

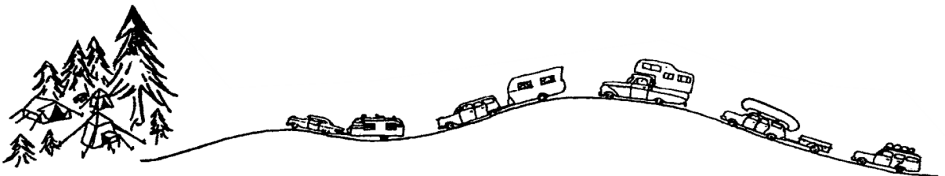
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Thank You
Tricia & Neal

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2024



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John & Dolly Ide



Greetings to all the NSDCA square dancers and campers. Wow! From everything we've been told, everyone who attended the 2024 NSDCA Camporee in Fond du Lac, WI in June had a fantastic time with dancing, crafts, fellowship with friends, food and fun. We want to thank our fantastic Board of Directors and our Secretaries, Neal and Tricia Chartier as Chairmen for this event specifically, and their team, mostly from the WI and IL Chapters, and all the callers and cuers that made this a Camporee to celebrate. Dolly and I also want to extend our thanks to Ruth and Ozzie Osborn, our recent VPs, and Susan and Don Wolford, our Board Treasurer, who made sure things ran perfectly in our unavoidable absence. Those of you who missed the Camporee may have had similar problems to ours and like us, won't want to miss Shreveport, LA next year. The 2024 Camporee proved that we have a great group for the Board and general members, and that no matter where or how our square dance campers get together, they always have a wonderful and memorable time. Congratulations to all.

Now it's time for 2025. At our Board meeting in late July, we came up with some possibilities for some special events and possible money-saving opportunities for everyone planning to attend, as well as to encourage those of you who may not yet have made the decision to come to Shreveport next year. We still have some wrinkles to work out and can't tell you about it yet, but be sure to keep reading the *TIMES* and check the www.NSDCA.org website often to stay current.

Now for a little pleading. First, as most of you know by now, we were not able to find a fourth member or member couple for our National Board. Ruth and Ozzie Osborn served admirably to the end of their term this year. We did not have a nominee to elect, so the vacancy will be filled by the current Board as soon as we are able to identify a great candidate. The time in office will be for the remainder of a four-year term ending in 2028 at that year's Camporee. We're asking you for your help in finding a new Board member. It's not a hard job or a lot of work but is an opportunity for a great time with some great people, so if you have someone great in mind, including yourself, let us know.

That brings us to the second question. This year, the Camporee was

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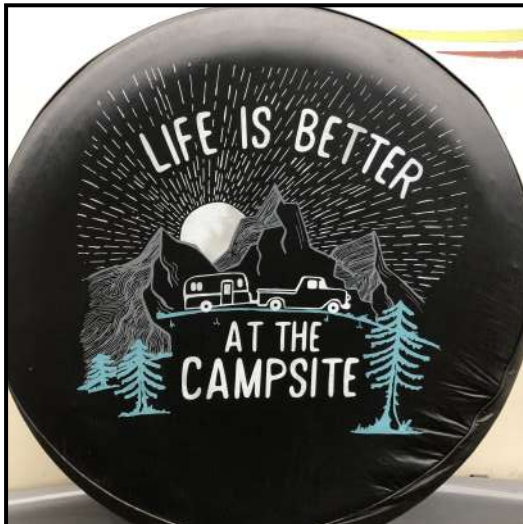
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held in Wisconsin. Next year, it will be held in Shreveport, Louisiana. You may ask why we chose those locations? The simple answer: for Board expediency. We’ve had no state, area, or Chapter come forward to host the previous or any of the future Camporees. In that case, it is the Board’s responsibility to plan and organize the event, and of course to select a location. We’re also asking you, our members, where (in what state, area, or even specific location) you would like to see our 2026 and 2027 Camporees located, so we need to hear from you, our members. The tag line across the bottom of the NSDCA welcome letter states that ***‘The NSDCA is a membership-driven organization, dependent on volunteers to survive.’*** Please help us survive. Help us all out, just a little, by sending us a note, text, or e-mail. All our contact information is on page 57 of this issue of the *TIMES*.

Finally, Dolly and I personally lost a good friend, camper, square dancer and caller recently, Ted Hughes. He had a passion for our activity, was an associate member of our Florida Chapter 193 (Florida Road-Runners) and was determined not to give up his Chapter 018 (Sunshine State Pioneers), which by the way, received a 50 Year certificate last month. No matter how you remember Ted, please do remember that we have no organization unless we support our callers and cuers. Please thank them for their art, skill and dedication whenever and wherever you meet them.

Until we see you in a square, above all, be blessed and have fun.

Dolly & John





Tricia & Neal Chartier



Hello fellow campers and dancers!
FYI, if you are sending in a change of address, you can just email it to me at secsdca@gmail.com and save the cost of the stamp. The only time you to mail anything is if you need to provide a check. When emailing, just make sure you put NSDCA in the subject line of your email. As stamps are now 73 cents, you can save on the postage.

Dolly Ide has created four flyers for you to use at your dances, campouts, and State Conventions, really anywhere you might put flyers. They are available on the NSDCA website, so whenever you need them just go there and print as many as you need. You can see a sample in the centerfold of this newsletter. The genesis of this idea was Denise Hopkins, who is one of our newest members. She was at the Camporee in Fond du Lac and she was asking for something to put out at the Illinois State convention. Well, Susan Wolford and I both looked at each other and said, "Let's call Dolly Ide as she is the queen of Publisher." The next day Dolly Ide sends us several to choose from. As we loved all of those, we decided to post them on the website; you can decide which one you like the best. Again, look in the centerfold.

Here's an idea for when you are out dancing and camping: take pictures and post them on Facebook (see the articles by Bill Baker and Bill Cassidy on pages 11 and 38, respectively, of the *TIMES* Summer issue, Volume 62 Issue 3, for a discussion of using Facebook to promote square dancing and camping). The more exposure we get as an organization and as an activity, the better!! If you have finished reading your issue of the *TIMES*, consider bringing your copy along with Dolly's flyers to your camping weekends. Show and give it to non-square dancing campers interested enough to show up to watch the dance. Take the *TIMES* and 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, and maybe it will generate some interest. We just want to have more friends to dance with!! See you in a square or at a campfire.

Tricia & Neal



Susan & Don Wolford

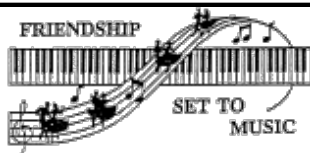


We had a wonderful time at the 66th International Camporee in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The weather was great, with an exception of a few rain showers. The facility worked well for crafts, potlucks, games and dancing. We even had a chair yoga hour. People were hesitant about going to chair yoga, but many wished they had attended both sessions and not just one. We enjoyed the potlucks plus taking advantage of a variety of restaurants in Fond du Lac. There were some nice points of interest to visit while there. Many campers participated in the games activities. There were several first-timers plus we added some new members. The fellowship was wonderful and we missed those of you who were unable to attend. We want to thank Tricia and Neal for hosting the Camporee.

Now is the time for everyone to start making plans to attend the 2025 Shreveport Camporee. If you are also going to attend the 74th NSDC in Shreveport, LA the exciting news is that the 67th NSDCA is being held at the same fairgrounds camping area where the 74th NSDC is camping. You will not have to move your camper when the 67th NSDCA ends and the 74th NSDC begins. If you are planning on staying for the 74th NSDC, you will need to pay for your campsite from Sunday, June 22, 2025, thru your registration with the 74th NSDC. Prepare to enjoy the Cajun cuisine and the alligator wrestling (just kidding—but only about the wrestling). The updated 67th NSDCA registration will be available on the NSDCA.org website soon.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Ozzie and Ruth as they step down from their position of Vice President. They did an excellent job during their tenure. Their continued contact with our Chapters was very commendable. We are still looking for someone to fill their now-vacant position. We ask that someone please step up, so we can continue the activities that we all enjoy .

Don & Susan





Kathy Nickel Membership Secretary



Hi. I hope everyone is having a GREAT summer. We really enjoyed ours so far with the NSDCA Camporee here in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and then followed by the 73rd National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee, WI. We then took a two-week camping vacation with some of our family to Door County, which is in Northern Wisconsin. I enjoyed meeting some of you at the Camporee and look forward to seeing you next year in Shreveport, LA. If you did not attend the Camporee, you missed out on our famous donuts every morning. My husband and I made fried donuts and coffee for everyone each morning, which were enjoyed by all. We usually make them over the campfire in a cast iron kettle at our Chapter's Fall campout, and it has become quite the tradition.

I am gearing up for the 2025 Membership process. We are already starting to get new Member registrations. Be sure to promote your Chapter and bring in new Members to the NSDCA. Let's share the fun and good times we have at our campouts with all our friends. Just a reminder: if you move throughout the year, please submit your address changes to your Chapter Membership Contact. This way we can better ensure that we will get the *TIMES* newsletter delivered to you. Also, it is time to start thinking about if you are going to be Snowbirds in another location. Our system is set up to easily handle these different addresses, so again let us know as soon as you are confirmed. KUDOS to all, as this last Winter mailing was one of the best for the fewest returned *TIMES* newsletters, so keep up the good communication. The post office, I have found, is still experiencing local issues and a few of the returned newsletters were due to their issues.

I hope you continue to enjoy the rest of the Summer and your Chapter Campouts.

Happy Camping and Dancing!

Kathy Nickel
Membership Secretary

State & Area Representatives' Reports

Illinois State Representative

The NSDCA Illinois State Annual Camporee was held May 31st through June 2nd. While it was briefly mentioned in the last *TIMES*, that deadline was too early for a complete report. The camporee was held at the Parke County 4H Field, in Rockville, IN and hosted by the Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds, NSDCA IL-IN Chapter 196. It is sad to say that attendance was low, but regardless, the great work by the planning committee was reportedly very enjoyable and greatly appreciated by those in attendance. On Friday evening there was a sit down meatloaf dinner provided by the 4H, served on white table cloths with the 4H members doing the serving. A potluck dinner was held on Saturday night. Besides eating and the usual camping and dancing, there were great crafts, games and some extras thrown in, too. Thanks to the Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds members, NSDCA IL-IN Chapter 196.

Game Winners: Corn Hole: 1st Jerry Dwenger (000) & Barry Vlad (123), 2nd Bob Asp (014) & Jim Wahl (196). Washer Toss: 1st Sylvia Bates (123) & Kathy Baker (123) with John Heiger (196) & Dave Bruun (123) 2nd.

At the annual meeting on Saturday afternoon, Ed and Marge Nightingale (075) were thanked for the time as members of the Board of Directors. John and Liz Hand (123) were elected to take their place, while Les and Shari Millard (066) were reelected for a second term.

At the Board of Director's meeting, Dan & Marian Harfield (196) will continue as President, the Millards (066) will continue as treasurer and Cherie Arch (014) remains the secretary. Chet and Janet Bowman (123) were elected Vice President. The other Board Members, Bob and Cinda Asp (014) and John & Liz Hand (123), will serve as Board Members at Large.

The 2025 NSDCA Illinois State Camporee will be hosted by NSDCA Chapter 014, Blackhawk Crosstrailers, on June 5-8, 2025. Currently the location is scheduled at Pecatonica, IL. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Later in June, Illinois Square Dance Campers attended the NSDCA International Camporee in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and the 73rd National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In Milwaukee, the dancers had the unique experience of dancing to a live band called the Ghost Riders. Congratulations to Blackhawk Crosstrailers (014) for their work with the National Square Dance Convention helping to make the 2025 convention in Milwaukee a successful event. In July, the camper dancers enjoyed participating in the IL State Square and Round Dance Convention in Rosemont, Illinois. It was another great opportunity for a day or two of dancing.

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That brings you up to date on the general happenings with the Illinois Square Dance Campers. Being it is now September when you read this, we can only assume you had a great summer and are now looking forward to fall. Yes, FALL with the changing season, cooler temperatures and the beautiful color changes that come this time of year. Till next time ...

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

Michigan State Representative

Hello to all of the NSDCA campers. As this column is being written, the Michigan weather is very warm and humid. We are hoping for a late autumn this year. In the near future we will be winterizing our campers and getting them ready for storage. Our summer camping and square dance outings will be suspended until spring. The season seemed to be short again this year.

The Michigan State Camporee was held in July. The room was decorated and added a great atmosphere to the energetic dancers. There were 14 units in attendance and we had two couples that stayed off the campgrounds but joined us daily for workshops and events. A trail in dance kicked off the camporee. On Friday there were square and round dance workshops, crafts, an outing to a local restaurant for dinner and then back to the campgrounds for the Grand Parade, followed by the evening dance. Watermelon was served after the dance. Saturday started out with sports, then square and round dance workshops, the general meeting, a potluck dinner and an evening of square and round dancing. Ice cream and toppings were served after the evening dance. In attendance were square dance callers Bill Chase and George Ferguson. Bill Webb, a cuer from Ohio, cued rounds for the Camporee. Jim Davis called and cued for the Camporee. Caller Paul Ott joined us for Friday evening. Two couples from Canada graced us with their presence at the Camporee. We always look forward to our camping friends from Canada to join us. A great time was had by all of the dancers. I would like to say “thank you” to all of the callers, cuers and dancers that made this camporee a success. It was very nice to have two couples from Ohio join us for the Camporee and we hope they will join us again next year.

I am amazed by the amount of work that goes on at the camporee by everyone attending, and they all seem to still have a great time. The Michigan State Camporee consisted of decorations, food, friends old and new, lots of great dancing and great time had by everyone. I really enjoy the enthusiasm and energy displayed by all in attendance. For such a small group we really rock the place.

Plans are already being started for next year’s State Camporee. I am

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NSDCA Publicity Director

Last night, a large group of young people attended a Barn Dance with a well known Square Dance caller in our area. Kitty and I arrived early and we were the only car in the parking lot besides the caller (they are always first to arrive). Soon another caller arrived and I started to think that we drove a long ways for a nothing evening.

The event was listed for 6:30 and about 6:25 more cars started to arrive; pretty soon we had almost 30 young people in the room and the event got started. The Barn Dance started with a line dance to get them off their chairs, and before they could sit down again, they were in a large circle with the guys partner on his right and his corner on the left.

And away we went, they learned allemandes, dosados, circle left and circle right. After a break they were in squares and some angels had to fill in the empty spots. There was lots of beginning square dance actions, promenades, pass throughs; you get the picture. By the end of the evening, they were right and left grand and weaving the ring; it was great!

The young persons' group was called the Land of Lincoln Swing club; they had been learning other dance styles and actually came to a square dance in Lincoln to observe.

They had a blast, smiles everywhere. It was great to see five squares of new people just having fun. Later they showed us some of their East Coast Swing dancing and they really made me feel OLD.

The funny (or not so funny) part is that this group had been dancing in a small town for a year and nobody from the square dance world knew of it. We need to get out more!

Wear your badges any day that you are going to a square dance; wear your badges on campouts and search for dance events in your area. You never know when you are going to find a gem.

Start your own Facebook group. It's easy. To see the Barn Dance (discussed above), go to the Illinois Square and Round Dance Clubs Association in the groups area of Facebook. It is simple to start and simple to make a post to your group.

If each couple could get one more couple to join us in the great events of camping and square dancing, we could double our membership. You just need to find one!

Camping season is in full swing all around the USA, let's see who we can find to join us.

Bill & Kitty Baker; grandebill@grics.net

We are pleased to have filled the Southeast Rep vacancy at the NSDCA 66th Camporee Rep/Chapter/Staff meeting with Jan & Jon Bloodworth (152); email: janb10756@yahoo.com, phone: 256-508-9331. See page 58 in this issue to identify the states covered by the various area reps.



001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; New Jersey

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

A few couples from our Chapter joined the Square Up Campers (106) in Quarryville, PA in early May for their campout. We enjoyed dancing, fellowship, games and home style cooking at a local restaurant. Later in May we started our schedule at Otter Lake in East Stroudsburg, PA where we had a small group dancing to Paul Ingis with his wife, Joanne. We spent time work-shopping Crossfire from different positions.



June and July campouts were in Shartlesville, PA. The June caller was Dave Black and he taught us Triple Scoot, Grand Separate and Set the Net. There were three couples that joined us from Chapter 045, Penn Dixie, which made for two or more squares the entire weekend.

At our July campout the caller was Bob Engel and his wife, Kathy. Bob reviewed some calls from different starting positions, which made for a fun time. Sometimes, when we didn't have enough for two squares, we danced with six couples. The theme for July was patriotic; Howard and Tammy had the campers decorate their rigs, and Bonnie Jean and Ken won the prize for the best decorated. Howard and Tammy also got ice cream and we all brought our toppings. During July, some members of our Chapter went to the National in Milwaukee, WI and one couple went to the International Camporee in Fond du lac, WI. Fun and friendship were had by all.

We would really love it if other clubs could join us at our campouts. Our website (www.gssdca.wix.com/gssdca) contains registration forms you can download, print out and send in as well as a lot of other information. Our co-president, Pauline Vande Vrede, periodically updates the photos from the campouts.

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

A Big Yellow Rock to ALL!

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

002 Pine Tree; Wisconsin

It's hard to believe we only have one campout left for our season. Fall is around the corner; that is still a beautiful time for camping with the leaves changing color.

I'm thrilled to say that we had two couples from our Chapter and two singles attend the Camporee in Fond du Lac. We had a blast! Ted and Doris Palmen called and cued for us. Diane Nusky did chair yoga for everyone, and I am still having campers tell me how much they enjoyed that.

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



010 Pioneer; Wisconsin

Pioneer 010 of NE Wisconsin sadly shares that we lost yet again another former member of our Chapter, Keith Knudson (see his obituary on page 52 under "We Remember Our Friends"). Keith and his wife, Vernice, danced with our camping group for many years. Our group is therefore struggling.

The loss of campers through death or health issues makes it impossible to camp, thus we are joining up with the WI Retirees. They meet the first part of the week before Memorial Day and the first part of the week after Labor Day. If you have dancer friends that don't camp, the campground does rent out cabins.

Our next gathering will be September 9-12 at Vista Royale in Bancroft, WI. The Retirees would love to have us dance for them, but we need dancers. We do have a caller who'd come if we can get your help.

If anyone would like to join us, please contact Ken or Harriet Roberts at 920-472-9297 or 920-878-0860. We'd love to have a great showing for the Retirees.

Harriet Roberts; ewesforme@gmail.com

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois



The Crosstrailers enjoyed the Illinois State Camporee in June and took in the taste and sites of Rockville, IN. We had three units in attendance, and we made the most of dancing, crafting, eating, and the fire! Caller Bob and the Other Bob were up to some antics and boarded the self-serve Pokey (see photo ←). Some of these same folks headed North to Fond du Lac for the International Camporee. It's always a



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great time, with many friends we only see at a State or International Camporee. There are two campouts left for us; we’d love to have you as guests if you are in the area. May your squares and travels be blessed.



Cheri Arch, Cinda & Bob Asp, and Sally & Bob Foley

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

031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin

The photos at the top of the following page are from our May campout at Derge Park, then our June dance photo at Buffalo Lake campground. Lots of fun was had at each event, with games crafts dancing and campfires. Some members of our chapter helped out in Fond du Lac at the International Camporee, too. We ran the games with Mary Bruun helping. Tom, Kathy and Stephanie kept us happy in the morning with our popular fried donuts. We made great memories during a fun week!



Sharon Schmidt and David Lust; 608-289-7582

044 Illiana Square Wheelers; Illinois/Indiana

Another delightful afternoon and evening spent together eating and playing games. Despite the distance between us and although not all members were able to attend, we still get together at least a couple times a year. Some members still camp, a few still dance, and some do neither, so we just meet socially, but always have an enjoyable time, no matter how many attend. To all the members of other Chapters, we wish you continued enjoyment of camping and dancing.



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

045 Penn Dixie Square Campers; Pennsylvania

Three couples from our Penn Dixie campers joined the Garden State Square Dance Campers (001) for a lovely June weekend at the Appalachian RV Resort in Shartlesville, PA. They were having one of our favorite callers for the weekend - our own, fabulous, David Black, a rising star who uses great music choices and notable, wonderfully tricky ‘stir the bucket’ calls. Their camping group welcomed us with open arms and



with room on the dance floor. We had a full weekend of activities, starting with meeting for dinner together on Friday at a nearby restaurant, a trail in dance Friday after that, a workshop on Saturday morning, games in the afternoon, a Saturday evening dance, and a church service on Sunday morning, followed by a trail out dance. We had campfires both evenings with snacks, chats and a story. They are a wonderful, fun, bonded group and we look forward to being with them again! How wonderful to be able to camp with another fun group of Square Dance Campers - doubling all of our fun together!

Kathy Bierbower; scoutgirlone@gmail.com

085 Mobile Squares; Colorado



It has been another great camping season for us in Northern Colorado. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary in May. Paul and Kay Thompson, and Dick and Sharon Gurney (photo on the left), formed the Mobile



Squares in 1974. The Gurneys served on the NSDCA Board as Representatives for the Northwest Region. They were honored with a certificate for 50 years of membership and were presented with a memory photo book thanking them for their dedication to the club. Bernie and Daisy Erthal (above right) were presented with a certificate for 44 years of

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membership as well as 35+ years of Perfect Attendance.

June found us at Casey’s RV Hideaway in Elizabeth, CO and in July we camped at Terry Bison Ranch in Cheyenne, WY. In August we took in the Corn Roast Festival in Loveland, CO.

Laura Sullivan; harleyswife1@comcast.net; 970-371-7495

106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania

Want to know what is going on in the picture below? Ernie and Rose Braue are playing pickleball during our June weekend at Paradise Stream Campground. This game is the ‘new’ craze for the senior folks. According to sources, it has actually been around since 1965. The paddle is larger than one used for table tennis, and a plastic wiffle ball completes the sport. It can be played both indoors and outside;



there are also colorful paddles and outfits to satisfy the most fashionable play-



er .It is the fastest growing sport in the USA with over 4 million participants, and tournaments are becoming popular. Supposedly the name came from the inventor’s dog: Pickles! Why not come and visit our active Square Up members and learn a new skill!

Kathy Engel; kathye@kuhncom.net

116 Camping Squares; Kansas

We’ve been having fun camping and dancing this summer with our Kansas State Square Dance Convention in Salina the end of May. Then June brought the NSDC National and NSDCA International. In July, we went to Chanute, KS for camping and dancing with the Chanute club. We also scheduled to go to the HASSDA convention in Springdale, AR for anyone who can go.



From August 22 – 25 we are having a campout with activities (no dancing) at El Dorado State Park, El Dorado, KS. Then on

September 20 – 21 is the Nebraska State Convention at the fairgrounds with camping on the grounds. October 4 – 6 we will be camping in Hesston, KS and dancing with the Hesston club for our last outing of the season.

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, please contact Marty & Frank Golden at fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net or 316-943-4137.

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

119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

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

Northwoods Stompers and friends had a great time at the Michigan 2024 Camporee in Otisville, MI. Pictured on the next page are the Northwoods Stompers preparing the Hawaiian themed decorations and our wonderful callers and cuers and dancers enjoying themselves on the



L to R: George Ferguson, caller; Bill Webb, cuer; Paul Bryant-Ott, caller; Bill Chase, caller; Jim Davis, caller/cuer

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floor. Hope to see you next year in Otisville, MI! Our campout in Harrison, MI will be September 20 and 21.

Hope to see you soon.



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

123 Swing-n-Travelers; Illinois

Rain, rain, and more rain for our April, May, and July camping for Swing-n-Travelers this year. I already reported on our April campout in the last issue, but in May and July we found more of that wet stuff! But again, nobody seemed to mind, especially since the crops in Illinois needed that rain (and my flowers also). With the rain, we also had cooler temperatures which made all of us happy campers for sure. May’s camping is always at the Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds in Henry, IL each year. Usually it is our biggest campout of the season, but not this time as several had falls which means broken bones; others already had Memorial weekend plans. But for those who could, they enjoyed our annual pancake breakfast with breakfast casseroles along with that. Of course, it wouldn’t be right if we didn’t have homemade ice cream on Sunday afternoon where we enjoyed some favorites including a new one called “Frosty,” which is what Wendy’s restaurant has. It was the same texture and everything. Of course, I had to try some of each. But my favorite was the Frosty! Thanks to the Bruuns for making it! Along with that, we played Baseball Beanbag –



which is a hit with everyone, and the craft was Diamond Art – which we all enjoyed doing key chain flags. We finished the weekend with donuts on Monday morning before everyone packed up and headed to their various destinations.

No campouts were held in June due to the Illinois State Camporee, and of course, the International Camporee that month. In July, all drove to a favorite camping spot for us at Kentuckiana Kampground in Mackinaw, where we had a light rain most of the time we were there. Thankfully, the pavilion kept us dry and gave us an opportunity to have a salad luncheon, paint some stepping stones and play two games. The first one was a cup game where there was one less cup than players. When told, the glasses were grabbed. Then we played Holy Molly Tick-Tack-Toe, where you have nine five-gallon buckets with water in them. Couples tried to throw their small football into a bucket so you ended up with a Tick-Tack-Toe. That evening, five people drove to Pekin, IL to give Bachelor & Bachelorette square dancing a try, which turned out to be a good thing, as they did not have enough dancers for even one square. The rest enjoyed a fire at the pavilion.

On a more somber note, I wanted to share that on July 12th three couples drove to Decatur, IL to attend



“Celebrating the Lives of Lloyd and Patsy Schumacher” (↑). Lloyd died 09-03-22, and Patsy joined him on 11-21-23. They were a great couple who loved to camp and dance. Even when Patsy had a walker, they would bring their fold down camper and Lloyd would find a partner to dance with, which they did until he turned 90. We rejoiced in the life they shared for 61 years together.

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128 Square Wheels; Florida

Greetings from 128! Our May campout was a fantastic weekend at Southern Palms RV Resort and a great way to start the summer. The downside of summer is that we do not camp in June or July. Some of our campers attended the International Camporee and the National Convention. Mid-August found us at Wekiva Springs RV in Sorrento, FL. On September 24 to 26, we will camp at Southern Oaks RV Resort in Summerfield, FL. October is the State Camporee, back at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL, Oct 24 -26; the theme is “Back to the Future.” Come join us. We are looking forward to all our summer travelers com-

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ing back.

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152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama

Our May campout was held at the Palomino RV Resort in Cullman, AL, which is a very nice RV park run by the city of Cullman. We enjoyed visiting several interesting sites in the Cullman area and eating great local food. Dancing at the campground was to Kevin Cozad, and we attracted a crowd of campers that came to see what we were doing. Kevin even got a few of them up to introduce them to square dancing!



Two couples from Chapter 152 (the Bloodworths and Sweetmans) traveled to Fond du Lac for the 66th NSDCA International Camporee. We had a great time dancing and socializing with old and new friends. Tricia and Neal did a fantastic job in planning this event.

Our July campout was held on July 28-31 at Cove Creek RV Resort in Sevierville, TN, which is a short distance from Gatlinburg, TN where the Tennessee State Convention was held on August 1 – 3, where we danced to an outstanding roster of callers and cuers at the state convention.

Our September Campout will be held at Yonah Mountain Campground in Cleveland, GA on September 12 – 15.

Come dance with us at one of our upcoming campouts next year.

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153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

Our club does not camp during the scorching HOT, humid, bug infested summer months in Florida! (I am writing this in July for publication in September, so y’all can tell it was uncomfortably warm at the time). Most of our (wiser) group members part ways during the summer in search of cooler temperatures and magnificent scenery. A few members headed to the Fond Du Lac Fairgrounds for the 66th NSDCA International Camporee. I “herd” it was a great time dancing till those cows came home and then it was time to “head up and moo-ve out” them there RVs. Some other of our club members have taken off to mountains, prairies, oceans white with foam, and have visited some islands too. (You can more than likely tell I, however, **am still** here in **warm, sunny FL**, typing this Chat :-). So, being that our club has not been camping since April (which I previously reported in last issue) I will simply give y’all our upcoming scheduled plans . . .

October 24 – 26, you can find us at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL where we will be going **“Back to the Future”** at the 48th An-

nual FANSDC Camporee. Our Chapter 153 will be keeping our campfires burning for a few more days after that (October 27 & 28) in order to have our club meeting and to dance a few more jigs called and cued by Mike Gormley and Susan Wolford before heading home.

Our 2024 Christmas Campout will be at Sun 'n Fun Raiders Campground in Lakeland, FL December 6 – 8. From February 14 – 16, 2025 we will be at the Red Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL in a joint camp-out with Florida RoadRunners (193). Lastly, our campout from April 4 – 6, 2025 will be held at Strawberry Square in Plant City, FL. [Ed: See their ad, page 34.]

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C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada

The Gypsies are continuing their camping and dancing season. The campers could be forgiven for thinking that they had taken a wrong turn on the way to the campground, as the weather that weekend was more tropical than our typical Ontario June weekend. There was a torrential downpour at the beginning of the campout followed by some very warm weather!



Although there was a brief power outage, the dancers were able to promenade back into the swing of things with dancing on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. They made time to hull strawberries so that everyone could have cake, strawberries and ice cream or whipped cream on Saturday night for dessert.

The June Committee also asked people to put on their thinking caps and name songs that dealt with nature. There were a lot of suggestions.

With the Olympics only a short time away, the Gypsies took part in their own kind of Olympics. The July Committee created sports that were done seated, so everyone was able to take part; lots of laughter ensued. In the spirit of national pride, a Canadian Trivia quiz was also distributed for members to answer. Some of the answers were easy, but some stumped a lot of people. Only a few people knew where the last duel was fought in Canada. (The answer is Perth, Ontario.)

As usual, we danced on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. We have our monthly meeting after the Saturday dance and we received the certificate from NSDCA recognizing that the club is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Thank you for the recognition. We finished up the day with a hamburger and sausage barbecue and a campfire.

We are looking forward to August and our annual corn boil, as well as dancing and other fun that the Committee will have in mind.

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193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Hello Friends!

I am really happy that the time for our club to start up our weekend



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campouts is here once again. Just as we began our summer trip, which was early May, John became aware of some serious eye concerns, so we had to head back home to get them checked out. A few weeks later we attempted to leave again. What I thought to be a sinus infection promptly turned into the need for a root canal and antibiotics. Not feeling any better, another round of antibiotics was prescribed and we repacked so we could go as soon as I felt better. Well, that did not happen – the feeling better part, that is. So once again we unpacked the camper and headed back to the doctor. It seems my sinus problem was now a chest problem, so a visit to urgent care and a chest X-ray showed the beginnings of pneumonia. Since it was July, we stored the camper and gave up our summer trip plans. Please believe me when I say I am really looking



forward to camping and feeling better once again.



We were all saddened by the loss of associate member Ted Hughes (→). Ted was a great friend to our club, always willing to do whatever was needed. He filled in for our callers on many occasions. Ted loved square dance calling and we always enjoyed having him and Tammy with us on our weekends. We are all missing him.

Our September campout should be a blast, as along with the great square and round dancing with our incredibly talented club caller, John Sweeney, and with our equally incredible round dance cuer, Chuck Ryall, we have a great craft planned for you to enjoy. The plan is to have some fun making tie-dyed T-shirts. The Florida NSDCA State Camporee, October 24 – 26 (see the flyer on page 54) has a “Back to the Future”- 80s theme this year and we will be getting ready for that with some 80s vibe tie-dye. Florida always puts on a fabulous camporee; so do not miss going “**BACK TO THE FUTURE**” with all of us. So camp with us this month, and be sure to bring a T-Shirt; we promise to help you tie-dye it.

Our October, November, and December weekends have been listed in the Chapter Campout section of the *TIMES* as well as on the NSDCA website, so please take a peek and we will look forward to having you spend some of your weekends with us.

With this summer's health issues, John and I were unable to make it to the 66th Fond du Lac Camporee, and we really missed seeing you all. Tricia and Neal Chartier did an outstanding job herding all the dancing and fun activities till the cows came home exhausted, but having enjoyed a great time. A huge **THANK YOU** to all who helped Tricia and Neal make that Camporee happen. It is true that Camporees are lots of work, however as the saying goes, "**Many hands make light the work.**"

I hope you enjoy the collage of pictures from the 66th Camporee in this issue (see the front and rear inside covers). It was only possible because of your pictures. Thank you all so much.

I pray that you all continue to enjoy the friendships, dancing, fellowship, and great fun that the National Square Dance Campers Association has always promoted and remember "**YOU**" are the people who make that possible.

Check out your NSDCA Website, www.nsdca.org and/or our Chapter 193 website, www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html.

Blessings. "We hope to see you in a square somewhere!"

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

We are hoping you are enjoying your camping season as much as we are. We returned to Shipshewana Indiana Campground South in May. Attendees enjoyed an Amish dinner and an afternoon play at the Bluegate Theater titled *Josiah for President*. We all decided we would vote for him; ha ha! Evening dances were called by Janet Lewis and Rich McCoy, with Carolyn McCoy leading rounds and lines. So much fun and seen by several other campers, so we are hoping it was a recruiting event also. New dancers are always needed. Some of our group also enjoyed the Flea Market, a bike ride on the Pumpkin Vine Trail, and just socializing with other members and guests.



The last week in May found us hosting the Illinois State Camporee in Rockville, Indiana. In addition to touring the covered bridges that the area is known for, we also danced to the expertise of Bob Asp and other attending callers. Games and crafts are always a big part of this activity, and this year didn't disappoint. See the picture of the fun owls painted on landscape pavers by the group of crafters (next page).

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In June, some of us could be found at the International Camporee in Fond du Lac and the NSDC Nationals in Milwaukee. Congratu-



lations to Don Gauck for continuing his tradition of winning the half pot or door prize at National events.

In July we camped at the Mounds State Park near Anderson, Indiana. We attended a local dance with three great callers including Wesley Fenton, Travis Cook and Jarret Wilhoit, and cuer Nancy Fulaytar. Two potlucks were held, one followed with dancing to Gary Hutton and both followed by campfires. The other potluck was followed with a craft session where we made pop can "singers." The music they are holding (see picture below) says "We CAN Sing". Our craft leader, Lois Whitehead, even wrote a song for the occasion that is now our theme song. It goes to the tune Jingle Bells. Here are the words:

Wheel Arounds, Wheel Arounds,
RV all the way;
Campfire here, Potluck there,
We'll square dance all the day – Hey!

Wheel Arounds, Wheel Arounds,
RV all the way;
Wabash Wheel Arounds,
It's our camping day – Hey!

Wheel Arounds, Wheel Arounds,
RV all the way;
When we have to say Good Bye,
We wish that we could stay.

Here is a picture of the Tin Can Singers (→).

We are now looking forward to going to Sauder Village in Ohio for our August campout. We will be in Thorntown, Indian in September. We are looking forward to going back to a Thorntown restaurant to enjoy the



Onion Straws. We will be going back to Rockville, Indiana in October to continue the tradition of square dancing at the Covered Bridge in Mecca, Indiana. Please come join us if you are in the area. There is always room for more around our campfires! God's Blessing and Safe Travels!

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198 Crossfire Campers; Tennessee

Some of our members had a great time attending the 66th International Camporee in Fond du Lac, WI. We received our five-year award during the Camporee.



We assisted in seven dancers being wrapped in Quilts of Valor as appreciation for their military service. We greatly appreciated working with the Fond du Lac Quilts of Valor Chapter to accomplish this.

As this is going to print, we are preparing to join Campers & Dancers (152, AL) in Sevierville, TN the last week of July for a campout leading to the TN State Convention in Gatlinburg, TN the first weekend in August. We are looking forward to seeing more friends who couldn't make it to the Camporee as well as several who did.

During the TN State Convention, we will be meeting to officially close our Chapter. Some of us will be transferring to another Chapter or becoming Members At Large.

We wish everyone Safe Travels and Happy Dancing until we meet again across a Square and/or Campfire.

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

Helpful Hints: Experiences with a Macerator

We recently purchased a macerator to assist in emptying our black tank, as we were going to be living out of our RV for an extended period situated in the driveway of our Maine house. The reason for this living arrangement is a long one, but the short answer is that the house was flooded during a winter storm and the basement had about a foot of standing water, providing fertile ground for black mold to grow and proliferate, thus the house was not habitable. The septic tank cleanout is about 80 feet from where the RV is parked and the grade is slightly uphill half the way to the cleanout, thus it is not practical to purchase and run such a long 3-inch sewer hose. A macerator allows us to pump the waste through a garden hose to the cleanout.

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After researching the numerous brands of macerator available, we purchased one sold by LATCH.IT, principally due to two reasons: cost and lifetime warranty. From all outward appearances it seems as if macerators are composed of two parts: a motor and a pump housing. The motor for our unit is thermally protected (as most are advertised to be) and is supposed to shut down automatically if it overheats (this feature has yet to be tested!) So far, the motor housing has been cool to the touch – even after running for 10 minutes or more. The pump housing from the outside may look similar between brands, but it appears the chopping blades are what differentiates them: our macerator has a little squirrel cage-looking device coupled to the motor; others we have seen have a little impeller-looking device. I do not know which is better at doing its job.

We first tried using the macerator at a campground, and were not impressed. The marketing material indicated the macerator would empty our tank in under 10 minutes. I had one word for that claim based on this test: HAH! We ended up using the conventional 3-inch sewer line and the campground’s site-based sewer connection that time. I wasn’t sure if the timing problem (over two hours to empty) was due to the design of our RV (our black tank sits on the curb side of the unit and has a long pipe connecting the tank outlet to the connection point where the sewage is emptied), the pump itself or our use of a long 5/8-inch garden hose (a one-inch hose would be a better but much more expensive option). There are two gate valves for our black tank: one on the curb side of the RV close to the outlet of the tank, and one at the street side hose connection point. As the instructions for the macerator state to turn on the water to its flush line first (a water source connected to the macerator pump), then open the black tank valve and finally start the pump, I thought this may have contributed somewhat to the sluggishness of the tank being emptied; solids fill up the connecting pipe between the tank and the outlet connection point, retarding flow into the pump. I continued to have difficulties like this after we arrived at our Maine house (but the use of the 3-inch sewer line was not an option for a backup), so I contacted the manufacturer. After several iterations of attempts to fine-tune my approach with the macerator’s use, I was sent a new unit – without question; LATCH.IT stands behind their warranty. The new macerator performed much better, thus there must have been some sort of ‘issue’ with the original device.

The RV has not been on the road, shaking up the contents of the black tank. As such, I have found it necessary to use the RV’s built-in black tank flush concurrently with the macerator, as well as continuously add water to the black tank using the RV’s built-in black tank flush while the pump is resting between operating cycles, to adequately flush all the solids from the tank. This takes time – upwards of an hour or more, no-

where near the 10 minutes as claimed by the seller. But if I want a quick tank empty and don't mind leaving a few solids behind (which is what probably happens anyway when I use the 3-inch sewer line), the new macerator will handle it within the 10-minute window claimed by the seller. According to the black tank panel readout (which, as we know, is not the most accurate indication of tank volume) I have yet to be able to empty the tank, but it is really empty (versus nearly full) as confirmed by aural indication and visual inspection. I suspect this faulty meter indication will clear up once we hit the road again and agitate the contents of the tank, which should hopefully remove whatever is dangling off the probes causing the faulty reading.

I have found it better to use gravity to empty the gray water tank than the macerator. I let the macerator's flush line provide cooling and cleaning water with the pump running for about five minutes after I close the black tank valves to clean the blades and flush out the line, but afterwards I use my Camco garden hose adapter sewer cap and the same hose as used with the macerator to empty the gray water tank. I do need to manually "walk the drain line" afterwards, lifting the garden hose to ensure water runs to the hose end that is inserted in the septic tank cleanout line. More details will be provided in a future issue of the *TIMES*.

I have plans to run 12 volts from the RV's converter to the basement compartment above the sewer connection point to power the macerator, but in the interim I am using a Harbor Freight 12-volt battery-powered jumper (a device used to jump start a car when its battery cannot provide sufficient voltage) to power the macerator; the 12-volt battery-powered jumper device has a cigarette lighter connector, and the macerator came with an adapter that can be used to obtain power from a car's cigarette lighter. I initially powered the macerator from our car (which we 'toad' along) but unless you run the car at the same time (and waste gas) it will run your battery down (ask me how I know!) The Harbor Freight device works perfectly providing power to the macerator, and I do not have to worry about my car battery. I keep the Harbor Freight device plugged in to the 120V outlet to ensure its internal battery keeps getting a source of energy to supplement the discharge while being used.

Other observations regarding the macerator: 1) There is some assembly required. The pump's exhaust port (the one that connects to the garden hose) has a translucent flexible hose extender (so you can view what is coming out of your tank) that you must fit one end over the pump outlet's barb and insert an appropriate fitting into the other end (fittings and clamps are provided). Putting liquid dish soap inside the flexible hose helps immensely in getting the hose seated properly on the pump barb and the fitting. 2) The carrying bag provided to store the macerator is not big enough to hold the macerator once it is assembled; the flexible dis-

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charge hose sticks out of the bag. We zip up the carrying bag as much as possible and then store the carrying bag inside another plastic garbage bag. This also helps cut down on the ‘aroma’ emanating from the macerator. 3) The pump is not supposed to run for more than 15 minutes continuously without a cooling off period (unspecified in length; I’ve used 5 minutes with the flush water continuing to run to assist in cooling off the pump – but note the motor is not running during this cooling off timeframe). As stated above, I conservatively let the pump run for only 10-12 minutes before letting it cool off. 4) The water pressure provided to the macerator via the flush line is not supposed to exceed 40 psi, so a pressure regulator may be required to satisfy this requirement. I’ve placed a “Y-connector” on the output of the regulator I use, having the potable water line off one side and the line to the macerator on the other. As the hose length for the current situation is about 80 feet, I am not concerned with backup from the macerator contaminating the regulator or potable water line. For shorter runs I will get a check valve to place on the “Y-connector” – but at present I do not see a need for a short run in the near future. 5) In order to enable my use of the RV’s black tank flush, I bought two adapters, a ½-inch male to ¾-inch female (the ½-inch end connects to the fitting for the outside shower after the shower head is removed) and ¾-inch male to ¾-inch male (which fits in the fitting for the RV’s black tank flush like a regular garden hose); two fittings were required as I was unable to find a ½-inch male to ¾-inch male fitting. This seems to work reasonably well; more on this in a future issue. 6) Ensure there is sufficient liquid in the black tank to carry the accumulated solids to the discharge pipe and into the macerator. I recommend waiting until the black tank is almost full before emptying using the macerator.

While the macerator is not as easy method to empty our black tank as using the 3-inch sewer line, it is the only reasonable approach to use for our situation described above. There was a short (and steep) learning curve associated with the macerator’s operation, but now that we’ve mastered its use, it was a blessing to have to be able to live for an extended time (10 weeks) in our RV while the house was made habitable again.

Photo (→) shows macerator, flush line (hose on left) and discharge line.



67th Camporee update from the MooLady!!



I'm hoping you might be thinking about going to the Nationals next year in Shreveport, LA. We will be having the NSDCA International Camporee at the Fairgrounds, the same place that National has set up for us to stay for the Convention. The cost for the sites are the same. The best part is that the convention center is only nine miles away, and the convention parking cost is a fixed price of only \$4 each day; it doesn't matter how many times you go in and out during the day (unlike this year, when you paid every time you went back to the convention).

Our trail in dance will be on Wednesday June 18th. Our Camporee officially is being held from June 19th—21st, so starting June 22nd you would need to be registered for the campsite with National. If you are staying for National, you will be staying in the same campsite. All sites are full hook up and they have 30 and 50 amp electric service.

Linda Ellis loves the book exchange so if you have any books you are done reading and would like to swap at our Camporee, please bring them. Any leftover books I will take and put into The Little Library.

When Neal and I were in Alaska for the Square Dance adventure, we went early and went up to Palmer, AK for their State Festival. Linda Michel flew up for the Festival and we had dinner with her. Linda said we never have crafts for the guys. She has offered to do a crafts for the guys and gals—teaching us a little wood carving. We will be making a scarf slide for a guys necktie. So, if you can find a small carving knife, you will need that. Please note that this will be a two-day project.

We sure hope you will consider coming to the Camporee next year; we will have FUN!!!!

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Excerpts from 2024 Board, Staff and Representative Annual Reports

President: John & Dolly Ide

Where would we be, if not for our members? So I want to personally thank everyone for their continued support of square dancing, round dancing AND camping without whom none of us would be here to enjoy this event. Of course, we can't forget our callers and cuers, who provide their talents, time, and equipment so that we can have fun. We owe them all a great deal of thanks. Finally, we need to thank the long list of VIPs that are always listed in the last pages of the *TIMES*; the Area, State and Chapter Reps; the various staff members; and all those who submit Campfire Chats, and even those who search for the lost camper, or more recently, the lost cow.

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If should be apparent by now, that we are an organization that depends on our members to provide an opportunity to meet and enjoy being with one another, to have fun through the specific activities of camping, square dancing, and round dancing. It takes all of us together so that we individually can enjoy what we love. That said, I need to remind everyone that we're searching for a new Board member so that we can continue to fulfill the mission of the NSDCA. The job is not hard but rewarding. It doesn't require travel or an inordinate amount of time. We ask only that the new Board member be willing to work with likeminded and motivated camper dancers and sacrifice a little of your time. We need a full Board of four positions to effectively serve you, our members.

When I consider what's happening to our country in virtually all areas of social encounter, it reminds me that the NSDCA is an organization that focuses on unity, fellowship, and fun. It takes eight friends to square dance and a caller to tell us what to do. I'm sure you've heard the tagline that "Square dancing is friendship set to music." We need one another. We need the support of our members. We need a volunteer for the Board.

As I put this report together, I find it interesting and somewhat concerning that our membership has come from 1359 ten years ago, declining at a rate of 15% to 20% per year to 397 last year, to 360 this year. As we become smaller there is less that we can do to have great activities, and our member attrition will increase. A time will come when we may no longer be a viable organization. Are we ready to let that happen? I believe not, and instead hope for a resurgence. This year is the first time in many years that we lost less than 10% of our members from the previous year. That's hopeful and may suggest that the national heritage of square dancing may not be lost, that there are those younger and stronger that can and will step in to continue the NSDCA and the activities we all love. In an age of instant messaging and social media, the loss of direct personal interaction and actual social connections that activities like square dancing provide, is critical for the wellbeing of our nation, our culture and our lives. Which of you will step in to help continue the fun and friendships?

Vice President: Ruth & Chuck Osborn

It's hard to believe it has been three years since we joined the NSDCA Board, but our term ends at this Camporee. We have had a great time working with great people. As with most organizations, our documents are constantly in need of updating to keep everything current. We have been involved in several of these updates, which takes a lot of thought to cover many opinions. It is truly amazing how much we ac-

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67th INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE
Shreveport Louisiana Fairgrounds
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June 19, 20, 21, 2025: Camporee Events



NSDCA Membership # _____

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Information for PARKING by LOCATION & RV NEEDS

ARRIVAL 06/____/2025 DEPARTURE 06/____/2025

STATE _____ CHAPTER # _____ HANDICAP

ELECTRIC: 30 AMP 50 AMP

DANCE INTERESTS (√ Interests)

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

SPORTS/GAMES (√ Interests)

Corn Hole M F Washer Toss M F
 Bocce Ball M F Other _____
 Craft Interests M F Youth
 Other _____

Are you a Veteran? (Branch) _____

Adult Name #1 (Please Print) _____

Adult Name #2 (Please Print) _____

Mailing Address (Include Apt and/or Box number) _____

City _____ State/Province & Zip/ Postal _____

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

Email address _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone # _____

Caller / Cuer Participation (√) (Due by April 1)

<u>Square Dance</u>	<u>Round Dance</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream	<input type="checkbox"/> Phase II
<input type="checkbox"/> Plus	<input type="checkbox"/> Phase III
<input type="checkbox"/> A-1	<input type="checkbox"/> Phase IV
<input type="checkbox"/> A-2	<input type="checkbox"/> Phase V
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Teen Dance Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Caller Name _____
 Availability (√) W Th F S

Cuer Name _____
 Availability (√) W Th F S

Lines Instructor _____
 Availability (√) W Th F S

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 _____ 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 **05/01/2025***

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Please √ days planning to camp: (Extra Days Campsite Fees @ \$35 per day) **NonCampers \$90**

Tue 17th Wed 18th Thurs 19th Fri 20th Sat 21st To stay @ site for 74th NSDC, Pay 74th NSDC.

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

Registration \$ _____	Extra Fees \$ _____	Add'l Days \$ _____	Total Fees \$ _____
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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 **"67th NSDCA Camporee"** to:

Tricia Chartier, 4139 N. 96th Street, Wauwatosa WI 53222-1528

For more info, contact Tricia Chartier 414-807-4083 nsdcacamporee@gmail.com

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complished with telephone conference calls and emails.

A large issue we continue to have has been making sure your contact information is current. Since this is a membership-driven organization, it is imperative we be able to reach ALL our membership. This is especially important for all our members since we generally know how to contact our officers, staff, etc. If you are an officer of a Chapter, it is even more important for you to send in Chapter Officers Form after EVERY ELECTION! Even if the people remain the same, contact information does change. It would also be great if everyone used CAPITAL LETTERS when sharing email addresses, so numbers and letters do not get mixed.

The great news is we have the 67th & 68th Camporees in the works, and we are pleased to have members stepping up to make these happen. It takes all of us to pull off these Camporees, and many hands make easier work for all. Please volunteer your time and energy.

In closing, we would like to thank everyone we have worked with while serving on the NSDCA Board of Directors. It has been a great experience, but we feel it is our time to move on. It is an opportunity for more members to step up and share in the adventure.

Secretary: Tricia & Neal Chartier

It would be extremely helpful if you use the fillable forms on the National Website, NSDCA.org. If it's a change of address or elections of officers you can just email that to me if you don't want to print and mail it. If you are sending money then you will need to mail it in. Most everyone has read the *TIMES* to know that the post office address changed to NSDCA, P.O. Box 241, Butler, WI 53007-9998. The benefit of changing the post office is that Neal or I are able to pop in and pick up the mail, and then I can process it quicker. Overall, we are saving on postage and hopefully getting things taken care of more efficiently. Remember renewals and election of officers are due by the end of December 2024. We will gladly take new members anytime!!

Treasurer: Susan & Don Wolford

If you have moved or if you now have a summer and winter address, please remember to send in your address update. We want to make sure you get every issue of the *TIMES* newsletter. You can go to our website: nsdca.org, then click on *Forms & FAQ* and you will see the "Change Address or Request Transfer" link. Click on it and you will be able to complete the form on your computer. Then you can print it and mail it to the address listed on the form. Remember, when going to the NSDCA.org website, some of the forms have been updated and you may

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want to refresh the page so that you are seeing the latest forms.

Membership Secretary: Kathy Nickel

It has been a slow year for me and the Membership renewal processing for the NSDCA, as the renewals slowly made their way to me. Thank you to everyone that did get their renewals in on time, and I am asking others that you try and get your renewals in more promptly; the due date is the end of December. Remember your renewals are needed for the financial needs of the organization. Also, we can really use new members, so go out and market your clubs to get new members. Camping and Dancing are both such FUN activities.

We have all done an EXCELLENT job in getting our alternate addresses identified. We have cut way down the number of *TIMES* newsletters returned to just one or two per mailing. This is a real cost savings for the NSDCA. Thank You, and I really appreciate your efforts to keep your information updated with me. It is easy to track this in my Membership information and it makes it easier for the Post Office as well. Let’s keep up the GREAT JOB this year.

I am looking forward to working with you for another year. Please be sure to contact me if you have any Membership questions or concerns.

NSDCA *TIMES* Editor: Ken Shacter

I thank the Board members, State and Area Representatives, the other Staff members and (especially) all Chapter correspondents who have provided material for their individual columns, the *Chats around the Campfire* and *Campout Schedule* sections. Additionally, a hearty thanks goes to webmaster Bob Summers. ... I would be remiss if I did not also thank my wife, Carolyn, who also provides another set of eyes (and most of all, a brain) to double check my initial proofing of the document. Lastly, a very special THANK YOU also goes to John and Dolly Ide for their continued support in suggesting items, providing graphic layout, covers and flyers, and doing the final proofing of the *TIMES* issues I have edited.

As you can tell from the above paragraph, producing your newsletter is not the job of a single person. I’m not kidding when I write that this is a newsletter for and by the members of the NSDCA. If an article has a byline, the author is an NSDCA member unless explicitly stated otherwise. If there is no byline, the article was written or compiled by the Editor (an NSDCA member). Please contribute articles or pictures (everybody likes pictures) on any subject of interest to square dancers and campers. If it interests you, it probably interests others. We all will benefit from your contribution. For reviews (e.g., campgrounds, RVs, equipment) let us know the good, the bad and the ugly. Reviews of campgrounds are always welcomed; many of us travel near your camp-

ing/dancing venues at times outside of when you are meeting but may consider staying at a particular campground if convenient and well-reviewed. If writing about crafts that another Chapter can use on their campout, please include a picture or two of the finished product(s) and provide instructions and guidance on how to complete the project (remember, everyone likes pictures). As for games, a detailed description of the rules is a must, and please include drawings/pictures of any non-standard items that are used. Also please remember my outstanding requests for biographies on your Chapter caller/cuer, for campout friendly food recipes, and Publicity Director Bill Baker's "We tried this and it worked great!" idea. The deadlines for each quarter's issue are posted in each issue, but there's no need to wait until the last minute to submit something.

Speaking of the *Chats* section, did you know that the average rate of submission for the past four issues is 40%, meaning on average 60% of our active chapters do not provide any details on their events. One of the things I liked the best about the *TIMES* before becoming editor was reading about what other chapters were doing, and that's still the case. There certainly must be something to write about! Remember, the *TIMES* is your newsletter. It is the editor's job to assemble your contributions into a usable document that is distributed to the NSDCA membership. Without your help the newsletter will suffer. Thank you for committing to provide interesting and meaningful content for all to read and enjoy.

Florida State Representative: Mary Burzo

Like square dancing everywhere our core membership is suffering from the effects of modern technology, aging bodies, and entertainment overload. However, I see many of the clubs and Square Dance organizations here in Florida working diligently to find new and innovative ways to attract new people as well as hold onto the interest of us seasoned dancers. Square Dance cruises, festivals and conventions that are packed with not only the fun and challenge of dancing but also great themes and fabulous forms of entertainment.

I genuinely believe even in this fast-paced society that we now live in, there are a vast number of folks out there who are looking for challenging, fun, and healthy interactive activities to participate in and "That's Us Folks!" In fact, we do that and even more, by adding America's favorite pastime, "RVing," to the mix.

They just don't know about us, so "let's get out there and tell them!"

Illinois State Representative: Ruthann & Lawrence Sanders

Chapter 014, especially their caller, Bob Asp, is to be congratulated for their involvement in the hosting committee of the upcoming 2024

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



As you read this, Summer has almost ended and the vernal equinox is upon us. We have been in Maine since early May, and the spring and summer weather have not been seasonal. I used to joke (45-plus years ago) that Maine only had two seasons: winter and the Fourth of July (and half the time the latter was fogged out), but no longer! Temperatures approaching 100 (before the heat index) were seen in late Spring, late July and during August, the hottest of months in New England. We've been fortunate to be able to hide out in the RV where there is an air conditioner, for when my in-laws built their house there was no need for that 'extravagance.'

I previously reported on our experience at the RV manufacturer's facility, having them repair numerous items with our then-new unit. While traveling to Maine this year, the oven/cooktop slipped out of its cabinet a little and the now-unsupported back allowed too much weight to rest on the countertop, thus it cracked. Upon closer examination, I noticed that there were only two holes for screws to go to affix the oven/cooktop in place, and neither had a screw in them. Additionally, once I was able to reseal the oven/cooktop properly in its cutout, I noticed that only one side of the cabinet had any wood where a screw could grab hold. To add insult to injury, the kitchen sink was not properly mounted, and it pulled away from the underside of the countertop! Needless to say, we reported these 'issues' to the manufacturer (just before our one-year warranty expired) for remediation. As of this writing, we have yet to successfully arrange to get them repaired.

By owning an RV, one should know that some repairs will be required. After all, consider it a house on wheels that experiences a magnitude 6+ earthquake as it travels down the road; it's not unusual that with all that shaking that some issues will develop. It helps to be handy, for having an RV dealership fix every little issue could result in them having possession of your RV more than you do (just look at their backlog of RVs needing repairs of one sort or another), as well as be pricey. But the issues identified above, to me, are over the top. Poor workmanship and lack of pride in the product by the workmen (and obviously management) is unfortunately endemic in the RV industry, but I don't know what it will take to make RV manufacturers take quality control seriously; the Japanese and other Southeastern Asian countries are not shipping RVs into our country (like they did with automobiles), so there is little incentive for the domestic industry to improve. Canada makes some fine-looking RVs, but I don't know if their quality is any better than US-built units, and their prices are certainly much greater than domestic units.

I again thank the 'Chapter Chat' correspondents for their continued efforts in reporting the activities of your Chapters. I especially want to

thank those Chapters that are reporting for the first time in a while. One of my favorite parts of this newsletter is reading about what other Chapters are doing. I hope all correspondents will eventually submit a photograph so we all can put a face to the name listed at the end of their contribution.

Elsewhere in this issue you'll find the excerpts from Board Members, Staff and Representatives annual reports to the membership, the full rendering of each is located in the Association's annual report (available on the NSDCA website). Without the efforts of the Board and Staff, many of the functions of your Association would not occur. Please give them a big THANK YOU the next time you see one of these dedicated servants.

And speaking of the Board, you should have already read about our Association's need for a capable member or member couple to step forward to volunteer for the position of vice president. The duties of the VP as designated in the Association's by-laws are as follows:

- Shall perform the duties of the president in his/her absence.
- Keep a sufficient supply of materials for Area, State/Provincial Representatives.
- Provide information and ideas to Area, State/Provincial Representatives to increase chapters and members.
- Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board.

Please consider helping your Association function smoothly and efficiently. Take stock of your capabilities (which are many; we don't often know what we are capable of until we attempt it) and consider volunteering for this position.

Thank you!

Forms on the NSDCA.org website

Many forms, some recently updated, are available to facilitate you and your Chapter officers' communication with the NSDCA. Key ones are:

- **Bulk Camper Membership Renewal:**
Used yearly, to renew membership for all Chapter members.
- **Individual Camper Membership Application or Renewal:**
As required, to register new member or renew lapsed membership.
- **Change Address or Request Transfer:**
When member has a change of address or moves to a new Chapter.
- **Badge Replacement:**
When a badge is lost or destroyed.
- **Elected Officers of Chapter:**
For use by all Chapters after election of new Chapter officers.
- **Elected Officers of State Association:**
For use by Florida, Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania.
- **State Area Report**

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National Square Dance Convention. Members of most of the other chapters serve on the Illinois State Board. Unfortunately, one IL Chapter closed this year and several others are holding on by a thread, but are still camping and dancing with other IL chapters. We congratulate those who are able to gain new members and hope those who no longer have a chapter to camp with will be able to find another so they may continue to enjoy this combined activity.

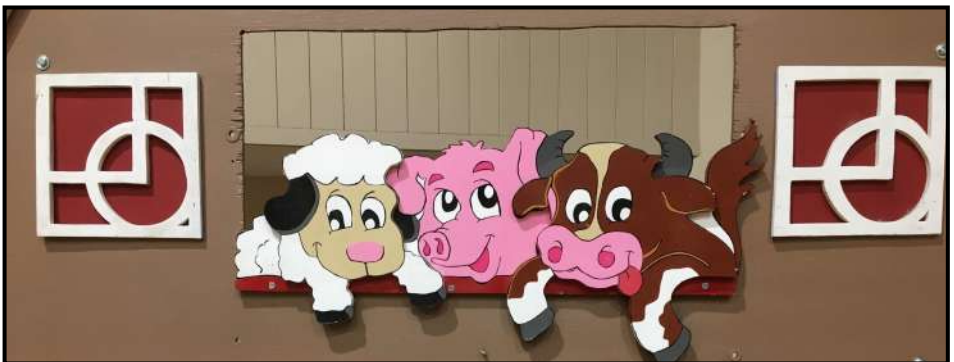
Michigan State Representative: Alberta & Gary Gunsell

The year 2023 was a year of trying to get camping and dancing activities going.

Our State Camporee was held in Otisville, Michigan the last of June 2023. Chapter 121 hosted the event. There were five square dance callers and one cuer in attendance, and two squares plus a couple extra for dancing. The group was kept busy with workshops, sports, crafts, evening dances and of course eating, whether it was a potluck or going out. It is always nice to work with the group that attends our State Camporee as they are always ready to help when needed. No matter how much planning is done there seem to be at least one item that slips by until the last moment and needs help getting done. Some Canadian dancers came to help with the fun.

Chapter 121 held campout/dances for May, June, August and September, along with the State Camporee in June. Some of the chapter visited Blythe, Ontario for the Camporee in August. A great time was had by all that attended. These outings also had a lot of great dancing, camp fires, games, crafts and new friends made and old ones rekindled.

I have been informed that Chapter 121 is the only chapter in Michigan currently. I am very saddened by the news. I hope that in the future we will have more chapters again. Thank you to Chapter 005 and 007 for all help you donated to the square dancing activity.





and the FUN continues...

There were 18 correct entries this time identifying the location of Bessie, our lost cow, for the Summer issue's contest. This time I was "udderly surprised" when the computer randomly chose the Chet & Janet Bowman of Swing-n-Travelers (123, IL) as the winner of this contest. Congratulations to the 'Chapter Chat' correspondents for that Chapter; your 2025 NSDCA membership fee will be waived.

A few entrants mistakenly identified the cow hiding in the trees on the front cover as our lost bovine, but upon careful inspection one should notice that cow does not look like Bessie who wandered off. Let's just call that cow a red herring! Bessie was actually lounging on a leaf in the lower left corner of the Strawberry Square Fall Festival advertisement on page 35, which was pointed out in all the correct responses in their submissions for this contest:

Martha & Wally Schapals (014, Blackhawk Crosstrailers, IL) stated, "Bessie was trying to LEAVE us without a trace.... But we found her on Page 35! She's hiding in the Fall Festival of Rounds box, milking her hide-ability for what it's worth, in the bottom leaf pile!"

Marie Berridge (also from 014) indicated, "She is sleeping on a leaf! I guess she is so tired of floating from page to page and finally decided to take a nap! :) "

Sally Foley (also 014) wrote, "Our little Holstein friend is having a rest on a leaf."

Perennial punster Jim Sebesta (045, Penn Dixie Square Campers, PA) offered, "Our lost cow seems to be planning ahead for the Strawberry Fall Fest in Plant City, FL, in November. She's standing on the lower leaves of the left hand strawberry plant. I believe she's previewing some of the strawberries to check if they're good enough to build a festival around. I see she's smiling, so I think she's given the Strawberry Fall Fest the official "Cowabunga" seal of approval."

Frank Golden (116, Camping Squares of Kansas, KS) must think Bessie has gone out to pasture, as he proffered, "The old cow didn't go very far."

Marjorie Tudor (121, Northwoods Stompes, MI) responded, "The lost cow is hopping from leaf to leaf to see how many she can jump and has no intention of going back home. She is very excited about going to the Fall Festivals in Plant City, Florida though. Hope she hops right over to those dances!"

Our winners for this contest, Chet & Janet Bowman (123, Swing-n-

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Travelers, IL) volunteered the following: “The lost cow is enjoying some time from her daily routine, on top of a leaf; hope she finds her way back home.”

Bill Baker (also from 123) had the right idea: “Maybe she was saying it's time to Leave for the Camporee...”

Other members of 123, Dwaine & Bert Dunn, stated, “She must be checking out the area for all the dancing going on during the winter so she can get out of Wisconsin winter and the snow.” (Ed: I am sure many members can sympathize with that sentiment!)

Carolyn Ueber (128, Square Wheels, FL) noted that “She was having a grand time frolicking in the fall leaves, just like the dancers at Strawberry Square in Plant City, FL.)

Susan Wolford (153, Strawberry Travelers, FL) offered a similar sentiment as Carolyn’s: “She is frolicking in the leaves of the Fall Dance Weekends.”

Lastly, Steve & Winnie House (193, Florida RoadRunners, FL) wrote, “I guess we all like strawberries, and the cow is heading to the Strawberry Fall Fest (or at least the flyer). We’ll probably see her there.”

Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Pine Tree (WI)	002	Tricia & Neal Chartier
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Marie Berridge Martha & Wally Schapals Sally Foley
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	Bill and Kathy Chase Marjorie Tudor
Swing ‘N’ Travelers (IL)	123	Barry & Joy Vlad Bill & Kathy Baker Chet & Janet Bowman Dave & Mary Bruun Dwaine & Bert Dunn John & Carol Scher Norma Schertz Ron & Sue Meyer
Square Wheels (FL)	128	Carolyn Ueber
Strawberry Travelers (FL)	153	Susan & Don Wolford
Florida Roadrunners (FL)	193	Steve & Winnie House



Note: This is NOT the lost gator, but the wayward one looks just like this.

It should come as no surprise that Chapter 123, Swing-n-Travelers, took home the prize for most submissions. This was judged not only on absolute numbers of entries (for a large Chapter, if so motivated, would easily swamp the numbers from a smaller Chapter) but also based on the percentage of total members. So, if you are a member of one of our smaller Chapters, do not lose hope, for with sufficient entries—your Chapter could win! But, you’ll not have that opportunity if you don’t make an entry. Remember, in order to win you must be a member in good standing.

I’ve stated this before, and I’ll state it many times in the future: This is *your* newsletter! Your contributions make it informative, educational and entertaining. Let me hear from you on the contest as well as other requests that have been made in the past.

The 2025 International Camporee is being held in Louisiana, thus what could be more appropriate for a mascot than an alligator? I’m certain you noticed an alligator in the list of contest submissions on the previous page. Let’s get this gator back on track—headed to Shreveport—before he gets too hungry and noshes on a few square dance campers.

Send your answer to the location of our lost gator (or article/idea contribution) either via: 1) email to **NSDCAtimes@gmail.com** or 2) by regular mail to **Ken Shacter, 5418 Weller Place, Jacksonville, FL 32211-6965** (either method to arrive no later than October 31, 2024). Note that email is the preferred method of communication as the USPS has been slipping up lately on deliveries. I will confirm receipt of your email within two days; if you don’t hear back from me, please double check the address you sent your submission to and resubmit it.

For contest entries, please provide the page number *and* where on the page our lost gator 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 gator, 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. Lastly, as always, be sure to include your Chapter’s number and name, regardless of the way you choose to communicate.

Thank you!

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extending an invitation to everyone to come join us in 2025 for a great time and to see what you have been missing out on.

Chapter 121 will be camping and dancing in August and September. After that, campers will be put away and some of our members will go to warmer weather for the winter.

Alberta & Gary Gunsell, Michigan State Representatives
989-666-4232, gunsell@lentel.com

Oh, Fudge!

Ingredients:

- 1 stick butter
- One 14 oz. can of evaporated milk
- 4.5 cups sugar (most times I only use 4 cups)
- One 7 oz. jar of marshmallow cream
- 12 oz. chocolate chips (semi sweet)
- 1 Tbsp vanilla
- 1 cup chopped nuts (walnut or pecans work best)



Courtesy of Angela Brown (128)

Steps:

- 1) Combine butter, evaporated milk and sugar in at least a 3-quart saucepan.
- 2) Stir over medium heat.
- 3) Once it all comes to a boil, set the timer for eight minutes.
- 4) Watch the pot carefully and continue to stir. Lower the heat slightly if needed. You don't want the contents to boil over or burn on the bottom.
- 5) After the eight minute timer goes off, immediately remove the pot from the heat.
- 6) Carefully stir in the marshmallow cream. You need to be patient; it will take a minute to melt into the hot liquid mix.
- 7) Blend in chocolate chips. Once they have melted into the mixture you need to beat until stiffened. A wooden spoon may help as the mixture will begin to harden as it cools down.
- 8) Once the fudge begins to show signs of hardening on the top surface, beat another minute.
- 9) Now you can add the vanilla and the nuts. Beat again for a minute or so.
- 10) Pour into a 9" x 13" buttered baking glass pan.
- 11) Put in the refrigerator uncovered to cool and harden.
- 12) Once cooled, you can cover with Saran Wrap.

I recommend cutting the fudge as needed; either cut it into individual pieces, or wrap up a generous portion for a birthday or Christmas gift, or just because.

Makes about 58 1" X 2" servings: ~64 calories/serving

Total fat (g)	3	Potassium (mg)	20	Vitamin A	0%
Saturated fat (g)	1	Total carbs (g)	8	Vitamin C	1%
Trans fat (g)	0	Dietary fiber (g)	1	Calcium	1%
Cholesterol (g)	1	Sugars (g)	6	Iron	0%
Sodium (mg)	7	Protein (g)	1		



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

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	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 31st 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**

Also Visit Us At: www.nsdca.org

Chapter Campouts

The following listings were last updated on August 1, 2024. The start day for events is Friday unless otherwise noted. Due to the nationwide disruption of group activities because of the ongoing COVID-19 issues, campouts or other listed events may have been cancelled due to local conditions. Please check with the campout contact(s) to confirm the status of the event before making your plans to attend. Thank you.

Thursday September 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

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 17073; 717-949-3177
Dances start @ 7:00pm Friday & Saturday
Wookshop 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; 757-672-9978; rtb6273@gmail.com

September 13 → September 15

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

Otter Lake 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

September 13 → September 15

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!

Contact Kathy Bierbower: 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 August 18th, 2024

Dancing in Lincoln at Jefferson Street Christian Church on Thursday, 9/19

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

Chapter contact: 414-807-4083

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois

Thomson Causeway Campground

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

Watch for email from 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 19th.

Must make your own reservations at 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

September 20 → September 22

116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

Adams County Fairgrounds

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

Attending the Nebraska State Square Dance Convention

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

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

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September 27 → September 29

196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio

Old Mill Campground

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

Mention Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds 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 at 7 p.m. Friday & Saturday

Workshop Saturday 10 a.m.

Bob Engel (caller); 717-816-6633

116 Camping Squares of Kansas: Kansas

Cottonwood Grove RV Campground

1001 E Lincoln Blvd, Hesston, KS; 620-327-4173

Dancing with the Hesston Shoe Scuffers on Saturday, October 5.

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

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Gunter Hill COE Park

561 Booth Rd, Montgomery, AL

Cil & George Herndon; 334-740-0649

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; 757-672-9978; rtb6273@gmail.com

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!

Contact Kathy Bierbower: 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 100th Anniversary

Make reservations by September 12, 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 Arouds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio

Parke County 4-H Campgrounds

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

This includes 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

Thursday October 24 → October 26

♥♥♥ Florida State Camporee ♥♥♥

Southern Palms RV Resort

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

48th Annual Florida State Camporee

See <https://fansdc.net/2024-fansdc-camporee> for details.

Rally rate \$35/night

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

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

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Southern Palms RV Park

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

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Thursday October 24 → October 28

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Southern Palms RV Park

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

Following the Florida State Camporee

Rally Rate: \$35/Night (You must attend the Florida State Camporee 10/24-26 to received this Rally Rate).

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

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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

Sunday November 3 → November 10

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Roaring Pines Campground

83 Roaring Pines Rd, Somerville, AL

Hank & Martha Sweetman; 615-406-6917

Thursday November 7 → November 10

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Lake Glenada RV Resort

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

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

Tom Biehn; 757-672-9978; rtb6273@gmail.com

December 6 → December 7

128 Square Wheels: Florida

The Springs RV Resort

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

Rally rate \$46.80/night. Also, they will honor Passport America for 3 days. If staying longer than 3 days, additional days will be at \$52/night. Must call campground to make your reservation. Any deposit will not be refunded but will be honored for future reservation within a year.

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

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Sun 'N Fun - Raiders Campground

4175 Medulla Rd, Lakeland, FL

Rally Rate: \$45/night

Registration instructions will be given closer to the campout dates.

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

Thursday December 12 → December 15

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.

This is our Christmas Party weekend.

Tom Biehn; 757-672-9978; rtb6273@gmail.com

February 14 → February 15, 2025

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Red Oaks RV Park

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

Rally Name: Square Dance Campers

Rally Rate: \$39/Night

Co-Camping with RoadRunner Squares (193)

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

April 4 → April 5, 2025

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Strawberry Square Mobile Home Park

4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, Florida

Rally Rate varies based on accommodation type.

Accommodations Available: Berm / Camper Lot / Park Model

Call Susan at 256-673-0170 for reservation.

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

Some 66th NSDCA International Camporee Statistics

Camporee Attendance: 30 registered RVs, 57 members attended the Camporee. 000-3, 001-2, 002-6 (The Host Chapter), 010-5, 014-9, 018-2. 031-6, 076-2, 121-2, 123-2, 128-2, 148-2, 152-4, 153-6, 196-2, and 198-2

Callers Present: Bob Asp (014) scheduled the callers, Linda Michel (000), Ted Palmen (002), Mike Seurer (010), Tom Nickel (031), George Ferguson (018), Bill Chase (121), and Bob Furr (148)

Cuers Present: Kathy Nickel (031) scheduled the cuers, Doris Palmen (002), Mike Seurer (010), and Susan Wolford (153)

Broad Members Present: Ruth & Chuck (Ozzie) Osborn (198), Susan & Don Wolford (153), and Tricia & Neal Chartier (002)

Staff Present: Kathy Nickel (031) Membership

Area/State Representatives: Sharon Schmidt & David Lust, North Central Area (031)

Anniversary Awards:

WI—Badger Rovers, Chapter 031, 55 years

IL—Trade by Travelers, Chapter 066, 50 years

IL—Trail 'N' Squares, Chapter 075, 50 years

IL—River City Traveling Squares, Chapter 076, 50 years

CO—Mobile Squares 085 Chapter 50 years

IL—River City Traveling Squares, Chapter 076, 50 years

ON—Horseshoe Square 'N' Wheels, Chapter C-112, 45 years

KS—Camping Square of Kansas, Chapter 116, 45 years

MI—Michigan State Association, SA#4, 40 years

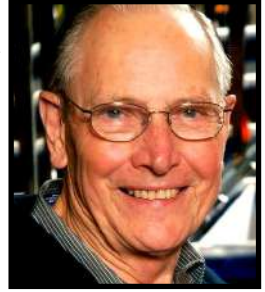
TN—Crossfire Campers, Chapter 198, 5 years

Service Plaque to Ruth & Chuck (Ozzie) Osborn, National Vice President

We Remember Our Friends

Keith Knudsen (Pioneer, 010)

Keith W. Knudsen, 93, of Neenah, WI passed away peacefully on June 16th, 2024, with his beloved wife of 68 years, Vernice, by his side. Though it was hard to lose Keith on Father's Day, his children Ken and Karen got to say, 'Happy Father's Day'.



Keith was born on a farm near Dike, IA on July 3, 1930. He proudly served his country in the U.S Army; he was a Korean War Veteran, serving two years with the 2nd Infantry Division and attaining the rank of Company 1st SGT. He returned home and on August 7, 1955, married, and graduated from Iowa State College (now Iowa State University) with a Chemical Engineering degree.

He was involved in many community groups including Boy Scouts, Boy's Brigade, Neenah High School Music Parents, Men's Fellowship, Neenah Club, and Fox Valley Squares. He loved to solve problems and had an inquisitive mind. He enjoyed tinkering around the house and making things work better. He developed and patented the first hard-sided, fold-down travel trailer. He loved to travel, visiting all 50 states, many foreign countries, and taking 34 Road Scholar trips. He had fun camping with family, friends, and square dancers, even staring down a grizzly bear in Rocky Mountain National Park to protect his young family. But his greatest joy was watching his grandchildren grow, spending time with them and supporting them in all their endeavors. His warm smile, sense of humor, and compassion for others will truly be missed.

Submitted by Harriet Roberts

Ted Hughes (Sunshine State Pioneers, 018)

Caller Ted Hughes passed away June 17, 2024; he was in recovery after an eight-hour surgery at the time. Ted was originally from Massachusetts but had been living in St. Pete, FL. Over the years, Ted called for the Temple Twirlers, NSDCA Chapter 018, and at several West Coast Association Membership Dances, Florida State Conventions, and National Square Dance Conventions. Ted and his partner, Tammy Radcliff, were longtime Associate Members of Chapter 193 (Florida RoadRunners). Ted was always willing to step up to help in any



way and filled in to call anytime we needed him!

He and Tammy were loved by all of our club.

Submitted by Dolly Ide

Elsie Daniels (Penn Dixie Square Campers, 045)

Elsie P. Daniels, 93, of Fayetteville, PA, passed away on Thursday, May 16, 2024. She was born July 23, 1930. Elsie enjoyed hunting, camping, traveling, and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Grand Point Church in Chambersburg and part of the willing worker's class. She was a member of the Eastern Star and a life member of the North American Hunting Club. Elsie belonged to Shippen Squares square dance club, NSDCA Chapter 045 and was an avid square dancer who attended many conventions all over the country.



Submitted by Jim Mongiovi

Mary Ann Goshorn (Penn Dixie Square Campers, 045)

Mary Ann Goshorn, 75, of Lewisberry, PA passed away Thursday, April 18, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. She was born September 30, 1948 in Chambersburg, PA.

She was a member of the Shippensburg First Church of God. Mary Ann loved square dancing, alongside her husband Gerald, and was a member of the Shippen Squares square dance club, Penn Dixie Square Campers (NSDCA Chapter 045) in Chambersburg, the Palm Squares in Palmyra, the Clover Leafs in Camp Hill, and participated in many other square dancing groups over the years.



As a child, Mary Ann worked hard on the family orchard. She enjoyed Penn State Football, camping, gardening, flowers, crafts, ceramics, canning, and loved and cherished her family, especially her grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Gerald L. "Jerry" Goshorn (the retired caller for 045); two daughters, one son, eight grandchildren, seven siblings and numerous nieces and nephews.

Submitted by Jim Mongiovi

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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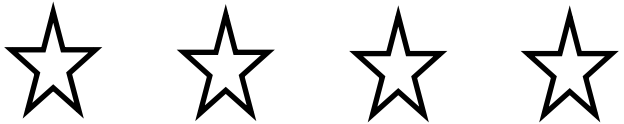
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