

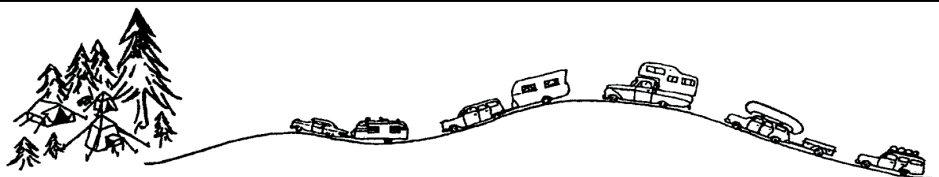
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John & Dolly Ide



We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and is looking forward to a joyful, peaceful and blessed Christmas with your immediate family and your camping square dance family.

I joke a lot about waiting until next week, it'll be January 2025. It truly seems that way, but we regret time going by so fast but look forward to all the great times and events ahead. The great news for the present is that we have new NSDCA Board members, Roy Huddleston and Priscilla Newton of Chapter 152, the Alabama Campers & Dancers. None of the other hard working and exceptionally dedicated officers were willing to give up their positions, so the vacant Office of Vice President was thrust on Roy and Priscilla, and they accepted graciously. Roy is full of great ideas for building our membership base and is challenged with coordinating all our 000 (Members at Large). For those of you who complain that they just can't dance any more, you need to tell that to Priscilla. If you don't know her yet, you'll understand my comments when you meet her.

Other than looking forward to the Christmas season, I'm sure everyone is also looking forward to next year's International Camporee in Shreveport, Louisiana. The last Camporee we had in Louisiana was in Rayne in 2021 and was not well attended. Too many of you felt it was too hot in Louisiana in the summer. Had you been there, you would have come close to freezing in the extremely well air-conditioned hall we danced in. I expect similar comforts in Shreveport since the SOUTH is better at air-conditioning than many of you experience in the northern states that may not even have AC whenever it gets too hot. The really great feature of Shreveport is that we'll be using the same campground that the NSDC will be using, which means no moving your camper if you stay for both conventions. We'll have more details of the combined registration process in the next *TIMES* publication or by special notice before the end of the year. The other great news is that the hall the campers will be using for our dances will be made available by the NSDC until the end of the NSDC on Saturday, June 28th. We will be able to have nightly afterparties in the campground, so that if you're not completely worn out, you can dance your tail off and socialize with the

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Welcome new Vice Presidents Roy Huddleston & Priscilla Newton

Hello everybody. As new members to the NSDCA Board of Directors, we are interested in helping our membership grow.

About us: Priscilla belongs to three different square dance clubs and is an officer at T Squares. She is also a member of the Alabama Square and Round Dance Association (ASARDA) and the Birmingham Square Dance Association (BSDA). She started square dancing in 2008 and joined NSDCA Chapter #152, Alabama Campers & Dancers, in 2018. Roy is a member of two clubs and the Chair of the BSDA Building Operations Committee. Roy started square dancing in 2018 and then joined NSDCA Chapter #152.



We are hoping to promote interaction with all NSDCA members to encourage you to expand square dancing in general, with a focus on NSDCA membership.

We are looking forward to the 67th International NSDCA Camporee and the 74th National Square Dance Convention, both in Shreveport, LA.

See you in a square somewhere. Thanks,
Priscilla and Roy

New Tri-Fold Brochure

We want everyone to know there is a brand-new tri-fold brochure available for you to use and distribute whenever you attend any of your non-NSDCA dances and events. Download it from the NSDCA website (www.NSDCA.org) under “Home/About Us” and print as many as you like. The brochure also comes with a new feature: a QR code. You’ve probably encountered this graphic many places you visited or shopped. All you need to do is use your cellphone camera and prepare to take a picture of it. As soon as the phone camera sees the pattern, it should give you some options. If you then touch the link that comes up, it should take you directly to the NSDCA website.





Tricia & Neal Chartier



Neal and I can hardly believe we have been on the NSDCA National Board as your Secretaries for a whole year now.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Ruth and Ozzie (Chuck) Osborn when they stepped down as our Association's Vice Presidents. But now we are thrilled to welcome Roy Huddleston and Priscilla Newton from Alabama as our new Vice Presidents. It's nice to have new blood on the Board; it brings new energy. They will be a great addition to our organization!

As you are sending in your renewals and election of officers paperwork (Yes, they are due - please don't wait 'till the end of the year!) to save on paper and printing. Please remember that you can go online and fill out the forms and that all of our on-line forms are fillable! A big shout out to Susan Wolford for making that happen. Save the documents to your computer, then send me an email and attach the documents. Then all you need to do is mail me a check. Very easy, and if you are Susan Wolford, she would just have the bank cut and mail the check!

It's extremely helpful if you can start getting these forms to us so that membership chair Kathy Nickel has time to get everything ready for her mailings. As you get to know me you will find out that I LOVE to travel, and when I get a chance to go, this girl is gone! Neal and I took two square dance cruises this year. In February, Neal and I were on the "big one" with close to 600 dancers. As you will learn, Neal loves to play the slots in the casino. So I told Neal to pretend to be me and use my sea pass card and go play, and they will think it's me. So now I'm on a cruise in Canada with a girlfriend; it's a wee bit chilly. I have had to learn to play roulette as this cruise was almost free. So I am going every night and playing so I keep getting these amazing deals! Today I took a lobster boil class, and the lobster was amazing. We head back to Boston on Sunday. Neal's niece lives just outside Boston; she has taken three days off to hang out with me before my real estate conference starts. I'm so excited that she is going to take me to a square dance at MIT.

Tricia & Neal



Susan & Don Wolford



Where has the summer gone? I'm sure that is everyone's question. Time flies when you're having fun, eh? We sold our Gunterville home and moved into much smaller quarters; now instead of two steps to get into the house, we have 20 steps to get into our home. That task accomplished, now we lock the door and head to Florida for the winter.

The Florida State Organization (FANSDC) put on a great Florida State Camporee at the end of October in Eustis, Florida. The theme was *Back to the Future*, and the callers had fun with the theme. We danced six squares on the floor. It was fun to join with the Florida NSDCA camping clubs for dancing, fun and fellowship.

As we are nearing year-end, remember to send in your Chapter renewals. Also, send in any changes to your address, whether you have moved or if you have a winter address. It costs NSDCA close to \$2.50 when a *TIMES* newsletter is returned because it could not be delivered due to a bad address. We want to avoid having to pay these additional postage fees due to inability to deliver a *TIMES* newsletter. Plus, we want you to receive your *TIMES* newsletter in a timely manner so you can read all the exciting news of the different Chapters.

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

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

Don & Susan





Kathy Nickel Membership Secretary



Hi! What a wonderful and fun Summer and Fall of camping we had. The camping season here in Wisconsin was near perfect this year. We have such a short camping timeframe, but the weather was very supportive for us. It was hard to hear of all the weather issues that a lot of our southern NSDCA campers experienced. We wish all of you the best in your recovery and hope you can enjoy Camping and Dancing again.

Don't forget, it is time to get your 2025 NSDCA Renewals in. It really helps if you can submit them as early as possible so I can have them processed by the first of the year. I have started receiving some already, so *Thank You* to our early birds. Remember the deadline is the end of December.

Please don't forget to let me know if you are going to be wintering in another location. I can send your *TIMES* newsletter directly to you, as the Post Office will no longer forward them. It is an easy process for me once I receive your Winter address and timeframe. We have really been doing a great job with keeping the number of returned newsletters to just a few, so KUDOs to all of you for your help.

Also, I have been starting to get updates on Chapter Officers. This is important to keep us updated as to the Officers of your Chapter. There is a form "Elected Officers of Chapter" on the NSDCA Website, www.nsdca.org for you to fill out. Look at the green menu bar, find "Forms & FAQ" and then choose "Forms." You'll find the form "Elected Officers of Chapter" about halfway down the page.

Don't forget to register early for our 2025 International Camporee, which is going to be held in Shreveport, LA from June 19 to 21. It is always such a fun time and I look forward to meeting all of you and putting a face to a name.

Happy Camping and Dancing!

Kathy Nickel
Membership Secretary

State & Area Representatives' Reports

Illinois State Representative

At a recent Illinois State Board of Directors meeting John and Liz Hand were elected State Vice President. Congratulations! John and Liz were elected to the BOD at the 2024 Illinois State camporee and are representatives to the BOD from Chapter 123.

Chapter 014 representative (and State Secretary) Cherie Arch distributed promotions packets including the registration forms for the 2025 Illinois State Camporee, while Bob Asp gave an update on the situation with the fairgrounds and their increased charges. Plans are in motion for another great state camporee, which will be held June 6-8, 2025 at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Pecatonica, IL. There will be a choice of 30 amp and 50 amp electricity, with the cost adjusted accordingly. A 'Brat & Hot Dog' dinner (with all the trimmings) will be available for purchase on Friday night, and a Continental breakfast Sunday morning. Mark your calendar and PLAN TO ATTEND. Registrations are due by 5/5/2025. The registration form will be in a future NSDCA *TIMES* newsletter. Questions? Contact Bob Asp by phone at 815-262-9080 or by email at cinda.asp@gmail.com.

At this same meeting State President Dan and Marian Hatfield, Chapter 196, gave the final report on the 2024 Illinois State Camporee held in Rossville, IN in June. From all reports it was a great camporee and a fanatical success. Thanks to Chapter 196 for chairing the 2024 State Camporee. Other chapters represented at the BOD meeting included 044, 066, and 123.

Speaking of 123, their last campout of the season was supposed to start in a campground in Pontiac, IL and end a week later at another in Springfield, IL as they traveled from one to the other via a portion of US Route 66. What a unique idea! Unfortunately this was deferred, but it has been rescheduled for 2025.

Also in October, 196 again held their campout in Rockville, IN at the Parke County 4H Fairgrounds. This has become an annual location for them as they, for the 3rd time, danced on the Mecca Bridge the first weekend of the area's Covered Bridge Festival, bringing back an old tradition that had been missing for 19 years before 196 revived the tradition (see the 'Chapter Chat' on page 23).

I am sure everyone realizes camping season is over for those of us who live in Illinois. The RVs are winterized, unless those who are "snowbirds" will be leaving for warmer winter climate before the worst of our weather sets in. Wishing all NSDCA members great holidays, an enjoyable healthy winter season, and safe travels if and when you hit the road.

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Florida State Representative

After many years of service as Florida's State Representative, Mary and John Burzo are stepping down. They have been faithful members, and we so appreciate them.

My name is Laura Ramsey, and I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am a 6th generation Floridian who never saw a decent snowfall until five years ago at age 63. My husband, Dennis Ramsey, is originally an Oregonian, but moved to Florida almost 30 years ago to be closer to his sister. Dennis had been a square dancer earlier in his life, but I was a total newbie when my school system co-worker Helen Williams told me her brother, Bill Chesnut, called for a weekly club called the Moose Promenaders. That was 10 years ago, and it changed my life.

It is so gratifying to belong to our group of dancers - a circle of friends. This feeling of belonging to a group just warms my soul. We were "adopted" by others who just wanted us to become the best dancers we could and kept us from making error after error until it became second nature. Our circle expanded when we joined a second dancing club, and then we learned about square dancing camping: Square Wheels, Chapter 128. We are hooked!

Pulling our 5th wheel, and often accompanied by our Rottweiler, Scarlett, we travel with our Chapter for 10 months of the year to our area campgrounds, enjoying the camaraderie, the campfires (thanks to Ron Imus and crew), the visits to local restaurants (I love good food!), the chance to play board games, crafts, golf, visit flea markets and cunning gift shops.

If you happen to see me/us please come and say hello. I won't learn your name the first time because that is not my strength, but I will enjoy your company. I am one of the few multi-colored hair members; blue and purple right now, but subject to change depending on my hair-dresser.

I look forward to this opportunity to widen my circle of friends. God bless each and every one of us, including those we have lost during the past year. See you on the road!



Laura Ramsey; ramseydp@comcast.net; 904 463-7004.



NSDCA Publicity Director

Ok, so you never know when the opportunity to talk about NSDCA is going to show up. SOOO, you have to be ready.

One of my other responsibilities is being the President of the Peoria Herb Guild and one of those opportunities was that we were having an event in the Luthy Gardens at the Peoria Park Zoo. We had sent out some invites to local celebrities and members of the news media in the local area, hoping to get a response to talk up the Herb Guild.

It was a 2 to 4 PM event on a really nice Sunday afternoon in October, the weather was perfect, the Herb Garden that we maintain looked lovely and we were celebrating adding some beautiful benches to the quadrant of the Herb Garden. Around 3 PM or so, a young couple showed up and said that they had been invited through his work, and they just loved the garden and how peaceful it was. They joined the group and of course, I went to speak to them.

It turned out he worked for the local Public Broadcasting Television Station. He wasn't in the production division—more in the 'let's find some money' side—but all in all an interesting fellow.

He stated that he didn't know about the Herb Guild and said that the TV station had a program for 'Oddities in the Area.' I asked what would qualify as an oddity and his response was, "Well, something that is not readily recognized as existing." I replied, "Like square dance camping?" They BOTH said, "They still square dance?" And that started the ball rolling; we are working to get the cameras and interviews about square dancing at a local brick and mortar dance very soon. I also have plans for them to visit one of our campouts next year to discuss the great marriage of square dancing and camping.

I wonder if your local PBS TV station would like to have a program on your Chapter?

So, be ready, be open, and don't worry about what others think of you. As a matter of fact, I have a great motto that I use: I used to worry about what others thought of me, until I realized how seldom they do!

So, quit worrying about if someone will be offended by you talking about NSDCA, Square Dancing or BOTH! Those that would love to join will hug you, the others, well, that's on them.

I have a seen a hat that says, "I'm retired and have time to talk about it!" All of us should have a hat that says, "I Square Dance Camp and have lots of time to talk about it!"

I'll check with Membership for the count and place the order. We can bill NSDCA presidents John & Dolly Ide; they'll understand!

Bill & Kitty Baker, grandebill@grics.net



001 Garden State Square Dance Campers; New Jersey

Our August campout was to Appalachian Camping Resort. We had some weather remnants of hurricane Debbie. Saturday and Sunday were mild and windy weather reaching 80 degrees. Our caller was Mark Franks, who came with his wife, Cheryl. We had one to two squares on the floor during the weekend. Mark went over these calls from different positions; *Explode the Wave*, *Zoom*, and *Split Circulate* at our workshop on Saturday. Our club enjoyed a delicious rib dinner made by the owner of the campground café. It was enjoyed by all, and we look forward to what they will fix for us in our 2025 summer of dancing there.



In September we were at Otter Lake RV Resort. Our caller was Betsy Gotta, who came with her husband, Roy. Roy danced with us that weekend, mostly as the “girl” part because we were short on women, which was very unusual. At our workshop on Saturday, we practiced *Relay the Deucey* from different waves, *Trade the Wave*, and *Turn Through*. Saturday afternoon we played corn hole. Russell and Dennis were the big winners and Howard and Jessica came in second. Five of us played Mexican train and Jane was the big winner.

Most of us have winterized our trailers and are dreaming of our next camping/dancing season in the Spring of 2025.

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

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Winter/Holiday season. May you all be blessed.

A Big Yellow Rock to ALL!

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014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers; Illinois

The Thomson Causeway in Thomson, IL never disappoints in sunsets or the moon rising across the Mighty

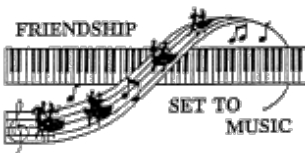
Mississippi. For our September campout, our group went to the local Poopy's Biker Bar & Grill for great food and entertaining ambiance. Heritage Canyon was also a visited spot; an old time settlement with plenty of history. Plans are also underway for hosting the Illinois State Camporee in Pecatonica in June 2025. We can't wait for you to join us for



dancing, food, crafts, and of course the fire and fellowship. We also have some special campouts coming for next year. Please be our guest at the camper, in a square, share some food or pull up a chair. We welcome you! Have a great winter, see you in the spring!

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

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031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin

Our last campout was at Token Creek in early September. Our normal activity lineup changed due to the 50th anniversary celebration of our fellow Badger Rovers, Dan and Mary Albright. We enjoyed a Saturday afternoon of square dancing and good company. The photos below show: (top) Look at our growing numbers!; (bottom left) our Saturday fall donut breakfast; and



(bottom right) our Sunday farewell brunch.

Sharon Schmidt and David Lust; 608-289-7582

044 Illiana Square Wheelers; Illinois/Indiana

As our age increases (thank goodness) our membership decreases (unfortunate, but true) however we still hold the Chapter open, always with the hope of getting a lot of new members so our history will carry on.

Our spring/summer get together with former members was AS ALWAYS a super time. Now that fall and winter are upon us plans are in the works for another get together.

We wish all the best holidays ever and a safe, warm winter.

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



106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania

Kielbasa, sausage or hot dogs? Your choice! Some of the members of Square Up Campers are open-fire roasting their delights at the Ferryboat Campground in Liverpool, Pennsylvania (below). After campground church services, our groups gathers for a potluck lunch. So many home-made goodies and summer garden delights to choose from! After a weekend of dancing, game playing and fellowship, we will be ready to depart with full tummies. Come and join our group some weekend!



Kathy Engel; kathy@kuhncom.net

116 Camping Squares; Kansas

Our camping season is over for the year and we had a wonderful time this season. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our August campout due to excessive heat and illnesses.

We had some attend the Nebraska State Convention in



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September and it is always fun. Our October campout was cancelled due to the campground in Hesston being closed. Instead, we drove to the Hesston club dance for a visitation and had a great time!

On October 9, we had our annual meeting and dinner at a local restaurant. We had a good turnout of members and had fun along with a good meal. We’ll be having our Thanksgiving winter party at a restaurant in November plus one gathering each month through February.

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

Happy Holidays to you all!

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

119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

Summer is almost gone!!!

Well, the calendar says it is gone, but it feels a lot like summer is still with us. This year has been very dry, and we have had many wildfires!

Our club seems to be slowing down on campouts. We did meet up in Laramie for the Memorial Day weekend. Always lots of dancing and eating of course; we do have a lot of very good cooks!



In August we traveled up to Glenrock, Wyoming, for the annual Shepherders Rendezvous festival, which celebrates the history and culture of sheep herding in the region. The event features sheep wagon viewings, an alpaca show, Dutch oven cooking, food concessions, unique vendors, spinners and weavers, sheep industry history, blacksmith demos, dog trial demos, and music. Around 20 wagons attended the event, with owners from Idaho, Nebraska, Kansas, and Wyoming.

The hosts prepared lamb stew for Friday night’s dinner; on Saturday

they grilled lamb burgers and on Saturday night they prepared roast lamb.

What a great way to introduce us all to the meat side of the sheep. My husband, Gary, and I both enjoyed it very much and will purchase lamb in the future.

As I remember, there was always someone performing some kind of music. It was all very entertaining, and I would love to see all of them again!

Saturday afternoon, Dave Guille called a square dance and then we all brought eager bystanders in to do a little dancing with us. Dave is so good at introducing a few calls that let the newbies know that they are dancing!!!

All in all, a very great weekend and I would love to go again next year!

Coming up in November we will have a potluck meeting in Cheyenne.

It will be good to be together again, and of course there is always the great food! We will be voting for the officers and planning the calendar for next year. Yes, that is approaching very fast!!!

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

Nell Coffey; 303-823-6096

123 Swing-N-Travelers; Illinois

As I reported in the last Chat, we finished all our campouts with rain sometime during our stay at each campground. Again, I can easily say that we never felt our camping was ruined because of the rain. Also, the farmers were shouting their hurrahs for the rain.



With one couple hosting the August campout, the three days there were some of our best, as John & Liz Hand greeted us with a welcome package with goodies. Only, fourteen enjoyed the time at Friend's Creek Campground in Cisco, Illinois. Since we had not been there in several years, we felt very welcome there as the camp host really tried to make our time special for us and apologized to us when they had to change the pavilion to another one with someone removing our tablecloths which were not retrievable as they were in a dumpster. Because of the chill in the air the first evening, the Bakers put up a Quick Set Clam with a round table they bring with them so some of us could play games instead of sitting around the fire. Our first pavilion had a fireplace which turned out excellent as it was chilly and raining hard when we had a meeting the next morning. For games, we had a card game of 'Rats' and one of 'Wizard' where Sam & Liz Hand gave prizes for getting the Gold, Silver and Bronze, as the Olympics had been going on at this time. Also, most of the women tried their skill in beading

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which they produced some beautiful bracelets. While some went to Lincoln to square dance, the rest sat in the pavilion and enjoying the fire. Someone mentioned hot dogs, so everyone seemed to come up with them to roast over our fire and leftovers from the noon meal was brought out also. What a great evening for everyone whether they danced with Ron Betzelberger or stayed at the campground and had hot dogs.

As we had no committee for the September campout, Bill Baker worked up an agenda which could be changed. Our numbers were really down as we only had 13 for this trip, but we all seemed to enjoy ourselves anyway. Except for the meeting, which was held by the fire, all of our activities were inside this time as we were at Arrowhead Acres, where they have an area where we can all be together with the building nearby. No games were planned so the choice was the card game ‘Rats.’ Then some enjoyed going to Lincoln to square dance again while the others reminiscing around the fire. I know I enjoyed stories from the “old days” when their children were young and square dancing.

Al & Charlene Fahsbender and Dave & Mary Bruun were in charge of our October trip, which was planned back in October of last year where we were going to enjoy some of the sites along Route 66. But due to many not able to attend, it was decided to cancel the trip all together. Hopefully, we can do it this next year, only not in October. Unfortunately, we could not have our final goodbye to everyone as many are leaving for the winter.

Sadly, 16 square dancers went to a celebration of life for (Norma) Sue Mayer in Springfield, Illinois in September. Sue & her husband, Ron and their oldest daughter, Kelli, loved coming to the campouts. This wonderful woman will be greatly missed. She is featured in “We Remember Our Friends” on page 44 this issue.

Janet Bowman; cabjcb2@gmail.com

128 Square Wheels; Florida

We had an excellent turnout for our Square Wheels September camping trip. Many members of Square Wheels were introduced to Mike and Wendy who retired from New Hampshire. It is always good to have new friends who hopefully will become full-fledged members.



Friday’s evening dance was more casual, and as usual we met for a brown bag dinner beforehand. Caller Bill Chesnut and Cuer Susan Snider kept the crowd on their feet. An associ-

ate member of our Chapter won the 50-50 drawing; hooray for her!

Saturday morning began with our annual membership meeting. Even though he was under the weather, Tim Hill and co-president Angela Brown rapidly went through the agenda, but two points are important and need saying now: our current Board is now serving their 5th year in these positions; we need new blood for next year. We also had a few members who missed our camping weekend due to health issues, and we hope everyone is soon on the mend.

Saturday afternoon saw a group of 30 of us descended upon the local Cracker Barrel restaurant. Our servers were good at their jobs. Leftovers made a good lunch the next day for some of us. At one point Saturday night, Susan had at least eight couples round dancing. Bill kept us on our toes, including advanced calls at the end of both regular dances; fun to watch. Our afterparties were small but fun.

October 24-26 saw us celebrating our 48th State NSDCA Camporee. Chairmen Debbie and Wayne Miller and co-Chairs Laura and Marshall Blick organized a terrific weekend with the theme *Back to the Future*. On Thursday night we were asked to wear outfits that reflected a particu-



lar past time: mid-1880s (Old West), the 1950s or 1985 (as a *Back to the Future* character). Our after party, organized by the Imus crew, saw us at a campfire ringed by more than 50 folks, many consuming s'mores.

Friday saw us playing golf, playing board games, visiting a really cool gift shop and also relaxing. So many of us gathered at a restaurant to dine - with the one and only server assigned to us - we basically overwhelmed the place, thus we were late beginning the Saturday evening festivities. We still had a super time. The afterparty included apple pie.

Saturday began with crafting a case out of neckties. We also had our annual "Treasure Hunters" yard sale. Saturday afternoon was the FANSDC general meeting, preceded by a Sloppy Joe lunch (as encouragement to attend the meeting; it obviously worked as attendance was great!) We had a moment of silence for our members who have passed this year: Ted Hughes (caller #018), Ron Reardon (caller #082), Sam Dunn (caller #193) and Ivan Hadsall (#128), all greatly missed.

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Saturday evening was our sit-down Italian dinner, coordinated by Dolly Ide and crew. After the dancing we were served root beer floats and entertained by playing trivia, coordinated by Laura Ramsey. The folks who attended may be able to tell you who was the president of the USA who walked on stilts along with his entire family.

Sunday, John Ide led a worship service for those who weren’t rushing to get back home.

We had almost 80 people in attendance at the camporee! Square Wheels added three new couples to our membership: Audrey and Bruce, who will be newlyweds before the New Year; Ed and Glenda, who recently came to Florida from California; and we welcomed back Mike and Wendy, who we first saw at our September campout. Lou and Josefina join us from Tallahassee, which makes them the visitors who traveled the furthest, I think.

Laura Ramsey, Secretary; ramseydp@comcast.net

153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

In October, #153 went *Back to the Future* to Southern Palms RV in Eustis, where we attended the FANSDC Florida State Camporee. All progressed so smoothly and we had loads of fabulous fun and vivacious visiting while catching up in conversations with those we had not seen all summer long. In addition to all that, we had dazzling dancers swinging, promenading, and strutting their stuff to clever, competent, and even some comical callers and cuers who just added to the fun and festivity. In other words, we had a great time y’all! So, if you missed it, come join us friendly Floridians for the *Wild Jungle Safari* FANSDC 49th State Camporee October 23-25, 2025! You can find the Flyer and Registration Forms on www.fansdc.net.



For the patch of Strawberries who could stay, we remained at Southern Palms for our Chapter 153 October campout. Sunday was our business meeting followed by games and puzzle time and a potluck supper before the evening dance. We had two squares the first night because two guests remained with us after the state camporee. Some people had to leave Monday so it became an ‘upside-down’ day. The dance was in the morning, then a ‘Walking Taco’ lunch with ice cream for dessert; a 1,000-piece puzzle was started in the afternoon; dinner at the Mason Jar and then a return to camp to complete the puzzle for an evening of friendly fellowship before parting ways the next morning. Our next campout will be December 6-8, at Red Oaks RV, Bushnell, FL. For our complete camping schedule, visit the NSDCA website or www.fansdc.net

and then click on Chapter 153 Strawberry Travelers. Cool camping & Happy Trails.

Trucy Rogers; trucy.rogers56@gmail.com

C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada

The Gypsies have wrapped another successful camping season. Here is a synopsis of our last three months of dancing and camping:



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 had our monthly meeting after the Saturday dance and we received a certificate from NSDCA recognizing that the club is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. We finished up the day with a hamburger and sausage barbecue and a campfire.

August again presented us with some challenging weather: sunshine and then a few drenching rainstorms. At one point the grassy areas where most of the campers had parked their rigs squelched with excess water! We persevered and enjoyed dances on Friday night and Saturday. The corn boil and hotdogs on Saturday night were a great success. Plans were put in place for the September weekend 30th Anniversary celebration.



We had a wonderful weekend this September to end our camping season. The weather was hot and sunny. We saw a few of our members

and former members that we hadn't seen for awhile when they came to dance on Saturday afternoon and joined us for a potluck supper to celebrate our anniversary. The festivities on Saturday began with a call from the Town Crier, George Williams.

Committees have been struck for the next year and plans for another busy summer will begin to take shape with our first campout being towards the end of May.



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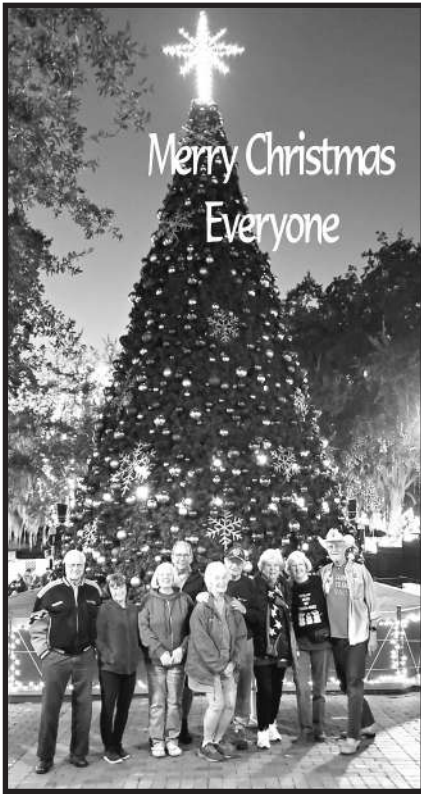
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Till next year!

Mary Anne Reinhard; mareinhard1@outlook.com; 613-838-5781
193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Hello Friends!

Yes, it’s Christmas time! Can you believe that 2024 is



about to come to an end. I imagine that you’re all saying just what we are – “Where in the world did 2024 go?” As I look back on the adventures of this past year, as a club we had some fun times, with a few bumps in the road when we had to cancel our May weekend and then in June lost our good friend and member, Caller Ted Hughes.



So, by September, we were thrilled to be back together camping and dancing once again, after all we had to get ready for the October Florida State Camporee, which had a *Back to the Future/80’s* theme. We tie-dyed shirts with neon paint and bought leg warmers to get that 80s look. It was quite a lot of fun to do.

Then October rolled in, and with it came Helene and Milton. If you don’t remember who they are, you probably don’t live in Florida or western North Carolina, where those two hurricanes left unspeakable damage in their wakes. Our October camping weekend got canceled due to the campground having quite a bit of damage and flooding. All was not lost totally, as the Florida State Camporee two weeks later was able to go on. What a great three days of fun and dancing, games and eating. Wish you all could have been there.

However, October wasn’t through with us yet and brought us great sadness again as our much-loved club member and former caller, Sam Dunn, was killed in a tragic auto accident. Sam was a great guy and talented caller; he helped our club out so many times and he was always a

delight to be with; always willing to do whatever was needed and always such a fun and gentle man. We all loved Sam and his beloved wiener service dog, Petey. His memory will have a special place in our hearts and those of many, many dancers and friends.

Now let's get ready to have a great time in Shreveport, Louisiana next year at our Associations 67th International NSDCA



Camporee. I hope you have gotten your registration form filled out and sent in. We have lots of great things planned, with a few surprises for you also. As we all continue get older and move slower, we really need to be promoting our great activity so that many more generations can also enjoy the fun and fellowship that Camping/Dancing brings with it. Now put on your thinking caps and come up with some ideas and suggestions to share at the Camporee. Remember, *YOU* are what make this organization so great!

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

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

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

We have one more outing as I write this. Some of us will be attending the Indiana State Convention at French Lick to finish out our season for this year. Others are already heading to warmer states in the southern part of the country and looking forward to reconnecting with our square dance friends in those areas.

It was a great season for us. We ventured into new territory this year with a trip to Sauder Village in Ohio. It was a fun experience for those that got to attend and very well planned by our hosts Don and Carol Graber. We will be going back in August of 2025; if you would like to join us, just send me an email for details. In September we went to Thorn-town, Indiana for a repeat of a festival we attended last year and really enjoyed. We went back to the same restaurant and it was just as good this year. Unfortunately this trip was a rainy one as you can see from the pho-

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to of Don and Ruth Gauck enjoying the campfire under their umbrellas.



The rest of the group was clustered under the canopy of one of the closest campers. We love our fellowship time with each other no matter what the weather!

Our most recent outing was back to the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival where we continued the tradition began many years ago by Gaylord Shull of Dancing at the Covered



Bridge in Mecca. Caller Janet Lewis graciously called and encouraged people visiting to join us in simple basic steps. Hopefully some will find a place near their hometowns to get further involved. The picture above includes the daughter of Gaylord, Kathy, in the front row in the sweater.

We are making plans to begin out camping outings in May 2025 at the Kentucky Horse Park and dance with clubs in that area. Our schedule will be posted here and on the website as soon as things are finalized by the Wagon Masters for each outing.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas Season and Happy New Year! You are always welcome around our campfires.

Karen Gerbers; dkgerbers@gmail.com; 260-403-4846

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.



67th Camporee update from the MooLady!!



As you might be thinking of your camping for next year, you might want to think of joining us in Shreveport for our International Camporee. Our Camporee starts before the 74th National Square Dance Convention that is also being held in Shreveport. If you join us, you can stay in the same full hook-up campsite for both events; we just need to know if you need 30 or 50 amp service.

Our Camporee starts Thursday, June 19th and ends on Saturday, June 21st. You'll probably will want to come in early, as our Trail-In dance will be June 18th. The local club in Shreveport is going to hold a Trail-In dance for the NSDC on Monday June 23rd, also at the Fairgrounds where our event is being held. The NSDC has been great in working with us; it's been delightful! NSDC has rented the 'Round Up' room for us at the Fairgrounds that we will get to use for free *after* our Camporee ends. So knowing me, I guess we are going to have potlucks every night! Since I am working with the NSDC, the thought is that maybe we can have afterparties so that the non-NSDCA campers can see what a fun bunch we are, and that they will want to join our amazing organization.

I'm pleased to report that we have some NSDCA members signed up to come to our Camporee that have never attended a Camporee before. But because we are doing it before the NSDC, they are also very excited to be able to attend both. That's thrilling!

Remember, if it's too hot for you to camp, just get yourself a hotel room and just come over to the Fairgrounds for the day and stay at the hotel in the evening. It won't be the same, but it will be the next best thing to having you there at the campground. So long as you come and have fun with us, that's all that really matters.

If you are coming, maybe think of a job that you might like to volunteer for during the Camporee weekend. More hands make everything run smoothly!

Tricia & Neal Chartier 414-807-4083 NSDCACamporee@gmail.com

Helpful Hints: A Common Electrical Issue

We recently paid another visit to the RV factory to have some work performed. While we were heading to Maine, the oven slid free from its mount (as it was never screwed into the cabinet frame when the unit was assembled) and the excess off-balanced weight cracked the countertop. The crack created an unlevel cooktop (making cooking a challenge) and countertop, the latter putting enough strain on the adhesive that was holding the sink to the countertop underside causing the sink to pop free! Needless to say, we were not happy campers.

The factory ended up giving us a new countertop and sink, and this time they ensured the oven was properly affixed to the cabinet so it would not slide out again. There were a few other odds and ends the factory was supposed to fix, one being a low-voltage indication that kept popping up on our 12V refrigerator. Beep, beep, beep; the error eventually clearing after a few moments. However, it was unnerving to hear the alarm while driving, and especially in the middle of the night while asleep (although one didn't remain asleep after the alarm!)

The factory did a good job fixing everything but the refrigerator; they said they could not reproduce the error. Of course, as soon as we left the factory the alarm started sounding again. By the time we hit Florida a hurricane was brewing that was due to hit the state, and while the path was unknown, the predicted cone took in our hometown. We were in the panhandle visiting a niece, intending just to stay the night and take her out for dinner, but we ended up remaining at the campground until the storm passed later that week; there was no reason to hurry home only to have to possibly evacuate again. The day we were originally intended to head home the refrigerator was at its worst: the low-voltage alarm would sound for five minutes, reset for one minute, and then sound again. We called the factory and sent them email, but were unsuccessful in reaching anyone. After about an hour I had enough, and started tracing the wiring to see if I could find a problem: I suspected a loose connection somewhere along the line.

After an hour of tracing the wiring back to the fuse box and an accessory power switch, I traced the refrigerator wiring to a space underneath a screwed-down cover under part of the dinette. There was a 12V busbar there, with lots of different wires connected. I knew what the wire looked like from the refrigerator, and its connection was the loosest of the bunch (yes, all the wire connections were loose). I tightened all of the wires down, and there hasn't been a peep (or a beep) from the refrigerator since.

Your RV, whether a bumper pull, fifth wheel or motorhome, experiences the shaking of an earthquake (or close to it) while driving down the highway. This is certainly enough to loosen anything after an extended period of vibration. Loose wires (typically the 120V variety) have

been known to cause fires either by sparking or heating up (due to increased resistance at the connector), and a fire in an RV is especially deadly due to lack of rapid egress (in spite of those emergency windows) and the flammability of the materials within the unit. As such, it is prudent to occasionally check your wiring connections, and not only the 12V ones.

The 120V outlets in an RV usually use pressed friction connections versus screws, but even these are not immune from working loose. Whenever working on 120V circuitry, always unplug your unit from shore power. Even though the RV's shore electrical supply is disconnected, I suggest you use insulated gloves when poking around the 120V circuitry, and it's a good habit to use for the 12V circuitry also. You should check each 120V and 12V outlet as well as the breaker box; the connections to the busbars, breakers and/or fuses could become loose.

Do not use Lok-Tite or any other material on a connector in an attempt to prevent the screw from loosening. As noted earlier, fires can be caused by resistive heating, and these 'foreign' materials in the circuit could contribute to a decrease in conductivity. Also, only hand-tighten the connectors, as using a device to increase your torque could result in stripped threads, exasperating the connectivity issue.

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STATE _____ CHAPTER # _____ HANDICAP

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DANCE INTERESTS (√ Interests)

Square Dance	Round Dance	Line Dance
<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 _____

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

Square Dance	Round Dance
<input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream	<input type="checkbox"/> Phase II
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Youth/Teen Dance Program Other

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

Caller Name _____
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and the FUN continues...

Once again, there were 18 correct entries identifying the location of our 2025 mascot who has been dubbed Allie Gator, our lost aquatic reptile. The Fall issue contest's winning 'invest-i-gators' were Marty & Frank Golden of Camping Squares of Kansas (116, KS). Congratulations to the Wagon Master for that Chapter; your 2025 NSDCA membership fee will be waived.

Some of the comments received about our lost gator were:

From Mike Gormley, #153: Although the ad says I can camp "right here," I am not so sure about that! Alberta Gunsell, #121, stated: The lost gator is being told to check out the camping area. If he is there camping, I am not sure how many of us will stay. Bill Baker, #123, wrote: It looks like he's chewing out the coupon about the 74th National Square Dance Convention; while Chet & Janet Bowman, #123, opined: Our dear gator is on page 31 down by the words camped right here! When we saw this, I was thinking this gator is smiling before he takes a bite out of the "c" in the word "camped".

Sally Foley, #014, said: Our little gator friend is helping promote the 74th convention, bottom right side of the page in the bottom of the box. Herb & Pat Edwards, #123, wrote: Allie Gator is on the bottom of page 31 helping everyone find their way to the Shreveport Convention Center for the 2025 NSDCA Convention. Mary Bruun, #123, wrote: I found "Ali Gator" on page 31 almost in the middle of the page of the 74th National Square Dance Convention (small ad lower left). She had read all the information about the 67th NSDCA International Camporee, how to order shirts, and attractions in the area of Shreveport, LA where the Camporee will be June 19, 20 & 21. She says, "Get your registrations in early." By the way, I think the alligator might be a girl. I've even named her.

Perennial punster Jim Sebesta, #045, commented: He's helping his friend hold up a note to pass bayou some information on the 74th National Square Dance Convention. At least it's an appropriately scaled note. It's not swamping us with too much information. Alligators are much harder to do wordplay on than cows. I actually looked up alligator jokes/puns on the internet for ideas. Most of what I found was very toothless. The best was the following: Why don't alligators eat fast-food? It's too hard to catch. But then again, a good pun is supposed to make you groan, not laugh. [True enough!]

Dwaine and Bert Dunn, #123, stated: Found lost gator on bottom of

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right corner of page 31 in sign for the 74th National Square Dance Convention; looks as if looking at which campground it wants to stay in. Debbie & Bill Cassidy, #128, wrote: She was obediently minding her friend who was advising her to ‘check this out.’ She did so and promptly booked the campsite and ordered Camporee T-shirts for her friends!

Steve & Winnie House, #193, said: Looks like our lost gator plans to camp with us all in Shreveport, since he’s sitting in the notice about camping at the bottom of the flyer on page 31. Last but not least, Carolyn Ueber, #128, wrote: I found the lost gator going the opposite direction to your sample. He’s going the wrong way because he wants to also experience the Nationals. Guess that’s why he looks so happy ... he can easily attend both events.

Please remember, the contest for the Chapter with the most submissions is not won solely on the number 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 of that Chapter. 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. We have more than 600 members and only a couple of percent make a submission, typically from the same Chapters. You can’t win if you don’t enter. And please remember, in order to win you must be a member in good standing (2025 dues should be

Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Pioneer (WI)	010	Harriet Roberts
Blackhawk Crosstrailers (IL)	014	Sally Foley
Penn-Dixie Square Campers (PA)	045	Jim Sebesta
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Mike Huddleson Marty & Frank Golden
Northwood Stompers (MI)	121	Alberta Gunsell
Swing ‘N’ Travelers (IL)	123	Dwayne & Bert Dunn Dave & Mary Bruun Pat Edwards Chet & Janet Bowman Bill & Kathy Baker Norma Schertz
Square Wheels (FL)	128	Carolyn Ueber Debbie & Bill Cassidy Karin & Dick Callender
Strawberry Travelers (FL)	153	Mike Gormley 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.



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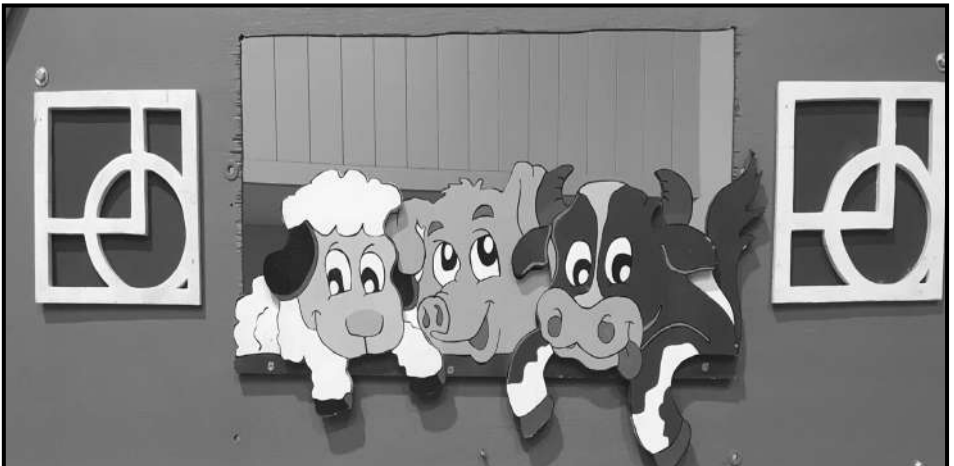
I've stated this before, and I'll state it many times in the future: This is *your* newsletter! Your contributions make it informative, educational and entertaining. Let me hear from you on the contest as well as other requests that have been made in the past.

Our 2025 International Camporee is being held in Louisiana, thus an alligator mascot. I'm certain you noticed an alligator in the list of contest submissions on the previous page by the members of Chapter 123 than made contest submissions. Let's get this gator back on track—headed to Shreveport—before she (and it appears our gator is a *she*, based on the name that correspondents have given: Ali Gator or Allie Gator) 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 January 31, 2025). 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!



NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



Well, this might be the Winter issue, but as I write this in early November, the temperatures are hovering in the low 80s. At the moment it looks as if our part of Florida will be spared another hurricane, although one is currently brewing in the Gulf of Mexico and apparently headed for Louisiana; who knows if another will develop before the end of the season and threaten the US once again? Since hurricanes can't read, how do they know when they are not supposed to form, anyway? There have been a few in recent years that have developed in December, after the end of the hurricane season has officially ended. Such is one of the perils of living in Florida, or anywhere along the coast for that matter. And with the recent October storms, even areas inland are not safe. We hope that those that were adversely impacted by Helene or Milton are now secure and receiving support from government and area agencies.

We have voluntarily evacuated in years past, sometimes unnecessarily so – but we believe it's better to be safe than sorry. This year we hadn't made it home yet from travels in the north when Milton struck, so we just hunkered down while still on the road and waited the storm out. Fortunately, our only issue at home was a yard full of a lot of tree debris (limbs, leaves and moss).

That's another reason why owning an RV is beneficial: you can possibly 'escape' your local environment (for a while, anyway) and experience another area of the country – preferably during a period of clement weather in that other location. As an added benefit, you get to sightsee, experience different foods and cultural events (e.g., Mardi Gras) and maybe even square dance. While we don't always succeed in finding a dance when we are on the road, we do look for NSDCA campout events along the route we plan to travel. The 'traveling map' feature of the campouts list (the small rectangular button next to "Visit Campouts" that says 'Maps' on the 'Campouts' page of the NSDCA website) helps us see where and when various campouts are occurring. It doesn't give the details of who to contact, but it does show you where the event is being held, and provides enough details for you to look up the appropriate Chapter to contact on the page where you found that button so you can get more information.

While I have no scientific studies to quote regarding the health benefits of square dancing, I know several 90+ year-olds who can possibly attribute some of their longevity to the continued involvement in this activity (in addition to having good genes). One example is a friend of ours with whom we square dance with at the local brick and mortar club in Maine. She was also a member of NSDCA Chapter 089 (Bicentennial Squares) when she and her husband camped. So please take advantage of the tools provided by the NSDCA (and other websites, such as [WheresTheDance](#))

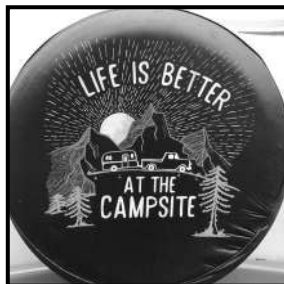
to remain involved wherever you travel.

Changing gears, I wish to remind all correspondents to be sure to include the Chapter number (and name, if possible) along with any email or snail mail sent to any NSDCA officer or staff member, including yours truly. I often receive submissions for the 'Lost Camper/Cow/Gator' contest without any indication of Chapter association, slowing down the process of logging the entry (remember, you must be a member in good standing to win). Also, anyone sending a photo to me should provide it as an attachment to the email versus embedding it within the body of the text. If sending the photo from your phone, please do not have your email program compress the image; I need it 'full strength' to ensure it will reproduce well in the newsletter. Just as a hint, photos garnered from Facebook are typically already compressed by that platform and do not yield a high quality image when reproduced in the *TIMES*; please try to find the original that was posted and send me that one.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, please keep our Membership Chair, Kathy Nickel, aware of your physical location. This is important as she provides the information given to the mailing facility for distribution of the *TIMES* newsletter. The USPS does not forward non-profit material due to the price break we receive for the initial mailing, and it costs your Association several dollars to have the undeliverable newsletter returned to us. Kathy's email may be found along with other Staff members' contact information on page 47 of this issue, as well as on the NSDCA website.

Lastly, please respond to information requests from our Board. You can email them your thoughts on the topics they ask about. I know we are constantly bombarded by others, such as stores and your medical providers to regularly provide feedback on their services and how well they did, but our Board really needs to hear what our membership has to say about certain topics; they don't like making decisions in a vacuum. If you do not wish to write directly to a Board member, please feel free to send your comments/suggestions/feedback to me, and I will pass them along. I often do this for members that are relocating to a different address; they notify me and I pass the information along to Kathy.

Here's to a safe, happy and healthy holiday season – whichever holiday you celebrate.



Baked Egg Rolls

Ingredients (Egg Rolls):

- 1 Tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 0.125 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 20 egg roll wrappers (Frieda's brand)
- 1/2 tsp sesame seeds
- 8 oz 85% lean ground turkey
- 2—16 oz. bags of tri-color coleslaw
- 1 Tbsp G. Hughes sugar-free Teriyaki Marinade
- 2/3 cup, chopped onion
- 1/2 tsp vegetable oil (canola)
- 1 can spray oil (e.g., Pam)
- 2 green onions (chopped green parts; hold a little aside for the sauce)



Courtesy of Carolyn Shacter (128)

Steps:

- 1) Heat vegetable oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat.
- 2) Add onion, ginger, garlic and ground turkey.
- 3) Cook, breaking up turkey into small pieces until turkey is cooked.
- 4) Remove from heat and add soy sauce and marinade.
- 5) Stir and let cool.
- 6) Lay out egg roll wraps on wax paper on countertop.
- 7) Put a small amount of turkey mixture on each egg roll wrap.
- 8) Follow with a handful of cabbage and a sprinkling of green onion.
- 9) Use a pastry brush and dab water on all four corners of the egg roll wrap.
- 10) Using the corners, fold each egg roll wrap into a square.
- 11) Spray the tops of the egg roll wraps with oil and sprinkle a few sesame seeds on each.
- 12) Preheat oven to 425°F; bake for 18 minutes or until golden brown.
- 13) Serve with sauce (below).

Ingredients (Sauce):

- 2 Tbsp, G. Hughes sugar-free Teriyaki Marinade
- 1/2 cup, unsalted chicken stock
- 1 packet stevia (or your favorite sugar-free sweetener)
- 1/2 tsp pure sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 0.25 tsp ground ginger
- 2 tsp lemon juice (e.g., Real Lemon)

Steps:

- 1) Place all the ingredients listed above in a bowl.
- 2) Stirred well.
- 3) Modify ingredient amounts based on taste.
- 4) Serve sauce over baked egg rolls (I let each person do their own, to taste).

Nutritional information on the continuation page.

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Chapter Campouts

The following listings were last updated on November 1, 2024. The start day for the events listed is Friday unless otherwise noted. Please check with the campout contact(s) to confirm the status of the event before making your plans to attend, as sometimes a Chapter's plans change. Also remember an up-to-date list may be found on the NSDCA website. Thank you.

- 2024 -

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. They will honor Passport America for 3 days. If staying longer than 3 days, additional days will be at \$52/night.
- You must call campground to make your reservation. Any deposit will not be refunded but will be honored for future reservation within a year.
- All activities are in the "Friendship Hall".

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

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Red Oaks RV Park

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

- Rally Rate: \$39/night
- Susan Wolford; 256-673-0170; 2susanwolf@gmail.com



- 2025 -

Thursday January 16 → January 18

193 RoadRunner Squares: Florida

The Center at Deltona

1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd; Deltona, FL; 386-736-5953

Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

- Make your own reservations and then let Tom (contact information below) know you are coming.

Tom Biehn; 757-672-0069 or rtb6273@gmail.com

January 17 → January 18

128 Square Wheels: Florida

The Center at Deltona

1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd; Deltona, FL
Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

- See flyer (<https://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/index.html>) for directions and details (look down on page for blue oval ****NEW**** containing camping information).
- Trail-End Dance also at The Center, Thursday, January 16.

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Thursday February 13 → February 16

193 RoadRunner Squares: Florida

Red Oaks RV Park

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

- Make your own reservations and then let Tom (see below) know you are coming. Tom Biehn; 757-672-0069 or rtb6273@gmail.com

February 14 → February 15

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Eagle Roost RV Resort

5465 Mill Store Rd, Lake Park, GA; 229-559-5192

- Rally rate is \$38.34/night including all taxes.
- Make your own reservations; deposit required.
- They also have cabins to rent.

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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

Thursday March 06 → March 09

193 RoadRunner Squares: Florida

Hammondell Campsites and RV Park

5601 Cypress Gardens Rd, Winter Haven, FL; 863-324-5775

- Make your own reservations and then let Tom (see below) know you are coming. Tom Biehn; 757-672-0069 or rtb6273@gmail.com

March 14 → March 15

128 Square Wheels: Florida

The Springs RV Resort

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

- Rally rate is \$46.80/night. They will honor Passport America for 3 days. If staying more than 3 days, rate is \$52/night.
- All activities are in the "Friendship Hall".
- You must call the campground to make reservations; a deposit is required.

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Chapter Campouts—continued

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April 4 → April 5

153 Strawberry Travelers: Florida

Strawberry Square Mobile Home Park
4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL

- Rally Rate varies based on accommodation type.
- Accommodations available: Berm / Camper Lot / Park Model
- Call Susan, 256-673-0170, for reservation.

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

Thursday April 10 → April 13

193 RoadRunner Squares: Florida

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

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

- Make your own reservations and then let Tom (see below) know you are coming.
- Tom Biehn; 757-672-0069 or rtb6273@gmail.com

April 25 → April 26

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park

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

- Normal rate is \$20/night, but FL seniors charged only \$10/night, plus \$6.70 reservation fee and \$7/night for electricity.

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

May 2 → May 4

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

White Oak Campground

3156 White Oak Rd, Quarryville, PA; 717-687-6207

- You must call the campground to make a reservation.
- We are joining the Square Up Campers, #106.

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

Thursday May 8 → May 11

193 RoadRunner Squares: Florida

Bonnet Lake Campgrounds

2825 State Road 17 S; Avon Park, FL; 863-385-3700

- Make your own reservations and then let Tom (see below) know you are coming.
- Tom Biehn; 757-672-0069 or rtb6273@gmail.com

May 16 → May 17

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Southern Oaks RV Resort

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

- Rally rate is \$40/night. Rate also valid two days before and after rally.
- Call to make your own reservations.

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June 13 → June 15

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

Appalachian RV Campground

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

- Caller Dave Black

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

Thursday June 19 → June 21

♥♥♥ 67th International NSDCA Camporee ♥♥♥

Shreveport Fairgrounds

3701 Hudson Ave; Shreveport, LA

67th NSDCA International Camporee

- See <http://nsdca.org/camporees.php> for registration form and other details.
- If going to the 74th NSDC, you can stay in your same camping spot.

Tricia Chartier; 414-807-4083

Wednesday June 25 → June 28

♥♥♥ 74th National Square Dance Convention ♥♥♥

Shreveport Fairgrounds

3701 Hudson Ave; Shreveport, LA

- See <https://www.74nsdc.com/> for registration forms and other details.

Cheryl Rush; 903-725-0245 (landline) or peppercatt2@gmail.com

July 18 → July 20

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

Appalachian RV Campground

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

- Caller Bob Engel

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

August 8 → August 10

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

Appalachian RV Campground

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

- Caller Mark Franks

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

August 15 → August 16

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

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

- Passport America accepted for up to 6 days.
- PPA rally rate is \$44.50/night. You must call and pre-register. Deposits will NOT be refunded, but will be honored for a future reservation within a year.

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



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Please remember: If there is a change to your campout schedule, report it so that the website can be updated. To do this, simply use the process you normally do, enter the dates and location of the campout, and then in the comments section indicate the event has been canceled or relocated. If the latter occurs, be sure to make a new entry indicating the new location. Thank you!

Chapter Campouts—continued

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September 5 → September 7

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

Shady Oaks Family Campground

40 Round Barn Rd, Newmanstown, PA; 717-949-3177

- You must call Kathy Engel to register at 717-532-5654 by August 1, 2025.
- We are joining the Square Up Campers, #106
- Caller Bob Engel

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

October 3 → October 5

001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey / Pennsylvania

Cherry Ridge Campsites

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

- You must call the campground to make a reservation.
- Callers are Dane Bragg and Jenn Engimann.

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



A brief update on important NSDCA Rules and Guidelines per NSDCA Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures:

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rest of the “gator bunch” and then simply walk a few steps to your camper and collapse in your bed.

As a final thought, since your local Chapters bring you monthly dances and campouts, and the International Camporee’s job is to bring everyone together somewhere every year, we’re very interested in where you’d like to camp and dance together in 2026. This year, 2025, the National Board is the host and will probably be so in 2026, but we need to know where everyone wants to go. We sent out a request for your opinions by E-Tree. Please pester your Chapter officers for the details and let us know where you would like to go for 2026. The options include Waco, TX where the NSDC will be held, and ...??? What are your thoughts? Where would you like to Camporee in 2026?

Hoping to meet you in a square somewhere between now and Shreveport, LA. Stay safe, be blessed and have fun.

Dolly & John

Your Opinion Matters!

Your NSDCA Board is asking you to let us know about your desired choice for the location for the **2026 NSDCA Camporee**. We’re not asking if you would volunteer to host it, simply in what part of the country would you prefer it be held. Here are some options:

1. As we are doing this year, we could dovetail on to the 2026 NSDC being held in Waco, TX;
2. We could focus on the central South (Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina);
3. We have not held a Camporee in the North East (Maryland, New Jersey, New York);
4. Or the central North East (Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York).
5. Any other suggestions you might have ...

Please help us, your Board, by sharing your preferences. Once we get a region identified, well find a resort.

Just let us know. Just send an e-mail to one of the following:

johnide2016@outlook.com

john.d.ide@hotmail.com

dloutz9504@outlook.com

Thank you!

We Remember Our Friends

Ron Reardon (Hitch-N-Go, 082)

Ron Reardon, 80 of Zephyrhills, FL went home to be with the Lord on September 22. He was surrounded by his family following an extended illness. Ron and his wife Sue were married 52 years. He began calling in 1976 and had called in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Florida for local clubs, cruises and National Conventions. As caller for the Hitch-N-Go Squares for many years, he always ended his dances with a big circle and a special song to send the dancers on their way. Ron was a very special guy, and was loved by all the club.



Submitted by Dolly Ide

Sue Mayer (Swing-N-Travelers, 123)

Norma “Sue” Mayer, 80, of Springfield, Illinois passed away on Friday, September 27, at home with her family by her side.

As a young girl she worked in the Poplar Bluffs Missouri area cotton fields picking and hoeing cotton to buy her own clothing. She had lost her mother when she was 2, grandmother at age 14 and father by age 16. She was taken in by extended family and finished high school in St. Louis, where she finally met her husband.



Sue worked in law offices in St. Louis and Minnesota, later going back to college, at the age of forty, to earn her Bachelor’s degree in legal studies. She worked for the Sangamon County States Attorney’s office, the Illinois Department of Child & Family Services and retired as a contract manager. After retirement, she and Ron traveled in their RV and enjoyed being camp workers at Dollywood, Disney World and even Amazon.

She enjoyed gardening, canning, quilting, tending to her flower beds, painting, square dancing and writing. Several years ago she even wrote the “Chats Around the Campfire” article for our Swing-N-Travelers Chapter. She was always busy, had a big smile and her S-N-T family and friends will truly miss her.

Submitted by Mary Bruun

Ivan Hadsall (Square Wheels, 128)

Ivan L Hadsall, 84, of Fort White, Florida, went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 21st. He was born in Springville, PA and moved to Katteleville, NY at a young age. After retiring and moving to Florida in December 2006, Ivan and his wife, Ann, happened on a flyer about square dance lessons, thus was born a new hobby! It was such fun, and

they met so many friendly people who later became good friends.

Along with square dance lessons, there was also round dancing. Ivan's brother-in-law, Don Graves, sometimes came along to listen to the music. Don, who was completely blind as a result of an accident, expressed an interest in learning to round dance. Always ready for a challenge, Ivan said, "Sure, we'll give it a try." Our club cuer showed him how to look up cue sheets and the music. Don and Donna would dance up and down the center aisle of their barn with Ivan playing a taped song and Ann (who was still learning the steps herself at the time!) teaching them the steps. That's how it all got started. Don and Donna did learn to dance and we all joined the Dixie Dancers.

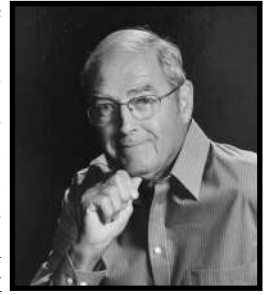
After that, Ivan and Ann joined the Square Wheels Square Dance Camping Club. Ann became their cuer and Ivan was affectionately referred to as her "roadie." After he got her equipment set up to cue, you could usually find him selling 50-50 tickets. Even when it became hard for him to dance, he loved visiting with everyone. A year or so ago they joined The High Springs Dance Club, where Ann cues and he continued to be her "roadie." Many thanks to all the callers and cuers who helped along the way.

Submitted by Ann Hadsall

Sam Dunn (Florida RoadRunner Squares, 193)

Caller Sam Dunn, 74, was born in Ohio, September 12, 1950. He was killed in a tragic auto accident and went home to be with his Lord and Savior on October 19. Sam and his wife Sue had been married for 56 years. Sam served his country in the US Army and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He and Sue started square dancing in the early seventies. He soon fell in love with calling, has called for many clubs, events and conventions over the years. During their years in Ohio, he and another caller would plan camping/square dancing weekends even before he found the NSDCA or the NSDCA found him. He called for the Florida RoadRunner Squares for several years before his PTSD illness forced him to take a break from calling, but not from square dancing, he was always there for us whenever we needed him and was a great asset to the club. His little wiener dog, Petey was always by his side to alert him to any changes in his sugar levels. Sam was dearly loved by all our club and the square dance community. His internment is scheduled for December 20 at 12:30PM at the Sarasota National Cemetery and is open to all his friends and family.

Submitted by Dolly Ide



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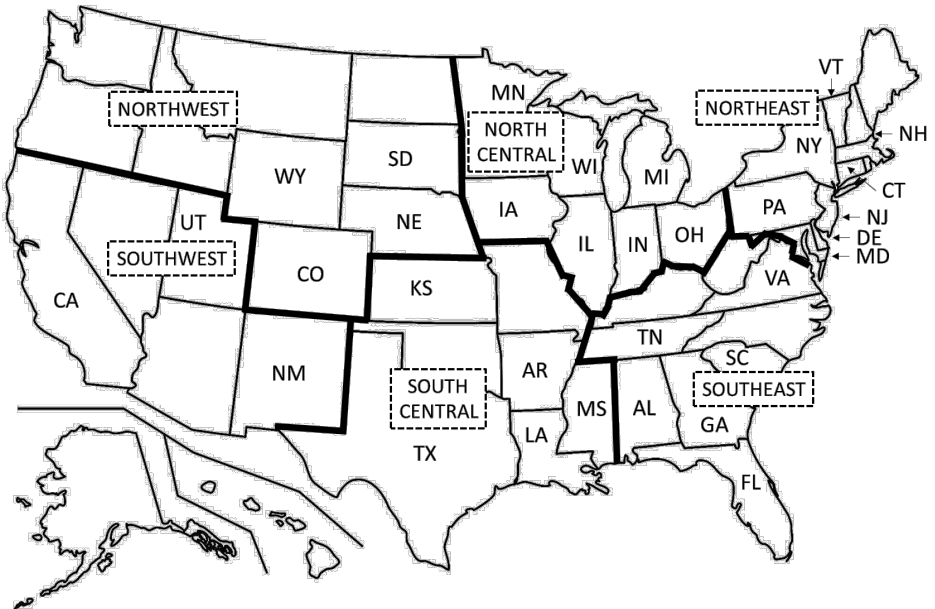
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Makes 20 egg rolls, I use three for a serving.

One egg roll is ~79 calories.

Total fat (g)	0	Potassium (mg)	11	Vitamin A	0%
Saturated fat (g)	0	Total carbs (g)	14	Vitamin C	0%
Trans fat (g)	0	Dietary fiber (g)	1	Calcium	3%
Cholesterol (g)	7	Sugars (g)	1	Iron	7%
Sodium (mg)	182	Protein (g)	5		

One Tbsp of sauce is ~19 calories.

Total fat (g)	2	Potassium (mg)	6	Vitamin A	0%
Saturated fat (g)	0	Total carbs (g)	1	Vitamin C	0%
Trans fat (g)	0	Dietary fiber (g)	0	Calcium	0%
Cholesterol (g)	0	Sugars (g)	0	Iron	0%
Sodium (mg)	0	Protein (g)	0		

Fun with Cell Phone Cameras

Phones these days – well, cell phones anyway – aren't really *just* a phone. They're calendars, alarms, email servers, gateways to the internet, and cameras. I don't think a cell phone's camera and lens will ever match a good single lens reflex digital camera, but regardless, even the least expensive phones have impressive built-in cameras.

I'm only familiar with Apple's iPhone; there are Androids in the extended family, but I don't use one. I recently stumbled upon an iPhone feature that has some utility: the ability to cut out an image and separate it from its background. Here is an example of the editor's mother during the celebration of the start of her 93rd orbit around the Sun:



The picture on the left is the original, while the picture on the right is the cut-out. To accomplish this, go to the Apple Photos app and make a thumbnail image full-size by touching it. Then hold your finger on the object you wish to separate from the background for a moment. You'll see a halo effect start to sweep out the outline of the object, and a pop-up menu indicating "Copy – Add Sticker – Share ..." If you touch "Share ..." you can then put the image in an email, a text, notes, or air-drop it to another person.

This is a great way of eliminating a busy background, whether from a photo of people or an isolated building, flower or other object. I'm certain Android has something similar, but as I do not have a phone of that type, I leave it to one of you that does to write up how to accomplish this task using that system. Just email me your write-up. Thanks.

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