Strawberry Travelers camping schedule and club information posted on the FANSDC website and NSDCA.org.

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C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada

Another camping season for the Riverside Gypsies has come to an end. Let's look back at the last two campouts... In August the club enjoyed a visit from Ken and Carolyn Shacter from the United States. Club members were treated to a wagon ride and historical tour of the campground and the town of Delta. It was interesting to find out more about some of the older buildings built so many years ago. (It's near Halloween as I write this and I wonder if the odd restless spirit may inhabit some of them?) Along with the tour, and dancing we all gathered together for a corn boil and hotdogs on the Saturday night.

The last campout for this year saw us making plans for next year; sites were booked, monthly committees were struck and our annual AGM was held. With Geoff Clarke calling for this month along with Margaret Thomas leading some line dancing, we gave our dancing shoes a little more of a workout. After the AGM we enjoyed a potluck supper of soups, stews, homemade bread and finished off the meal with cakes and pies. I don't think anyone left hungry.

Some campers will have cleaned up their rigs by now and put them into storage for our cold, Canadian winter, but others will be packing their rigs and heading to the warmer climates in the U.S.A. for a little while to tour, enjoy the warmer weather and perhaps dance with some clubs there.

For those dancers that are in the area at the end of February, we have plans to hold our Mid-Winter Dance on Sunday, February 26, 2023. We

are also looking forward to May 11th-15th when we will once again park and dance in Delta. Until then, safe travels.

Mary Anne Reinhard; mareinhard1@outlook.com; 613 838 5781

193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Hooray, the cool weather is here. As I write this at the end of October, I believe most everyone across the country and Canada is enjoying the cooler (for some already cold) weather that the fall brings. What a lovely Fall it has been, almost perfect would it not have been for Hurricane Ian's path of destruction. Our prayers go out for the many who are trying to put their lives, homes, and neighborhoods back together.

Chapter 193 began our 22/23 camping season in September with a campout in Titusville, FL at Manatee Hammock Campground, right next to the Kennedy Space Center with the launch pads in view. What a beautiful place! With palm trees and fabulous weather, we had breakfast

outside in the pavilion (→) and got to watch the night launch of a rocket on Friday night. We also got to see bio-florescent fish lighting up the water along the dock as we watched. Very cool!



It was off to Lake Glenada in Avon Park for us in October, where we struggled a bit to get a

square together, but thoroughly enjoyed our awesome caller Sam Dunn work with not just eight dancers, but many times with four or six too! Chuck Ryall, our equally awesome cuer, kept all the round dancers wanting more; he even had us doing a tango! Great fun. Making Halloween shirts was our craft which was lots of fun also.

Two weeks later, our 46th Annual Florida State Camporee was held in Eustis. We enjoyed a nautical theme with good eats, a great craft, and lots and lots of awesome lines, squares, and round dancing. Trucy and Steve Rogers and Chapter 153 (Strawberry Travelers) did an awesome job with decorations and lots of fun activities. We all got to take our picture taken in the awesome cruise boat (→).



The holidays are almost here and most of us are getting very busy baking, cooking, and wrapping presents. Oh, and planning Christmas parties and family events also. Be sure to take time to enjoy this blessed season, for too often we can

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get so caught up in the doing that we often miss those precious moments sharing with each other and just being together. May you all have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year!

So as always... "We hope to see you all in a square somewhere!"

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196 Wabash Valley Wheel-a-Rounds; Indiana/Illinois

Our group has enjoyed a great season of camping and dancing. We will be closing out our camping season at the Indiana State Convention in French Lick the first weekend in November. I will reflect back on some of the highlights of our outings since we submitted the last installment for this newsletter.

In August we camped at the Bill Monroe Campground and Museum complex, close to the historic town of Nashville, IN and the Brown County State Park. The greatest challenge there for some of us was getting our rigs up a fairly steep hill to our sites. We had to use 4-wheel drive to get our rig up it. Once set up it was a very comfortable situation and a good



time was had by all. If you have ever been in the Nashville, IN area and remember the country singer Bill Monroe, the museum is a “must see”. The campground owners were very friendly and accommodating. We took in the many activities and sights offered in the area – some as a group – some as individuals. A group lunch at one of the oldest city establishments, the Nashville House, was great as was a group supper at a local eatery in the small town of Bean Blossom. We did a group tour of the TC Steel Memorial and made an interesting discovery along the way to the site; see the picture below showing the “Sock Barn.” The owner is a local family that liked to collect geode rocks. They had so many they didn’t know what to do with them all so they started this project with the idea of “leave a sock – take a rock.” Yes – we did all leave a sock! We were able to dance in the evening on two nights with local area clubs. We



are trying to do more of that since our club caller has moved out of state. Fun for them and us both!

In September we visited the Carlock, IL area. We were able to dance at three different area clubs with caller Curt Braffet. Curt and his wife Peggy have a business at Carlock and invited us to share coffee and donuts with them on Friday morning. What a pleasant surprise to find out it was an orchard and berry farm! They were in the midst of having their Fall apple activities and we were served the best homemade cider donuts I’ve ever had. They also had apples, gallons of cider, jams and jellies, and

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other goodies that we also brought home with us. Hayrides and a corn maze were also included in their offered activities. I’m glad to report all of the members of our group found their way out of the corn maze! If you are in the Carlock area, be sure and find the Braffet’s business; it won’t disappoint! The weather on this outing was a bit unseasonable, so we ended up exploring area restaurants instead of having potluck meals (ask Larry and Paula Cleary about the cheesecake if you see them around a square near you). This was the first time I have had fellowship around the campfire with this group when the fire was blowing sideways!

We had our annual outing in October at the Covered Bridge Festival at Rockville, IN. I will save the details for next issue. We are starting to plan for next year. We have put a trip back to Shipshewana, IN on our schedule for May 20-22, 2023; this is a popular one and we would welcome any of you that want to join us. More info coming in the next *TIMES* issue.

In closing, we want to extend a big “welcome to our group” to our newest members, Carol Junker and Danny Rucker from the Indianapolis, IN area.

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198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

Praying everyone has had a Blessed Thanksgiving and are gearing up for the upcoming Holidays. We have had a busy summer and fall and now are tucking in for the winter, with the exception of a couple snow-birds.

Crossfire Campers are busy getting things lined up for the 65th Camporee in Lebanon, TN July 11-13, 2023. While these are the “Official Camporee” dates, we are pleased to advise we are working on an entire week of fun, dancing and eating. There is so much to do in the Lebanon Area! We will be kicking off the week on Sunday, July 9th with a Trail-In dance hosted by the Wilson Country Grand Squares and the Crossfire Campers, #198 at the Camporee site. On Monday, July 10th, we are planning a Chuck Wagon (potluck) and the official Trail-In dance. Thanks to Ron Imus, we will be offering seats at the Grand Ole Opry for Friday, July 14th at an additional cost (see page 32 for more information). We are rounding out the week with a Trail-Out dance hosted by The Barnlofters and the Crossfire Campers, #198 in Hermitage, TN. If you are planning to attend, we sure would appreciate receiving your registration form as soon as possible. If you would like to add to your original registration, please mail your additions along with your check to our Registration

Chair, Ann Sharland, P.O. Box 157, New Tazwell, TN 37824. If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

We are in the planning stages for our April, 2023 Campout in Kodiak, TN and will update the calendar as soon as everything is set up.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy, Healthy New Year.

Ruth Osborn



2023 Illinois



Square Dance Campers Association



State Camporee

June 16—18, 2023

All Dancers & Callers Invited



Marshall—Putnam Fairgrounds

915 University Ave. Henry, IL. 61537

Make Check payable to: Swing-N-Travelers

Mail Registration to: Naomi Mills

8308 U.S. Hwy 150, Edwards, IL 61528-9814

Naomi Mills: (309) 256-6752

Last Name: _____ First (s): _____

Address: _____

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Chapter Name: _____ No: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Length: _____

Camping Includes water/electric Fee: \$90.00

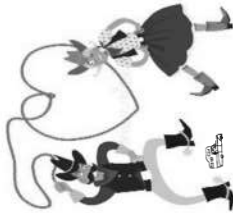
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Total : \$ _____

Friday Evening meal nominal charge

Saturday Evening Potluck—All Campers Welcome

Sunday Morning Breakfast - FREE WILL DONATION



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65th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE

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July 11 to 12 2022. Camporee Events



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Round Dance Interest (Check Dance Interests)
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Other

____ Youth/Teen Dance Program

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

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Availability (circle) M T W Th F

Email address _____

Cuer Name _____

Availability (circle) M T W Th F

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone # _____

Lines Instructor _____

Availability (circle) M T W Th F

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

Youth Name _____ Age _____ M F

Youth Name _____ Age _____ M F

Adult Name _____

Adult Name _____

NSDCA Camporee Fees: 3 Days...\$150 2 Days...\$125 1 Day...\$90 (ALL FEES IN US FUNDS ONLY)

Please Check which days you will be camping: (Extra Days Campsite Fees \$20 per day) **NonCampers** \$90

Sun 9th Mon 10th **Tues 11th** **Wed 12th** **Thu 13th** Fri 14th Sat 15th

Unit with only one person (check): Deduct \$45; Extra adults # \$45each; **Non NSDCA** \$20.00

Registration \$ _____	Extra Fees \$ _____	Add'l Days \$ _____	Total Fees \$ _____
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If you would like your ribbons sent to you with your mailed confirmation, please include a self-addressed, stamped business (#10) envelope with your registration. Refunds are available with a written request.

Send check or money order payable in US Funds to "65th NSDCA Camporee" to:

Ann Sharland, P.O.Box 157, New Tazewell, TN 37824

For more info, contact Ozzie or Ruth Osborn, (518-859-0734, 518-669-3337) 65thnsdcacamporee@gmail.com

Grand Ole Opry Excursion

Welcome Square Dancers!

We are booked at the Grand Ole Opry for the 7 p.m. show on Friday, July 14, 2023. The cost is \$75 (single) or \$150 (per couple). I was able to reserve great seats in section 2; I'll have more details after January.

You can send your payment to:

Ronald Imus
8560 SW 90th Street Unit C
Ocala, FL 34481

Please include your mailing address, a contact phone number and your email address. Also denote how many tickets you are requesting. There is no rush, but I will need your payment **no later than May 15, 2023.**



The cancellation policy: The last day to cancel is June 1, 2023 with a full refund; after that day there will be no refund, but I will help you try to sell your tickets to someone else.

The Opry has not yet posted who is going to be there on July 14th; I will report it in a future email and in the *TIMES*.

As of October 18th (the date of this submission to the *TIMES*) I have 56 seats set aside. If you know anyone that may want to attend, have them text me at 574-370-9169 with their name, phone number, email and how many tickets they want. If you have any questions please text me and I will get back to you.

Ronald Imus, Opry coordinator.

Are you changing your mailing address for the winter months? Please let us know! This will help save your Association money (the USPS charges us for returned mail) as well as allow you to receive your *TIMES* newsletter when it is sent out.

Please go to the NSDCA.org website, click on the green bar item *FORMS & FAQ*, select *Forms*, and then click on *Change Address or Request Transfer*. Depending on your browser settings, you should be able to fill the form out right on your computer. You can then save it, print it and mail it or send it via email to Kathy Nickel (see page 51).

Be sure to let us know the dates you will be away from your permanent residence. Thanks!

From the Desk of the 65th Chair

We pray you all had a wonderful Fall and Blessed Thanksgiving. Your 65th Camporee Committees have been working to bring you a GREAT Camporee. We listened to your feedback on things you wanted and are trying to make them happen.

As you may know, Tennessee is the “Volunteer State,” so we are planning a lot of community services while at the 65th Camporee. We can always use more volunteers.

We heard there should be more time for Fellowship and getting to know new folks, so we have planned a Chuck Wagon (potluck) on Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. with the Camporee supplying hot dogs and Cowboy Chili. There will also be gluten-free and vegetarian options available. We are hoping for a dish to share from those attending.

Our Trail In Dance will be a proud supporter of the Red Nose Program (noses will be provided), a campaign with the mission to end child poverty by funding programs that keep children safe, healthy, educated and empowered. We are hoping this will be a fun way to support such an important organization. All proceeds from this dance will be donated to a local food pantry.

During the Camporee, we are planning two dance halls at night with squares, rounds and lines. One will be for Social Square Dancing and Mainstream and the other one will be for Plus and Advanced (if there is interest). We are also planning for Dance Workshops Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. We need our Callers and Cuers to register and sign up to assist.

We feel our Veterans should be acknowledged and thanked for their service as often as possible. While we appreciate some do not wish to share, we would like to hear from our Veterans with the service branch, the years of service and/or the locations served. A little something special is planned.

We will be rounding up stuffed animals for the SAFE program (Stuffed Animals For Emergencies) which will be donated to a local Emergency Management Agency.

We are wondering if a couple of Chapters would be interested in hosting an 8-9 morning coffee on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday? This would be a great way to start the day and extend our Fellowship. Please let us know if you are interested.

We will have a Book Exchange Table where you donate some previously read books and pick up new ones. Any leftovers will be donated to a local thrift shop. We will be having RV Workshops and we would like to know what kinds of information you would like to have presented (i.e. repairs, modifications, etc.).

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



In late October we were merrily driving down US-92 in Florida, headed to the Florida State Camporee. We stopped at a traffic light, and when it turned green I put my foot on the gas to slowly accelerate through the intersection. At that moment there was a very loud BANG. Initially I thought it was a backfire from some heavy equipment that was on the road shoulder, but very quickly I determined there was a whoosh-whoosh compression noise coming from under our hood. I quickly pulled over, and after looking under the hood and not seeing anything obviously amiss we called for a tow.

We were 33 miles from the Camporee campground. The tow truck would only take the truck and trailer to the closest dealership/repair facility; that would have left us stranded until the problem was assessed and fixed. Given we had no idea what it was, the wait could have been considerable. Needless to say, we eventually made it to the fun and festivities thanks to good friends at the Camporee who drove out with their pickup truck to tow us in that evening.

As you have read elsewhere in this issue, the Camporee was a great success. I know we certainly had a lot of fun. Upon learning the following day that our truck's problem was due to a mechanic insufficient torquing of the spark plug during a tune-up that resulted in the plug eventually working free and popping out of the engine block (ever hear of that before?) and that the dealership was back-charging the other dealership where the error occurred (versus us) made for an even better resolution. But the outcome could have been much worse: the insurance policy might have allowed towing only the truck and not the trailer; if we were quite distant from the campground where friends could not rescue us (or traveling on remote country backroads as I normally like to do), we would have incurred a substantial towing fee.

In a previous issue I mentioned one should have a good roadside insurance policy. Some auto insurance companies will write extra-cost riders that cover towing a trailer (like the AAA) while other specialized RV insurance policies (such as those offered by Good Sam) offer the ability to cover both the tow vehicle (a.k.a. truck) and trailer. Having a policy that leaves your trailer stranded at the roadside is not something one wishes to consider, but it is a possibility if your policy does not cover towing both vehicles in the event the tow vehicle (truck) is disabled. As mentioned, a separate tow for the trailer could be a very expensive proposition. I don't think this would be an issue for a Class A or C motorhome with a toad, but it is something to consider double-checking to ensure you are covered.

We had the pleasure of traveling to Canada in the late summer to visit family as well as new friends. I have been working closely (sometimes daily) with our webmaster for the past two years, and it was about time to meet him face-to-face. We chose a weekend that his NSDCA Chapter (C-175, Riverside Gypsy Squares) would be holding a campout/dance. They meet in a delightful campground in southern Ontario situated on Lower Beverly Lake, managed by the village of Delta. We were treated to a hayride tour of the village Friday afternoon, an evening dance in an open pavilion – called by our webmaster, Bob Summers – and a bonfire afterwards. Line dancing was also included in the evening’s festivities. Saturday’s dance was held in the afternoon, followed by a communal dinner and bonfire. Several dancers hung around through Sunday (including us) and we took the opportunity to tour the village’s grist mill (which is on Canada’s Register of Historic Sites; see www.deltamill.org), something the Gypsies had done during a previous campout. Ontario really didn’t feel like a foreign country to us (other than the metric units posted as speed limits and most signage being in English and French), but on Monday we headed to Montreal to visit family – no square dancing was involved – and we were suddenly transported into a place that no longer felt we were at home. French is the language of record for Quebec province, which sometimes made for interesting (and incorrect) assumptions on our part as to what message was intended when trying to interpret road signs. Getting around Montreal was not a problem, however: they have a wonderful public transit system, and the vast majority of people are fluent in both languages. All in all, it was a thoroughly delightful trip.

And speaking of traveling, someone is apparently looking at what I’ve been calling the “experimental map” that shows the geographic locations of all NSDCA events that are published on the Association’s website in the USA and Canada; there have been over 1,300 views since it has been available. I hope it has been helpful to those who have viewed it to plan to attend other Chapters’ campout/dances. If you haven’t yet looked at this still-experimental feature, go to the NSDCA website (NSDCA.org), click on the “Camping/Dancing” menu option in the green bar, select “Show Campouts” from the drop-down menu, and then find a button labeled “Maps” in the right margin next to the heading “Visit Campouts”. Once you click that you will be taken to the aforementioned experimental map.

The listings are getting thin towards the end of the year (although there are some 2023 events already posted) but the list is continually updated as new campout information is provided by your Chapter. The color code for campout “pins” is as follows: blue for Chapter campouts, orange for a change in venue or cancelled Chapter campout, purple for State/Province Camporees, and red for the International Camporee (with

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and the FUN continues...

There were 25 correct entries identifying the location of the lost campers for the Fall issue's contest. Barry & Joy Vlad of (once again!) the Swing-N-Travelers, Chapter 123 (IL), who were randomly chosen by the computer are the winners of this contest. Congratulations to Barry and Joy; your 2023 NSDCA membership fee will be waived. I received several clever comments with submissions:

The following two sets of comments are from #123 Swing-N-Travelers (IL): Dave & Mary Bruun, "Well, Howie & Bev didn't want to miss our NSDCA Annual Meeting as they are located on page 51 (top

Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Rollaways (MI)	005	Wayne & Joan Adams
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Cherie Arch
		Cinda Asp
		Darlene & Larry Johnson
		Marie Berridge
		Sally Foley
Badger Rovers (WI)	031	Debi Odekirk
Illiana Square Wheelers (IL/IN)	044	Larina Sanders
Penn-Dixie Square Campers (PA)	045	Jim Sebesta
Square-Up Campers (PA)	106	Michael Gelinias
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Frank Golden
		Mike Huddleson
Swing-N-Travelers (IL)	123	Barry & Joy Vlad
		Bill Baker
		Chet & Janet Bowman
		Dave & Mary Bruun
		Dwaine & Bret Dunn
		Jim & Sharon Waller
		John & Carol Scher
		Norma Schertz
		Pat Edwards
		Ron & Sue Mayer
Strawberry Travelers	153	Mike Gormley
		Susan Wolford
Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds	196	Kerry Richmond

photo, lower right corner directly under the flag) with the officers of the Board. Now, to make sure they arrive at the 65th Camporee in Lebanon, TN, they will need to take HWY 41 South both in Indiana and Kentucky to I-24 E but will be traveling SE to Nashville, TN. I'm sure they will wander through Nashville looking for I-40 E which will take them to Exit 239B. They have plenty of time to get to Lebanon unless they head back to Wisconsin. Then we would advise them to 'JUST GOOGLE IT' as you never know where they will end up in the next three issues of the *TIMES*." Ron & Sue Mayer provided, "They look pretty anxious to get away from there."

From Mike Gormley, #153 Strawberry Travelers (FL), "Hey, that looks like me that is lost this time, because as the caravan is heading west on the cover page, I am heading east on page 51 under the Board of Director's table. Maybe someone should have kicked me back on course."

Kerry Richmond, #196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds (IN/IL) wrote, "Howie & Bev appear to have spent quite some time in Rockville, IN since this is the third time they have been 'lost' there. I didn't notice them at the time but they snuck in to the General Meeting at the camporee and are parked under the corner of the table with the hard working NSDCA board members."

Debi Odekirk of #031 Badger Rovers (WI) said "The campers were spotted on Page 51. I see that they are turned around in the right direction to head to Tennessee. They probably want to get a good camping spot as they are sneaking out from under the table so no one sees them go. They should head south on US 41 then east on I-24. Hopefully they have a good map!"

Frank Golden, #116 Camping Squares of Kansas (KS) said, "The lost camper is on page 51, top right hand corner of the page below the flag pole and table. I hope John does not move from his spot and go around the table and step on the camper. If that happens, John will have to buy a new camper for the folks."

From Michael Gelinias, #106 Square-Up Campers (PA), "I guess he's waiting to load up the BODs to take them to the 65th camporee. That's going to be a long trip and a tight squeeze in that camper."

And from Jim Sebesta, #045 Penn Dixie Square Campers (PA), a sentiment we can all agree on: "At the top of page 51 is a picture captioned "Your NSDCA Board at work at the 64th International Camporee." Howie and Bev are located in the lower right hand corner of this picture on the floor 'underneath' the real Canadian flag. The picture does not lend itself well to 'clever' remarks since it is a picture of real people who are sincerely working hard to make the camporee a success. The Camporee pictures on pages 32 and 33 attest to the fact that their hard

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Chapter Campouts

The following listings are believed to be accurate. The starting date of the event is Friday unless otherwise noted. Due to 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. Always check the NSDCA website for the most up-to-date information, and 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 2022/11/01)

December 02 → 03, 2022

128 Square Wheels: Florida

The Springs RV Resort

2950 NE 52nd Court; Silver Springs, FL; 352-236-5250

SQUARE WHEELS/GYPSY SQUARES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rally rate is \$45/night. Passport America is honored.

Must call campground to make your reservation.

No deposit is required per Garrett Landreth; no deposits will be refunded.

Mary Chesnut; marynut4@gmail.com; 352-214-5880 or Angela Brown; 352-408-5721; hlangela17@gmail.com

Thursday December 08 → 11, 2022

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Whispering Pines Village RV Park

2323 Brunns Rd; Sebring, FL; 863-385-8806

RR weekends begin w/ Early Bird Thursday & end w/ Breakfast Sunday.

Make your reservation, then let Louise know.

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

Thursday January 12 → 15, 2023

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Highlands Hammock State Park

5931 Hammock Rd; Sebring, FL; 772-577-3882

RR weekends begin w/ Early Bird Thursday & end w/ Breakfast Sunday.

Sites are pre-registered. Call John Ide at 352-208-5980 for available sites.

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

January 20 → January 21

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Volusia County Fairgrounds

3150 E New York Avenue; Deland, FL

Florida State Convention; Camping at Fairgrounds; full service

Trails-End Dance on Thursday, January 19

Tim Hill (352) 205-0596 or Angela Brown 352-408-5721

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April 14 → April 15

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park

11016 Lillian Saunders Dr. Hwy 41; White Springs, FL; 800-326-3521
or 386-397-4331

Make your own reservation. This is a state park; they do not hold sites for us. Rate \$20/night (\$10 for FL seniors) + \$7/night electricity and a one-time reservation fee of \$6.70.

Tim Hill 352-205-0596 or Angela Brown 352-408-5721

Wednesday April 26 → April 26

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois

Roscoe Pizza Ranch Dinner Meeting

4797 Bluestem Road; Roscoe, IL

Spring Get-Together before camping begins!

Bob Asp; 1-815-624-4330

Thursday May 11 → May 14

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Location To Be Determined

RR weekends begin w/ Early Bird Thursday & end w/ Breakfast Sunday.

Make your reservation, then let Louise know.

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

May 19 → May 21

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania

Otter Lake Camp Resort

1639 Marshalls Creek Rd; East Stroudsburg, PA; 570-223-0123

Caller, Paul Ingis

Rena Durette/Diane Wilson; 631-903-0368; renadurette@hotmail.com

May 26 → May 29

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois

Pecatonica, IL Fairgrounds

500 West First St; Pecatonica, IL;

Water and Sewer Hookups will be available.

Bob Asp; 1-815-624-1330



June 09 → June 11

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania
Appalachian RV Campground

60 Motel Dr; Shartlesville, PA; 877-570-2267 or 610-488-6319

Caller, Dave Black

Paul & Susan Schwarz; 610-996-7674; susanjaneschwarz@gmail.com

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



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work paid off handsomely. I have nothing but praise, admiration and appreciation for the Board's efforts."

In spite of our good luck locating Howie & Bev (they need a GPS!), they have gone astray once again. Recall they are in the middle of the caravan with the slide-in trailer (see the Summer 2019 issue for background on the caravan and images of each traveler, or page 46 for the image only). Please see if you can locate them in this issue and give them directions to the 2023 Camporee in Lebanon, TN.

Please keep sending in your answers and remember that we'll have a special recognition and award at the June 2023 Camporee at Lebanon, TN for the chapter with the most entries. Let's see if a chapter can best the reigning champs!

Remember, you can't win if you don't enter (but in order to win, a current membership is required). This is *your* newsletter! Good luck! Send your answer no later than January 31st, 2022 to either: 1) via email to **NSDCAtimes@gmail.com** or 2) by regular mail (to arrive no later than January 31) to **Ken Shacter, 5418 Weller Place, Jacksonville, FL 32211-6965**. 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 the contributors listed earlier did, it gives a good indication you have properly located our lost campers, and you may get your answer published!

As a reminder, be sure to include your Chapter's number and name, regardless of the way you choose to communicate. Thank you.

We Remember Our Friends

Karen Lowe (#153, Strawberry Travelers)

Karen Lowe, 77, passed away peacefully in her sleep October 16, 2022. Karen retired from Radford University in Virginia and moved to Florida in 2002, working part time for a math and reading center. Karen was a member of First Christian Church of Inverness, was a volunteer secretary, sang with the praise team and choir, and was a member of the church missions board. She was a volunteer for Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast (now known as VISTAS). Karen and husband John have been long time members of NSDCA and Strawberry Travelers. Karen was a past president of Hitch-N-Go (#082) and treasurer for Square Wheels (#128). Karen is survived by her husband, John, and an extended family. She will be greatly missed by us all.



Submitted by Trucy Rogers

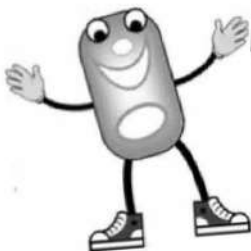
Maxine Thomas (#128, Square Wheels)

Maxine Thomas, 86, passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Maxine worked 20 years for the Duval County School Board as school secretary for Normandy Village Elementary. By 2022 Maxine suffered from macular degeneration and was going blind, but she still kicked up her heels on the dance floor two days before her death. She held numerous positions (banner chair, president, vice president) in several sticks and bricks square dance clubs, was an avid round dancer (mastering both female and male positions) and loved to square dance camp. Her uplifting attitude and personality will be sorely missed.



Submitted by Laura Ramsey and Angela Brown

Remember, if you would like someone included/remembered in the “We Remember Our Friends” 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.



Keep Saving Those Pull-Tabs!

for the
Shriners Children’s Hospitals

Mexican Chicken Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 can (12.5 ounce) drained chunk chicken
- 1 can (15 ounce) drained mixed vegetables
- ½ cup shredded cheese (I like sharp cheddar)
- ¼ cup sour cream
- ¼ cup Miracle Whip (or salad dressing)
- 1 small tomato diced
- 1 garlic clove dice
- A few sprigs of finely chopped cilantro



Courtesy of
Wendy Brock,
#128



Steps:

- 1) Mix together chicken and vegetables.
- 2) Add tomato, shredded cheese, chopped garlic and chopped cilantro.
- 3) Start mixing in equal amounts of miracle whip (or salad dressing if you prefer that) and sour cream. Start slow so that you don't make it too wet.

I usually put this on croissants. It makes 4 to 6 large ones, or you can serve it with taco chips or whatever you prefer. You can also add salt and pepper to taste.

Makes about 6 servings: ~234 calories/serving.

Total fat:	16 g	Total carbs:	10 g	Sugars:	5 g
Saturated fat:	6 g	Protein:	13 g	Dietary fiber:	2 g
Sodium:	843 mg	Potassium:	283 mg	Vitamin A:	168%
Vitamin C:	11%	Calcium:	11%	Iron:	7%

Above information is based on the chicken salad only using Miracle Whip.

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October. There were 46 rigs attending and two walk-in couples. Charlie Pergrossi (#153 Strawberry Squares) was the caller coordinator; other callers were Mike Gormley (#153), Bill Chesnut (#128 Square Wheels), Ted Hughes (#018 Sunshine State Pioneers) and Bill Cassidy (#128). Rounds were cued by Ann Hadsall (#128), Susan Wolford (#153) and Susan Snider (#128).

Thursday's Trail-In dance had two squares – not bad! Friday and Saturday the floor was full with seven squares most of the night. Some of us had not danced in a long time and were eager to get onto the floor and pour our heart out. There were afternoon square and round dance workshops on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Friday morning we were visited by the T-Shirt Lady and had our usual sale of gently used square

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DON'T MISS THE CHANGES!



New "Single" Membership Fee

For a New Single Membership:

\$5.00

For a Renewal of a Single Membership

\$10.00



Cost of "Badges" Increase

NSDCA Membership Badges

Safety pin Attachment \$10.00

Magnet Attachment \$13.00



**Don't
FORGET!**

- Please use the new correct forms found on the **NSDCA.org** site.
- When renewing please submit your renewal to your chapter for processing.
- Members at Large (000) please send your renewal to the **NSDCA Wisconsin** address:

P.O. Box 628433. Middleton, WI 53562-8433

All changes are announced through our NSDCA E-Tree. (If you are not getting NSDCA announcements, please check with your chapter or area representative. All announcements are sent by email to them and should be forwarded on to each member. Be sure that they have your correct E-mail address or phone number.

STAY CONNECTED!

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dance attire. Additionally, we held our own yard sale as well as held a craft activity, which made stenciled shopping bags decorated to the Camporee’s sea-based theme.

FANSDC (the state organization) held its general meeting Saturday lunchtime; to entice people to come, #153 served Sloppy Joe’s during the meeting. Our annual catered dinner was Saturday night before the dance – Lee’s Famous Fried Chicken! The evening closed with the Lost Island skit (via video) by a very young Red Skelton. Trucy and Steve Rogers (#153) led a Camporee team for the very first time – never having attempted anything like this before – and did an absolutely fantastic job! Next year’s Camporee’s theme is “Celebrate America! Home of the Free Because of the Brave,” being organized by Jack and Bev Henry (#153).

On a sad note, Karen Lowe (#153) and Maxine Thomas (#128) recently departed for the great dance floor in the sky. They will be sorely missed.

That’s all folks!

Mary & John Burzo

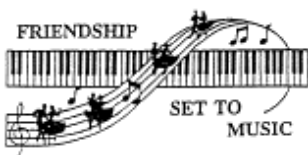
Michigan State Representative

Do due other obligations I missed the deadline for the last issue of the *TIMES*. I want to take this time to say what a wonderful International NSDCA event was held in Rockville, IN. We enjoyed the dancing and events that were held during that time. Thank you again to everyone that contributed to the excellent time that was had by all.

With fall in the air and winter on the way, it is time for some of us to think about or leave for the warmer weather. Northwood Stompers (#121) held their last campout for the year in September. It was a cooler weekend but a great time was had by all that attended. The group went out for supper on Friday night, had a potluck on Saturday night, curled up by the campfires and visited, and did a lot of dancing.

Michigan is well on the way for planning the Michigan State Camporee to be held in July of 2023. I would like to extend an invitation for everyone to join us. At our State Camporee in 2022 we had three callers and one cuer attend. I also would like to give a big thank you to the callers, cuers and dancers that attend our event. Looking forward to 2023.

Alberta & Gary Gunsell, Michigan State Representatives
gunsell@lentel.com



Helpful Hints: RV Water Heater (part 2)

If you didn't find an energy supply issue using the steps listed in the summer 2022 issue (Volume 60 Issue 3) here is another of the most common problems with an RV water heater and hopefully how to correct it. More will be forthcoming in future issues.

Disclaimer: Working with propane and electricity can be dangerous. Caution must be taken when performing this work. Servicing your RV water heater can be an easy Do-It-Yourself task; however, if you are not comfortable with any of the potential risks, have a professional do this work for you.

Manual Valve Water Heater problem (non-DSI): the pilot won't stay lit

- A. Ensure the thermocouple is screwed in tightly to the gas control valve. If it is loose then tighten it, but be sure not to overtighten or strip the threads.
- B. Visually inspect the thermocouple to ensure it is free of soot and centered in the pilot light's flame. If necessary, use a soft brush (e.g., toothbrush) to remove the soot from the thermocouple; be careful adjusting the thermocouple's position to ensure you don't kink the wire connector or damage the thermocouple itself.

If (A) and (B) are satisfactory, then:

- C. Remove and clean the pilot orifice and flame tube. Note: Only use compressed air to clean an orifice; drill bits, paper clips and other abrasive items can enlarge its opening and damage it beyond repair.
- D. Reassemble the cleaned parts, light the pilot and see if it will stay lit.

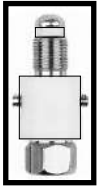
If not, then:

- E. Test the water heater's thermocouple using a Volt Ohm Meter (VOM) that can read both resistance (in ohms, Ω) and voltage (in millivolts, mV) as follows:
 1. Disconnect and remove the thermocouple from the water heater gas control valve. Make sure all safety protocols are followed.
 2. Ensure your test leads are in the appropriate sockets on the meter (i.e., ground and volt/ohm, not amp or milliamp).
 3. Select the ohms (Ω , resistance) option on your multimeter, preferably using a range that tops out at 50 ohms or use the "X10" scaling factor if available.
 4. Place one test lead (it does not matter which one) on the side of the thermocouple and touch the other to the end that screws into the gas valve. A small resistance reading should be indicated on the VOM if the thermocouple has proper continuity. Many multimeters also indicate continuity with a squealing sound, but this may not be sufficient to assess the proper resistance of the thermocouple. If the reading on the multimeter indicates the thermocouple does not have continuity,

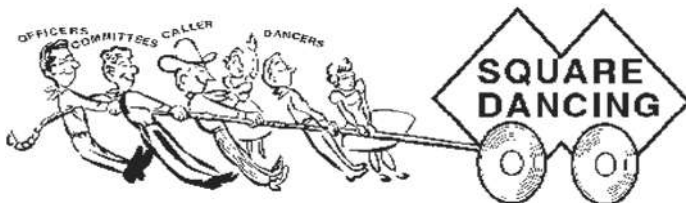
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it is not usable. A high resistance reading (on the order of 40 ohms) also suggests the thermocouple should be replaced.

5. Next, set the multimeter to the DC millivolt (mV) range to perform an open circuit test. You will be looking for a voltage between 25 mV and 30 mV, so choose an appropriate range. Hold one test lead (it does not matter which one) on the side of the thermocouple and touch the other to the inside end that screws into the gas valve. Using either a cigarette lighter, a barbecue lighter or some other source of heat with a flame, hold the flame at the farthest end of the thermocouple (i.e., the end that is normally in the pilot flame). Thermocouples designed for residential gas appliances are designed to output 30 mV when unloaded and they experience a nearby flame-based heat source. The VOM reading should be between 25 mV and 30 mV. Anything reading close to 20 mV or less means the thermocouple should be replaced; use discretion if the reading is between 21 mV and 25 mV.
6. Perform a closed-circuit test using a thermocouple adapter (photo); this provides a true indication of performance ability with the thermocouple under load. Gas valve thermocouple adapters are available online and cost anywhere from \$6 up. Be sure to read reviews of the model you are ordering to ensure it provide reputable service. It is easier to perform this test using alligator clips attached to one of the VOM's test leads. First, attach the thermocouple adapter to the gas valve where the thermocouple would normally connect. Then attach the thermocouple to the adapter. Turn the water heater on and place an alligator clip from the multimeter on the screw that extends from the side of the adapter; hold the other lead at the side of the thermocouple (do not attach the alligator clip to the thermocouple lead, you could damage the thermocouple). Light and hold a flame as done it step 5. The VOM should be set to the same range as used in step 5. The VOM reading should be between 12 mV and 15 mV; anything less than 12 mV indicates the thermocouple is defective and should be replaced.



If the above steps do not correct the problem, you likely have a bad thermocouple or control valve. You can try replacing the thermocouple to see if that fixes the problem. If not, then the issue is more than likely the gas valve. Please note that gas valves are not serviceable and a repair should never be attempted – the valve should be replaced.



National Square Dance Campers Association, Inc.
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Membership Application or Renewal

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Application or Renewal (Check One) Date: ___/___/___

Assigned to Chapter # _____; Chapter Name: _____

This application is only to be used for new membership applications or renewals of members whose membership has lapsed for a period of 3 months or more. If the lapse is between 3 months and 3 years, the fee is \$20. For a renewal after a lapse of 3 years or more, the fee is \$10 as a new member.

Name(s):	First:	Last:
	First:	Last:

How should your name be printed on your badge? IF the same, write in SAME.

For your Badge:	First:	Last:
	First:	Last:

Address 1:	Street:		
	City:		
	State/Province:		Zip +4/PC:
Phone:	Home:	His Cell:	Her Cell:
E-Mail:	His:		Hers:

If you live at a different address for part of the year, please provide it here:

Address 2:	Street:		
	City:		
	State/Province:		Zip +4/PC:

If you completed Address 2, please indicate to which address you would like the specific issue of the quarterly mailing of the NSDCA Times, sent:

March Issue	June Issue	September Issue	December Issue
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New Membership Fee (Valid from Camporee date to December 31 of the following year):

For a Member Couple: \$10.00	For a Single Member: \$5.00	\$.
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Annual Membership Renewal Fee (Valid from Camporee date to December 31 of the following year):

For a Member Couple: \$20.00	For a Single Member: \$10.00	\$.
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Cost of Badges:

Safety Pin Attachment: \$10.00 ea.	Magnet Attachment: \$13.00 ea.	\$.
Total Submitted:		\$.

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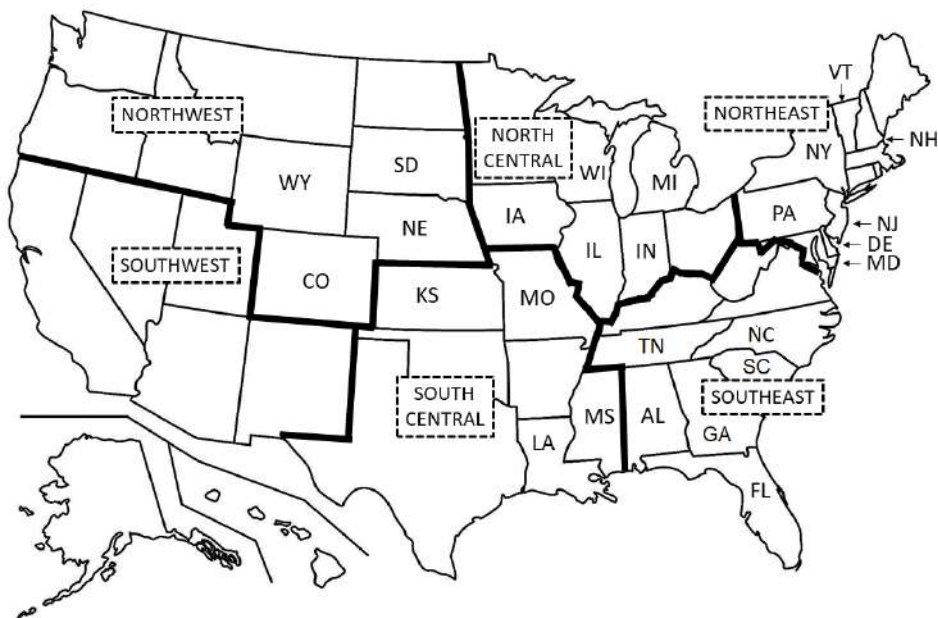
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