

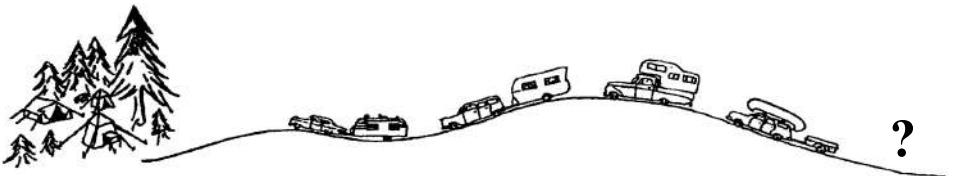
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**NOTICE: The NSDCA mailing address has changed.
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John & Dolly Ide



Did you miss the Camporee? Sadly, only about 15% of our members attended, and I can state with certainty that those who came had a great time and those who weren't there missed a great event. What a wonderful time it was! We visited with old friends, danced, laughed, ate, and enjoyed great campfires each night, and as if that wasn't enough, we had a wonderful bus ride with a night at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. But the dancing did not stop there; it ended with an optional Saturday trail-out dance. A huge thank you goes to Ruth and Chuck Osborn, Chapter 198, and their team for all their hard work. Check the photo collages on the front and rear inside cover of this issue to see what and who you missed. Just try to find someone who is not smiling!

Every year, after the Camporee, I wonder what kept all the rest of you from attending? It can't be that you don't enjoy camping and dancing or that you're allergic to having fun. Now I am asking you to help us figure out what we can do to have you come next year. We'd like you to come up with some suggestions as to how to increase the numbers that attend. We know that unexpected and previously planned events and the ability to camp are a part of the problem, but they certainly don't account for the 85% not attending. So put on your thinking caps and let us hear from you.

Speaking of next year, we don't have a detailed plan yet for 2024, but are working feverishly on arrangements in Wisconsin so that you can also attend the 73rd NSDC in Milwaukee, WI. We will get the dates and venue out to you as soon as we get everything firmed up. Plan now to come to Wisconsin in 2024, where there's lots of great things to do and experience.

We would also like to welcome Neal and Tricia Chartier, our new National Board Secretary. We look forward to the excitement and new ideas they are already bringing as we, your Board, strive to continue to make our great organization even better. We will certainly miss our good friends Dave and Mary Bruun, who put their heart and soul into that position for the past eight years. Besides always keeping the rest of

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Ruth & “Ozzie” Chuck Osborn



What a busy time we have had this Spring/Summer. We were so fortunate to see so many of you at the 65th Camporee. We wish speedy recoveries to those who could not make it. Many exciting things happened at the Camporee!

We would like to again **THANK** Mary and David Bruun for their several years as the National Secretaries to the NSDCA. They are such a wealth of information and are very helpful with even the smallest details. We still need your guidance!

We would like to **WELCOME** our new National Secretaries, Tricia and Neal Chartier, to the National Board. Tricia has lots of great ideas to make us more effective and efficient. We look forward to working with them.

Tricia was in charge of the *Snooper News* at the Camporee, and she did an awesome job. She has also worked with our Webmaster, Bob Summers, to get the *Snooper News* on the NSDCA website (under the ‘Camporees’ menu item) so be sure to check it out and share with friends.

Please be sure to visit the NSDCA Facebook page for lots of pictures of the Camporee. Thanks to Barry and Joy Vlad for such great pictures. If you search for the NSDCA Facebook page and only get old version from 2015, please go to NSDCA.org and click on the Facebook icon on the right side of the Home page. Please feel free to post your own pictures to this Facebook page to share with everyone.

As of this writing, it appears the 66th NSDCA Camporee will be in Wisconsin next year, although the date and details are still being ironed out. We appreciate the Chapters from WI for stepping up. Please offer your assistance anyway you can. Do not wait to be asked. This is a **MEMBERSHIP EVENT**, which requires everyone’s help.

With increasing postal expenses and problems with services, it was decided to change the NSDCA mailing address to: **NSDCA, P.O. Box 241, Butler, WI 53007-9998**. This change will allow mail to go directly to the Secretary, so it can be processed more expeditiously. We would like to express our appreciation to Tom Nickel for his years of being the NSDCA mail handler.

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Tricia & Neal Chartier



Neal and I were welcomed to the NSDCA National Board in Lebanon, TN as your new secretaries. Mary and David Brunn have been our secretaries for the past eight years and have done an amazing job. We are honored to follow in their footsteps.

For those of you we haven't met, I thought I would give you a little info about us. We have been square dancing over 30 years. We joined the Pine Tree Chapter (002) right after we learned to dance. We attended the Camporee in 1999 when it was in Elkhorn, WI. In 2016 we moved from a ten person tent to our Class A Hurricane (aka 'the bus'); it still sleeps 10. I wanted the storage as I LOVE to dress up for the dances. We have attended the last three Camporees and have had a blast! We have no kids, are still working full-time and just have a Cockapoo named Colby. Yes, spelled just like the cheese!

As you get to know me you will find out that I LOVE cows, We are thrilled that the National Convention next year will be in Milwaukee as it's our home base. The theme is COWS; I couldn't be happier! I hope to have a different cow outfit for each day. I already have two and probably have enough fabric for 10 more outfits.

I love to cook, do crafts and travel. We are going on two square dance cruises next year. We are on the Caribbean cruise in February. We parked next to Deb and Wayne "Catfish" Miller in Lebanon and found out they are on the same cruise with us. We are so so excited that we will see them again on the ship!

We also met Pam and Howard Loveless; it was their first Camporee ever. They picked up their club's 50th year award. It turns out I have a friend in Milwaukee with the same name; what a small world.

We got to meet Linda and Ernie Ellis they came all of the way from California. Linda and I attended the Grand Ole Opry together. We found out that we have a mutual friend, SnowJade, who lives in Ohau, Hawaii. I have known SnowJade for many years. Two years ago, when Neal and I were in Honolulu, we went to dinner with her and her family. We found out our timeshare was only one block away, so we walked over to her condo. SnowJade comes to most of the National Square Dance conventions.

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Susan & Don Wolford



We had a wonderful time at the 65th International Camporee in Lebanon, Tennessee. The Crossfire Campers Chapter did a great job of securing the facility, getting everyone parked, providing crafts, games, and especially, organizing the dancing fun. We had fun going to different campsites each night for fellowship, some with a fire pit and some without. We had 59 registrations with 56 rigs attending.

We, as the NSDCA organization, were able to give back to the community in many ways. We collected stuffed animals for local children, and books remaining from our exchange were donated to the Hearthside Senior Living Center. Normally, half of the 'Split the Pot' winnings are kept by the hosting chapter; however, Crossfire Campers chose to donate to a different charity each night. On Tuesday, the Chapter's share of the winnings went to the Quilts of Valor organization and the camper member who won the other half also donated their winnings to Quilts of Valor. We had two members who each received a Quilt of Valor for their military service.

On Wednesday, the Crossfire Campers 'Split the Pot' winnings was donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children and, again, the camper member who won the other half also donated their share the Shriners Hospital for Children. Also note that it was voted at the General Meeting that NSDCA would match up to \$500 to be donated to Shriners Hospital for Children. Between donations and pop-tabs, there was \$563 collected for the Shriners. NSDCA will be adding \$500, and a check in the amount of \$1,063 will be sent to the Lexington, Kentucky Shriners Hospital.

Thursday's Chapter 'Split the Pot' winnings was donated to Donate Life; the organization had representatives at the dance that evening to explain all that they do.

An added plus to the Camporee was an RV workshop on boondocking or dry camping; good information for both camping experiences and needs at your own home. There was also an RV workshop on inspections for both new and used campers. It was an eye opener for what to look for when making a purchase, whether it's a new unit or used.

We welcome our new Secretaries, Tricia and Neal Chartier. I am so excited with all the enthusiasm that they are bringing to the Board and

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Kathy Nickel
Membership
Secretary



Hi. WOW! Where did Summer go? Here it is August already and we're getting ready for Fall. We had some really nice campouts this year and we still have a few left. I saw all the pictures from the Camporee and I really felt bad that I was unable to attend. It looked like everyone was having such a GREAT time. We had a wonderful family campout, but I wish that we could have done both.

With Fall, comes NSDCA Membership Renewals. Remember that renewals are due by December. This is really important as we need to get insurance for the next year and we have to have a Membership count and funding to do this. Also, as you are doing your Renewals, please verify your address so our *TIMES* newsletter gets sent properly. This is a good time to review your winter address as well. If you are going to be gone over the winter months, let me know your forwarding address and I will have the *TIMES* newsletter sent directly to you. Remember, the USPS will no longer forward newsletters automatically.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their Summer.
Happy Camping and Dancing!

Kathy

State & Area Representatives' Reports

Michigan State Representative

The Michigan weather has become very warm and the humidity is high. This weather hasn't stopped the camping and square dancing. We are looking forward to the last two camp outs for the year. The season seems to have been very short this year.

The Michigan State Camporee was held in July. There were 16 units in attendance. A trail-in dance kicked off the Camporee. On Friday there were square and round dance workshops, crafts, an outing to a local restaurant for dinner and then back to the campgrounds for the Grand Parade, followed by the evening dance. Watermelon was served after the dance. Saturday started out with sports, then square and round dance workshops, the general meeting, a potluck dinner and an evening of square and round dancing. A refreshment of ice cream and toppings was served after the evening dance. In attendance were square dance callers Bill Chase, Ed Richy and George Ferguson. We also had Jim Davis and

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Michael Gormley doing squares and rounds. One caller, Ted Hughes, had to cancel due to unforeseen problems. There were two couples from Canada that joined us for the Camporee. A great time was had by all of the dancers. I would like to say “thank you” to all of the callers and cuers that made this Camporee a big success. Plans are already being started for next year’s State Camporee. I am extending an invitation to everyone to come join us next year.

We will be camping and dancing in August and September. After the September campout members will start putting trailers away for the winter months. Safe travels to everyone.

Alberta & Gary Gunsell, Michigan State Representatives
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Illinois State Representative

Fifty Years. That’s how long Illinois State NSDCA has been organized. Forty years ago, Illinois State became an NSDCA Chartered State Organization. In mid June, the Illinois State NSDCA organization held its 2023 State camporee with 29 total units and members from Chapters 014, 031, 044, 066, 075, 123, 196, and two guests. It was hosted by NSDCA Chapter 123 (Swing-N-Travelers), Chaired by John and Liz Hand, and held at Marshall Putnam County Fairgrounds in Henry, IL. The event was a great time for all. There was dancing to FOUR Callers: Bob Asp (014, IL), Lottie Buckbee (044, IL and 061, SD), Tom Nickel (031, WI) and Illinois caller Curt Braffet. To add to the enjoyment, Cuer Kathy Nickel (031, WI) gave dancers a chance to whirl around the dance floor several times during the Saturday evening dance.

FOOD - there was plenty of food, including an optional Sloppy Joe dinner available on Friday, potluck on Saturday, and breakfast (donations) on Sunday morning, *plus* ice cream with all the toppings after the dance on Saturday. Also, before the official start of the camporee, 43 camper dancers went out for pizza. There was no excuse to complain of being hungry. There were crafts and games too, of course. The most popular craft was the decorative coffee cup ‘button’ floral piece. It was all very eye catching.

After many participants and several playoff rounds, the winners of the games were: Bocce Ball 1st place—Joy Vald (#123) and David Lust (#031); 2nd place—Naomi Mills (#123) and Kerry Richmond (#196); Washer Toss 1st place—Naomi Mills (#123) and Bob Foley (#014); 2nd place—Lottie Buckbee (#041/#061) and Bob Asp (#014); 3rd place—Pat Edwards (#123) and David Lust (#031); and Bean Bag (Corn Hole) winners were: 1st place—Tom Nickel (#031) and Lawrence Sanders (#044); 2nd place—Sharon Smith (#031) and Barry Vald (#123) and 3rd place—

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NSDCA Publicity Director

There is a new app available to everyone that carries a cell phone or not. It doesn't matter if it is an Android, Apple, Galaxy or that Cricket phone for older folks. The app doesn't need to be downloaded so you won't need your teenage grandkid to do that for you.

The app is called N S D C A: New Square Dancers Communication Access. It comes with another sub-app, called S M I L E S: Show Many I Like Every Square.

Combining NSDCA with SMILES creates an atmosphere where you can talk to people about Square Dancing. It starts with the SMILE, a friendly smile goes a long way to getting someone to talk to you. Don't be afraid to mention that one of your activities that you enjoy is a combination of Camping and Square Dancing.

The New Square Dancers Communication Access portal is activated whenever you are with people that may not know about your NSDCA passion. Just recently I was amazed (twice) about how we didn't share our passion and how just a simple statement can make a change in our square dance world.

At the Illinois State NSDCA Camporee, which we held in Henry, IL, there were two couples that lived next door to each other for 22 years. The non-square dancing couple moved to a house just across the street from the camporee and they met up with their old neighbors at the dance one night. When talking to and getting introduced, they mentioned that they were real close neighbors and were sad when one moved away. I asked were you square dancing when you lived next door to each other, and one couple said yes. The next question smacked home: "Did you ask them to join you at square dancing?" The look on their faces was frozen, the answer was, "No, we didn't!"

Do you have a friend or neighbor that might want to join square dancing but nobody has mentioned it or asked them to attend a dance? Think about all the fun those four could have added to their already steady friendship, just by asking them to come to a dance.

The second one was different. While traveling, we stopped at a city park not far from our home. While there, we mentioned that a room could hold 20 squares. The director, who was showing us around, asked, "What are squares?" We then told him about the joys of square dancing and how it works for park districts by giving both youth and adults a wonderful activity to stay in shape and enjoy fellowship.

That conversation was in April, starting in August, that park district is sponsoring a square dance class and has found a wonderful hall for dancing with a wooden parquet floor.

Two instances, one where nothing was said and another where very little was said but with two different outcomes.

One simple statement about square dancing has blossomed into new

dancers. You don't have to make speeches but you can make others know that this activity still exists and that it is great fun.

Bill Baker, grandebill@grics.net

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Since the 66th Camporee is shaping up, we need to look to the future. We would like the membership to consider the 67th Camporee in 2025 and 68th Camporee in 2026. It would be great to get ahead in the planning!

Hope to see you across the Square or Campfire soon.

Ozzie (Chuck) & Ruth Osborn (VP2NSDCA@gmail.com)

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Ed Nightengale (#075) and Naomi Mills (#123). WOW! Naomi won a 1st, a 2nd and a 3rd. Assorted non-competition card and other games were played at various times throughout the camporee.

I can't give a report without mentioning the weather. It was great for the entire camporee, maybe a bit warm for some and sometimes windy, but the evenings were cooler and the wind was calm enough for the nightly campfire.

At the State annual meeting, Chet and Janet Bowman (#123) were elected to the State Board of Directors, replacing Al and Charlene Fahsbender (#123) who retired after 6 years on the BoD, serving several years as President. Dan and Marian Hatfield (#196) were elected to a 2nd term and shall serve again as Board and State president. The remaining Board members are Member-at-Large Bob and Cinda Asp (#014); Vice President Ed and Marge Nightengale (#075); Charlene (Cherie) Van-woz-Arch (#014) remains as Secretary; Shari Millard (#066) will continue as Treasurer; and Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders (#044) stay as Illinois State Rep to NSDCA. All elected terms are three years with members being eligible to be reelected one time.

Also announced during the business meeting were the dates and times for future State camporees. Chapter 196 (Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds) will host the 2024 camporee on May 31 through June 2 in Rockville, IN and Chapter 014 (Blackhawk Crosstrailers) will host 2025 at Pecatonica, IL June 1 through 3.

Hey there Square Dance Campers, IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OR BOTH OF THESE CAMPOREES.

Wishing all SAFE TRAVELS.

Lawrence and Ruthann Sanders, RSRN4@aol.com 708-650-6122

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001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; New Jersey

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer months and staying cool.

A few couples from our chapter joined Square Up Campers (#106) in Quarryville, PA in early May. We enjoyed dancing, fellowship, games and home style cooking at a local restaurant. Later in May we started our schedule at Otter Lake in East Stroudsburg, PA, where we only had four sites in attendance due to illness. We spent time relaxing and close fellowship over sharing potluck dinner and breakfast.

The June and July campouts were in Shartlesville, PA. The June caller was Dave Black and the theme was “Golden Oldies.” The women wore their poodle skirts, and the men mostly wore jeans and T-shirts. Even Cyndy’s dog, Pippin, a cairn terrier, was dressed for the occasion (→). We played 3-hole washer toss with teams, while others watched which made for a fun afternoon.

At our July campout the caller was Bob Engel. Bob reviewed some calls from different starting positions which made for a fun time. We had new campers, guest dancers and family members which gave us two to three squares all weekend.



During July some members of our chapter went to the National in Mobile, AL and one couple went to the International Camporee in Lebanon, TN. Fun and friendship was had by all.

We would really love it if other clubs could join us at our campouts.

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. Our co-president, Pauline Vande Vrede, periodically updates the photos from the campouts.

Our chapter is looking for a few friendly people that camp to come and see what we are all about. We have many New Jersey and Pennsylvania clubs that will be happy to teach you the steps to reach plus level so you can join us the following camping season.

A Big Yellow Rock to ALL.

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

002 Pine Tree; Wisconsin

July finds us at one of our favorite campgrounds, Pilgrim, in Fort Atkinson, WI. They have sites where we can set up to almost be in a big circle. There's a pool to cool off in and they have a pavilion for dancing. It's also close to *The Fireside*, which is a nice dinner theater. Eight of us went on Sunday; it's buy four tickets and get one free! August finds us at County View, another one of our favorites: they have a pool! It gets hot in the summer in Wisconsin. This campground is close to Spring City, a local club, so we can attend a dance there on Saturday night. They have a pavilion that we can use for dancing but like so many clubs we often don't have enough dancers for a square. September finds us out at Playful Goose in Horicon; it's our last campout of the season as it's Fall and time to put away our camping gear.

Tricia Chartier; TriciaMooLady@gmail.com; 414-807-4083

010 Pioneer; Wisconsin

Ken and Harriet Roberts went to the Wolf River Area Dancers Association/Wolf River Area Callers Association meeting with some NSDCA literature to educate other dancers about the NSDCA and to try to boost our Chapter. This past year we had four parties register with only one of us having a camper. There's one other single that would join again if we could get enough to fill a square or more. The other three members only join each year to keep us alive. We have not camped for many years.

In September there is a Wisconsin Retiree campout. We're inviting square dancers to join us one night for a dance, and we've also invited our Bayland Badger camping club. Bayland is just a few people getting together to camp. All three groups are struggling.

If you are in the area, please attend our September 11-14 event at Vista Royale in Bancroft, WI.

Harriet Roberts; ewesforme@gmail.com

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

It has been a fine season so far. Memorial weekend we had a great time at the Pecatonica Fairgrounds, with guests from Petunia Squares in

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Beloit, WI attending both our dance and craft sessions. We had members traveling to Henry, IL and to Lebanon, TN for the State and International Convention. What great events and wonderful opportunities meeting old friends again. Our August campout at Pilgrims Park in Fort Atkinson, WI will also entertain some campers from Badger Rovers (#031) and prospective new members, again from Petunia Squares. Woo-hoo! Rumor has it we were short on campsites for all of our group/guests; lots of campers getting in the swing of things. The Summer is going quickly and Fall will be upon us. There's one more campout in September; please join us! Keep your campfires hot, your smiles friendly, and your squares ready to dance!



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

031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin



Summer is camping time for our group. Here is a fun craft we did at our May campout (→). There was no shortage of fun, food and wonderful dancing. Our June campout was well attended and included a bake sale to support our WI state square and round dance convention. David and myself also participated in



the Camporee in TN. Lots of catching up in the Volunteer State. Our last campout will be in September. We are enjoying our short summers in Wisconsin.

Sharon Schmidt and David Lust; 608-289-7582

044 Illiana Square Wheelers; Illinois/Indiana

Chapter 044 is still hanging on. Our members are scattered but several of us still get together socially along with a couple of Members-at-Large a few times a year. Unfortunately, our few-in-number membership is getting even smaller as one member couple is transferring to a chapter nearer their new home and we recently received notice about the death of one of our long time members. While Marian Kulesa has been living in New Mexico for quite a while, we've kept in touch. We are saddened to hear of her passing. Her information is listed on page 46 of this newsletter. Several of us continue to camp, although not together; our interest in the Square Dance aspect of NSDCA is still strong.

Fall is just around the corner, which will bring an end to camping in Illinois. Soon it will be time to prepare the RVs for winter. For those still camping and square dancing - ENJOY the fun, APPRECIATE the Fall changes (weather and colors) and when on the road - BE SAFE.

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

045 Penn Dixie Square Campers; Pennsylvania

Penn Dixie Square Campers camped at Paradise Stream in Loysville, PA June 23-25. Paradise Stream is a wonderful, family-run campground in a picturesque setting. They have added a small bistro this year to their already growing amenities: an escape room, mini golf, pool, basketball, pickleball, volleyball/badminton, pedal go-karts, hiking, a gaga ball pit and a six-acre lake with boat and canoe rentals and catch and release fishing. There are lots of activities; the weekend we were there they had a bee keeper give a detailed talk about his craft of bee keeping. Also available were seek and find the animals, safari bingo, ceramics, a cooking class and spa time. Did I mention the delicious, hand dipped, lots of flavor choices of ice cream they have in the camp store?

Two of our group are avid fishermen and had a great time fishing. One even taught the grandson of our caller, who was along for the weekend with his sister, how to fish successfully. The pop-up thunderstorm halted the afternoon activities for a bit but cooled things down.

We had a family join our dance and caller Dave invited them to join in a square. Dave had them dancing with us and laughing, a memory they will keep.

On Sunday morning we had a group service where we shared our favorite bible verse with why it is our favorite and also each shared something about themselves that they felt no one in the group already knew

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about them. It was a great time of sharing.

If you find yourself in PA over August 18-20, we will be camping at Dogwood Acres Campground in Newville dancing from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. both Friday and Saturday evenings, with our traditional, delicious pot luck served at noon on Saturday.

September and October we will be at Twin Bridge Campground in Chambersburg. It is another beautiful, family-run, always improving campground. We will be dancing from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. both Friday and Saturday evenings and again, with our traditional, delicious pot luck served at noon on Saturday.

Kathy Bierbower; scoutgirlone@gmail.com

085 Mobile Squares; Colorado



Good afternoon fellow campers!

Our Mobile Squares members have been busy camping and eating and

touring, having a great time together. We started our season in May at the M C Ranch, west of Loveland, CO, and then headed off to North Platte, NE. We tanked down the North Platte River, or should I say we pushed the tank down the river, so many sandbars. (lower right photo, previous page) We rested for a day and visited the largest train yard; very interesting, then off to the ice cream shop. Next we were off to Saratoga, WY; wind, wind and more wind! We were greeted with root beer floats; yum, yum. We traveled to Encampment to a wonderful museum (top photo, previous page); I got to see my very first two-story outhouse; yes, I said two story! (lower left photo, previous page) We then had lunch in the historic Wolf Hotel. Of course, that afternoon a couple of us enjoyed ice cream.

August 17-20 will find us in Burlington, CO; September 13-15 we will be in Loveland, CO; and October 3-5 we will be in Pinebluff, WY. Please see details on the NSDCA website.

We are having a 50-year anniversary campout May 28-30, 2024; more details will be forthcoming in the Winter issue of the NSDCA *TIMES*.

We really like camping and eating, so when you are in the area stop and camp with us. You are always welcome!

Senior Vice President Ron Skaley; rskaley426@gmail.com

106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania

Why are Karly and her dad hiding behind a tree during the Square Up Camper's weekend in June?

At Paradise Acres campground in Perry County, PA, everyone was having a fun time! The "Water Wars" had just begun! A wagon full of campers, equipped with water pistols, drove through the lanes. Everyone



near the wagon's path was challenged to squirt with their own pistols. Karly was ready for them and camouflaged behind a tree. She could sneak out and use her own water supply. She was quick and stayed pretty dry. Such fun for everyone including her dad, Tony, who really is a kid at heart! Come join our group and say hi to water champion Karly!

Kathy Engel; kathye@kuhncom.net

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116 Camping Squares; Kansas

We’ve been having a fun summer here in Kansas, even with the extreme heat arriving in July! Our May campout was cancelled due to a fire at the lake. In June, we had a great time at the Kansas State Square Dance Convention as well as the National Convention! July was the International Camporee and then we had a weekday campout at El Dorado State Lake. Our mid-August campout was at Sand Hills State Park in Hutchinson, KS, with various fun tours in the area.

In September, we’re looking forward to a couple of campouts and activities. September 14 to 17 we’ll be at the Nebraska State Square Dance Convention and from September 28 to October 1 we’ll be at the Kanopolis Reservoir with various activities in the area. Our last campout of the season will be October 12-15 at the Old Mill Campground in Lindsborg, KS. In addition, on October 21 and 22 there will be the Gold District Fall Festival in Wichita, KS – no camping there, just lots of fun. Please see details on our camping later in this issue of the *TIMES* or online at the NSDCA website.

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 and Frank Golden at fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net or 316-943-4137.

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

119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

Hoping that all of you have had a wonderful spring and summer. Here in Wyoming, we have not been out as much as we would have liked. We had a great weekend in Laramie camping at the Quadra Dangle with Dave Guille and Lynn Stroble for the Memorial Day weekend.

In July, seven camper units plus two couples (who stayed at a motel) joined together just to have a relaxing weekend in Saratoga, WY. It was nice to get away from the daily chores that we incur at home and sit by the North Platte River.

Some of us are going up to Glendo Wyoming to the Shepherders Rendezvous. One of our members, Rita, raises sheep there and she invited us up to the event. This will be from August 26th through the 28th.

We all are looking forward to attending the Buggy Stomp in Laramie on September 8th through the 10th. Dave Guille and Jerry Junk will be calling.

The officers for this year were announced in the Summer issue of the *TIMES*. Our Chapter contact is Leo or Diana Fergel; they may be

reached at 307-635-7312 or lfergel@bresnan.net.

Nell Coffey; 303-823-6096

121 Northwood Stompers; Michigan

Square dancer Bill Tudor will be celebrating his 80th birthday in November. He is throwing a ladderball at our Michigan State Camporee (→). We are wishing a Happy Birthday to all those having milestone birthdays!

Callers George Ferguson and Ed Richey, caller/cuer Mike Gormley and Jim Davis, and caller Bill Chase (see photo ↓, left to right) made the NSDCA Michigan Camporee an event to remember. Thank you, callers and cuers! Thanks also to everyone who



made it a special Camporee. Northwoods Stompers camped and danced in Harrison, MI in August and will also be there September 15th and 16th. We hope to see you at the Hidden Hill Campground, 300 N Clare Ave.

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123 Swing N Traveler’s; Illinois

April found the club at Hickory Hills Campground outside of Secor, IL. It’s a great little campground that has a nice building and a mini golf course on site, along with a swimming pool that nobody was using. Hmm?

We had six units camping and three more that stopped by. Thursday night’s dinner was at the Busy Corner Restaurant in Goodfield and was attended by 16 people. After dinner, some played cards in the big room and others went to a square dance in Pekin. A campfire was held and stories were told by the card players, but the square dancers missed the campfire. Rats!

Friday brought five more people to the business meeting where we talked about the upcoming State Camporee the club was hosting. After the meeting, crafts consisted of making a yard ornament with chrome plastic silverware. We then played some games: “Not Your Grandma’s Bingo,” plastic cup stacking, blind cotton ball salad and dry beer pong. Lots of fun! Later we played the mini golf course and Jerry Boutelle won with the low score. Later five people left for a square dance in Carlock, while the others stayed with more games and campfire talk.

Saturday morning had a little rain and a great breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit and breads. Jerry Boutelle read a devotional story and we said goodbyes.

May had the club at the Marshall–Putnam Fairgrounds in Henry. On Thursday, 12 units arrived and 16 people went to dinner. Friday brought five more units pushing the people count to 31. Chit-chat during the day was followed by dinner at Club LaCon. It was a great dinner with lots of laughter, followed by card games and a campfire. On Saturday we held a business meeting, mostly about the upcoming Illinois State NSDCA Camporee that we were hosting. The craft was a wreath wound with red, white and blue ribbon to create a patriotic vision. Games followed with six teams playing beanbag out in the hot, hot sun. Al Fahsbender and Janet Bowman came in first and due to the heat, we didn’t play a loser’s bracket.

That evening our meal was a potluck and the talk of the meal was the Chocolate Peanut Butter Lasagna made by Shari Millard (#066) [Editor’s note: look for the recipe in the Winter issue of the *TIMES*]. Don Seaman and Bill Baker called a square dance later. Sunday brought come cool weather and a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage and pancakes. Jerry Boutelle gave a reading with the moral of “Friendship is better than Gold.”

For those that stayed the next day, Larry Maffett gave a presentation about the Pledge of Allegiance, patriotic songs and prayer for those that didn't come home.

We all attended and worked at the Illinois State NSDCA Camporee, which is covered in the Illinois State Representatives' column (starting on page 9).

Bill Baker; grandebill@grics.net

128 Square Wheels; Florida

We had a great time at Southern Oaks in May. We were joined by several guests. Dee and Jim were finally able to make it back to us- hooray! Laura and Jim did not have their rig but still joined us for dancing Friday night – we definitely miss them back at the weekly dance. This helped us make four squares on the floor at one point. There were 17 rigs in total.

Bill Chesnut led our squares and Ann Hadsall led our rounds, but were also assisted by Mark Fetzer (squares) and Susan Snider (rounds). A new song was introduced by Susan, called 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' – it was very pretty. Following this Bill used the same song for square dancing – I hope this song gets frequent play.

Saturday afternoon, Bill put six couples together and workshopped us on the 'coordinate' call. I thought I had that call mastered, but now I am not so sure! We were sorry that our fine former eat-out seafood spot has closed, but by the time we return to this venue in September we should have another restaurant chosen. We had a wonderful pot luck Saturday evening – I wish I had found out who made that delicious dessert that reminded me of what I learned to call 'ooey-goey bars.'

When presidents Tim and Angela left us on Saturday, our vice president Wayne Miller kept us on track. There was also a FANSDC meeting Saturday morning; Wayne and Debbie are the co-chairpersons for our State October Camporee and they reminded us to make our reservations.

We did not camp as a club in June or July, but several couples attended the 72nd NSDC in Mobile and the 65th NSDCA in Lebanon, and had a rip-roaring good time. Our August campout will be held after the deadline for this issue of the *TIMES*, but it was held at a new venue for us (but #193, Roadrunners, has camped/danced there and were quite pleased): the Wekiva Falls RV Resort in Sorrento.

We hope you had a good summer; keep on dancing!

Laura Ramsey, Secretary; ramseydp@comcast.net

149 Bayou Square-A-Rounds; LA

The Bayou Square-A-Rounds next campout will be on September 8th-9th at the Sun Roamers RV Resort, 41 Mississippi Pines Blvd in Pica-yune, MS. Their phone is (601) 798-5818. Ted Kennedy will be calling squares and Jack Pointer will be cueing rounds. Dennise and Michael

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Kearny will be hosting the campout. If you plan on being in the area and would like to join us please give Dennise a call at (504) 450-9760.

This summer we lost a long-time member and past president, Susie Bridges Luttrell. She was always the "Life of the Party" and a dedicated club member that always lifted your spirits!

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152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama

We have had a busy year so far, starting with 14 rigs at our April campout at Pine Mountain RV Resort in Pine Mountain, GA. The group traveled to Calloway Gardens and Wild Life Safari, enjoyed a number of meals together and danced to Kevin Cozad.

In May the Chapter traveled to Navarre, FL to camp at the Navarre Beach Camping Resort. We danced to Miriam Merriweather, ate a lot of good seafood, and traveled to several local attractions. We always enjoy going to Navarre!

June saw the Chapter heavily involved in the National Square Dance Convention in Mobile, AL. George Herndon from our Chapter was in charge of the camping for the convention and made arrangements with Meaher State Park to use most of the sites for the convention attendees. Campers & Dancers had 17 rigs in attendance, and the highlight of the camping was a fish fry one night.

July found members of the Chapter helping Crossfire Campers with the Camporee in Lebanon, TN. Camporee General Chairmen Ruth and Ozzie Osborn, who are Associate Members of Chapter 152, did an outstanding job in planning the Camporee! Everyone had a great time!

Hope to see you across the square at one of our upcoming campouts.

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

153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

Our chapter does not camp in the sticky, sizzling, hot months of summer here in Florida, BUT some of our members were able to join in the camping and the dancing and even some of the tours at the National Convention in Mobile, Alabama. The report I received was that they all had a great time at the Party Gras – dancing to great Callers calling and clever Cuers cuing and talented tour guides leading guests through some deliciously historical restaurants, while munching merrily along the way!

After the National Convention, a couple of our gang leisurely moseyed on upward toward Tennessee. Nine of our Strawberry Travelers took part in the 65th NSDCA International Camporee Hoe Down in Lebanon. I heard Ozzie and Ruth Osborn and their gang of 'partners' outdid

themselves this year. All proceeds from each night's Camporee dance were donated. There were also donation cans available for individuals to donate as well if they felt so led, to support that night's charity recipient. What a great idea!

The crafts also received a good report. Little baskets were woven out of material. Bandana kerchiefs were made and decorated with beads (which made a nice addition to one's square dance outfit!) and the sleeves of a T-shirt were cut and crocheted. Also, macrame dusters and rocks to paint. What fun and useful crafting! A great job to all – volunteers and crafters!

From Tennessee, many traveled in different directions. Some toward home while others were moving on to visit with friends and/or family, but all heading on to more great adventures!

Our Chapter's next great adventure will be October 20-23, 2023 as our Strawberry Travelers will meet at Southern Palms RV in Eustis, FL to kick off our new camping season with a weekend of dancing and catching up with one another under the club tent. Many of us will be staying through the week in order to prepare for the 47th Annual FANSDC Camporee, "Celebrate America! Home of the Free because of the Brave!" This will take place October 26 through 29, 2023. If you haven't yet registered, you can find the REGISTRATION FORMS on FANSDC.net; just click on '2023 FANSDC Camporee.' You will find information there. Hope y'all can make it!

Tracy Rogers; trucyrogers@gmail.com

C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada

Hello! The Gypsies are midway through their camping season as of today. I am sitting in my rig at Lower Beverley Lake Park as we begin our July campout weekend. This weekend promises to be a very warm one with possible liquid sunshine events at times. Some of the club members arrived early to take advantage of the cool breezes from the water and the relaxed nature of the campground before the busy weekend. We are looking forward to dancing and a hamburger barbeque this Saturday. I expect that a small group of intrepid walkers will be out Saturday morning for their usual walk.

The weather for our May campout was much cooler than this weekend. Nevertheless, we warmed up dancing to the Bob Summers' calls and Kim Hamilton's cueing. Saturday morning, we had the opportunity to get together for a continental breakfast and catch up with the events and news from the winter season.

In June, Bob Summers and Margaret Thomas led the dancing and we enjoyed a strawberry shortcake dessert on that Saturday night. Even Gypsy Joe enjoyed a slice, as you can see in the picture on the next page. The campsite was under a fire ban during that campout so an ac-

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tual campfire didn’t take place, but lots of groups formed up to visit and swap stories anyways.

We have two more campouts before the end of this season, and we are already making plans and camping reservations for next year. It is nice to have something to look forward to.

Enjoy your campouts and safe travels.

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



193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Howdy, Friends! It just cannot be September already. Of course, as I am writing this in July, there is still some time to go before we are all saying that. I wish you all could have been at our great Hoe-Down Camporee in Lebanon, TN. As you have probably been reading in the other Chapter Chats, a great time was had by all. So, if you didn’t make it... why not? Although I am sure there are many good reasons – it is a shame that you had to miss all the crazy fun, building friendships, creative crafts, challenging games, delicious refreshments, beautiful campfires, and we even had time for some impressive dancing too! Our annual Camporee is the highlight of our organization. I genuinely love being with members from across our great country and getting to know some new ones. Nothing beats seeing the faces of our NSDCA family having fun together. Why, it is even better than reading about them on Facebook!

Chapter 193 hit our 10-year anniversary this year. Tom Biehn, who is our excellent Treasurer, accepted the certificate for us this year (→). He and his lovely wife, Rita, represented us in the Grand March also (photo on next page).

The fairgrounds in Lebanon, TN was an excellent venue for our event. I am not sure just how Ruth and Ozzie Osborn (this year’s Camporee Chairs) and Chapter 198 got all of it together, except they had helpers from lots of different clubs. That’s our future now, as we have smaller clubs and that should say to you, “We need your chapter to be involved!”



As you are reading, this our Chapter will be getting ready for our first campout weekend of the new 23/24 season. We will be at Lake Glenada RV Resort in Avon Park, FL from September 7th through the 10th. I

hope if you are in the area, you will plan to join us for the weekend.

By the way if you have not been visiting the NDSCA website, you need to start doing so. Bob Summers (NSDCA Webmaster) and Ken Shacter (*TIMES* newsletter Editor) have been doing an excellent job and they keep making it even better.

Please check out our Campout Listings at www.nsdca.org or our 193 website: www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html.



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

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

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

It has been an active year for our group! Our May campout was very well attended at Shipshewana, IN. We had 13 members and five guest units with us, plus several walk-ins for evening dances. We would like to



thank Rich McCoy, Carolyn McCoy, Janet Lewis, and Ruth Olson for keeping us square and line dancing each night of this camporee. We all enjoyed the fun and fellowship with fellow dancers and campground guests. Daytime trips included Flea Marketing, Scavenger Hunting, attending the local Amish production at the Blue Gate Theater, an arranged tour of the Menno-Hof Interpretive Center (to learn about the early culture of the various religious groups that settled the area), and a Thrasher's Dinner with a local Amish family; these were just some of the highlights. Some more adventuresome types also rode the close-by Pumpkin Vine Bicycle Trail. It was decided at the outing for our group to host the NSDCA Illinois State Convention in 2024 at the 4-H Campground in Rockville, IN. It is located in the heart of the Covered Bridge area of In-

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diana and has a lot to offer for those that want to combine a camp outing with a mini vacation. It will be held May 30 through June 1, so mark your calendars and plan a trip to Indiana in 2024.

Several of our group attended the NSDCA Illinois State Convention in Henry, IL. The host group once again planned a really good time with crafts, games and great dancing with outstanding callers, including some of my personal favorites. The food is always beyond expectations with this group and this year didn’t disappoint.

June also took a couple of us to the Nationals in Mobile, AL and even more to the NSDCA International Convention in Lebanon, TN. We found a really nice restaurant in Lebanon that had something for everyone on the menu. The rain unfortunately caught up with us and we were not able to have our campfire on the last night. Both of these events were very well planned and the caller/cuer list was exceptional also.

We will be attending a 3-day event with Tom Manning and Curt Brafet at Camp Nauvoo in Nauvoo, IL in August and at Kamp Komfort in Carlock, IL in September. October will find us in Parke County at Rockville, Indiana’s Covered Bridge Festival. We will once again be dancing at the Covered Bridge in Mecca to continue a square dance tradition that began many years ago and we revived last year. Details are in the camping schedule in the *TIMES* and on the NSDCA website. Please join us when you can – you will always be welcome around our campfire!

Safe travels and God’s Blessing to all.

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198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

We hope you all enjoyed the 65th Camporee in Lebanon, TN in July. Those not able to attend can see the *Snooper News* reports on the NSDCA.org website under the menu ‘Camporees’ link. The NSDCA Facebook page has lots of photos of our activities. We had a great turnout and had lots of fun with 56 rigs and 115 attendees. The weather was great and the dancing was wonderful. We cohosted dances with local clubs Wilson County Grand Squares and The Barnlofters, and reciprocated by attending our dances. We had games, crafts, RV workshops, dance workshops and FOOD. Despite several of our members having medical or personal issues, we pulled off a wonderful week. Ann Sharland did a fabulous job on registration and keeping our moneys straight. Liz Kennedy was a great ‘girl Friday’ wherever needed. Bob Roos did a great job as MC. Tim Kittle was the recipient of a Quilts of Valor from the Stars of Tennessee QOV. He and Michelle did a great job with the

ice cream. We really want to thank Brian Ziegler (#128) and Tom Poquette (#000) for their never-ending assistance whenever, wherever we needed them. While it was a lot of work, it did prove any Chapter can host a Camporee, because there is lots of help for other Chapters, especially once we all get boots on the ground. We truly enjoyed our night at the Grand Ole Opry and thank Ron Imus (#128) for organizing it.

Yellow Rocks until we see you across the Square and/or campfire.

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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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us on our toes, they have been wonderful to work with. Of course, we are not letting them go but plan to keep them busy. We also owe a big thank you to our Treasurer, Susan and Don Wolford for keeping the bills paid and trying to keep us within the budget.

You will find a couple of important announcements in this Times issue. First, the formal mailing address for the NSDCA has changed. To send membership applications, money, annual renewal chapter registrations, etc., please make sure you use the new NSDCA address on the front and back of the *TIMES*. We're also very grateful to Tom Nickel who has been our Mail Person for 15 or more years, faithfully picking up our mail in Middleton, WI and forwarding it to our NSDCA Secretary for handling. Thank you for your faithful service, Tom.

Finally, we have another request. Please visit our website (www.NSDCA.org) and go to the "2023 Member Age Survey". We would like to know in which 5-year age bracket you are in. This will help us understand what the attrition rate due to the age of our current members might be. We're all getting older, not moving as fast as we used to, so by understanding our age distribution it might help us to understand how rapidly our membership might be shrinking. Of course, if we all go out and get just one new member, that won't be happening.

Dolly and I wish each of you the very best of dances and campouts. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you enjoy it and celebrate it with your chapter, your family, and your friends.

Wishing you the best,

Dolly & John



and the FUN continues...

There were 28 entries this time (all of which were correct) identifying the location of the lost campers for the Summer issue's contest. The very talented Michael Gelinias of Square-Up Campers (#106, PA) was randomly chosen by the computer as the winner of this contest. Congratulations Michael; your 2023 NSDCA membership fee will be waived. I am pleased to have received several more clever

Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Rollaways (MI)	005	Wayne & Joan Adams
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Cinda Asp Sally Foley Marie Berridge Deb Pickard
Badger Rovers (WI)	031	Debi Odekirk Virginia & Eldon Boehm
Penn-Dixie Square Campers (PA)	045	Jim Sebesta
Square-Up Campers (PA)	106	Michael Gelinias
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Mike Huddleson Marty & Frank Golden
Northwoods Stompers (MI)	121	Marjorie Tudor
Swing 'N' Travelers (IL)	123	Pat Edwards Jerry & Judy Boutelle Bill Baker John & Carol Scher Joe & Lois Schaefer Al & Charlene Fahsbender Barry & Joy Vlad Dwayne & Bert Dunn Ron & Sue Mayer Dave & Mary Bruun Norma Schertz Chet & Janet Bowman
Rolling Squares (NE)	148	Marion Niemeyer
Strawberry Travelers (FL)	153	Susan & Don Wolford
Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds	196	James Huffman Kerry Richmond

comments with submissions:

Pat Edwards (#123, IL) said, “This camper is really lost. They even climbed onto a table. Are they trying to push that glass off the table?” Our National Treasurer, Susan Wolford (#153, FL) said, “I found the camper and told it to leave the Badge Rovers in Wisconsin and head directly to Lebanon. However, it should leave really soon because getting off that desk to the floor is going to be quite a feat!”

Perennial punster Jim Sebesta (#045, PA) provided, “I see Tony and Lou on Page 13 in the lower picture on the right parked on top of the drinks table. They’re visiting the Badger Rovers at their pot luck on February 18. Since they drive a station wagon, which means they’re tent campers, it’s clear Tony and Lou know how to camp in style. If you’re going to go tent camping in Wisconsin in mid-February, the best campsite you can find is in someone’s heated basement. This is Wisconsin, so there’s probably a fireplace down there so they can have a camp fire and roast marshmallows, too. All the comforts of the great outdoors, but indoors. What a class act.”

Marion Niemeyer (#148, NE/IA) commented, “Aha! On the desk between drinks. Is this a good place to be? It reminds me of the “cookies” that we did years ago around light poles in alfalfa fields; the desktop is slick enough that a kick on the gas and the correct flip of the steering wheel and we’re around that big glass.”

Joe & Lois Schaefer (#123, IL) opined, “They seem to be trying to join the party with the ladies; hope there are enough drinks to go around.”

Sally Foley (#014, IL) noted, “Tony & Lou Bergett seemed to have pulled over for a refreshing drink, albeit on the bar, settled in between two glasses. Please remind them not to drink and drive, but I’m sure they are acting responsively and just stopping for a cool non-alcoholic beverage and a quick chat with Badger Rovers in Wisconsin. Cheers! to them as they make their way to their NSDCA campout!”

Barry and Joy Vlad (#123, IL) said, “The lady with her back to us just gave them directions to the 65th Annual International NSDCA Camporee and they are now on their way to Lebanon, TN.”

Dwaine and Bert Dunn (#123, IL) figured “they must have thought they could get directions to the International Camporee at that place.”

The winner of this contest, Michael Gelinas (#106, PA) suggested, “I believe they are taking a rest from the driving to the Camporee to have some refreshments because they’re parked on the bar between two beverages.”

Marie Berridge (#014, IL) indicated, “I sure hope they find their way out so they can attend our NSDCA International Camporee in Tennessee in July!” She also said, “I am glad they did not run over my feet in the

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66th NSDCA International Camporee

We're working on it



*So you should
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June 18 - 20, 2024

2024 Camporee Chairmen

Neal & Tricia Chartier

Are working hard on securing the

Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds location in
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Mark your calendar now and start planning your trip. 2 people cannot do this alone, so we need you all to think about your how you & your club could be involved.

(Additional days will be added as they are planned.)



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Some 65th NSDCA International Camporee Statistics

Camporee Attendance: 59 registered RVs, 89 members attended the General Meeting. By Chapter: 000-8, 001-1, 002-1, 010-1, 014-2, 018-1, 031-1, 058-1, 076-2, 121-1, 123-5, 128-10, 152-7, 153-4, 181-1, 193-2, 196-5 and the host chapter 198-5.

Callers Present: Bob Asp (014), Jim Davis (121), Mark Fetzer (128), Mike Gormley (153), George Ferguson (018), Ted Kennedy (149) and Diane Poquette (000). Each received a certificate later that night at the Thursday after party.

Cuers Present: Barbara Connelly (181), Susan Snider (128), and Susan Wolford (153). Certificates were awarded to each of the ladies at Thursday's after party.

Board Members Present: John & Dolly Ide (P, 193), Chuck & Ruth Osborn (VP, 198), Dave & Mary Bruun (S, 123) and Don & Susan Wolford (T, 153).

Staff Present: Bill & Kathy Baker (Publicity, 123) and Barbara Connelly (Art/Dance, 181).

Area/State Representative Present: Sharon Schmidt & David Lust (North Central Area, 031), Ted & Nancy Kennedy (South Central Area, 149) and Barbara Connelly (NE Area, 181).

Anniversary Awards:

- 10 Years: Florida Roadrunners (193)
- 40 years: Illinois State (State Association #3)
- 45 years: Southern Tier Wheelers (108)
- 50 Years: Fireliters (055); 50 years: Curley Q Campers (058); Dakota Wheelers (061); and Diamond Lace-A-Ways (063)
- 55 years: Swing 'N' Canadians (C-028)

The 'Most New Members' went to Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds (196).

Service Plaque: Mary & Dave Bruun, National Secretary 2015-2023.

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last issue."

Debi Odekirk (#031, WI) thought that "It was so nice that the 'lost' campers joined us for our potluck in February. Unfortunately, they missed all the goodies at the dinner; they must have gotten 'lost' on the way here also. Now they need to head south then east to Tennessee."

Sue Mayer (#123, IL) stated, "The lost camper stopped for a cool drink! The smiling lady knows the drink was spiked a little."

Kerry Richmond (#196, OH) stated, "They're parked between the glass and the cup with the square dancers on it. I hope she's careful

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Florida State Representative

It's Summer in Florida, and that means one thing: HEAT! We are sensible folk and do not dance in the Summer, except at the NSDC and the International NSDCA Camporee—neither of which are held in Florida. Thirty five Florida members attended the Camporee in Lebanon and had a blast!

Prior to the Summer starting, poor Sam Dunn, 193's caller, had to leave the campout, so we tried using records—but that was not successful as the records could not correct errors on the floor or fix broken down squares—so we ended up having a nice social visit afterwards. Interestingly enough, a group was ballroom dancing at the same campground, so some of the group joined them and were very bad at it as no one could tell them what to do!

Camping will resume again in August. More to report next time. Don't forget the Florida State Camporee in October, held at Southern Palms in Eustis, FL. See the Campout section for details.

That's all folks! *Mary & John Burzo*

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when she sets that glass back down or the lost campers will be flat campers!”

Frank Golden (#116, KS) said, “The camper is on the girl's desk in front of her. I hope the camper make our 65th annual International Camporee.”

Now-retired National Secretary Mary & Dave Bruun (#123, IL) commented, “Since Tony & Lou are from Wisconsin, they thought they would travel to Lebanon, TN with the Badger Rovers, Chapter 031. They crashed their potluck and got all the details as to how to get to the 65th NSDCA Camporee.”

Norma Schertz (#123, IL) wrote, “They're totally lost inside a building.” while Chet Bowman (#123, IL) stated, “The smiling lady, from Badgers Rovers, has no idea that this camper is making its rounds before it heads to Lebanon, TN for the NSDCA Camporee. It's still a long way from Tennessee as the camper is in Wisconsin. Hopefully, he will make it there on time.”

Deb Pickard (#014, IL) proclaimed, “Tony and Lou are not lost! It looks like they just stopped to enjoy a tall, cold one with the Badger Rovers. They've stopped their car at the bar (well, on top of the bar); I'm guessing that after Tony & Lou have shared a great evening and potluck dinner with the fine folks of Badger Rovers, they will get back on the road again and head to their next destination.”

Lastly, Marjorie Tudor (#121, MI) provided, “The square dancer

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



As many of you know – much less are experiencing – this summer has been one heck of a ride. Excessive heat, torrential rains (with flooding) and damaging winds have wreaked havoc either with travel plans, outside activities, or life in general. We hope everyone has remained safe.

We certainly have not done the travel we intended this summer, but the weather was not the reason – it was other things. Back at the beginning of this year we decided to pursue buying a Class C motorhome to replace our then-existing bumper-pull travel trailer. The reason? It was getting too much of a pain for me to manually crank up the stabilizers, remove the X-Chocks, couple the trailer to the truck, put on the anti-sway weight distribution bars, and then reverse the process (including having to level the trailer from side to side and from front to back) when we arrived at a campground. For a Class C you just drive in, push a button to level the unit (assuming you have that option, and we do) and you're done. Of course, one still has to hook up water, sewer and electric, but that is less of a hassle than the previously-mentioned truck/trailer coupling issues.

We considered five major items: chassis vendor, engine fuel type, floorplan layout, cargo carrying capacity and whether to purchase new or used. We went to several local RV shows and hit all the local RV dealers (and many not-so-local) and quickly settled on a floorplan that was available from several manufacturers. The biggest difference between the models, other than options, color schemes and fit-and-finish, was outside basement storage space. Of the models available for the floor plan of interest, Coachmen had 60 cubic feet of outside storage, Winnebago had 45 cubic feet and Thor had 30 cubic feet. I did not crawl around under all the different units to see what they were doing that would so drastically affect storage given they all had the same floorplan, but as we would no longer have our long-bed truck (since we were no longer pulling a trailer) we wanted plenty of inside and outside storage.

As of this writing we've had our new RV just over a month, and we're still in the process of making it ours: finding a place to add in the Energy Management System (see V58#3, Summer 2020 for a discussion on why you should consider having one of these), changing the outside locks from 751 keys to something that not every RV owner has, figuring out where to put our 'stuff' (inside and out), adding valve stem extenders and mounting the paper towel holder (why don't they come with one?)

It never ceases to amaze me that while you are looking to buy the dealership treats you with kid gloves, but after the paperwork is signed, they won't return your phone calls or email. There were a few (mostly cosmetic) items that we discovered during our pre-delivery inspection (see V59#1, Winter 2020) for a discussion on this) that we want remedied,

and we have escalated our concern up their management chain.

I'll detail the particulars of our search in a future issue of the *TIMES*. I welcome you to contribute your comments on your RV-buying experience (whether bumper-pull, fifth wheel, Class A, B or C, pop-up or slide-in) and what you found helpful (or not-so-helpful) for the process.

A few of the NSDCA Chapters that do not camp over the winter months have been providing their "chats" well before the deadline as to what they have been doing, and some have even been sending in subsequent additions for activities not included in the original submission. I encourage you to send something in when you have it; don't wait until the last minute. If you have already sent in your "chat" or provided your camping schedule – and you want to make an addition or revision – just let me know. For "chats," just email (NSDCAtimes@gmail.com) the additional material, and I'll blend the parts together; for campouts, use the website's submission process and in the 'comments' section let me know if this entry supersedes an earlier one or amends a current one. If there is no comment as just noted I will assume it is a new entry and a prior entry does not need to be removed.

Regarding campout submissions, it will help me greatly if you would first check what you currently have posted on the website before making a new entry; I have received several duplicates lately of campouts that are already on the calendar. The wording in the comments section is slightly different for the newer entry, but there is no substantial change from the original. To see only your chapter's entries, type the following into your browser's address bar: <http://nsdca.org/campouts.php?q=XXX> and replace the 'XXX' with the three-digit numeric code for your Chapter (leading zeros are required). Thank you!

I have not received any input regarding new campground venues as requested in the last issue. What's the story there? Did you change to try something new, or was there a 'problem' with your previous venue? Let us know what challenges you face with new or existing facilities and how you solve (or at least ameliorate) them. Also, Publicity Director Bill Baker's idea for "We tried this, and it worked great!" is still awaiting contributions.

Speaking of contributions, I am tickled pink to report that 21 Chapters have submitted contributions for the *Chats around the Campfire* section in this issue. That's almost 50% of the active chapters. Let's keep it up!

Lastly, if you are unsure of what to do, drop me an email (NSDCAtimes@gmail.com) and I'll see what I can do to help you complete your task. I try to acknowledge receipt of your email within a day or two, so if you don't hear anything back from me, double check the email address you sent it to, and try again. Thanks!

Chapter Campouts

The following listings were last updated on July 31, 2023. The start day for events is Friday unless otherwise noted. Due to the nationwide disruption of group activities because of the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, campouts or other listed events may have been cancelled due to local conditions. Please check with the campout contact(s) to confirm the status of the event before making your plans to attend. Thank you.

Thursday September 7 → September 10

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Lake Glenada RV Resort

2525 US Hwy 27; FL; S Avon Park; 33825; 863-453-7007

FL RoadRunner weekends begin w/Early Bird Thursday & end w/Breakfast on Sunday. Make your reservation, then let Louise know you're coming.

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

Thursday September 14 → September 17

116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

Adams County Fairgrounds

947 S Baltimore Ave, Hastings, NE; 402-462-3247

Attending the Nebraska State Square Dance Convention

Marty & Frank Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

September 15 → September 16

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Blueberry Hill RV Resort

CHANGE OF VENUE; NOW AT SOUTHERN OAKS; SEE BELOW

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Southern Oaks RV Resort

14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL; 352-347-2550

Rally Rate: \$34/night (subject to change).

You must make your own reservations at campground at least two weeks before rally.

Ron Barngrover calling.

Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell 352-214-5880; marynut4@gmail.com or

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

121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan

Hidden Hill Family Campground

300 N Clare Ave., Harrison MI; 989-539-9372

Call campground for reservations; Dancing rounds & squares Friday & Saturday

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

Help save your Association money and receive your *TIMES* on time! If you are relocating or moving, please use the web form to update your mailing address. Thanks!

September 15 → September 17

045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania

Twin Bridge Campground

1345 Twin Bridge Road, Chambersburg, PA; 717-369-2216

Contact Twin Bridge to make your reservation.

Dances 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Kathy Bierbower; 1-717-829-4183; scoutgirlone@gmail.com

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

Lower Beverly Lake Park

146 Lower Beverley Lake Road, Delta, ON; 613-928-2881

These are the campout dates but some dancers come Thursday and stay until Monday.

Helen MacCallum; 613-330-4873; helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca

Thursday September 21 → September 23

196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana

Kamp Komfort

21408 North 600th East Road, Carlock, IL

309-376-4411

September 22 → September 24

002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin

The Playful Goose Campground of the Horicon Marsh

2001 Main St, Horicon, WI; 920-485-4744

They have an indoor pool so bring your swimsuit.

Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Yonah Mountain Campground

7618 Helen Hwy, Cleveland, GA; 706-865-6546

Susan Holzhausen; 770-601-4423

Thursday September 28 → October 01

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois

Thomson Causeway

100 Lewis Avenue, Thomson, IL

Information will be provided to club members so that we will be able to camp as a group.

Sally Foley; 815-275-1567

116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

Kanopolis Lake - Venaga Park - Corp of Engineers area

105 Riverside Dr, Marquette, KS; 785-546-2294

Various tours in the area.

Marty & Frank Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

September 29 → October 1

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

Cherry Ridge Campground

147 Camp Rd, Honesdale, PA; 570-488-6654

Caller: Dane Bragg

Ron/Pauline Vande Vrede; 973-343-3152; vandevrede@optonline.net

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Tuesday October 3 → October 5

085 Mobile Squares: Colorado / Nebraska

Pine Bluffs RV Park

10 Paintbrush Rd, Pine Bluffs, WY; 307-245-3222

Please call and make reservations.

Alice Theobald; 307-630-8757

October 6 → October 8

106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania

Twin Bridges Campground

1345 Twin Bridge Road, Chambersburg, PA; 717-369-2216

Kathy Engel 717-532-5654

Thursday October 12 → October 15

116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

Old Mill Campground

600 Old Mill Rd, Lindsborg, KS

Various tours in the area.

Marty & Frank Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Monte Sano State Park

5105 Nolen Ave, Huntsville, AL; 256-534-3757

Jan Bloodworth; 256-508-9331

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

30700 Wekiva River Road, Sorrento, FL; 352-383-8055

FL RoadRunner weekends begin w/Early Bird Thursday & end w/Breakfast on Sunday. Make your reservation, then let Louise know you're coming.

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

October 13 → October 15

045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania

Twin Bridge Campground

1345 Twin Bridge Road, Chambersburg, PA; 717-369-2216

Contact Twin Bridge to make your reservation.

Dances 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Kathy Bierbower; 717-829-4183; scoutgirlone@gmail.com

Sunday October 15 → October 17

123 Swing-N-Travelers: Illinois

Camp Nauvoo

1095 S Warsaw St, Nauvoo, IL; 217-453-9930

Call for Reservations by September 25th

Hosts: Vlads and Bakers

Dance on October 17th

Special instructions to arrive at campground, call Bill Baker

Bill Baker; 309-696-1948

October 20 → October 21

116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

No camping

West Side Church of God, 1900 W. McCormick, Wichita, KS
Gold District Fall Square Dance Festival
Marty & Frank Golden; 316-943-4137; fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Southern Palms RV Park

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

Dance: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Potluck Saturday: 5:00 pm

Rally Rate: \$34.97/night

Trucy Rogers; 863-224-1991, trucyrogers@gmail.com

Thursday October 26 → October 29

♥♥♥ Florida State Camporee ♥♥♥

Southern Palms RV Park

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

Theme: "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"

Link to flyer: <https://fansdc.net/2023-fansdc-camporee>

Bev Henry; 813-447-1883; bspectrbspectrum319@aol.com

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Southern Palms RV Park

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

FANSDC 47th Annual State Camporee

Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell 352-214-5880; marynut4@gmail.com or

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

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Southern Palms RV Park

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

This is our Florida State (FANSDC) Camporee. Please join us!

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

Thursday November 9 → November 12

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Lake Glenada RV Resort

2525 US Hwy 27; S Avon Park; FL; 863-453-7007

FL RoadRunner weekends begin w/Early Bird Thursday & end w/Breakfast on Sunday. Make your reservation, then let Louise know you're coming.

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

November 10 → November 11

♥♥♥ NE Florida Federation Fall Festival : Florida ♥♥♥

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

600 S. Nova Road in Ormond Beach, FL

Some of the campgrounds in the area: Gamble Rogers State Park (386-517-2086); Tomoka State Park (386-676-4050); Sunshine Holiday CG (888-563-7040); Nova Family CG (386-767-0095)

This is not a formal Chapter event.

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November 10 → November 12

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Roaring Pines Campground

83 Roaring Pines Rd, Somerville, AL

Hank Sweetman; 615-406-6917

December 1 → December 2

128 Square Wheels: Florida

The Springs RV Resort

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

Rally rate \$45/night. They will honor Passport America for 3 days. If staying longer than 3 days, additional days will be at \$50/night.

Must call campground to make your reservation. You may have to remind them of the rally rate and no deposit required per Garrett Landreth. Deposits will not be refunded.

Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell 352-214-5880; marynut4@gmail.com or

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

Thursday December 7 → December 10

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

30700 River Road, Sorrento, FL; 352-268-9556 or 352-383-8055

FL RoadRunner weekends begin w/Early Bird Thursday & end w/Breakfast on Sunday. Make your reservation, then let Louise know you're coming.

Christmas Party Weekend!

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

December 8 → December 9

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Red Oaks RV

5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, FL; 352-793-7117

Rally Rate: \$35.00/night; Dance: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Potluck Saturday: 5:00 pm

Gift Exchange after Saturday Dance, \$10 limit

Susan Wolford; 256-673-0170; 2susanwolf@gmail.com

New NSDCA Post Office Mailing Address

Please note, we now have a new mailing address. All completed forms should be mailed to the following:

NSDCA

P.O. Box 241

Butler, WI 53007-9998

Thank you!

From the Desk of the 65th Chair

We hope you were able to attend the 65th NSDCA Camporee in Lebanon, TN and enjoy all the activities that occurred. We have been told a great time was had. We feel we had a great turnout with 56 rigs and 115 attendees, of which three attending couples did not camp. This was the first NSDCA Camporee for several of the participants, and most of them will be back!

We tried some new things which were mostly positively received. We supported local Square Dance Clubs both before and after the Camporee, and they reciprocated by attending our event to support us. Morning 'Coffee & Conversations' were hosted by Campers & Dancers (#152, AL), Florida Roadrunner Squares (#193, FL) and River Cities Travelin Squares (#076, IA) during the Camporee days.

Our Meet 'n Greet was a Chuck Wagon/Pot Luck on Monday night and was well attended. We would like to thank the Board for funding the meat. An entertaining, interactive, ice breaker activity was planned and enjoyed.

Our official Trail-In Dance supported The Red Nose Project by giving all dancers Red Noses. The 'Share the Pot' this night was won by Tom Herscha (#128) and the proceeds were donated to the SALT Ministry in Lebanon, which provides food to local Senior Citizens. The Opening Night Dance was a Veterans' Appreciation dance. Following the Grand March, local Boy Scout Troop 434 posted the Colors, lead the Pledge and joined in the American and Canadian anthems. Susan Wolford (#153) gave the invocation. The Quilts of Valor, Stars of Tennessee (QOV) representatives presented two dancers, Lester Smith (#076) and Timothy Kittle (#198), with quilts and stayed to answer questions about this program. The 'Share the Pot' proceeds this night were to be donated to QOV. Susan Snider (#128) won and donated her winnings back to QOV. Most veterans present were given a Token of Appreciation from the Fallen But Not Forgotten Program, as we supported them with the purchase. Wednesday night's dance proceeds were for the Shriners to supplement the Pull Tab program. The 'Share the Pot' this night was won by Mark Fetzer (#128) and he donated his winnings back to the Shriners. On our final dance night we had a representative from Donate Life, TN to answer questions. The 'Share the Pot' this night won by Bill Baker (#123) and the proceeds were donated to Donate Life, TN.

The sports were well attended; the winners were: for Bocci Ball: 3rd place: Dave Bruun (#123) and Ken Roberts (#010); 2nd place: Jerry Dwenger (guest) and Harriet Roberts (#010); 1st place: Jeri Huston (#153) and David Lust (#031). For Cornhole: 3rd place: Sharon Schmidt (#031) and Jim Wahl (#196); 2nd place: Brian Ziegler (#128) and Jerry Dwenger (guest); 1st place: Jeri Huston (#153) and Diane Wahl (#196).

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For the Washer Toss: 3rd place: David Lust (#031) and Jeri Huston (#153); 2nd place: Bob Asp (#014) and Mark Fetzer (#128); 1st place: Brian Ziegler (#128) and Sharon Schmidt (#031). Cowboy Golf winners were: 3rd place: Sharon Schmidt (#031); 2nd place: Jeri Huston (#153), and 1st place: Ozzie Osborn (#198). There was a correction for the 3rd place Cowboy Golf, which should have gone to Susan Wolford (#153).

The Lost Camper Award went to Swing-N-Travelers (#123) with 43 submissions over the past year.

Pull Tab report and awards are on page 43.

We collected 82 stuffed animals, which were donated to children in the area. We had a Book Exchange, where books you already read could be traded for different books you had not read yet. The books remaining after the Exchange closed were donated to Hearthside Senior Living; they were excited to have new reading material.

Crafts included beaded bandanas by Peggy Huston (#153), and macramé dusters, T-shirt crocheted sleeves and woven material baskets by Ruth Osborn (#198).

We were blessed with seven callers: Bob Asp (#014), Jim Davis (#121), George Ferguson (#018), Mark Fetzer (#128), Mike Gormley (#153), Ted Kennedy (#149) and Diane Poquette (#000). We also had three cuers: Barbara Connelly (#181), Susan Snider (#128) and Susan Wolford (#153). Without the dedication of their time and talent, we would not have been able to dance. They were all given Certificates of Appreciation and a small token.

Finally, we would like to THANK our membership. Without you we would not have a Camporee. Many of you jumped in when you saw a need to help. It does take an entire organization to pull off such an event!

Ozzie & Ruth Osborn, 65th Camporee Chairs

<u>Chapter</u>	<u># attending</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u># attending</u>
000	10	123	10
001	2	128	18
002	2	149	2
010	2	152	14
014	4	153	11
018	2	181	1
031	2	193	4
058	2	196	10
076	4	198	8
121	2	Guest	4

2023 Camporee Pull Tab Report

At the Annual NSDCA Board Meeting on July 10, 2023, the future of our Pull Tab Program was discussed. It was decided to discontinue the Pull Tab Program after the 65th Camporee, since it requires so much work with so little yield. Monetary donations will be encouraged to benefit the Shriner's Hospital. It was pointed out several other organizations do still collect them.

We need to thank Brian Ziegler (#128) and Tom Poquette (#000) for managing and weighing the Pull Tabs at the 65th Camporee.

The final Chapter Weigh-In results (in pounds) are:

Chapter		weight
Members at Large	000	0.2
Strawberry Travelers	153 (FL)	1.2
Badger Rovers	031 (WI)	1.6
Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds	196 (IN/IL)	3.0
Crossfire Campers	198 (TN)	3.7
Bayou Square-A-Rounds	149 (LA)	4.8
Campers & Dancers	152 (AL)	6.0
Garden State Square Dance Campers	001 (NJ)	8.4
Blackhawk Crosstrailers	014 (IL)	12.8
Swing-N-Travelers	123 (IL)	14.8
River Cities Travelin Squares	076 (IA)	14.8
Florida Roadrunner Squares	193 (FL)	23.0

And the winner, once again, is:

Square Wheels	128 (FL)	78.9
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It should be noted a total of 173.2 pounds of Pull Tabs and \$563 was collected from the 'Share the Pot' proceeds and donations from our membership during the dances. The National Board will add \$500, for a Grand Total of \$1063 being sent to the Shriners in Lexington, KY.

Ruth Osborn, VP

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our organization. Since Tricia and Neal live in Wisconsin, the Board has decided to change the mail handler to Tricia and use a Post Office close to her home. This way it will save time in the mail by not having to be mailed to the mail handler and then the secretary as they are now one and the same, and it will cut down on the postage expense. Of course, we are glad that Tom Nickels will continue in his role as Registered Agent.

We are working hard to update all the forms on the NSDCA website with the new mailing address. If you have already printed forms and prefer to use them, this is fine. Just cross through the address on all the forms you have printed with the Middleton address and write this address on them: **PO Box 241, Butler, WI 53007-9998**. The forms that are on the website (nsdca.org) are ‘fillable.’ This means that you can type the information into the form right from your computer, print it and mail it to the Butler, WI address.

Inquiries and plans are being made to have the 66th NSDCA in Wisconsin the week prior to the 73rd NSDC, which will be in Milwaukee, WI, June 27-29, 2024. Keep your calendar open for the week prior to this for our International Camporee. As plans are secured, we’ll let you know.

Don & Susan

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We also met Jan and John Bloodworth, who are from AL. They are coming up to Wisconsin for a month, so we are going out to a fish fry dinner with them in a couple of weeks. We are so excited! When you come to Wisconsin, you **MUST** go to a Friday night fish fry. Almost every restaurant has them. We have even gone to a Chinese restaurant where they served fried rice with their fish.

We first met Mary Ann and Lester at the Camporee in Rayne, LA while playing cards. Mary Ann has wanted to get a picture in her square dance outfit complete with petticoat on the back of a Harley. Neal was able to do that for her. He offered to take her for a spin; she threatened to squeeze the stuffing out of Neal if he did that! Her daughter from out east called her sister Connie, who lives in Tennessee, to ask her who was that man and what happened to their mom. Connie told her sister not to worry: mom is just off her meds!

If you didn’t meet or dance with Priscilla Newton from Alabama, you missed out big time! I loved her accent. I told her we danced to a caller one time who was from North Carolina and boy did he have an accent. Instead of saying ‘go home’ he would say ‘go to the HOUSE.’ She said, “Yes, we do have some hicks in Alabama.” Priscilla has the most positive attitude I have ever met. She lost both of her feet and most of her fingers from an infection when she put her hand on a buggy at Walmart. She was

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should be asked nicely if she would put you [the camper] on the floor from the table so you can put the pedal to the metal and get to the door before someone steps on you. GPS will get you to Lebanon TN. Good luck.”

In spite of our good luck locating Tony & Lou Bergett this time (thanks to your help), they have once again gone astray (it must be a malfunctioning GPS!) Recall they are at the end of the caravan carrying their equipment on the car’s roof (see the Summer 2019 issue for background on the caravan and images of each traveler). Please see if you can locate them in this issue and give them directions to the 2024 Camporee in Wisconsin, wherever that may be!

Remember we’ll have a special recognition and award at the 2024 Camporee at Wisconsin for the chapter with the most entries. Let’s see if a chapter can best the long-reigning champs! Good luck!

You can’t win if you don’t enter (but in order to win you must be a member in good standing). This is *your* newsletter! Send your answer either via: 1) email to **NSDCAtimes@gmail.com** or 2) by regular mail to **Ken Shacter, 5418 Weller Place, Jacksonville, FL 32211-6965** (either method to arrive no later than October 31) . 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.

That’s Not My Job!

This is a story about four people named: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was **Everybody**’s job.

Everybody thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Anybody** wouldn’t do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

The moral of this story is that it takes all of us to keep this activity we all love and enjoy a viable endeavor. Please get involved one way or another. Every little bit helps. Thank you!

We Remember Our Friends

Marian Louise Kulesa (#044, Illiana Square Wheelers)

Members of NSDCA Chapter 044 recently learned of the death of Marian Kulesa, a member of Illiana Square Wheelers since near the beginning of the chapter in 1971. She and her husband (the late Stan Kulesa) served as vice president and president of the chapter several times. Being a member of Illiana Square Wheelers (an Illinois/Indiana chapter) made her member of the Illinois State NSDCA State chapter. She and her husband were elected to the Illinois State Board of Directors several times and she served a term or two as State Secretary. She and her husband were Chairmen of Facilities for the 1990 NSDCA International Camporee and served on the committee for the 1980 and the 1995 NSDCA International Camporees as well. While living in Indiana, the Kulesas were very active in square dancing and camping. Becoming a widow in 1997 DID NOT change her activity level. While wintering in the southwest, she met Larry McDougal while square dancing. Sometime in the early 2000s she became a permanent resident and partner of Larry in Albuquerque, NM where she continued her love of camping and dancing.



Long-time NSDCA members may remember Marian as the owner of the Golden Retriever who, instead of being on a leash, the dog carried the leash herself. Members of Illiana Square Wheelers and the families for deceased members share in the loss of this dedicated member.

Submitted by Ruthann Sanders

Susie Bridges (#149, Bayou Square-A-Rounds)

Sharon Bridges passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 26, 2023. Sharon, affectionately known as Susie, was a lifelong resident of Sabine Parish, LA. She was an avid square and round dancer and loved camping, traveling, fishing and spending time with her family and friends. She and her husband, Bob, were past presidents of the Louisiana Square Dance Association and the Bayou Square-A-Rounds.



Submitted by Carolyn Barger

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.

Corn Salad with a Zing!

As the corn ripens here in Illinois, I thought this recipe might be fun for Chapter Potlucks. It is tasty and quick to fix!
Sally

Ingredients:

- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cans (14-15 oz size) drained kernel corn
- 1 medium green pepper chopped
- 1 medium red onion chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 - 8 oz bag Chili Cheese-flavored Corn Chips (Frito Brand or generic works)



Courtesy of Sally Foley (#014).



Steps:

- 1) Combine above EXCEPT for the Chili Cheese chips; reserve these for the final step, just before you serve this dish.
- 2) Chill for several hours or overnight.
- 3) Before serving, fold in the Chili Cheese corn chips, and enjoy!

Keep any leftovers refrigerated. It is easy to cut this recipe in half!

Makes about 8-10 servings: ~387 calories/serving (based on 10 servings.)

Total fat:	29 g	Total carbs:	27 g	Sugars:	7 g
Saturated fat:	6 g	Protein:	6 g	Dietary fiber:	3 g
Sodium:	571 mg	Potassium:	275 mg	Vitamin A:	0 %
Vitamin C:	4 %	Calcium:	11 %	Iron:	4 %

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told most of her organs were shutting down. Nothing stops this woman! She was painting rocks in Lebanon. There is always a smile on her face. You just feel good being in her presence.

The Camporee was so much fun; we danced, enjoyed potluck, and campfires. Neal and I are thrilled to say we made several new friends and looking forward to seeing everyone again!!

Lastly, it’s official: the NSDCA has a new P.O. Box. As Neal and I live in Wisconsin, we could open a P.O. Box by us. We are hoping this will save NSDCA money and speed up the mail communication process.

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Camping for 73rd National Square Dance Convention

Here are two campgrounds that have been ‘checked out’ for your consideration to use when you attend the 73rd NSDC in Milwaukee, WI from June 25-30, 2024.

Cliffside Campground

7320 Michna Rd, Racine, WI 53402

Cliffside Campground is 26 miles from the Convention site. It should take about 22 minutes to get there. This campground is south of Milwaukee.

All of the sites will hold a 45-foot Class A. The sites are big, have trees and nice bathrooms. The 233-acre campground has 92 campsites, bathrooms and showers, and a self-service dump station. Each site has electric (20, 30 and 50 amp), water, a fire pit, and a picnic table.

Camping reservations are required and can be made for same day of your arrival or up to 11 months in advance of your planned date of occupancy. Campers must make a reservation before setting up on any site.

Reserve a campsite online (<http://www.realracine.com/hotels/camping>) or by calling 888-947-2757.

Washington County Fair Park

3000 Hwy PV

West Bend, WI 53095

It should take you about 33 minutes to get to the Convention. The campground is 32 miles. The fairground is north of Milwaukee.

To make a reservation, go to www.wcfairpark.com and click on the Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center ‘Visit’ button, then click on ‘RENTAL INFO’ and then ‘CAMPING FACILITIES.’ Reservations are open now.

Country View Campground

S110w26400 Craig Ave.

Mukwonago, WI 53149

It should take you about 33 minutes to get to the Convention. This campground is about 32 miles from the festivities, and is southwest of Milwaukee.

There are 85 sites; 37 have full hook up. They have a pool and very nice bathrooms; newer and always clean. Colleen does not take reservation until after the first of the year. The best way to make a reservation is to email Colleen at CountryViewCampground@gmail.com; there is no website. Phone: 262-662-3654



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Please remember to have a Chapter Officer go to the NSDCA website and complete the ‘2023 Member Age Survey.’ Thank you.

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Have More Fun Dancing!

Dancing should be fun. That is what we are trying to promote. One of the least fun parts of dancing is when the square breaks down, though sometimes it can be hilarious. Here I will give you a list of things that, as a caller and dancer, I find increases my dancing enjoyment. I am not saying that “you” have these issues, but you can share these ideas with others.

First: Yes, occasionally squares will break down. Yes, sometimes you will know it is your fault. We have all done it. When this happens, do not apologize. **LOOK AT THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU AND GLARE.** They will be sure it was their fault, and they will apologize to you.

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Second: When there is more than one square on the floor and your square breaks down, form normal “he-she” lines. Do not worry about whose partner you have. Whether the caller sees you are broken down or not, he will eventually put the other dancers in lines. When he does, you will be ready. What happens when you square your set? First, the caller must notice that you are not dancing. Then he needs to resolve the other squares to get to the Allemande Left and then the Right and Left Grand. If you are in a big hall, he may not notice that you have been standing for a while.

To reduce breakdowns:

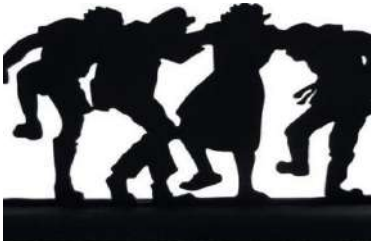
- Hold hands with those next to you. When I say ‘hold,’ I mean touch. Men palm up; Ladies palm down. When you do a Pass Thru the gentleman should always offer his hand. Elbows should be bent with hands at your side. When dancing with the same gender, you can fight up or down. Dancing is a contact sport, touching is appropriate. This lets the person next to you know they are in the right spot and keeps them in the right spot until the next call. **NO TIGHT GRIPS**, *no turning* other dancers, *no pulling*, *no pushing*. If you feel you must direct someone, point where you think they should go. Keep your squares small. This helps with timing. You should take a step on each beat of music. If your square is too big, it is particularly hard for the ladies. When the ladies Chain Across, gentleman step into the square to turn them and tighten it up. For Star Promenades and Thar Stars, tighten it up. If you are a caller reading this, put the ladies in the center and have the men run so they understand what the ladies have to do.
- Keep your head up. Looking at the floor or your feet will not help you. By keeping your head up, you can see what everyone else is doing. You will also look like you know what you are doing, and your back will feel better.

Lastly: Yes, your square will break down. Yes, you will know it is your fault. We have all done it. When this happens, do not apologize. **LOOK AT THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU AND GLARE.** They will be sure it was their fault, and they will apologize to you.

We look forward to seeing you at a dance.

Mark Fetzer – President, Florida Callers Association

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