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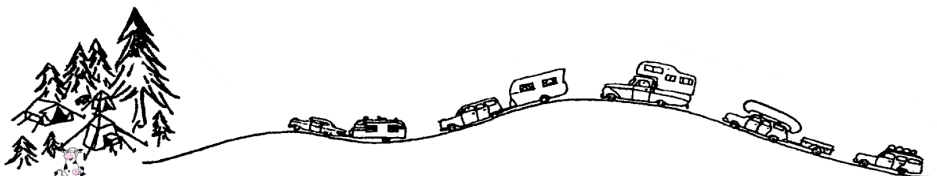
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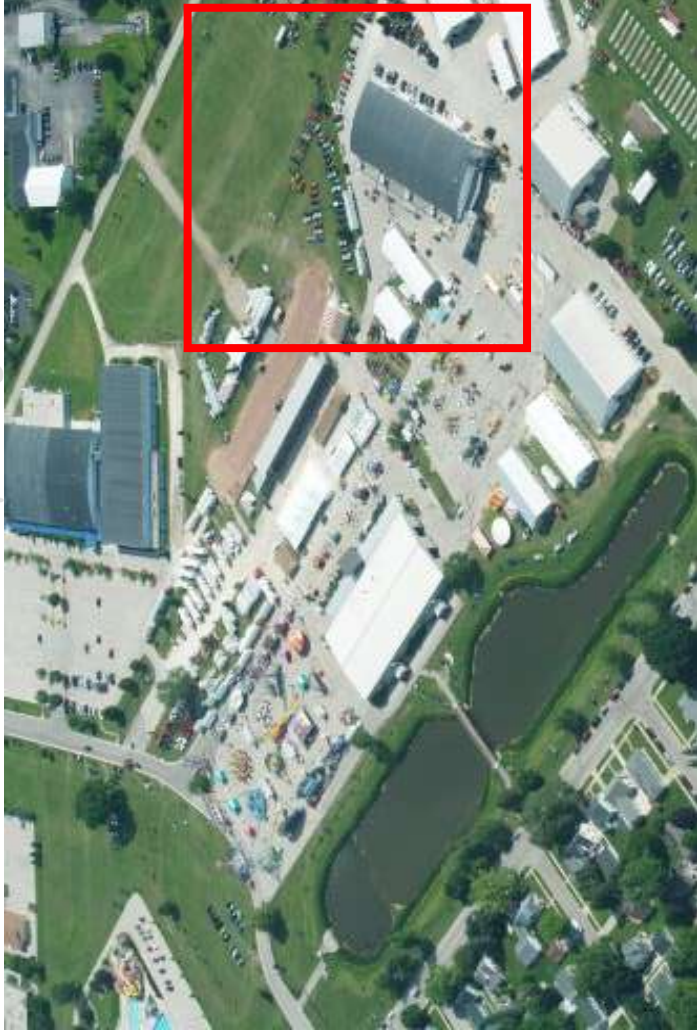


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## 66th NSDCA International Square Dance Camporee



# Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin



## Arial View

Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds  
520 Fond du Lac Avenue

Our fairgrounds camping and buildings are located within the red box area.

Details and directions in the next Times issue.

All sites have  
20, 30, 50 Amp  
electric & water

Full hookups are limited.

**Register EARLY**



*Let's Get  
"Mac" wing!*

*Get Registered Get Your T Shirt & Get Going!*

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## John & Dolly Ide



**G**reetings to all the NSDCA square dancers campers. At this writing, Dolly and I are looking forward to the 66<sup>th</sup> International Square Dance Campers Association Camporee in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. It seems like a strange name for a city and county, but it is simply French and means “at the bottom of the lake” or at the “furthest end of the lake.” It stirred up some thoughts in my mind related to the NSDCA that fall in line with the history of our organization. It seems strangely appropriate to think of the 66<sup>th</sup> Camporee to be near “the furthest year of the NSDCA’s existence.” I don’t intend to be negative, and instead want to celebrate our heritage of square dancing and camping.

I’ve known at least one couple who has been married 66 years. I’m sure there are many more, but a long marriage is a rarity today since our current culture seems to have collectively degraded into a society of surrender and convenience. Most of us are more apt to give up when confronted with challenging endeavors. It seems easier to relax and not get involved with our church, country, politics, neighborhood organization or even the NSDCA, instead of working to preserve what’s good and what has value in our lives, and favor comfort and convenience instead.

As we approach the 66<sup>th</sup> Camporee, your Board is also making plans for the 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> Camporee and beyond (as Buzz Lightyear would say, “To infinity and beyond.”), and encourage each of you, the members of the NSDCA, not to abandon your friends, the dancers and campers you’ve met through the NSDCA, the 60-plus year history of this organization and what it represents: a wholesome, fun, healthy, worthwhile and significant lifestyle that has brought you fun, friends and hundreds of fond memories. Even if you don’t camp anymore, can’t dance anymore, don’t like to travel, your Chapter has closed, you’re getting too old, etc., your friends in the NSDCA would love to see you, and I’m sure you’d enjoy an old-friends-get-together or reunion.

If you haven’t planned on coming to Fond du Lac, I’m sure you have good reasons, but you might reconsider. It’s not too late to register and come and enjoy a great event. The hosting team, mostly Wisconsin

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## Ruth & “Ozzie” Chuck Osborn



**A**s we sit to write our final article as NSDCA VPs, we reflect back on all the awesome adventures we have been afforded while serving in this position on the Board. We have met so many great people and travelled to so many different places. We have been blessed to have such great members of the Board to work together to help ensure a strong organization that can move forward during these changing times. We have such an outstanding group of members who step up to assist, most times before we even know we needed help.

We have reached out to all our Chapters with our quarterly reminders of the *TIMES* deadlines, which usually entails getting updates on their activities. We would like to thank everyone who has participated in submitting articles and pictures to share ideas and fun adventures. It is very important to be sure contact information is up to date for all our Chapters so the lines of communication can continue to flow. This includes any changes in the contact person as well as email addresses in which someone is actually checking and sharing information received. Please take the time to verify the contact information listed in the back of the *TIMES* is accurate for your group, as this is a major reference point for new and potential members as well.

The E-Tree has been around for a long time, but people still do not understand the importance of sharing its information. If you are a Regional, State or Chapter Representative, it is your responsibility to share any E-Tree information you receive with the members you represent. The E-Tree is how your Board quickly communicates with the Association's members. If members have ideas for NSDCA, you can email the Board directly, or you can start the message by going through your Chapter to your State/Regional Representatives to the Board.

During our time on the Board, we have worked as a great team to update many of the organization's documents which govern our conducting business. We have updated *Job Descriptions*, *Bylaws*, *Standing Rules* and most recently, the *Camporee Guidelines*, to meet with current times. The last version of the *Camporee Guidelines* was actually two separate documents which we combined and updated. As an example, the last *Camporee Guidelines* had required campgrounds have at least “15-amp power service” to be considered for a Camporee site and

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## Tricia & Neal Chartier



I can hardly believe that Neal and I have been your secretary for almost a year. We really do appreciate all of the help we have received on learning how to do this job.

We have loved working with this Board. We are sad that Ruth and Ozzie will no longer be on the Board. We are thankful that we have really gotten to know them and can count them as friends!!!

Just an idea for when you out dancing and camping: take pictures and post on Facebook; the more exposure the better!! Make sure you are taking the *TIMES* and flyers for upcoming camping weekends and the International Camporee flyers to dances, as it's so important to spread the word. If you are on Facebook, join other NSDCA Chapters; when you see a post, share it with your friends; maybe it will generate some interest. We just want to have more friends to dance with!! See you in a square or a campfire.

*Tricia & Neal*

Editor's note: Without any prompting from me, it appears that mentioning Facebook is a hot topic this issue. Please see our Publicity Chair Bill Baker's column on page 11 and a guest column by NSDCA member Bill Cassidy (#128) on page 38, both dealing with using Facebook to notify members as well as recruit new members.

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and Illinois NSDCA members, have worked tirelessly to make the 2024 Camporee special for you. They will welcome your attendance and you'll be blessed by attending. All that's needed is your attendance and participation.

Your National Board will also be retiring one member with an upcoming vacancy as Chuck and Ruth Osborn complete their term of office. At this time, we have not been able to find a candidate to fill the vacancy. If you might consider serving on the Board, please let us or one of the other current officers know. You do not have to be in attendance at the Camporee to be elected; just be willing to serve. We need your great ideas when we meet quarterly by means of teleconferencing.

Wishing you tight squares and safe travels, or simply: "Be there and be in a square."

*Dolly & John*



## Susan & Don Wolford



The snowbird season is quickly winding down here in Florida. A few dances continues into April but most of them finished their season the end of March. Quite a few of our friends have already gone back to their northern home. We are going to take a quick flight to Branson, Missouri with some friends for four days. We arrive back in Florida from Branson on May 10<sup>th</sup> and will hit the road to Alabama on May 11<sup>th</sup>. My idea was to stay in Florida until the end of May, but some plans got changed.

It was a great time to be had at the Florida State Convention this past January. It was wonderful to meet up with so many friends we had not seen in some time. The dance was held at The Center at Deltona in Deltona, FL. The 2025 Florida State Convention will be at this same location January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

We have enjoyed camping with our Florida NSDA Chapter this winter season, #153 Strawberry Travelers. The Chapter originated out of Strawberry Square in Plant City, FL and we were able to camp there for our April campout. It was good to be back to where it all began.

If you haven't sent in your NSDCA renewals, please put it in the mail. You don't want to miss getting any of your *TIMES* newsletters.

I hope you have sent in your registration for the 'Camp and Dance Til the Cows Come Home' International Camporee in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The committee is working hard to put on the best ever Camporee and they need you there to help accomplish this. There's something for everyone: square, advanced, rounds, lines, and most of all, fellowship!

Hope to see you in June in Fond du Lac.

*Don & Susan*

### ***66<sup>th</sup> Camporee update from the MooLady!!***

We now have 30 units registered; sure hoping a few more will join us. We may be small but we are going to have FUN!!

Every night we will be having a potluck dinner; just like at a campout, bring your own place setting and beverage. The schedule is so jam-packed (see page 31) I'm wondering how I will have time to make food for our potlucks.

If you are arriving on Sunday, plan on coming in later in the day there

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## Kathy Nickel Membership Secretary



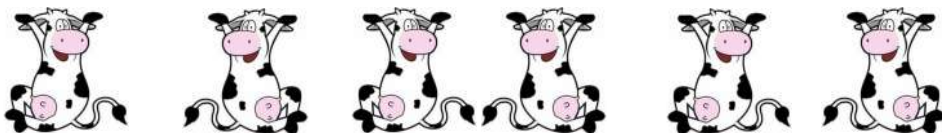
**H**i. Summer is just around the corner, and we can say goodbye to our cold wintery weather here in Wisconsin. I am so looking forward to spending time outdoors and camping again with family and friends. Summers and camping timeframes here in Wisconsin are short, so we have to fill our summers with camping. I am also looking forward to welcoming all of you to Fond du Lac, WI for the 66<sup>th</sup> International Camporee in June. I was not able to attend last year's Camporee, as it was at the same time as our family vacation, so I am really excited to attend and see all of you this year. Summers are a great time to visit Wisconsin and I am sure you will enjoy it. You can then extend your stay after the Camporee and attend the 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee, WI, just a short distance from Fond du Lac.

NSDCA Membership renewals were a little drawn out again this year. I just finished up with the last clubs submitting their dues. Please be sure to put it on your calendar to start early this Fall in collecting your dues so we can get them processed by the end of December. It will make everyone's job easier. I do want to give a big KUDOS to all of you for keeping your Winter and Summer addresses updated. The number of *TIMES* newsletters that have been returned this year has greatly decreased. This is a true savings for our organization. Let me know again this Fall as to your winter address and the time that you will be there. The Post Office will not forward our newsletter, and our system is set up to handle me sending it directly to your winter address. I hope to see all of you at the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee June 18<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> in Fond du Lac, WI, and at the 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention on June 26<sup>th</sup>—29<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee, WI.

Happy Camping and Dancing!

*Kathy Nickel*

### **66th NSDCA International Camporee June 18–20 Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**





# State & Area Representatives' Reports

## Illinois State Representative

As I write this, it's hard to believe that Spring is officially here—even with the weather being unpredictable in typical Illinois fashion. However, by the time you read this, the beginning of another exciting camping season will be well underway, and the calendar will soon be saying “it's Summer.” I am sure all those who live in the ‘100-day camping season’ areas have already experienced the enthusiasm of the start of the camping season, as those in Illinois have done.

It's certainly true in Illinois, as members of Blackhawk Crosstrailers (#014) are busy finalizing their plans for their part of the National Square Dance Convention in Wisconsin. This Chapter will also be hosting the 2025 Illinois State NSDCA Camporee.

Members of Swing-n-Travelers (#123) survived the ups and downs of their April outing and continue with their 2024 camping schedule as if April was just the great reunion of members at the first campout of the season. And Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds (#196) were busy getting ready for the Illinois State Camporee, which (by the time you read this) is in the history books, but am sure was another great time for all who attended. Our other Illinois Chapters, Illiana Square Wheelers (#044), Trade-by-Travelers (#066) and Trail-n-Squares (#075) who are not big enough to take on the challenges of hosting, stay involved as associate members of other Chapters and serving on the Illinois State Board.

We realize not all NSDCA members/chapters have a busy summer camping schedule near home, but as our southern state members travel to the slightly cooler northern states, remember you can continue to enjoy one of your favorite activities (camping and square dancing) by visiting one of those northern Chapters. If their schedule isn't printed in this issue of the *TIMES* newsletter, read the chapter chats, see the NSDCA website, or look up the Chapter representative and give them a phone call. Find out where you can camp and dance; don't take the summer off! I'm sure the Illinois Chapters would welcome your visit, and it gives everyone an opportunity to make new friends. I imagine you'll find many “snowbirds” who do just that when they escape the cold, ice and snow.

Another square dancing opportunity is the State of Illinois Square and Round Dance 2024 weekend, being held July 19-20 at the Sheridan Suites Hotel in Rosemont, IL. For details, check web site [ilsdc.dance](http://ilsdc.dance) or contact Dance Committee Treasurer/IL State NSDCA Secretary, Cherie Arch.

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## Florida State Representative

Howdy, folks! It’s been a quiet quarter for us, as our motorhome was in the shop for an extended period getting our side window repaired. As such, we only visited with #193 Florida Roadrunners at Wekiva Falls and #128 Square Wheels at Stephen Foster Folk Cultural State Park. While we were with #193, in addition to the square dancing, we all went out to see the rocket launch from Cape Canaveral, which is close by. We had a little excitement this campout; the Chapter’s caller (John Sweeney) took ill and Mike Akers from St. Augustine quickly stepped in and called for the Chapter. Roadrunners is a small group, but we always have a good time when we are with them. As for #128, that campout was a mini-convention, with 48 people (plus a couple of visitors from the campground) on the floor at one time or another. Florida Chapters will be taking the summer off, but participating in the NSDCA and NSDC events in Fond du Lac and Milwaukee, respectively. That’s all folks!

*Mary and John Burzo*

## Michigan State Representative

Hello to all of the NSDCA members. Well, Michigan has decided it is Summer in April; not sure what or where Spring is. We are currently experiencing weather in the 70s. This is very unusual for Michigan at this time of year. I have a feeling we will be having a very hot and humid summer.

The month of May arrived and the camping season began. We will be cleaning, packing and hitting the roads with our RVs for our summer camping trips. Our summer camping events will include eating at pot-lucks, campfires, visiting with friends, making memories and workshops/dancing.

Northwood Stompers (#121) is busy getting things organized for our State Camporee. A great time is being planned for the everyone that attends the event. The event is casual dress except for Friday evening for the Grand Parade and dance. We do dance in an air conditioned room. There will also be fantastic callers and cuers attending to provide a great dancing experience for all. We are thankful for everyone that attends. If you are interested in attending our State Camporee, the registration form was on page 54 in this issue of the *TIMES* newsletter, or you can contact me and I will make sure you get one.

There is not much else to report at this time. We will be camping and dancing from May through September at Hidden Hills in Harrison, Michigan. Contact me for more information on our monthly camping. In the meantime keep dancing and stay safe.

*Alberta & Gary Gunsell, Michigan State Representatives*  
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## NSDCA Publicity Director

Social media has been evolving and changing as it gains acceptance. Many still do not use Facebook or other social media apps, but that is also changing. In particular what is changing is our recognition that it can serve to keep people informed about events they may miss without the use of some type of digital-world communication.

Of course, websites have been in existence longer than the newer digital phone applications; they are still quite informative and can be an excellent tool to announce or to search for events when you are in a new area. My favorite website for finding square dances is [wheresthedance.com](http://wheresthedance.com); I have used it many times and also post schedules for several square dance clubs in our Central Illinois area, and even some in Texas. A couple of months ago I happen to be near Pittsburgh and I found a nice dance just a couple of miles from my hotel on that site. I had a great time and was actually the 8<sup>th</sup> man—so we could dance two squares.

But besides websites, other modes of communication are gaining ground. Facebook is a major player in this field, and it has both promoters and detractors. Some people just don't want to take a look, and some are on that app all the time.

There is a Facebook group called 'Central Illinois Square Dance Clubs' that posts about dancing in our home area of the state. It is a great way to get the different dancing venues in front of people that may not know about what is going on in the area. If you are a Facebook user, go to 'groups,' click on the spy glass in the upper right corner, and type "Square Dancing," where you will see page after page of groups associated with Square Dancing.

It is fairly easy to post upcoming events, flyers and photos or video of dances and dancers on Facebook. Someone that you know can probably teach you how to find Square Dancing and maybe help you post some of your pictures as well. My advice on how to find a genuine professional is ask your grandkids!

One caution when taking video clips with your cell phone is that you need to be aware of where you are standing and what is being said around you while you are recording. Any talking will be picked up by your phone, and the words said may have a negative effect on your audience if you replay a comment that shouldn't be duplicated. It happen to me last week; someone walked by while I was recording and made a comment about another person that shouldn't have been said, much less be repeated. I stopped recording, moved to a new location and reshot a short video clip.

Please keep Square Dancing going by adding good stories, videos and photos of the great time you can have Square Dancing and camping.

*Bill & Kitty Baker, grandebill@grics.net*



### **001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; New Jersey**

It's the end of April in New Jersey, and the weather has been in the low 70s most days. The flowers are blooming, and the birds are chirping.

The co-presidents of our chapter, Ron and Pauline Vande Vrede, recently returned to NJ from a 7-day cruise on Royal Caribbean's *Icon of the Seas* and had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to hearing about their adventures.



Our camping season is starting next weekend with the Square-Up Campers #106 in Quarryville, PA. See our schedule on our website. We would really love it if other clubs could join us at our campouts. Our website ([www.gssdca.wix.com/gssdca](http://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 friendly people that camp, to visit and see what we are all about. We have 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

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### **002 Pine Tree; Wisconsin**

We are looking forward to hosting the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA Camporee this June in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. We hope you are coming so that we can share our great state. We are now going to the campgrounds on Thursday so we can go out on Friday Night for a Fish Fry; it's a Wisconsin thing.



Tricia Chartier; [TriciaMooLady@gmail.com](mailto:TriciaMooLady@gmail.com); 414-807-4083

### **014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois**

HOWDY-DO! from #014 in Northern Illinois! Our camping season will begin Memorial weekend with dancing, crafts, food, and fun. We are looking forward to a busy camping season! To all, please join us for our campouts and sit under the awning for a spell. We can definitely squeeze you in. [Please see photos at the top of the next page.]



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### 044 Illiana Square Wheelers; Illinois/Indiana

With some ups and downs, we have all survived the winter and look forward to visiting with one another again now that the weather will be without ice or snow.

Our first get together for a fun day of games and eats was at the home of former members Don and Barb Zama-stil. It was nice to see those who were able to attend. As always, plans are already being made for the next get together with everyone looking forward to another enjoyable time with friends.



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

### 106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania

Pictured is Square Up member Judy Willis holding her treasured pooch, Jett. Being an animal lover, she also has another canine named Lexi. She also has goats at home in her south-central Pennsylvania mini-menagerie property.



Judy's husband, Paul, is 'second -in- com- mand' when it comes to animal care. Judy and Paul have been camping and square dancing since 2017. Judy has become the Square Up's unofficial "sheriff," checking for club badges at the campouts and collecting fines for truan- cy. She may has

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missed her true calling in life as a peaceful law officer! Why not join our fun group some month and meet all of our interesting members?

Kathy Engel; [kathye@kuhncom.net](mailto:kathye@kuhncom.net)

## 116 Camping Squares; Kansas

Spring has arrived and we're ready to get out and camp! We finished our winter parties with a dinner out in Wichita in late March. We had a good turnout and we all had fun! Our annual Hobo Stew Dance and campout was the last weekend of April at Lake Afton, Goddard, KS. This is always a fun dance with good food!



May 14-16 is our mid-week campout at Cheney State Lake, Cheney, KS. Then May 31 – June 1 is the Kansas State Square Dance Convention in Salina, with camping Thursday, May 30 through Sunday, June 2.

June, of course, brings the National Square Dance Festival and International Square Dance Camporee for all to enjoy. On July 12-14 we will be camping and dancing in Chanute, KS, then July 25-27 is the HASSDA Convention in Springdale, AR at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. On August 22-25 we will be camping at El Dorado State Park in El Dorado, KS – but there is no dance occurring.

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

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## 119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

Here in Wyoming, we are still looking for spring to arrive. We get a couple days of SPRING then OLD MAN WINTER shows his face again.

Some of us are contemplating about getting our rigs out to prepare for our first outing over Memorial Day in Laramie, Wyoming. Camping on site! The weekend begins on the evening of May 23<sup>rd</sup> and will end with a Sunday morning dance with both callers, Dave Guille and Lynn Strobel and the round dance cuer, Steve Kline.



This is always a great weekend with lots of dancing, food, and fellowship!!! Renewing our friendship with all our friends, many that we have not seen since last September.

Please see our calendar for campouts and join us if you are in our area! We always welcome visitors to our activities!

Our Chapter contact is Leo or Diana Fergel; they may be reached at 307-635-7312.

Nell Coffey; 303-823-6096

## 121 Northwood Stompers; Michigan

### *Chapter 121 Wakes Up*

Living in Roscommon as we do,  
Means that winter is not yet thru.  
Hence camping for us who are old,  
Is still distant since we eschew cold.  
It makes us look forward to days in the sun,  
As dancing begins when winter is done.  
Pack up your gear and leave the vacation shore,  
Mark your calendar for June 14, 2024.  
Our chapter's first dance is in Harrison, MI.  
We are the Northwoods Stompers #121.

*Bill Tudor*



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

## 123 Swing-n-Traveler's; Illinois

During the winter, Swing-n-Traveler's in Rio Grande Valley, Texas, enjoyed some time together at Longhorn Cattle Company in San Benito, Texas. Afterwards, they all played games and fellowshiped at Dwaine and Bert Dunn's home in Harlingen, TX. Also, through those cold months, the four couples in Yuma, Arizona, also spent time together with eating and fellowship where they sometimes played games at Ed and Margie Nightingale's winter home. Now everyone is back in Illinois and already complaining about the cold and rainy weather here, but we are glad



to be back to see our friends and family again.

Our first campout in April was small in numbers, but that doesn't mean we could not have a fun time in spite of the

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wind and rain over the three days we were at Hickory Hills Campground near Secor, IL. Our square dance was held in Carlock at Curt Braffet’s barn where we had two callers, Curt and Jack Pladys. It looked like a fun time for everyone there. Back at the campground, inside games were the main entertainment. Along with our normal meal at Busy Corner in Goodfield, IL, we enjoyed playing games, doing a craft, and savoring some delicious vegetable soup with sides and desserts to go with it.

Besides all the fun things we did, we had a learning experience as one of our square dancers is Jewish. With the date of the campout being in the middle of Passover, he gave us some information about some of the routine things they do during those 8 days. Since they cannot eat regular (leavened) bread during Passover, they eat Matzoh, an unleavened cracker-looking bread, which he shared with us. Then he shared a prayer recited both in Hebrew and in English. Later, we had another discussion where he shared how the Rabbi will kill chickens and cows with a very sharp knife as they need to be Kosher, which means conforms to the Jewish dietary law. It was very interesting to know.

As we parted company, we hope to see each other on Memorial weekend and then at the next weekend, May 31-June 2 at 2024 Illinois State NSDCA Camporee in Rockville, Indiana. Join us!

Janet Bowman; cabjcb2@gmail.com

## **128 Square Wheels; Florida**

For our February campout in Lake Park, GA, we were a small but mighty group! Several of our group were fighting the creeping crud or recovering from surgery, and more surgeries are scheduled in the near future as well. As has happened occasionally, we had more men than lady dancers this weekend, and that meant that all the ladies danced with revolving partners. Our caller, Bill Chesnut, was the only act in town as our lovely cuer, Ann Hadsall, had no round dancers present – so she stayed home rather than brave the rain. Bill, as always was in sync with his dancers and only demonstrated how he could out think us dancers a couple of times!

The rain had been predicted to be significant, but it was more of a light drizzle both Saturday and Sunday, a fact much appreciated by us dog walkers. We shared a brown bag dinner on Friday evening and treated ourselves to breakfast and dinner at the Farmhouse restaurant on Saturday. We game players enjoyed an hour of fun on Saturday, while others checked out the local outlet store or Flea Market.

Three couples of our group all proved that having RV glitches would not stand in the way of our having fun.



Our next campout was over the St Patrick's Day weekend at The Springs RV Resort in Silver Springs; they always provide us with a great venue. Susan Snider was gracious enough to become our cuer for the weekend, stepping in for Ann Hadsall. She played a lovely waltz that I had not heard before, Shadows and Light, and many other standards including the Irish Washer Woman, to keep our group twirling on the floor. As it was her husband's birthday that Friday, she also treated us to birthday cake with raspberry filling; yum!

Bill Chesnut, our illustrious caller, ensured that we kept our bodies in motion. I had no idea there were so many Irish dances to call to, McNamara's Band, to name just one. I love how he mixes in the easy and the challenging moves and then explains what we do wrong when we break down; I wish all callers were so in tune with their dancers. We had as many as four squares on the floor at times. I really enjoyed seeing all the St. Patrick's outfits; one of our members even had shamrocks woven in her hair. For folks who managed to wake up early enough (not me!) there was a wonderful Saturday breakfast provided by campground residents. Our Saturday evening was a potluck; again, yum! And of course our firebugs spearheaded our Friday night campfire.

Our April campout at Stephen Foster Folk Cultural State Park in White Springs was, so far, the best campout of the year. So many people pitched in to make this happen. And we got to see bunches of friends that we lately seldom get to see: a hearty welcome to those who have been recovering from illness or surgery, and those who have been away. The big news announced this weekend is that our dedicated cuer, Ann Hadsall, has retired from being our Chapter cuer. They will continue to join us when we dance close to their home and she will join in. Major goodness in that our very own Susan Snider is now our lead cuer, and she is terrific. In fact, she introduced us to the Black Horse and Cherry Tree Cha-Cha Saturday night, while continuing to cue our old favorites such as the You Raise Me Up waltz.

We had observers from the campground, and as usual Bill led them in introductory dancing. One of the tips was a medley of Who Let the Dogs Out and Davy Crockett, King of the Wild frontier. While Bill taught the newbies, he challenged the rest of us to assume our partner's roles; what a disaster, I mean a hoot! I don't know who had it harder, women doing the man's role or men doing the woman's role. We had four squares on the floor most of both Friday and Saturday (sometimes five), and up to a dozen round dancers. It was splendid.

Let's talk bonfires. After dancing, some of us gathered around the fire and shared snacks and told stories. This is a major reason that Stephen Foster is my favorite camping week, that and Christmas. Our campfire hosts, Ron and Linda, welcomed a close group to join them for food and

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fellowship – a huge thanks!

Our potluck dinners are always a big hit. We were introduced to a delicious spinach casserole and homemade pickled beets and eggs; yum! We have one campout before our summer hiatus, occurring in May. Then we’re off to the 66<sup>th</sup> International Camporee at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and then onto the 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, before we return for our first campout of the new season in August. Thank you for reading this long missive. It is such a joy to be a part of this “friendship set to music”

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## **152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama**

2024 will be a year of firsts for Chapter 152.

For the first time, we held a February campout. February weather can be iffy in Northern Alabama, but we lucked out with reasonable temperatures for our campout at Great Escapes Chestnut Bay in Leesburg, AL. We started the weekend by dancing with the Gadsden Twirlers on Thursday, then visited a hot glass works on Friday where members had the opportunity to blow their own Christmas ornaments. Friday evening, we danced to Kevin Cozad after a pot luck dinner. On Saturday afternoon we danced to Kevin again, then went out to eat, followed by games.



Our March campout was at our favorite location, Roaring Pines RV Resort in Somerville, AL. We started the weekend by going out to eat, then returning to the campground for a movie night in the pavilion. On Friday we traveled to Decatur, AL to dance with the 8ers for their St. Patrick’s Day Dance and baked potato supper. Great fun, and wonderful food! Saturday we had a pot luck dinner and then danced to Skip Cleland at the campground.

April brought another first for Chapter 152: We held a travelling campout in Florida. The campout started at Lakeside Travel RV Park in Tallahassee, where we camped and then went out to dance with the Capitol Twirlers. The next day we moved down the road about 3 hours to Homosassa State Park where we enjoyed a boat ride and manatee viewing. Then down the road a short distance to Natures Resort in Homosassa where we spent the night. The next day we travelled another hour to Weeki Wachee Springs where we watched the Mermaid show then took a boat ride. After lunch at the Springs, we traveled to Clearwater where we stayed at the Avalon RV Park. The next day was a ride to Plant City

to pick strawberries. There was lots to see and do in the Clearwater area.

Another first will be our July campout. It has been scheduled for July 28-31 at Cove Creek RV Resort in Sevierville, TN, which is a short distance from Gatlinburg, TN where the Tennessee State Convention will be held on August 1-3. This is a great opportunity to dance with Chapter 152 and to dance with an outstanding roster of callers and cuers at the state convention. Last year the Tennessee State Convention attracted over 1,250 dancers.

The campout schedule for 2024 is coming together, and you will find the details in the Chapter Campouts section of the NSDCA *TIMES*. Come dance with us at one of our upcoming campouts this year.

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### **153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**

Our Spring campout was held April 5-7. Even though it was our first time ever to camp at Strawberry Square in Plant City, it felt like an old-fashioned homecoming. Many of our club's founding members lived at Strawberry Square back in the day some 37 years ago, when NSDCA Chapter 153 was formed – hence the name, Strawberry Travelers. Jack and Bev Henry brought some of our club's history picture albums to share with club members and our visitors as well as some of the residents of Strawberry Square, who were still around before they go fluttering off for the summer.

Our hosts for the weekend were Dan and Sue Ann Eversole, former members of #082, but now new members of #153, whom we welcomed with open arms and many Yellow Rocks! Dan and Sue welcomed us with an ice cream social in the main hall upon our arrival Friday and after socializing and catching up with one another, we went to Fred's Market Buffet to stuff ourselves with some super Southern Cooked vittles! We then returned to camp to dance off some of those calories.

Club cuer, Susan Wolford, began early rounds at 6:30 and there were several guests who attended from Strawberry Square and nearby. Many stayed and joined us for squares as well. The weekend would have been Charlie Pergrossi's last campout to call as our 'Official' club caller. Charlie announced his wish to retire as caller for #153 but is choosing to continue as a member, and to enjoy dancing, camping, yacking and relaxing in the Strawberry patch with the gang. Unfortunately, he had RV troubles and had to cancel at the last minute. Thank you, Charlie, for all the faithful years of fabulous fun, frolic, delightful dancing, and talented calling you have given to this club! Mike Gormley is now #153's official club caller. He has been filling in for and alternating with Charlie for the past year and he has been a member of Strawberry Travelers since February 2022. Mike served as Square Dance Program Chair for the 47<sup>th</sup> FANSDC Camporee that was held in October, 2023, and currently main-

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tains the website for Florida Association of National Square Dance Campers, [www.fansdc.net](http://www.fansdc.net). All of us in Strawberry Travelers welcome Mike as our official club caller for #153! We are very grateful to have him and are looking forward to some “Berry” fun times!

Saturday morning at the campout began early for Dan and Sue Ann who were busily making scrumptious homemade Belgian Waffles for all the members. What a glorious smell wafting in the air as we entered the main hall that morning! Our business meeting followed where we voted in our new officers for the year as follows: Bob and Laura Boucher, President; Susan Wolford, Vice President; Bev Henry, Treasurer; Dan and Sue Ann Eversole, Treasurer. Soon after the meeting, we met for lunch where our hosts had hot dogs cooked and the rest of us brought sides. Following lunch, there was an afternoon sing-along led by one of the residents of Strawberry Square. After a few pages of sing-along songs, everyone had to break in order to get their sides cooked and be back in time for supper. Again, our hosts had been busy cooking a tremendously tender ham that they provided as the main dish for our potluck. The rest of us members brought sides to compliment the ham. After the cleanup and the dishes were done, we returned for an evening of dancing and fellowship where we were again blessed with guests.

Our club does not camp in the summer; it gets a bit too toasty and ‘roasty’ even for us folks way down deep in the South. Our next campout will be at the 48<sup>th</sup> FANSDC Camporee where “We’re going BACK TO THE FUTURE,” on October 24, 25 and 26, 2024 at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL. Then *after* that, Strawberry Travelers will remain and continue the fun with our club camp-out October 27, 28, and leave out on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Hope to see y’all there in a square! Enjoy your summer!

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## **C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada**

Just when you think winter might be over Mother Nature sends another snow storm your way. That was what took place at the beginning of April here in eastern Ontario. It might not have felt so bad except that any previous winter snow had melted, and the crocuses and Snowdrops had begun to blossom. Good news was that with the warm Spring sun the snow was gone in about two days.

I spoke to the manager of our trailer storage spot, and he said that with the early warm Spring many people are pulling their trailers out early. I am happy to say that we picked ours up the third



week of April! This gave us time to get it prepared for our first Square Dance Camp weekend, which took place at Lower Beverley Lake Campground in Delta, Ontario, Canada from Friday to Sunday May 10-12. We looked forward to dancing on Friday night. There was a “meet and greet” continental breakfast Saturday morning, a walk around the campground that morning and then dancing in the Pavilion on Saturday afternoon. Both evenings there was a campfire in the central spot.

The May weekend kicked off our dancing season, and we will meet again on June 21-23, July 19-21, August 16-18, and September 20-22. If you would like to visit, please contact Helen MacCallum for more information at 613-330-4873 or [helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca](mailto:helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca).

Whether you are dancing/camping close to home or travelling a distance may you have a safe and happy time.

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### **181 MontShire Campin’ Squares; Vermont/New Hampshire**

Although we were a small group of dancers, we thoroughly enjoyed our June weekend with Betsy and Roy Gotta. Horseshoe Acres Campground has made a great recovery from the July flooding that wiped out their “safari” field. The pavilion was high enough off the ground to survive and we can continue to dance on the wood floor. We are looking forward to our August 2-4 weekend, also at Horseshoe Acres Campground in Andover, VT. We will be having two callers, Phil Pierce from New Hampshire and Denise Carbonell from Maine. Round Dancing will be led by Barbara Connelly from Vermont. All are welcome to come camp and dance with us or just dance.

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### **193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida**

Hello Friends!

It is June and summer has begun. However, since I am writing this in April, I will tell you about our Spring campouts. March found us back at one of Florida’s most beautiful places to camp, Highlands Hammock State Park. The beauty of the park, the afternoons of dancing and then relaxing by evening campfires are the reasons we all love that place so much. Even though we were few that weekend, our Irish themed weekend was still a blast. John Sweeney (our great caller) and Chuck Ryall, (our great cuer) were both able to make the dances fun and at times very comical as well. Being close to Easter, our craft was coloring eggs with shaving cream, however we just never got around to boiling the eggs!



Then it was April, and we camped just a bit north of Orlando in Sorrento, Florida at a wonderful and relaxing RV park (Wekiva Falls) that happens to have a natural spring to play in and a beautiful pool to soak up the sun in. As many of you may have experienced yourself, parking



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the RV can – at times – be a challenge, as it was for many of us that weekend. On Thursday, the day most of us arrived, we were blessed with POURING rain. Can you remember trying to hold up an umbrella over you while you’re hooking up a water hose and then the electrical power cords... thought you might! Oh, and don’t you just hate to see those deep tire ruts in the beautiful green grass? Well, we saw a lot of those and contributed a few of our own. Of course, as is usually the case, the rain ceases a short time after everything is hooked up and you are soaked to the skin. So naturally we put on dry clothing and went out to dinner.

Our choice for the weekend was to try out a local German restaurant (Hollerbach’s) with authentic German atmosphere, right down to the

menu that was also in authentic German. Luckily, John Ide (our president) also speaks authentic German! But just short of his having to read the menu for each one of us, he discovered that the descriptions of each item were in English. Lucky for us, and for him! The food was delicious, and we were treated to some delightful German polka music and entertainment. We all forgot about



the rain and had a great time singing along with the clapping spoons.

The rest of our weekend was sunny and beautiful and a great success. We had many visitors, plus Wekiva did all the cooking for us: a Friday night hamburger dinner plus Saturday AM breakfast of biscuits, gravy, sausage, bacon, eggs and more, all for a very reasonable fee. All we needed to do was eat! “No set up! No clean up!” Now what is there not to love about that!

Besides the fun dancing that Mike Akers (our guest caller) and Chuck

Ryall (our club cuer) provided, we also enjoyed an unusual craft theme that celebrated our great country, creating some beautiful 4<sup>th</sup> of July wreaths. Our wreaths are made with card stock paper and looked pretty awesome when we finished them! There was a little trick to it, but once we mastered that skill the wreaths went together fast! Like 1, 2, 3, and voilà! The best thing is the fun we had creating them.

Lastly, I hope you are all getting ready to head to Fond Du Lac, WI for our 66<sup>th</sup> Annual International Camporee, June 18 – 20, 2024. It promises to be a “Cow-tastic and Moo-ving event!” It’s not too late to get there so if you are not registered yet, “Get Moov-ing.” If you don’t support our annual Camporees, you will soon have none to support! A “BIG THANK YOU” to all of you who not only attend but also work tirelessly to make them fun for the rest of us!

This summer as you travel, take your *TIMES* with you. Check it or our NSDCA.org website for dates and locations of clubs that are meeting, and go camp and dance with them. Have a safe and blessed summer and as always... “We hope to see you all in a square somewhere!”

Please check out our Campout Listings at [www.nsdca.org](http://www.nsdca.org) or our 193 website: [www.whirlaways.org/rr\\_193\\_index.html](http://www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html).

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

Wow! What a great start to our camping season we had in April! We went to Indianapolis, Indiana and camped for three days of fun, dancing and exploring. It was so good to see the other members and find out what they had been doing all winter. The temperatures didn’t cooperate, so no campfires were had, but we did connect on the dance floor with area clubs every day. One even had 11 squares with at least 8 on the floor most of the time. So much energy in the room! We also found several good restaurants in the Greenwood



area for meals. The real highlight of the outing was the trip to the Ray Skillman Car Collection Museum. It is a private collection of an in-

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dividual from the area that has amassed an amazing collection of Indy 500 cars, collector cars/trucks, motorcycles, boats, neon signs, and other racing items. There was even a plane hanging from the rafters. The curator, Don Gardner, was more than willing to share its story and many others that made the whole experience even better. A feature our group particularly enjoyed was a 1928 Merry-Go-Round that was purchased in pieces in a box and put together by the curator and completely restored. That story was especially interesting to hear. What a project! It took a year and three months to reassemble. The owner brings his grandchildren in on Sunday afternoons to ride the horse that has their name on it. What fun they must have. We had an equal amount of fun riding it ourselves. Most of us were even still flexible enough to get on and off the horses!

We have a fun Summer/Fall list of activities planned and hope some of you can join us if you are in our area. See the list of dances in this newsletter and online at the NSDCA website for our scheduled activities. You can contact me anytime to find out what fun things we have planned in addition to the dancing activities at each of our outings.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

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## **198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee**

As we sit to write this, Spring is in the air and the signs are evident in the animal activity and the beautiful flowers we see. We have just returned from our Winter Snowbird retreat in Florida where the weather was odd, but still enjoyable with many friends. As you read this, you are hopefully putting your final plans together to join so many at the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA Camporee in Fond du Lac, WI for our annual get together from all over the country. We are looking forward to a great adventure with friends across the square and/or across the campfire.



Our Chapter has again been dealing with several life altering events which change the way our worlds revolve. We are working to see if we can sustain what we have. Some of us are looking forward to joining up with larger Chapters as we review our options, so our calendar for this Summer is a little barren. We do plan to join Campers and Dancers (#152) in Sevierville, TN the last week in July which will lead us right into the TN State Convention in Gatlinburg, TN the first weekend in August.

Safe Travels wherever you go, and we will look forward to our paths



crossing in the near future.

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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.

## Pull-Tab Reminder

NSDCA members voted to discontinue saving the pull-tabs, as we have done in the past, at the 2023 General Meeting. Cash contributions will be accepted for donation to the Shriners' Childrens Hospital in lieu of the pull-tabs.

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there were plans for hundreds of campers. All these documents can be found on [www.NSDCA.org](http://www.NSDCA.org). We would like to thank webmaster Bob Summers and *TIMES* editor Ken Shacter for assisting in finding ways to keep the website current and functioning so flawlessly.

We have been the point of contact for our 000 Members-At-Large. We have enjoyed sharing their journeys. They either are new to NSDCA, are transferring because they moved, or their Chapter has folded. We are thrilled to report the decrease in 000 membership is greatly due to the fact they have joined local Chapters.

We hope everyone is coming to the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA Camporee in Fond du Lac, WI. If you are planning to attend, please do not hesitate to submit your registration forms. The Camporee Team has many great adventures planned. They also have great ideas for those continuing on to the NSDC in Milwaukee.

We are excited plans for the 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> Camporees are in the early planning stages, which is a very positive note for the NSDCA future. Keep your eyes alerted for these updates.

In closing, we would like to encourage all members to continue to step up and make this membership-run organization the best it can be. As of this writing, we still have not received any nominations to replace our position on the Board. The job is very rewarding, and the only real requirements are a sense of humor and the ability to work as a team. Anything else you can bring is an added bonus.

Safe travels until our paths cross.

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is a car show going on. It will end around 4 p.m. However, if you come early, you can enjoy the car show. The great part is that it’s free! When you arrive, give me a call so I can tell you where to park your rig.

Monday night will be our Trail-In dance. Right after the dance we will head out to the campfire for some s’mores; we are going to be doing a “s’more bar.” I am asking everyone that wants to join us to either bring marshmallows or something you would like to put a marshmallow on.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the coffee hour, Tom Nickel will be making fried donuts. Pine Tree Campers and Badger Rovers will be providing the biscuits.

For our crafts on Tuesday we will be working on our “cow and ’gator” T-shirts; we will be making them even cuter! If you aren’t getting a cow or ’gator T-shirt, bring a T-shirt to work on. If you have fabric scissor, please also bring them.

We loved how our Veterans were honored last year, so we are doing it again. Ruth Osborn has been busy working on getting quilts from the Quilts of Valor group. Lester Smith received one of the quilts last year. Since then, Mary Ann Smith has started making quilts with the Quilts of Valor.

My girlfriend, Diane Nuskievicz, will be doing some chair yoga for us, so come and enjoy!!

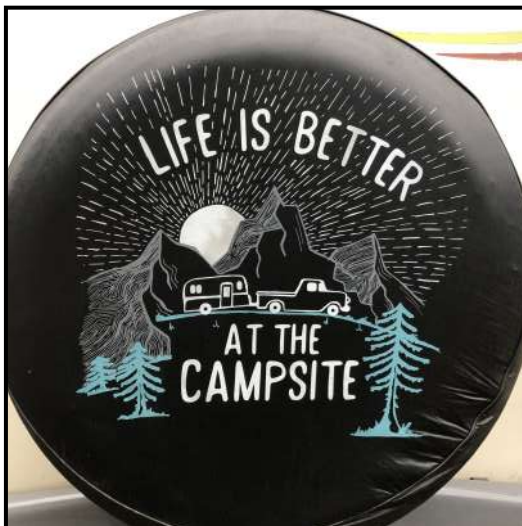
Linda Ellis loved the book exchange that Ruth Osborn organized last year, so if you have any books you are done reading and would like to swap, bring them. I will take any leftover books and put them into ‘The Little Library.’



I m so excited that you are coming!!! I can’t wait to see you.

*Tricia & Neal Chartier (66thNSDCACamporee@gmail.com)*

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# 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee



## Hooray...We Got It!

## June 18 - 20, 2024

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## Now it's your turn "Register Today"

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2024 Camporee Chairmen

Here's a few things to do in the Fond du Lac area:

- ◆ **Golf** at the beautiful **Rolling Hills Golf course**
- ◆ **Fondy Aqua Park** (a short walk from the fairgrounds)
- ◆ **Kelley Country Creamery Homemade ice cream...**now who doesn't like ice cream?
- ◆ **Faris Gourmet Popcorn & Treats**
- ◆ **Lots of Fish Frys and Great Restaurants**
- ◆ **Lake Winnebago** (Fond du Lac is French for "bottom of the lake", given so because of it's location at the southern shore )
- ◆ **Lakeside Park** (Lighthouse, Carousel, Mini Train plus water pedal boats , canoes, etc. rentals)

## **Helpful Hints: The New RV Sound System and GPS - Apple CarPlay or Android Auto**

As you may recall from the last issue of the *TIMES*, we recently changed from camping with a bumper-pull trailer to a Class C motorhome. Our former trailer had a 12-volt stereo system (meaning we could play music when not plugged into shore power) that had an AM/FM radio and could play music from CDs, mp3 disks or flash drives, as well as play DVD movies through our TV. The sound was reproduced from some ceiling-mounted speakers – certainly audible, but with little dynamic range (although if I really wanted, they could have been replaced with higher fidelity speakers). However, we still had our very nice JVC/Sync music system in our truck that produced excellent quality sound, in addition to providing a very nice (even if it was dated) GPS display (easily viewable by driver and passenger, even while wearing polarized sunglasses) along with integrated audio instructions.

Not so with our new motorhome! Gone from the ‘house’ portion of the RV is any form of a conventional radio/CD/DVD player along with its separate ceiling-mounted speakers. The manufacturer did provide a no-name DVD player that would play regular CDs but not mp3-encoded CDs or flash drives. The sound comes only through the TV, and to be polite – its speakers are extremely low quality. I ended up replacing the DVD player with a device that would play mp3s and flash drives, but still the sound comes through the TV, and the TV and DVD player only operate on 120 volts AC, so we can no longer listen to music unless we are plugged into shore power or running the generator. We also no longer have a radio to listen to when we are parked.

The cab portion of the RV also no longer has a conventional radio/CD player or navigation system; in its stead is an Apple CarPlay/Android Auto display head (hereafter just called ‘CarPlay’). For those unfamiliar with the term, a CarPlay device extends your smart phone’s capabilities for GPS navigation and playing music to that device, where you can view the GPS map in a larger screen and hear the audio through supposedly better speakers. It also serves as a Bluetooth phone, allowing you to make and receive phone calls through your phone, but handled through the CarPlay device (like what happens in your car, if so enabled). This seems to be the trend these days: little to no audio capability in the living quarters, and a CarPlay unit in the motorhome’s cab or in the tow vehicle. Our unit is identified as a Chameleon Concept XL-10, which looks very nice on paper but falls short on execution.

The unit is a roughly 10-inch diagonal display LED panel, something like what you’d get on a computer, that protrudes from the location where the radio would normally be. The panel is fixed in its orientation and does not swivel for ease of viewing by either the driver or passenger,

although it is advertised as being able to do so. The screen is shiny versus with a matte, non-reflective finish, and if I am wearing my clip-on polarized sunglasses the information that is displayed on the panel is almost invisible. The unit's power switch is nothing of the sort; it simply kills the audio but leaves everything else operating. The only way to turn the unit off is to turn off the motorhome's engine, and the only way to turn the unit on is to place the RV's key to the "ON" position (just before you turn the key fully to the "START" position); the unit does not power up when the key is in the "ACCESSORY" position as one would normally expect. This problem, I will admit, is an issue with the way the manufacturer set the unit up, and I have yet to figure out how to trace the power wire so I can move it to an appropriate spot on the fuse block.

Other issues I have with this unit are as follows:

- If using the Chameleon CarPlay device for navigation (which, by the way, only works if you have your phone paired to the unit, it has no built-in navigation capabilities in this respect) you cannot use a separate source for music, such as a flash drive. Your only choices are to use the radio (which does not have very good sensitivity, meaning it doesn't pull in stations very well) or put music onto or attempt to stream music through your phone.
- There is no way to independently control the sound level of the music and the audio instructions coming from the GPS function of your phone. We have found it necessary to have the music playing louder than we would like so we can hear the instructions from the GPS. The system does silence the music when instructions are given, but I suspect this is really controlled by the phone and not the Chameleon device.
- There is no way to silence the radio without affecting your ability to hear the GPS instructions. As previously mentioned, the power button really controls the audio level: on or off. But if the audio is off then you can't hear the GPS instructions, and I have found there is no way to silence the radio unless you bring up the music app on your phone and then pause it.
- When streaming music from a website (versus using the music app and playing songs stored on your phone) the system regularly hangs and refuses to play any more music. The only way we've found to remedy this situation is to restart the process at the phone, something that can only safely be done by the passenger while you are driving.
- Initially, when we first bought the RV, the side and rear-view cameras were displaying through the CarPlay device. When you flipped your directional on to indicate a lane change or a turn, the appropriate side-view camera would display on the screen. However, when that occurred it supplanted any navigation map that was displayed and

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killed the audio, so not only couldn’t you see where you were to go, you couldn’t even hear instructions that might have been given while your directional was still on (e.g., plan for an immediate left turn after exiting the interstate). The navigation and audio did not return for several seconds after the directional had clicked off, leading to a significant amount of time you were perhaps ‘driving blind.’ This situation was remedied at the factory for us by removing the cameras from displaying on the CarPlay device and moving the display to a monitor that was mounted in place of the rear-view mirror.

These problems denoted above may be attributable to the implementation of this particular brand, or they could be endemic to all CarPlay devices; I do not know, as I don’t have experience with any other brand of CarPlay device. I’ll say this: the concept is wonderful, but the implementation by this particular manufacturer leaves a lot to be desired.

As this appears to be the future for supplied navigation and audio systems, I would greatly appreciate any feedback users of other brands of CarPlay devices have, positive and negative. Please be sure to include the manufacturer and model number of the device you are commenting on. I will attempt to summarize those comments in a future issue of the *TIMES*. You may not be able to get the dealership to change out a poorly designed CarPlay unit when you get a new tow vehicle or motorhome, but at least you’ll know some of the challenges you will face in its use.

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and the FUN continues...

There were 19 correct entries this time identifying the location of the lost cow for the Spring issue’s contest. I was quite taken aback (or should I say I was “udderly surprised”) when the computer randomly chose the MooLady herself (along with her husband) as the winner of this contest. Congratulations to NSDCA Secretary and 2024 International Camporee Chair Tricia and Neal Chartier of Pine Tree (#002, WI); your 2025 NSDCA membership fee will be waived.

I am (once again) pleased to have received several more clever comments with submissions for this contest:

From troubadour Michael Gelinis (#106 Square-Up Campers, PA): “She’s lending herself for advertising purposes for the 2024 camporee T-shirt ad.” NSDCA Publicity Chair Bill Baker (#123 Swing-n-Travelers, IL) said, “It looks like the T-bone steaks are looking to buy a T-shirt.” [I have no beef with that comment!] Martha and Wally Schapals (#014

(‘Lost Camper’ continued on page 36)

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA CAMPOREE at  
the Fond du Lac County Campgrounds in Fond du Lac, WI on JUNE 18-20, 2024**

**SUNDAY JUNE 16**

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6:00 PM Pot Luck  
8:00-???? PM Campfire: Treats are “S” mores Bar”

**MONDAY JUNE 17**

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2:00-3:00 PM Camporee Staff Meeting  
3:00-4:00 PM NSDCA Board of Directors Meeting  
4:00-5:00 PM Wine & Cheese Meet & Greet  
5:00 PM Pot Luck  
6:30-7 PM Early Rounds  
7:00-9:00 PM Trail-In Dance  
9:30-???? Campfire: Treats are “S” mores Bar” (WP = weather permitting)

**TUESDAY JUNE 18**

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8:00-9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation (*hosts #002, #031*)  
9:00-10:00 AM Sports  
10:00-11:00 AM Crafts  
11:00-Noon Chair Yoga  
1:00-2:00 PM NSDCA Chapter Rep. Meeting  
2:00-3:00 PM NSDCA Staff Meeting  
2:00-4:00 PM Dance Workshops  
5:00-6:00 PM Pot Luck  
6:15 PM Parade Line-up  
6:30 PM Grand March/Opening Ceremony  
7:00-9:00 PM Dance  
9:00-9:30 PM Quilts of Valor

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 19**

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8:00-9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation (*hosts #002, #031*)  
9:00-10:00 AM Sports  
10:00-11:00 AM Crafts  
11:00-Noon Chair Yoga  
1:00-2:00 PM Golf/Card Bingo  
2:00-4:00 PM Dance Workshops  
5:00-6:00 PM Potluck  
6:30 PM Early Rounds  
7:00-9:00 PM Dance  
9:00-9:30 PM After Party

**THURSDAY JUNE 20—THEME: COWS**

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8:00-9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation (*hosts #002, #031*)  
9:00-10:00 AM Sports  
10:00-11:00 AM Crafts  
11:00-Noon Chair Yoga  
Noon-1:00 PM Brat Fest Lunch BYOB (Beverage)  
1:00-3:00 PM Annual NSDCA Membership Meeting  
2:00-4:00 PM Dance Workshops  
3:00-4:00 PM New Board Meeting  
5:00-6:00 PM Potluck  
6:30 PM Early Rounds  
7:00-9:00 PM Dance  
9:00-9:30 PM After Party  
9:30-???? Campfire (WP)





# CAMP & DANCE 'TIL THE COWS COME HOME

## 66<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE

Fond du Lac Fairground

520 Fond du Lac Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935

June 18, 19, 20, 2024: Camporee Events



NSDCA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

NON-Member - (Requires added \$20 Surcharge-See Below)

### Information for PARKING by LOCATION & RV NEEDS

ARRIVAL 06/\_\_\_\_\_/2024 DEPARTURE 06/\_\_\_\_\_/2024

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER # \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_

ELECTRIC: All 50 Amps HONEY WAGON(Addl\$)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Name #1 (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Name #2 (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (Include Apt and/or Box number)

### DANCE INTERESTS (X Interests)

<u>Square Dance</u>	<u>Round Dance</u>	<u>Line Dance</u>
____ Mainstream	____ Phase II	____ Lines
____ Plus	____ Phase III	____ Contra
____ A-1/ A-2	____ Phase IV/ V	____ Partner
____ MS Workshop	____ Plus WS	____ A WS
____ Youth/Teen Program	____ SSD Workshop	

### SPORTS/GAMES (X Interests)

Corn Hole \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F Washer Toss \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F  
 Bocce Ball \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F Other \_\_\_\_\_

Craft Interests Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Veteran? \_\_\_\_\_ (Branch) \_\_\_\_\_

### Caller and Cuer Participation

(Due by April 1)

<u>Square Dance</u>	<u>Round Dance</u>
____ Mainstream	____ Phase II
____ Plus	____ Phase III



City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province & Zip/ Postal \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ A-1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phase IV  
 \_\_\_\_\_ A-2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phase V  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Teen Dance Program \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Phone Number (cell phone preferred--include area code) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Caller Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Availability (circle) M T W Th F

Email address (Please Print in CAPITAL LETTERS) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cuer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Availability (circle) M T W Th F

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lines Instructor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Availability (circle) M T W Th F

**Additional Persons per Unit** (Base Fees are for two Adults per unit and unmarried children under age 21)  
 Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ M F Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ M F

**CAMPOREE T-SHIRTS: \$20 (# of Each):** SM \_\_\_ MED \_\_\_ LG \_\_\_ XLG \_\_\_ XXLG \_\_\_ XXXLG \_\_\_

\*Shirts available by ***Pre-Order ONLY*** & must be picked up at Camporee with order deadline of ***05/01/2024\****

**NSDCA Camporee Fees: 3 Days...\$180 2 Days...\$150 1 Day...\$120 (ALL FEES IN US FUNDS ONLY)**

Please X days planning to camp: (Extra Days Campsite Fees @ \$45 per day) **NonCampers** \_\_\_ \$90

Sat 15th \_\_\_ Sun 16th \_\_\_ Mon 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ **Tues 18th** \_\_\_ **Wed 19th** \_\_\_ **Thur 20<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_

Unit with only one person (check): \_\_\_ Deduct \$45; Extra adults # \_\_\_ \$45 each; **Non NSDCA** \_\_\_ \$20

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

**Send check or money order payable in US Funds to "66th NSDCA Camporee" to:**  
 Tricia Chartier, 4139 N. 96th Street, Wauwatosa WI 53222-1528

For more info, contact Tricia Chartier 414-807-4083 [66thNSDCACamporee@gmail.com](mailto:66thNSDCACamporee@gmail.com)

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until Oct. 1, 2024

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Fun & Dancing!**



**Square, Round & Line Dancing**  
**Workshops - Games - After-parties - Catered Dinner**

**2024 Time-Traveling Camporee Chairmen:**

Wayne & Debbie Miller—Chapter #128 (904) 891-7016 - dlmiller0331@gmail.com

**2024 Time-Traveling Camporee Co-Chairmen:**

Laura & Marshall Blick—Chapter #128 (904) 673-7827 - llblick68@comcast.net

# Consecutive Fall DANCE WEEKENDS

at Strawberry Square, Plant City, FL

## Strawberry Fall Fest

Fri & Sat, November 15 & 16, 2024

Squares: Advanced & Plus

**Keith Stevens & Rod Barngrover**

Rounds: teaches & dancing Phases II to IV

**Earle & Carol Collins**

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## Fall Festival of Rounds

Fri – Sun, November 22 – 24, 2024

**Pamela & Jeff Johnson**

Info & flyers at [strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://strawberrysquaredancing.com)

Limited housing rentals and camping

contact: 860 941 9841 – [walkwithal@gmail.com](mailto:walkwithal@gmail.com)

Hey there!

Have you seen those 2025 T-shirts?

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they come in colors too!



Purple & Lavender

**2025  
Gator Bash  
Camporee  
T-Shirts  
\$20.00**

Order yours at the  
66th Camporee in  
Fond Du Lac

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Blackhawk Crosstrailers, IL) had some clever wordplay with, “The hidden bovine is COWering in the upper right hand corner of page 34. She was hoping that the other cows promoting the T-shirts would MOOve everyone’s attention in that direction. It was UDDERLY amazing to be able to find her at all!!”

Frank Golden (#116 Camping Squares of Kansas, KS) opined, “I hope the old cow is okay and think he needs to Square Dance to be okay.” Perennial punster Jim Sebesta (#045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers, PA): “She’s shouting out the Camporee’s welcoming message, “Camp & Dance Till the Cows Come Home.” I’m glad the missing mascot is a girl ‘cause what she’s sayin’ ain’t no ‘bull’.” He went on to muse, “Does the Camporee have a tail twister? Barney and Belle, the mascots on the front cover of the current NSDCA *TIMES*, are in violation of NSDCA rules by square dancing while not wearing their name badges. At my club that’d be a tail twister fine of 25 cents a piece.” [For those of you unfamiliar with the term ‘tail twister,’ I refer you to Jim’s definition: “A ‘tail twister’ is a person whose job is to check every club member at a dance and fine them 25 cents if they’re not wearing their name badge.” Does your Chapter have a tail twister? Please let me know. It appears #106 does; see

<b>Chapter name</b>	<b>chapter #</b>	<b>Entrant</b>
Pine Tree (WI)	002	Tricia & Neal Chartier
Rollaways (MI)	005	Wayne & Joan Adams
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Martha & Wally Schapals Marie Berridge Sally Foley Cherie Arch
Penn-Dixie Square Campers (PA)	045	Jim Sebesta
Square-Up Campers (PA)	106	Michael Gelinias
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Marty & Frank Golden Mike Huddleson
Northwoods Stompers (MI)	121	Marjorie Tudor
Swing-n-Travelers (IL)	123	Bill & Kathy Baker John & Carol Scher Chet & Janet Bowman Dwayne & Bert Dunn Jim & Sharon Waller Barry & Joy Vlad
Square Wheels (FL)	128	<b>Karin &amp; Dick Callender</b> Debbie & Bill Cassidy
Rolling Squares (NE)	148	Marion Niemeyer



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David and Mary Bruun (#123 Swing-n-Travelers, IL) stated, “The underly fantastic cow is located at the upper right hand corner of page 34 on the flyer to remind everyone to order their 2024 T-shirt. She is watching the crazy dancing cows on the 3 shirts.” Sally Foley (#014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers, IL) noted, “Our little lost cow is in the MOOOOd for a 2024 Camporee T-shirt. And is most likely checking out the sizing.” Recent winners Dwaine and Bert Dunn (#123 Swing-n-Travelers, IL) commented, “Found the cow on page 34 at the upper right corner of the page looking at the word ‘home.’ She must be heading home to get ready for the Camporee. Was wondering if she’d been in the South Texas area getting more to come up for the Camporee and to get away from all the cold weather in Wisconsin, also to spread the word out to all the places she traveled in between.” Jim and Sharon Waller (#123 Swing-n-Travelers, IL) noticed, “Looks like the cow wants to camp and dance also.”

Thank goodness our lost cow has been found and was redirected to the 2024 International Camporee, but cows unfortunately are not known for their sense of direction, and she is once more waylaid somewhere in her attempt to get back to Wisconsin. We certainly don’t want anyone in the convoy to end up with a side of beef on their tow vehicle’s hood, so please try to locate her once again. Please note she is pictured on the left on page 36 with the Swing-n-Travelers contest entrants, but please recognize this image is **not** the lost cow, just a “picture” of her. She must be somewhere else in this issue.

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, P. O. Box 366, Cape Neddick, ME 03902-366** (either method to arrive no later than July 31, 2024) . Please provide the page number *and* where on the page our wayward cow is 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 cow, and you may get your answer published! Please note any comments provided with your submission implies you are giving your permission to publish the comment. And as always, be sure to include your Chapter’s number and name, regardless of the way you choose to communicate.

Thank you!



# How Clubs can use Facebook to their Advantage

Bill Cassidy

Here are some details on why and how Facebook is useful as a recruiting tool. Let me start by explaining that after I finished writing a letter on the use of Facebook versus newspaper advertising to our NSDC State Regional Association, the North East Florida Square and Round Dance Association (NEFSARDA), my wife – who was looking over my shoulder – grabbed the keyboard and proceeded to write about the number of squares and the growth that we experienced in the club I call for. I said to her, “Deborah, that looks like we’re bragging!” and she replied, “No, we just need to let people know they need to start using modern methods to recruit dancers.”

In today’s world, Facebook is the way many people meet up, find things to do, and much more. In the United States, 175 million Americans have Facebook accounts out of a population of 355 million; that’s almost 50% of the US population. It’s not the only social media platform available, but is certainly one of the best-known. The awesome thing about it is that it’s free. It’s free to have an account and it’s free to set up a page as we did for our square dance club. Our Facebook page gives us a place to keep our regular dancers informed and enthused about the club, and it gives us a great place to show new prospects what we do and how much fun we have.

At this time, we currently have about 120 members and a typical posting to our Facebook page will receive about 65 views. That means 65 people have clicked on our page to see what’s going on. Some of them are active participants at our Thursday night club dances, and some of the people are friends of the club.

Some of you might point out that your club has a Facebook page. That may be true, but is your page active? How many dancers in your club have joined your Facebook group? How often do you post to your group and how many views do you get? This leads to the question of how do you establish a Facebook group for your club with active participation by your members and others.

It starts by encouraging your regular dancers to join your club’s Facebook group. They should also be encouraged to take photographs and post them. The Facebook group will have an administrator and should have at least one moderator that is a trusted member of your club. Someone in the club, be it a regular member or a Board member, should make a habit of regularly posting to the Facebook group. The posting should be at least as frequently as the club meets. This keeps the group at the top of the feed list. The other key to having an active Facebook group is to include a link to your Facebook page in every piece of advertising that you use. A good example of this is our main club flyer. A QR code in the lower left corner goes straight to our Facebook page. We include a QR code

on all flyers and handouts and everywhere else we can possibly use it. It has been especially useful with our recent flyer to recruit students for a class. A contact name and a phone number are included on the flyer, but most people contacted us *after* first viewing our Facebook page. It is so easy for prospective dancers to scan a QR code and look and see what's going on before making any commitment. Some of the people who ultimately showed up for our class contacted us via phone to verify the details. We had a few that showed up just based on the flyer and the Facebook page.

Many clubs will have a webpage. That is also a good thing, but often-times they are not kept up-to-date. If you search the Internet, it seems like many of them have photographs that are a few years old, schedules that are not current, and contacts that no longer exist. If your club is one of the ones that does have an up-to-date webpage, an A+ for you. It is definitely a good thing and will help your group. However, a webpage is very limited in comparison to what a Facebook group offers. With a webpage, the webmaster has to make changes and the process can differ depending on what host server is used. This creates a situation where perhaps only one or two people can provide content, but with Facebook, on the other hand, anybody that has joined and been approved by the moderator can post content. This will result in a very rich and varied amount of content that keeps people returning to see what's happening with your club. People especially love to see photographs. They like seeing their friends dancing, and quite frankly they like to see themselves in that dance.

With a Facebook page, you can easily keep the group informed about upcoming events such as special themes for a particular dance night or road trips to other clubs or trips to a big dance somewhere. And on and on. It's just a matter of letting the creativity flow. The more you create Facebook content the easier it gets and your club will benefit as a result.

Bill Cassidy is the caller for the High Springs Dance Club and a member of the Square Wheels (#128).



**I HAVE NO  
IDEA WHERE  
I'M GOING**

## Broccoli Salad

### Ingredients:

- 5-6 cups broccoli florets (about 2 ½ heads of broccoli, or 450g)
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, thicker, not finely shredded (115g)
- ⅔ cup dried cranberries (85g)
- ½ cup crumbled bacon (60g)
- ½ cup salted sunflower seeds (60g)
- ⅓ cup red onion diced into small pieces (50g)



Courtesy of Kathy Bierbower (021 )

### Dressing:

- ¾ cup mayo (I suggest olive oil mayonnaise)
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 1 ½ Tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

### Steps:

- 1) Combine broccoli florets, cheddar cheese, dried cranberries, bacon, sunflower seeds and onion in a large bowl.
- 2) In a separate, small bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, sour cream, vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper until smooth and well-combined.
- 3) Pour dressing over broccoli combination and toss or stir well.
- 4) The broccoli salad may be served immediately, but for best flavor refrigerate for at least one hour before serving. Make sure to toss the broccoli salad thoroughly again before serving.
- 5) Keep refrigerated if not consuming right away.

Makes about 8 1-cup servings: ~190 calories/serving

Total fat (g)	11	Potassium (mg)	93	Vitamin A	16%
Saturated fat (g)	4	Total carbs (g)	15	Vitamin C	40%
Trans fat (g)	0	Dietary fiber (g)	9	Calcium	14%
Cholesterol (g)	20	Sugars (g)	2	Iron	6%
Sodium (mg)	198	Protein (g)	8		

Seen on the bumper of a tow vehicle:





National Square Dance Campers Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 241  
Butler, WI 53007-9998



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**Membership Application or Renewal**

New Application \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ (Check Only One)      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned to Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*This application is to be used either for new membership applications or renewal of member.*

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

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

For your Badge:	First:	Last:
	First:	Last:
Address 1:	Street:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	Zip+4:
Phone:	Home:	His Cell:      Her Cell:
E-Mail:	His:	Hers:

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

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

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

March Issue	June Issue	September Issue	December Issue
Address #:	Address #:	Address #:	Address #:

*New Member Fee (Valid from current or prior Camporee through December 31 of the following year):  
Annual Member Renewal Fee (Due December 31<sup>st</sup> for following Calendar year: January - December):*

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

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

**Make check payable to NSDCA. Please send your completed application with your remittance (in US funds only) to:**

**NSDCA Membership Secretary  
P.O. Box 241  
Butler, WI 53007-9998**

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# Where are YOU Camping in Wisconsin?

## After the 2024 NSDCA Camporee

Thank You Tricia & Neal Chartier - 66thnsdcacamporee@gmail.com  
For doing this research on campgrounds for NSDCA Members

### Closest Option!

#### Wisconsin State Fair Grounds RV Park

640 S 84th St, West Allis, WI

414-266-7000

Rates: Full service—\$63/night + tax

Electric & Water—\$55/night + tax

May1 thru Sept 30:

30 amp Electric only \$47/night + tax

Dry (no utilities) \$40/night + tax



#### Cliffside Campground

(County/State Park) 262-886-8440

7320 Mishna Rd, Racine, WI

2023 rates: \$35 + \$12 RSVP fee &

5% tax. They have 92 sites, water/  
electric (30/50) only dump stations.

Near Lake Michigan. (says 20 min ride to lake) about 95 miles  
southeast of Fond du Lac. & about 30 miles from the Conven-  
tion Ctr. They began bookings on Jan. 1; act quickly as they  
will fill up fast!



#### Country View Campground

(privately owned) 262-662-3654

110 W26400 Craig Ave.

Mukwonago, WI

2023 rates: \$42 W/E; \$47 FHU; 30 amp  
only & has pool. About 82 miles south

of Fond du Lac & about 40 miles from

Convention Ctr. They begin to take reservations early May.



## NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



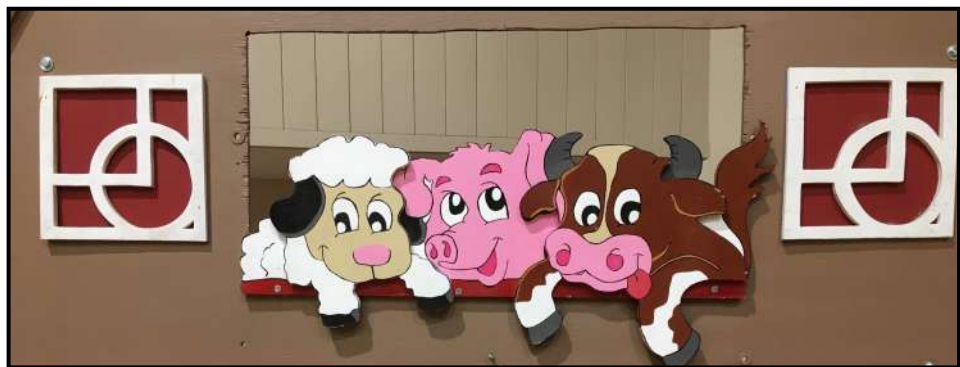
As of the writing of this column, Spring has sprung, and by the time the printed issue of this newsletter hits your mailboxes, Summer will be right around the corner. Along with the rebirth of plant foliage (including the need to mow our lawns) I was intending for your newsletter to get a little facelift in this issue. This change is being prompted by a change in computer platforms and the associated software used to produce this document. For the last umpteen years, Microsoft *Publisher* has been the program of record which has been used to assemble the *TIMES*. With the impending departure of my *Windows* PC (due to natural causes: age), I have opted to (as some PC users would say) go over to the ‘dark side’ and am now using an Intel-based Apple Macintosh. As *Publisher* is available only for *Windows*-based platforms, I needed to find a way to run *Publisher* on the Mac (using a *Windows* emulator or running in dual-boot mode) or find a new software package to produce the newsletter. After considerable research into emulators and discovering that *Publisher* does not reliably work under them (if at all) and then deciding not to dedicate a large chunk of my limited internal storage drive to *Windows* (computer gurus, please note that I am more than willing to run *Windows* from an external drive, but I have yet to figure out how to do this. If you know, please enlighten me!) I have opted to attempt to use the *Scribus* desktop publishing program (akin to professional programs such as *QuarkXPress* or *InDesign*) to produce the *TIMES*. *Scribus* is extremely powerful and thus quite complicated in its use, and has a steep learning curve. It is going to take quite a while for me to fully come up to speed with all its features and become comfortable using it, assuming I succeed at all. However, while exploring *Scribus* I also looked for comparable features in *Publisher*, and I did find a few. As such, you will notice small changes in this issue, and when the PC finally meets its silicon maker and I transition to *Scribus*, I will incorporate the available features of that program as I discover them and figure out how to use them (assuming I have not figured out how to boot *Windows* from an external drive). I request your patience during this transition, which I envision will cover several issues-worth of newsletters.

As you will have hopefully noted above, I called out that this is *your* newsletter. The principal contributors to the *TIMES* are the NSDCA Board and Staff – and most importantly – your Chapter Correspondents, who fill us in on what’s going on at the grassroots level of our organization; they are the backbone of this newsletter. Please remember that all members are welcomed (and encouraged) to provide content either directly (by writing an article or column) or indirectly (by suggesting an idea to be included in the newsletter). It seems the only feedback received from the general membership deals with the *Lost Camper Contest*, and even

with that communication it seems to be the same people (principally from one Chapter – hint, hint!) who submit their entries issue after issue, intent on winning a year’s membership by identifying where the lost camper (or in the case of recent issues – our lost bovine) is located. There are little to no new entries from those that have not tried their hand at winning, and remember – you can’t win if you don’t enter.

In the same vein of contributions, I also implore you to think about what you could offer to do for the national organization. We will have a vacancy on the national Board of Directors open up in July with the retirement of our current Secretary, Ruth and Chuck “Ozzie” Osborn, and need to have that position filled for our organization to remain viable and smoothly functioning. We also need local Chapters and/or state organizations to step up and volunteer to host upcoming International Camporees. As shown by the 2023 Camporee hosted by Chapter 198 of Tennessee, a small group can handle the logistics of staging a memorable and fun event for the attendees. So, please, get involved! Contact a national Board member to find out more.

Lastly, when communicating with me (at [NSDCAtimes@gmail.com](mailto:NSDCAtimes@gmail.com)) please be sure to include your Chapter number along with your name. Sometimes I receive an email that is sent from a phone and it arrives without a name or Chapter number, and I am at a loss as to who is trying to contact me. 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!



Start your plans  
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# Chapter Campouts

The following listings were last updated on April 1, 2024. The start day for events is Friday unless otherwise noted. Due to the potential for 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.

## June 7 → June 9

### 031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin

Buffalo Lake Camping Resort  
555 Lake Avenue, Montello, WI; 608-297-2915  
David Lust (davidlust@ymail.com)

### 181 MontShire Campin' Squares: New Hampshire / Vermont

Horseshoe Acres Campground  
1978 Weston-Andover Rd, Andover, VT; 802-875-2960  
Caller - Betsy Gotta  
Cuer - Roy Gotta  
Barbara Connelly; 802-748-9478; BLC614@juno.com

## June 14 → June 16

### 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

Appalachian Campground  
60 Motel Dr., Shartlesville, PA; 877-570-2267 or 610-488-6319  
Caller: Dave Black  
Ron/Pauline Vande Vrede; 973-343-3152; vandevrede@optonline.net

## June 18 → June 20

### ♥♥♥ 66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee ♥♥♥

Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin  
520 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI  
See information on pages 2, 27, Centerfold and 63  
Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083; 66thNSDCACamporee@gmail.com



### 045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania

Appalachian RV Campground  
60 Motel Dr., Shartlesville, PA; 877-570-2267 or 610-488-6319  
Our club will be joining up with the Garden State Campers Club for a weekend of fun, join us!  
717-829-4183

### 121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan

Hidden Hill Family Campground  
300 N Clare Ave., Harrison MI; 989-539-9372  
Contact campground for reservations  
Marjorie Tudor; 989-275-6197; mtudor46@gmail.com

**Monday July 8 → July 10**

**123 Swing-n-Travelers: Illinois**

Kentuckiana Kampground

27585 Kentuckiana Rd, Mackinaw, IL; 309-449-3274

Make reservations by June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dancing in Pekin, IL at the Miller Senior Center on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Baker; 309-696-1948; grandebill@grics.net

**July 12 → July 14**

**116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas**

Santa Fe Safari Campground

S Santa Fe Ave & Chanute 35 Pkwy, Chanute, KS; 620-431-5250

Saturday 7:30-10:00 pm dance with the Chanute Do-Si-Dos

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

**Thursday July 18 → July 21**

**♥♥♥ 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan State NSDCA Camporee ♥♥♥**

Covenant Hills Camp & Retreat

10359 E Farrand Rd; Otisville, MI; 810-631-4531

DANCING on Thursday, Friday & Saturday Nights

NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS AFTER JUNE 18

Pre-registered units will be parked with their chapters. Early arrivals welcome. Arrivals before 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17 may be relocated.

Gary & Elaine Demand; 989-777-5697; GandEDemand@gmail.com

**121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan**

Covenant Hills Camp & Retreat

10359 E Farrand Rd, Otisville, MI; 810-631-4531

48<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan NSDCA Camporee

Gary and Elaine Demand; GandEDemand@gmail.com; 989-777-5697

**July 19 → July 21**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania**

Appalachian Campground

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

Caller: Bob Engel

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

**Saturday July 20 → July 22**

**196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arouds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio**

Mounds State Park

4306 Mounds Road, Anderson, IN

Make reservations through camp.in.gov ASAP - sites go fast at this park.

Don Whitehead; 260-249-9132

**Thursday July 25 → July 27**

**116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas**

HASSDA Convention, Springdale, AR

at the Holiday Inn Convention Center.

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

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!

# Chapter Campouts—continued

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## Monday July 29 → July 31

### 152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Cove Creek RV Resort

3293 Wears Valley Road Sevierville, TN

Campout is immediately prior to the Tennessee State Convention in Gatlinburg on August 1-3

Roy Huddleson & Priscilla Newton; 941-248-6851

## Thursday August 1 → August 4

### 002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin

Pilgrim’s Campground

W7271 County Rd C, Fort Atkinson, WI

We are joining Bob Asp’s group along with Badger Rovers

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

### 014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois

Pilgrims Campground

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

Thursday Night - attend the Fireside Dinner Theater to see Matilda.

Reservations required with Bob Asp to attend play.

Bob Asp; 815-262-9080

## August 2 → August 4

### 106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania

Ferryboat Campsites

32 Ferry Lane, Liverpool, PA; 717-444-3200

Dances start @ 7:00pm Friday & Saturday

Workshop Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Bob Engel (caller); 717-816-6633

### 181 MontShire Campin' Squares: New Hampshire / Vermont

Horseshoe Acres Campground

1978 Weston-Andover Rd, Andover, VT; 802-875-2960

Callers - Phil Pierce, NH; Denise Carbonell, ME

Cuer - Barbara Connelly, VT

Barbara Connelly; 802-748-9478; BLC614@juno.com

## August 9 → August 11

### 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

Appalachian Campground

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

Caller: Mark Franks

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

### 121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan

Blyth Arena and District Community Centre

377 Gypsy Ln, Blyth, ON N0G 2W0; 519-523-9600

NSDCA Ontario Camporee

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



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Blyth and District Community Centre

377 Gypsy Ln, Blyth, ON N0G 2W0;

Gwyneth Williams; 613-572-1108; Gwyneth.williams16@icloud.com

**August 16 → August 17**

**128 Square Wheels: Florida**

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

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

Campground accepts Passport America for up to 6 days. PPA rally rate will be updated but will be approximately \$35/day. You must call campground and pre-register with a deposit. Reservations must be made at least a week before to receive rally rate. Rental Cabins are available.

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

OR Tim Hill, 352-205-0596, doramiata62@yahoo.com OR Angela Brown 352-408-5721

**Thursday August 22 → August 24**

**123 Swing-n-Travelers: Illinois**

Hickory Hill RV Campground

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

Make reservations by July 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dancing at White Oaks Community Center, Carlock, IL Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Bill Baker; 309-696-1948; grandebill@gries.net

**Thursday August 22 → August 25**

**116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas**

El Dorado Lake - below the dam

(El Dorado State Park Camp Ground Frontier 9)

El Dorado, KS; 316-683-8069

No dance available but some activities in the area.

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

**August 23 → August 25**

**119 Wander Yonders: Wyoming**

Glenrock City Park

W. Birch St, Glenrock, WY

Diana Fergel, 307- 635-7312

**121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan**

Hidden Hill Family Campground

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

Contact campground for reservations

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

**Thursday September 5 → September 7**

**119 Wander Yonders: Wyoming**

Grays Gable (Quadra Dangle Square Dance Club)

3905 Grays Gable Road, Laramie, WY; 307-742-6008

Diana Fergel, 307- 635-7312

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# Chapter Campouts—continued

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## September 6 → September 8

### 031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin

Token Creek Campground  
6200 US Hwy 51, Deforest, WI; 608-224-3730  
David Lust (davidlust@ymail.com)

### 106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania

Shady Oaks Family Campground  
40 Round Barn Rd, Newmanstown, PA; 717-949-3177  
Dances start @ 7:00pm Friday & Saturday  
Workshop Saturday 10:00 a.m.  
Bob Engel (caller); 717-816-6633

## Thursday September 12 → September 15

### 152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Yonah Mountain Campground  
7618 Helen Hwy, Cleveland, GA  
Tom & Sharon Worrell; 706-372-6655

### 193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Hammondell Campsites And RV Park  
5601 Cypress Gardens Rd, Winter Haven, FL; 863-324-5775  
Our weekends begin with Early Bird Thursday and end with breakfast on  
Sunday. Make your reservation, then let Tom know your coming.  
Tom Biehn; 352-598-7162; rtb6273@gmail.com

## September 13 → September 15

### 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

OtterLake Campground  
1639 Marshalls Creek Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA; 570-223-0123  
Caller: Betsy/Roy Gotta  
Ron/Pauline Vande Vrede; 973-343-3152; vandevrede@optonline.net

### 045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania

Dogwood Acres Campground  
4500 Enola Road, Newville, PA; 717-776-5203  
You are welcome to come dance Friday and Saturday evenings or come  
join us for the whole weekend camping experience! Call Dogwood  
Acres Campground 717-776-5203 for reservations.  
Chapter contact: 717-829-4183

## Wednesday September 18 → September 20

### 123 Swing-n-Travelers: Illinois

Arrowhead Acres Campground  
3315 Weldon Springs Rd, Clinton, IL; 217-935-8442  
Make reservations by 18<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024  
Dancing in Lincoln at Jefferson Street Christian Church on Thursday  
September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Baker; 309-696-1948; grandebill@grics.net

**Thursday September 19 → September 22**

**002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin**

County View Campground

S110 W26400 Craig Ave., Mukwonago, WI; 262-662-3654

Saturday night we are going dancing at Spring City

Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083

**014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois**

Thomson Causeway Campground

100 Lewis Avenue, Thomson, IL; 815-259-2353

Contact Sally Foley (815-275-1567) for details to reserve campsite.

Bob Asp; 815-262-9080

**September 20 → September 21**

**128 Square Wheels: Florida**

Southern Oaks RV Resort

14140 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL; 352-347-2550

Rally Rate \$34 (subject to change) - rally rate also available for the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Must make your own reservations with the campground.

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

OR Tim Hill, 352-205-0596, doramiata62@yahoo.com OR Angela Brown

352-408-5721

**121 Northwood Stompers: Michigan**

Hidden Hill Family Campground

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

Contact campground for reservations

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

**September 27 → September 29**

**196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arouds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio**

Old Mill Campground

8544 W 690 N, Thorntown, IN; 765-436-7190;

Mention Wabash Valley Wheel Arouds when registering.

Jim Wahl; 317-316-7546;

**October 4 → October 6**

**106 Square-Up Campers: Pennsylvania**

Twin Bridge Campground

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

Dances start @ 7:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday

Workshop Saturday 10:00 a.m.

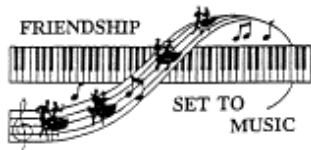
Bob Engel (caller); 717-816-6633

**152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

Gunter Hill COE Park

561 Booth Rd, Montgomery, AL

Cil & George Herndon; 334-740-0649



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### **Thursday October 10 → October 13**

#### **193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida**

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

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

Our weekends begin with Early Bird Thursday and end with breakfast on Sunday. Make your reservation, then let Tom know your coming.

Tom Biehn; 352-598-7162; rtb6273@gmail.com

### **October 11 → October 13**

#### **045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers: Pennsylvania**

Twin Bridge Campground

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

You are welcome to come dance Friday and Saturday evenings or come join us for the whole weekend camping experience!

Chapter contact: 717-829-4183

### **Saturday October 12 → October 15**

#### **123 Swing-n-Travelers: Illinois**

Livingston County Ag Fair & 4H Park

18142 4H Park Road, Pontiac, IL; Camp Host (815) 822-3997

October Club Caravan celebrating Route 66’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Make reservations by September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 .

Seeing Rte. 66 historic places around Pontiac, then moving to Springfield

Bill Baker; 309-696-1948; grandebill@grics.net

### **Sunday October 13 → October 15**

#### **196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio**

Parke County 4-H Campgrounds

141 N US 41, Rockville, IN; 765-569-3176

This will include the dance at the Covered Bridge in Mecca on Sunday afternoon.

Dan Hatfield 618-554-3929

### **Tuesday October 15 → October 19**

#### **123 Swing-n-Travelers: Illinois**

Illinois State Fairgrounds Campground

801 Sangamon, Springfield IL

Second part of October Caravan on Rte. 66.

No reservations needed

Visit historic Rte. 66 sites and Abe Lincoln sites also.

Bill Baker; 309-696-1948; grandebill@grics.net

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# We Remember Our Friends

## Frances Smith (# 066, Trade-by-Travelers)

Frances Smith, of Marshalltown, IL, passed away on Monday, February 19, 2024 with family at her bedside. She was 86, and was predeceased by her first husband, Bill Harrison.

Fran has lived, worked and played in the Marshalltown area her entire life, except for two years when Bill was stationed by the Army in Hawaii and they lived on Oahu. She had many bookkeeping jobs in her work life. Fran was very active in the Marshalltown Women's Bowling Association and is a member of the MWBA Hall of Fame. She attended 50 Women's National Bowling Tournaments in a row, the last in 2019 - three years after having a stroke. She has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church for 75 years. She was active as a Girl Scout leader and like many moms, ran a shuttle service to multiple types of ball games and other kid's activities. She took up square dancing with Bill later in life and continued dancing with Ken Smith, her second husband. She and Ken took on various leadership roles both in their local club and the State Association, which resulted in them travelling and camping all across the country at various conventions. Fran was always making crafts and many were given as gifts. She continued making crafts, even after moving to The Willows of Marshalltown memory care unit in March of 2022.



*Submitted by John Ide*

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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.

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## **Thursday October 24 → October 26**

### ♥♥♥ Florida State Camporee ♥♥♥

Southern Palms RV Resort

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

48<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida State Camporee

Rally rate \$35/night

Registration fee \$50 (until 10/1/2024)

Wayne & Debbie Miller; 904-891-7016; DLMiller0331@gmail.com

## **Sunday October 27 → October 29**

### **001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania**

Cherry Ridge Campground

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

Callers: Dane Bragg and Jenn Engimann

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

Covenant Hills Camp & Retreat

10359 E. Farrand Rd.

Otisville, MI 48463

810-631-4531

**EMERGENCY PHONE:**

Otisville Police Department

810-631-6310 or

911 (Genesee County Sheriff's Dept)



**REGISTRATION**

Gary & Elaine Demand

6150 East Townline Rd

Birch Run, MI 48415

989-777-5697

GandEDemand@gmail.com

**48<sup>TH</sup> Annual Michigan N.S.D.C.A. Camporee**

**July 18-20, 2024**

ATTENDANCE AT THE CAMPOREE IS LIMITED TO 2024 PAID UP NSDCA MEMBERS

Potential NSDCA members may join us on a one-time basis

Walk-ins are welcome at the evening dances - \$10 per couple

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

Caller/Cuer: June 1, 2024

Campers: June 18, 2024

NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS AFTER JUNE 18

LATE REGISTRATION: Add additional fee of \$5.00

Pre-registered units will be parked with their chapters. Registration after cut-off date may be assigned to 000 area. Early arrivals welcome. Arrivals before 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17 may be relocated by parking

committee.

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Full Hookups

**DANCING**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nights

Square & Round Dance Workshops

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Youth's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Type of camping unit \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_

Expected arrival date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dance program preferred: SQUARES  Mainstream  Plus  Advanced      ROUNDS  PH II  PH III  PH IV

Camping Fees: \$50 per day  WED  THU  FRI  SAT  SUN (check boxes)      \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ nights \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend Dancing & Activities fee: \$50      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00

Late registration or cancellation fee: \$5.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Camper Fee: \$10 per couple per day. Includes all activities including evening dance!!!      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order payable to: Michigan N.S.D.C.A. Camporee. Mail with this form to Gary & Elaine Demand (address at top right of this form).

**CALLER/CUER PARTICIPATION DATA**

I CERTIFY that I am licensed by BMI and ASCAP to perform copyrighted music at the Camporee

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Square Dance Caller: I regularly call  Mainstream  Plus

Round Dance Cues: Will cue  S/D ROM  Phase I & II  Phase III  Phase IV  Classics

Available for programming:  Thursday  Friday  Saturday  MC

Will Workshop:  Squares  Rounds

# "MEMBERSHIP"



## Check us out at [NSDCA.ORG](http://NSDCA.ORG) Are You a Member Yet?

We, campers & dancers of the NSDCA invite our friends who are not members yet, to come join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and great Square and Round Dancing. Whether a

seasoned camper or dancer or not, we want you to share a weekend with us and see what combining "2 Loves" is about.

Camping is the way to go in these days of post pandemic times, so why not give it a try. Many of our camping locations offer a park model or other campers for rent.

Once you get a taste of camping & dancing together, we know you will be hooked!

Low annual dues, a quarterly magazine listing the locations of all the campouts in the nation plus much more... we know you will want to fill in the membership form on the previous page right away!



Mail it to: NSDCA  
P.O. Box 241  
Attention: Membership  
Butler, WI 53007-9998



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**The deadline for submission of articles, pictures and advertisements is the last day of January, April, July and October.**

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Full page	\$65.00	Three-Quarter page	\$50.00
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