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67th NSDCA International Square Dance Camporee



Shreveport State Fairgrounds, Shreveport, Louisiana



Campground Information 3701 Hudson Ave. Shreveport, La, 71109 The campground area is enlarged in the red box.
The building with the Round-Up Room that we are using is circled in yellow.



- Campsite Fee: \$35.00/night
- Sites from Sunday, June 15 thru June 21 are payable to 67th NSDCA
- Sites from Sunday, June 22 thru June 29 are payable to 74th NSDC
- Campers not staying for the 74th NSDC must vacate their site by Noon, Sunday, June 22

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John & Dolly Ide



It's time again for our favorite publication, the NSDCA TIMES. Dolly and I look forward each month to read about the campouts of our various Chapters and the fun they enjoyed during their campouts. Fun always includes dancing, food, sightseeing, and of course meeting with great friends from far and wide. It's like an anticipated family event, almost like Christmas, a birthday, or a Fourth of July shared with family. Dolly and I have been attending both state and national Camporees since we joined the NSDCA twenty-five years ago and are getting a little nostalgic considering the future of the NSDCA.

Have you ever had a hat or a pair of comfortable shoes that fit just perfectly and became like an old friend. That's the way I feel about my

western hats, but every so be replaced, so I have to say and break in a new one. It's sadder still to lose many old may be on the horizon for the orees if many of you out time to stop travelling, campdancing, and just stay home. membership continues to de-



often they really need to goodbye to an old friend sad to lose an old friend; friends, but that's what NSDCA and our Campthere decide it's time, ing and square/round Each year, our national crease, mostly because

we're all getting older and very few younger folks join us, but we depend on all of you.

We desperately need members to help with putting on our primary fun event, the Camporee. This year, we're joined at the hip with the 74th NSDC in Shreveport and if you've never been to a Camporee, be sure to come because as a first timer or new member, we're asking you to pay only for your campsite. And you don't have to move your camper to enjoy the NSDC event. We've got great fun and activities planned for everyone that you don't want to miss.

For 2026, how does a Camporee on a Texas ranch sound? Next year, we're considering the Coushatte Recreation Ranch, just a little west of Houston on the way to Waco, because we couldn't find a suitable campground near Waco. Also, we don't have anyone to chair the event and could really use some help. How about you, or our members from the HASDC (Houston Area Square Dance Campers) whose facili-

('President' continued on page 5)



Roy Huddleston & Priscilla Newton



Unfortunately, a submission was not received by the deadline.

Happy Trails from *Priscilla and Roy*

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ty we plan to use? Your Board has hosted the last two Camporees. Shreveport makes three. There are only four couples on the Board. We need you!

The NSDC will be in Colorado in 2027, but we haven't yet decided where we plan to hold our Camporee. There are nearly fifty NSDCA members in Colorado and Wyoming and we're hoping to get some help from them if we go to Colorado. We may also find a location centrally located in the eastern or midwestern states, so let us know what your preference is so we can meet your needs. One thing for sure, we need your help. We need volunteers, either with the Camporee or helping us decide where to go, so come meet with us at our "Coffee and Chats with the Board" on Friday and Saturday morning in Shreveport.

Considering volunteering. We need to heap some praises on Don and Susan Wolford, our current NSDCA Treasurer and this year's Camporee Registrar and Treasurer. Their four-year term of office comes to an end this summer, but they have graciously volunteered to serve again. They have been a great asset to the NSDCA and to the Board, so be sure to let them know that you appreciate their selflessness and service. Speaking of service, the last couple of years, presenting Quilts of Valor to our veterans and military has been a highlight of the Camporee. We plan on honoring our service members again this year and appreciate everyone joining us for the event.

We can't forget the contribution of our callers, cuers and many volunteers that make the Camporee a great event, but it's only great if you participate. Gas prices are coming down and we've tried to offer special incentives to make it more affordable for everyone. Please come and join us in Shreveport next month.

Hope to see you there. Stay well and enjoy life.

Dolly and John



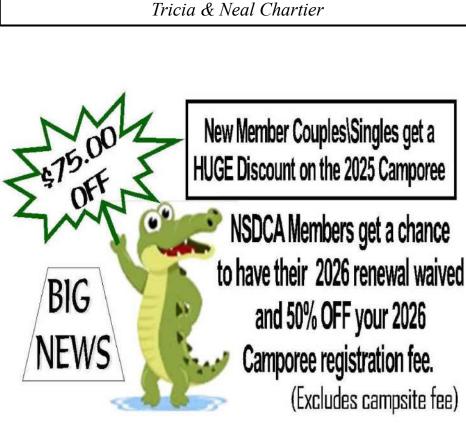
Tricia & Neal Chartier



Ready for some fun? Join us for the 2025 International Camporee in Shreveport, LA, occurring right before the National Square Dance Convention! Whether you're a seasoned camper or prefer the comfort of a hotel, we've got something for everyone. Come for the activities, stay for the memories!

We have lots of fun activity planned for the Camporee. I'm huge with having potlucks, so we are going to have them almost every night.

Thanks to the NSDC, we have the use of the Round Up room after the Camporee from Monday, June 23th to Saturday, June 28th for our activities, so you won't miss a minute of the action. Come for the camaraderie, stay for the food and festivities!





Susan & Don Wolford



The snowbird season is quickly winding down here in Florida. A few dances continue into April, but most of them finished their season the end of March. Quite a few of our friends have already gone back to their northern home. We are staying in Florida 'til close to the end of May as I'm cueing at The Villages on May 18th. We will leave Florida and head to Alabama to drop off our RV, and then hit the road for Ft. Morgan, Alabama for a stay at the Alabama beach.

A great time was had at the Florida State Convention this past January. It was wonderful to meet up with so many friends we had not seen in some time. The dance was held at *The Center at Deltona*, in Deltona FL. The 2026 Florida State Convention will be at this same location on January 16 & 17.

We have enjoyed camping with our Florida Camping Chapter, Strawberry Travelers (#153) this winter season. Unfortunately, we had to miss our December campout. The Strawberry Travelers Chapter originated out of Strawberry Square (www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) in Plant City, FL and we were able to camp there in April. It was good to be back to where it all began. We all had a good time and got to dance on the nice floating floor in the big hall. We even had a record number of guests come to dance with us.

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

I hope you have sent in your registration for the *Square Dance Bash on the Bayou* International Camporee in Shreveport, Louisiana. As I am writing this, the end of April, we have 34 rigs registered with one couple off site. So far, only three of the rigs will not be staying for the 74th NSDC. The NSDCA Board is chairing this Camporee and they are working hard to put on the best Camporee ever. They need you there to help accomplish this. There's something for everyone: squares, advanced, rounds, lines, games, crafts and, most of all, fellowship!

Hope to see you in June in Shreveport.

Don & Susan





Kathy Nickel Membership Secretary



i, everyone! Spring is here, and Summer is just around the corner. Spring and Summer are times when we get ready to start camping again. We are so ready to get out camping and being with our friends again for the weekend. I want to wish *safe travels* to those that are in the process of traveling from your winter residence to your summer home. We look forward to having our Snowbirds back again. Be sure to join in on your Chapter campouts and share your campout activities with the *TIMES* newsletter. It is always nice to read about what other Chapters are doing at their campouts.

I didn't receive many updates for Chapter Officers. Thank you to those that sent them in. It is important to keep the Staff and Officers 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. This helps me and other Staff and Officers know who to contact when there are questions.

During the Summer, be sure to keep me updated if you are going to change your Winter residence for 2025. As soon as you know you can send it in and I can make sure it is ready. I am dating all changes so as long as you include your departure/arrival date I can ensure the *TIMES* is delivered where you are at.

You still have time to register for our 2025 International Camporee which is going to be held in Shreveport, LA on June 19, 20 & 21. It is always such a fun time; we are going to be attending and look forward to meeting all of you and putting a face to a name. Don't forget that the National Square Dance Convention is the following week, also in Shreveport. You can attend both in one trip! It looks like the National Convention is going to hold afterparties right at the Campground for us.

Happy Summer, Camping, and Dancing! *Kathy Nickel*, Membership Secretary





State & Area Representatives' Reports

Illinois State Representative

Hello from Illinois!

Well, the camping season is well underway (or will be when you read this) and everyone is looking forward to Chapter outings, their state camporee and the NSDCA International Camporee. At the April State Board meeting, Illinois Chapter 014, Blackhawk Crosstrailers, talked about all the events in store for the attendees at the 2025 Illinois State NSDCA Camporee, June 6 - 8, 2025 at Winnebago County Fairgrounds. Everyone was reminded to enter at Gate #2, 500 West First Street in Pecatonica, IL It's just two miles North of U.S. Route 20.

If it's not to late (as you read this) and need more information, please call Bob Ash at 815-262-9080. FYI, both 30A and 50A sites close to the dance building are available. Full-service campsites are also offered; while they are not right by the dance building they are within walking distance. State election results plus a synopsis of the State Camporee will be forthcoming in the Fall issue of the *TIMES*.

Patty Greene will be the featured called at the 2025 Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention, July 18-20, 2025, held at the Sheraton Chicago Suites O'Hare, Rosemont, IL. The 2026 event will be at the Holiday Inn, Rock Island, IL on July 23-25. Springfield is the site chosen for 2027. The 2025 convention actually starts on Thursday, July 17 with an evening Trail-In dance. On Friday the 18th there will be a Caller seminar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with more on Sunday the 20th. Fun for all! For more information and online registration, go to https://www.ilsdc.dance (that's all; there's no '.com' after that stated URL!)

Chapter 014, Blackhawk Crosstrailers, have a public Facebook page. Check it out. They also have a full camping/dancing schedule from May through October. If that's not on FB, check the NSDCA *TIMES* newsletter listings, Chapter Chats, or contact Bob Asp. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Bob Asp & Kirk Bracset will be calling a dance October 7th to the 9th in Carlock, IL. Camping will be at Kamp Komfort. Apple picking and treats from the apples are expected to be some of the fun activities offered.

Chapter 123, Swing-n-Travelers, reported having a fun opening to their season get-together at the Bowman's home in late April, where they set their summer camping schedule. They are planning to have their Route 66 trip for a week in September this time since the October 2024 dates didn't work out. Their kickoff campout was at the Marshall Putnam Fairgrounds in Henry, IL over the Memorial Day weekend. It's always a great weekend.

The Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds, Chapter 196, also has their own FB page, but right now it's for members only. However, you can follow







002 Pine Tree; Wisconsin

Our camping season kicks off in a couple of weeks. We are so ready!!!!

Neal & I are still waiting for our motorhome to get out of the dealership; it's been in for repairs since December. It's wild how much havoc a single blown tire can cause. Fingers crossed that the dealership gets it wrapped up in time for our first campout.

Tricia & Neal Chartier

044 Illiana Square Wheelers; Illinois/Indiana

Well, the winter is over and we are happy to report Bruce and Lottie Buckbee stopped in Illinois for a few days on their way to CallerLab in South Carolina. Since they were here, a few of us, some former members of Illiana Square Wheelers, and another couple of friends got

together for an afternoon and evening of enjoyment. This time it was Mexican Train dominoes that filled the afternoon, followed by a delicious dinner prepared by the host Barb (and Don) Zamastil, with contributions from the attendees. Following dinner, we finished the dominos game. The chatter was lively and the entire time was quite pleasurable. Everyone is looking forward to our next time together, hopefully before mid-summer and then again in the fall - AND or anytime the Buckbees venture back to Illinois.

Wishing everyone a great relaxing super camping season.

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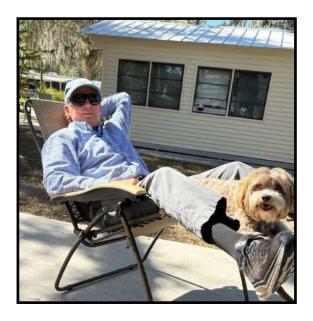
106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania

Does Square Up member Jack Stone and little pooch Maisie in the photo on the next page look comfortable? Indeed, they do!! Relaxing in their comfortable chairs, both are soaking up the Florida sun. Most of the other camping club members are either shoveling snow or ea-

gerly awaiting the first crocus to pop up from that fluffy white stuff, announcing the end of the freezing temperatures. What do the Square Ups do during the winter months? We gather together for a pot luck meal and call the gathering "The Sour Grapes Lunch." We only wish longingly that we could sit with Jack and Maisie and feel so warm! Please join our campouts some weekend!

Kathy Engel; kathye@kuhncom.net

Jack Stone and little pooch Maisi, soaking up the Florida sun. \rightarrow



119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming

We hope that all of you have had a great holiday season and took advantage of the winter activities with your camping club and all the square dances in your area. We are thankful that our Caller, Dave Guille, continued to have dances and classes in his square dance hall. Even when we were not

camping, we were dancing! We did have a Christmas party. It was great to get together with our camping friends. We collected food for the food bank in Cheyenne.

Our January meeting was cancelled due to the cold weather and snow. As we age, we become smarter about avoiding driving in bad weather. It seems like the whole county suffered from the snow and cold. Lots of snow fell in Pensacola, FL; my daughter's workplace was closed for several days.

The tentative schedule for 2025 was sent out to the members; we were unable to vote on it because the meeting was cancelled. It appears to be a repeat of last year. Our first campout/dance will be in Laramie, Wyoming for the Memorial Day weekend. We will have the opportunity to see everyone and attend multiple dances with Dave Guille & Lynn Strobel calling and Steve Kline cuing. Please see our schedule on the NSDCA website and in the back of this issue of the TIMES.

As we look forward to the arrival of Spring and the blooming of tulips, please remain in good health and stay warm. It will be here before we know it!



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Our Chapter contacts are Leo & Diana Fergel; they may be reached at 307-635-7312.

Nell Coffey; 303-823-6096

123 Swing N Traveler's; Illinois

Everyone has made it safely home from Arizona and Texas, except one couple who are still traveling. With issues at our April 2024 campout, we decided to have a meal at someone's house and play cards with the option of going to a square dance nearby. Even though everyone had to walk down steps to the basement, we

offered our home as we are close to one of the square dance venues.

When everyone first arrived for lunch, they gathered together with hugs and greeting to the 15 who made the trip, as some had to travel two to three hours to get to our home in Eureka, IL. There were three people we hadn't seen in over a year, so it was good to see Ron Mayer and Jerry & Judy Boutelle. Everyone enjoyed the meal with fried chicken and pulled pork sandwiches along with the sides that everyone brought. Although two couples had to leave afterwards, the rest enjoyed playing cards and laughing together. Later, five people left for the dance with callers, Curt Braffet and Jack Pladdys, while the rest headed to their homes again. Everyone seemed to have a great time, and no camper to pack or unpack this time.

By the time you get this, we would have had our Memorial Weekend campout with all our friends, once again held at the Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds. Normally, we have a great turnout at this one, where we usually enjoy pizza out (for those who come on Thursday), a potluck, games, craft, homemade ice cream and visiting around the fire. Hopefully, many will attend our state camporee June 6-8, then later at the International Camporee and National.

Janet Bowman; cabjcb2@gmail.com

128 Square Wheels; Florida

After a beautiful long Spring season in January through March it feels like summer has arrived here in sunny Florida. We have had a terrific camping season so far in 2025. January saw us at our state convention, in February we ventured into South Georgia for our Valentine Day celebration, and then in March we traveled to Silver Springs, home of glass bottom boats and a fascinating history that includes filming of movies such as Rebel Without a Cause, The Creature from the Black Lagoon, six Tarzan movies and the James Bond movie Moonraker. We had visitors from

local clubs and had five squares dancing for part of the evening! John & Dolly Ide paid us a visit to encourage attendance at our upcoming NSDCA International Camporee in Shreveport LA.

What a great time we had at our April campout at Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park in White Springs. We had just over five squares on Friday and six on Saturday nights. We had a bonfire both nights; thanks, Ron & Linda. There was a great turnout for our communal brown bag dinner on Friday night; that was followed by early rounds and then squares and rounds. Saturday, some of us played cards in the morning, some took a bike ride with Bob & Mark, some toured the grounds and museum, while others hung out by the campfire site and socialized. That night's covered dish dinner was a feast; if you left hungry it was your own fault. Susan Snider delighted us with rounds and the squares were kept moving by our Chapter caller, Bill Chesnut and club members (also callers) Mark Fetzer, Frank Plunkett and Bill Cassidy. We were excited to have visitors from the Lake City area and Tallahassee, as well as former Chapter members, non-camping guests and even two couples from the campground (one of the couples who came also watched last year; Bill got them up for a little 'refresher'!) The dance hall air conditioner was not working, and with outside temperatures in the mid-80s to 90 degrees, it got a little warm. The campground visitors were friendly with the State Park's staff, and were able to get us a goodly number of box fans that we used to move air through open doors and windows. We survived and thrived! Thank you, Mike and Sue! We are looking forward to next year's visit at this state park (hopefully with a working air conditioner!) Our past NSDCA Vice President and long-time Chapter member, Tom Herscha, has been voted 'Mr. Fix-It' by several camping members, especially Carolyn & Russ Ueber.

Friendships made through square and round dancing extend well beyond the dance floor. Case in point: Chapter member Marilyn Scott organized a trans-Atlantic cruise for 14 dancers and six additional guests. We were able to visit Palma, Mallorca and Barcelona in Spain; Nice, France; and Florence, Pisa, Naples, Pompeii and Rome in Italy. Among all the beautiful and historic sites, we toured the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica on the Wednesday before Easter. It made the news of the death of Pope Francis on the Monday after Easter touch all of us more deeply.

Square and Round Dancing have changed my life; I know many of you feel the same. Until we meet again!

Laura Ramsey, Secretary; ramseydp@comcast.net, and Mary Chesnut, Treasurer



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153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida

In our last CHAT (which was written at the end of January), I mentioned that we had an upcoming combined camping event planned with #193, Florida RoadRunners. That campout took place at Red Oaks RV in Bushnell. It was Valentine's weekend and it just 'blossomed' into a

full weekend of fun! It was a pretty busy one though. RoadRunners start their campouts on Thursday and we soft, but sweet Strawberries don't stroll in 'til Friday (a few of our members are still working). By 2 p.m. most all of #153 and some of #193 had brought out their chairs and began to gather together at our club tent for a time of meeting, greeting, munching, and crunching on some delicious cookies provided by our weekend hosts, Jack & Bev Henry. We later divided into smaller groups and went to various restaurants for our evening meal in order to gain more energy for that evening's dance. Susan Wolford (#153) was Cuer for the weekend; she began the dance with early rounds. Callers Mike Gormley (#153) and John Sweeney (#193) provided us with some romantic, some sentimental and even some silly tunes to keep in the theme for Valentine's Day throughout the weekend. The RoadRunners were energetic enough to be up early on Saturday morning to host a breakfast for anyone who had enough gumption to wake early, prepare a dish, and mosey on over to the hall. Jack & Bev hosted #153's hot dog lunch at noon under the club tent and then we all prepared a dish to share for when we gathered at 4:30 for our Potluck. We sure enough had bunches of 'Valentine Vittles' that day! There were some guests who came in for the Saturday evening dance. There were also two more couples who came in just to watch and to learn a bit more about Square Dancing. Before they departed, Mike Gormley got them out onto the floor and guided them through one tip of simple calls so they could experience how much fun square dancing can be.

Our April "Back to Our Roots" campout took place at Strawberry Square in Plant City. This is where our club was started many, many moons ago. After arrival, we met in the Martin House for an afternoon of "yakkin' & snackin" until it was nearing dinner time and we each headed out to whichever restaurant suited our fancy. Once we were all 'filled to the gills' we headed back to ready ourselves to dance off all those recently consumed calories. Both the Friday and the Saturday evening dances were held in the main Strawberry Hall with the floating wooden dance floor which is so nice to dance on! Charlie Pergrossi was our caller for the weekend. Charlie did a great job filling in for Mike Gormley, who

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was unable to attend due to vehicle troubles. Susan Wolford cued rounds and also led us in a few line dances as well. Since we were at Strawberry Square and so many of the residents there are dancers, we had some guests show up both nights. It was nice to see three to five squares on the floor! Following the dance, those in our group who were not too pooped went back to the Martin House for more snackin' and yakkin', but soon retreated back to our rigs for some much needed nappin'!

Al & Dunelle Burchsted were our hosts for the weekend. Dunelle had prepared some appetizing, nutritious, and very delicious lentil and chicken soups for our Saturday lunch. The rest of us brought any condiments or sides we preferred to have with our soup. We took care of business after lunch by approving and voting in our Club Officers, Chapter Reps and Newsletter coordinator for our 2025/26 club camping season. All offices and positions remained the same with the exception of Treasurer: Dan and Sue Ann Eversole regrettably found it necessary to step down at this time, however, Al Burchsted was ready, able, and willing to fill the bill, make the change, and guard our treasury. Thank you, Dan and Sue Ann, for this past year of a job WELL DONE! We appreciate you and all that you add to our club! Thank you, Al, for so willingly stepping up; and, THANK YOU to ALL OF OUR OFFICERS who tirelessly keep us going – usually with little or no recognition for all of your time and all of the things you do and have done to keep our club existing, moving, and continuing!!!

Strawberry Travelers does not camp during the summer in Florida, but some of our members will be heading to Shreveport, LA for that big "Bash on the Bayou" that will be just bustling with bountiful dancing and bunches of fun!

Our next Strawberry campout will be October 17-19, 2025 at Southern Palms RV in Eustis, FL. Many of our members will be staying through the week in order to attend the 49th FANSDC Camporee, October 23-25, 2025 and have a wild time with the JUNGLE SAFARI theme. You can always check our schedule on NSDCA website or FANSDC.net. Come join us. See you there in a square!

Trucy Rogers; trucy.rogers56@gmail.com

C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada

The Gypsies had a successful mid-Winter Dance in February at one of the church halls in our area. A number of dancers from other local clubs joined us for a great afternoon of dancing and fellowship. We would like to thank the Callers and the Cuer who took turns leading us in the dancing and to the Gypsies that provided drinks and sweets for us to enjoy.

Now that Spring is beginning to make itself felt in some of our area,



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we are looking forward to our upcoming camping season. Our first campout occured the third week of May. As this entry is written well before that date, I have not heard what the Committee for that month is planning – but I am sure that there will be some time to catch up with each other to find out what has been happening in everyone's lives over our long winter.

June 20th to June 22nd will be our next campout, and I am fairly sure that strawberries will be on the menu. I know that Gypsy Joe loves his shortcake!

We hope that you all have a warm and happy summer camping and dancing.

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

181 MontShire Campin' Squares; Vermont/New Hampshire

The long winter is over and we are looking forward to our campout on June 6-8 at Horseshoe Acres Campground in Andover, VT. It will be fun to meet up with our friends and friends-to-be while dancing to caller Don Bachelder and cuer Mary Lou Gagliardi. This relaxing weekend will be filled with dancing, workshops, games, and of course fellowship. See you soon.

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

193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida Hello, Friends!

Summer is upon us...time for vacations, beaches, and our 67th ANNUAL NSDCA CAMPOREE. I wish lots of you, no, all of you, were registered and about to get on the road to enjoy the fun, fellowship and great dancing of the Camporee.

As I reflect on the past three months, which have flown by so quickly as usually happens, I will have to begin with the latest adventure (being April 30, when I am writing this) of your president, my husband. With his leg healing well and his being able to walk with the use of a cane, he is once again in bandages, as you can see by the picture. This time it was scheduled surgery to relieve carpal tunnel syndrome and cubital tunnel syndrome (a condition caused by compression of the ulnar nerve



at the elbow, leading to numbness, tingling, and pain in the hand and fingers; it's commonly known as a "pinched nerve") in his left arm. We are both very hopeful that he just might be dancing again by the time you are reading this, and we are both looking forward to seeing all of you in Shreveport.

If you remember, I shared last month that we co-camped with the Strawberry Travelers (#153) in February. We all enjoyed a great weekend together. Our awesome caller, John Sweeney, along with the Strawberry Travelers' Mike Gormely, put together two nights of totally awesome fun and dancing. Being Valentine's Day weekend, Mike got us all on the floor to play his Valentine - "Monte-Carlo" game. The floor was divided into four areas, (Hearts, Spades, Clubs and Diamonds), then someone drew a card from Mike's deck of cards; if you happened to be standing in the area of the suit of the drawn card, you had to sit down. The remaining folks could change areas if they wanted to and another card was then drawn from the deck. After a few more rounds of elimination, the last man or woman standing won a really "Big Hershey Kiss"

from the caller. It was a great little fun activity for the group. As our awesome cuer, Chuck Ryall and his very gracious wife, Mary, were not able to be with us for this weekend, the lovely Susan Wolford of the Strawberry Travelers did double duty, cueing for us both nights. Friday morning found us on our annual Valentine's trip to the Russell Stover Candy outlet and a huge nearby antique thrift shop. Later, we had time to craft a hanging heart made of painted puzzle

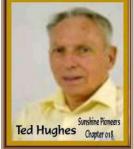


pieces (see photo above right) and enjoy a great potluck dinner together with super good food. A great weekend for all!

Our March weekend was in Winter Haven, FL, beginning on Thursday evening with a group of us visiting a local club, the Shufflin'

Squares. Our awesome Cuer, Chuck Ryall, cued the rounds for them that evening. We all had such a great time together, they decided to come dance with us on Friday night, which made for three squares on the floor and equaled lots of fun dancing. The fantastic calling and cueing by John and Chuck made the evening fly by way too fast.

On Saturday night we held a Memorial Dance for Ted Hughes, Caller and President of Chapter 018. Ted was a very special friend and associate member





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of our club. He was always willing to help us out whenever we needed him. He and Tammy Radcliff were always a treat to be with.

We welcomed two new Associate Member couples, Bill & Wendy Brock and Pete & Jackie Tamblyn/Hogue to our club to make a fun evening for all. A very special thank you shout out to Bill & Wendy for also bringing three local dancing couples with them! Since March, after all, is "National Meatball Month" (you all knew that right?), we enjoyed some truly tasty meatball subs with our yummy potluck dinner.

Wekiva Falls in Sorrento, FL was the destination for April, though our numbers were down a bit and we struggled to get a square on the floor at times, John and Chuck worked their magic together with great dancing fun for all. We had a great time filling Easter egg/bunny favors for our craft (\pmu) and tried very hard to stuff the eggs and not ourselves. Getting that Easter straw to stay in the eggs was a bit of a challenge though.



Finally, your NSDCA Board is working hard to bring you a great Camporee in just a few weeks. This issue is full of exciting news and helpful information to get you ready to head to Shreveport. I truly hope you can and will help support us by trying your very best to help us have a FABULOUS 67TH CAMPOREE. It takes a team of people to put on a

great Camporee, and most important, YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND.

If you are in Florida anytime, be sure to check online for our (Chapter 193) schedule and consider spending your camping weekends with us. Our schedule is always on the NSDCA.org website, Florida's state FANSDC.NET, as well as our own Chapter 193 website, www.whirlaways.org/rr_193 index.html and come join us.

Enjoy your travels and as always... "We hope to see you all in a square somewhere!"

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

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

The weather outside today was delightful and full of promise for warm days ahead. At least until tomorrow when who knows what it will be. That's life in the Midwest. Chapter 196 is coming back together after having been scattered about the country for the winter months. Some of us were dancing in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, some in the Florida Sunshine State and one couple even ventured to Hawaii to escape for a bit.

We have our schedule for the summer put together and are looking forward to being together again and having others join us as they can. Our schedule is included in this newsletter and on the NSDCA website, so look us up and join us when you can. We always have good times and good food.

We will be heading to Kentucky Horse Park in May. June will find us at the Illinois State Camporee, Nationals and the International Camporee. We will not be having a Club outing in July as many of us will be doing

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - 67th NSDCA CAMPOREE at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds, Shreveport, LA on June 18 - 21, 2025

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 18	FRIDAY JUNE 20
9-5 PM Camper Check-in 2-3 PM NSDCA Board Meeting 3-4 PM Camporee Team Meeting 5-6 PM Pot-luck Dinner 7-9 PM Trail-in Dance (Casual)	8-9 AM Coffee & Chat with the Board 9-12 PM Crafts/Games/Sports (times TBA) 1-4 PM Square/Rounds/Lines Workshops 6-7 PM Early Rounds / A Level Squares 7-9 PM Squares & Rounds/Lines 9-10 PM After Party
THURSDAY JUNE 19	SATURDAY JUNE 21
8 - 9 AM Meet & Greet Coffee w/TBA 9 - 5 PM Camper Check-in 9 - 12 PM Crafts/Games/Sports (times TBA) 1 - 4 PM NSDCA Staff/Rep Meetings	8 - 9 AM Coffee & Chat with the Board 9 - 12 PM Crafts/Games/Sports (times TBA) 12 - 1 PM NSDCA Luncheon 1 - 3 PM General Membership Meeting w/NSDCA Awards
1 - 4 PM Square/Rounds/Lines Workshops 6 - 7 PM Grand March & Opening Ceremonies 7 - 9 PM Squares & Rounds/Lines 9 - 10 PM After Party	6 - 7 PM Closing w/Special Awards 7 - 9 PM Squares & Rounds/Lines 9 - 10 PM After Party
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Chats

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some individual traveling. August will find us at Sauder Village (camping at Fulton County Fairgrounds) in Ohio. In September we will be at the Johnson County Campground in Indiana. October brings two outings, including a trip to Carlock, IL and also our annual outing to Rockville, IN where we will be dancing at the Covered Bridge in Mecca, IN. We will finish our camping season at the Indiana State Convention in November. See the camp schedule in this issue of the *TIMES* for dates and contact info.

We have included a picture of some of our group at the 2024 Indiana State Convention and one that will hopefully give you a smile today.

We wish all safe travels and happy camping through 2025.

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





Our Favorite Campground Signage

How often do we see a sign at a campground that strikes our fancy? How often do you take a photo of that sign to remind you it? I have a small collection of signs that I will periodically publish, and (of course!) I am

asking you to submit your favorites.

The photo shown was taken at the UNLESS YOUR DOG Sleepy Hollow Campground in Phoenicia, NY. The campground is a secluded place well set back from the highway, surrounded by trees and bounded by a creek. Phoenicia is near Woodstock, NY, where we have family that we were visiting. One interesting thing I found at that campground was that while there was no sewer connection at the campsite (there is a dump station), they do have sitebased graywater hookups, a first for us.

Pets are welcome at Sleepy Hollow, but the owners take the deposition of

'land mines' by our four-legged friends Clean Up After Them! seriously, thus the sign. Thank you! -What signage have you found that has struck your fancy? Please email the editor a digital copy in the highest resolution format your camera produces along with the name campground where you found the sign. A brief description of the campground (similar to the above) would also be appreciated, but is not required.

A POTLUCK Dinner every night!



That's right! 'Great' Louisiana Cookin' at this years Camporee!

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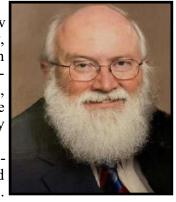
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We Remember Our Friends

Kenneth William Roberts (Pioneer, 010)

Kenneth William Roberts, age 71, of New London, WI, passed away on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. Ken was born May 14, 1953 in Graceville, MN. Ken graduated from Graceville High School, University of Minnesota, Crookston and U of M, St. Paul. He met the love of his life Harriet (Meyer) in Sunday School at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Graceville.

Ken spent his working years in the agriculture industry; he was an Ag teacher, managed co-ops, and was a dairy rep for Land O' Lakes.



He sold milking parlors for Bou-Matic, Germania and Westfalia Surge. Ken even worked as an insurance adjuster and marketing rep for several crop insurance companies.

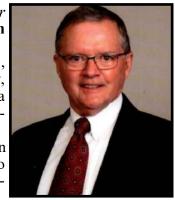
After moving to Wisconsin to be a regional sales manager for Bou-Matic, he purchased a hobby farm next to Mosquito Hill, where the family raised sheep, chickens and turkeys. While raising his three boys, the family enjoyed spending time together camping, hobby farming, sending the kids to 4-H and the county fair, and traveling the country.

After Ken retired, he loved going for coffee in the mornings with the "guys," attending bobble head nights at the Timber Rattlers and square dancing. He was a member of Romeos and Calicos Square Dance Club and was a Pioneer 010 Square Dance Camper. He even went on several square dance cruises. Ken and Harriet have been spending their winters in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas for the past 12 years. They also spent time traveling the world; they have been to Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Spain, Italy and England. Ken and Harriet recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a trip to Norway (which was one of Ken's lifelong dreams).

Submitted by Tricia Chartier #152 Henry "Hank" Francis Sweetman (Campers & Dancers, 152)

Henry "Hank" Francis Sweetman, age 75, of Hermitage, TN passed away on Sunday, March 30, 2025, due to complications from a stroke. He was born on May 4, 1949, in Endicott, New York.

Hank graduated from Potsdam College in 1971 with a B.A. in History and taught for two years before transitioning into retail manage-



ment. This change in career took his family to Cleveland, OH, Altoona, PA, and Jacksonville, FL. In 1983 he went back to school in New Jersey to become a computer programmer where he would ultimately work for Prudential Insurance and Fidelity Investments for several years. After moving to the Detroit, MI area in 1988, Hank started work with the Ford Motor Company. Following a family relocation to Nolensville, TN in 1991, Hank began working with Service Merchandise at their headquarters in Brentwood, TN. From there he would transition to become a supply chain manager for Nissan North America in Smyrna, TN.

After his retirement from Nissan in 2013, Hank and Martha enjoyed traveling and RV-ing extensively across the United States and to several countries with friends and family. Hank took great pride in making his yard look like a city park and could often be found working in the yard and around the house. An avid reader, he especially enjoyed reading about and studying with a focus on history, especially WWII. Finding an outlet for his love of trains, Hank would eventually become President of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Historical Society, as well as the manager of the hobby shop at the Tennessee Central Railroad Museum.

Hank and Martha shared a love for square dancing, which is also how they first met. Hank would go on to serve a term as President of the Cumberland Valley Western Square & Round Dance Association of Middle Tennessee, as well as being the President of the Barnlofters Square Dance Club for over 20 years. Hank was also the Secretary of the Alabama NSDCA Chapter #152 of Campers & Dancers and recently became the President. He served as the Secretary of the Nolensville Masonic Lodge for several years. Hank especially enjoyed volunteering at the Nashville Symphony where he and Martha would enjoy live music.

He was loved and appreciated by everyone he met.

Extracted from Dignity Memorial Funeral Home

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.







There were 22 entries this time providing thoughts on the location of our 2025 mascot who has been dubbed Allie Gator, our lost aquatic reptile. The Spring issue contest's winning 'invest-i-gators' were Tom & Rita Biehn of the Florida RoadRunners

(#193, FL). Congratulations to who I believe are first-time winners from that Chapter; your 2026 NSDCA membership fee will be waived. (Remember to have the certificate you received in the email sent to our NSDCA Treasurer when you renew in December.)

Some of the comments received about our lost gator are as follows: From Norma Schertz, #123 (IL): "The alligator mascot ... is ready to go!" Frank Golden, #116 (KS) stated, "The alligator is trying to get hold of Susan Wolford, because he is lost." NSDCA Trea\$urer Susan Wolford, #153 (FL) offered, "He's getting ready to chomp onto some more information for our up and coming international Camporee. He's probably going to volunteer to be on the greeting committee for when we arrive."

Our long-time perennial punster, Jim Sebesta, #045 (PA) provided, "She's assisting Susan Wolford by announcing that, "For more info about the Camporee registration process, one should contact Susan. I'm sure Susan appreciates the aid. I like a little gator aid myself now and then. It helps keep my electrolytes in balance."

Pat Edwards, #123 (IL) wrote, "Guess she likes being a centerfold girl." while Mary Bruun, #123 (IL) offered, "Miss Allie is asking Susan for more information. If you haven't sent in your registration form yet, please do so as soon as possible. Your Board is looking forward to seeing you at the Shreveport Louisiana Fairgrounds, June 19, 20, & 21 2025."

Lastly, Jim and Sharon Waller, #123 (IL) summed it up nicely: "He's anxious to sign up to go to the Camporee."

Please remember, the contest for the Chapter with the most submissions is not won solely on the number of entries (for a large, motivated Chapter would easily swamp the numbers from a smaller Chapter) but is 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 are paid!)

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 most of all, entertaining. Let me hear from you on the contest as well

as other requests that have been made in the past (e.g., caller or cuer biographies, best practices, handy hints, etc.).

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 immediately below by the members of Chapter 123 that made contest submissions. Let's get this gator back on track—headed to Shreveport—before 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) *this time* via email to **NSDCAtimes@gmail.com** (to arrive no later than July 31, 2025). Please do not send by US Mail for this issue's contest. Remember, I will confirm receipt of your email within two days; if you don't hear back from me, please double check the address where you sent your submission 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

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chapter	# Entrant
044	Ruthann Sanders
045	Jim Sebesta
061	Richard Wooten
106	Michael Gelinas
116	Mike Huddleson
	Frank Golden
	Kathy Campbell
123	Mary & Dave Bruun
	Charlene & Al Fahsbender
	Pat Edwards
	John and Carol Scher
	Chet & Janet Bowman
	Jim & Sharon Waller
	Norm Schertz
	Barry & Joy Vlad
128	Carolyn & Russ Ueber
	Bill & Debbie Cassidy
148	Marion Niemeyer
153	Susan Wolford
193	Dolly & John Ide
	Tom & Rita Biehn
196	Kerry Richmond
	128 148 153 193

NSDCA Campground Database

The list starting on the following page presents the campgrounds contained in our NSDCA online campout entry system. The campgrounds, provided by member Chapters, are sorted by alphabetically for each state. There are even some churches and other venues listed where Chapters have met for other social events. You'll note there are some duplicates, as people have listed the same campground by different names. The list is provided: 1) to encourage Chapters to explore campgrounds other than those they normally frequent (I know several Chapters that occasionally cross state boundaries for campouts). and 2) as an aid to those diligent NSDCA members that enter your Chapter's campouts in the online system for publication on the website as well as inclusion in the 'traveling map' and the *TIMES* newsletter.

The fact that we have such a large database of campgrounds implies our Chapters are having a really good time enjoying themselves in various places. Given all the campouts listed, only in rare circumstances should a submitter need to manually enter a new campground; if it's not a new venue then before re-entering all the information, they should try different spellings to see if their campground is listed under a different name. Again, the list below should help in this instance. If there is a new campground being used, please let the editor know (preferably before entering the information) so the database can be updated. This is important as campgrounds in the database have a hyperlink to Google Maps automatically included in the online campout listing.

Accurate entry of campground names ensures the hyperlink is provided, which can direct other NSDCA members to your event if they plan to be in the area; I have availed myself of this feature in conjunction with the 'traveling map' to attend other Chapters' campouts while we are on the road. Remember, when searching for your campground while using the online system, all you need is a few letters of the campground name, and a drop-down list is provided containing all the entries in our database that have those characters in them. Then all you need do is click on the appropriate campground and its address and phone number is automatically populated for display in our website's campout listing. If you don't find it at first, double-check what you have typed in; there has been a lot of extra work done by submitters (having to type in the address, phone number, etc.) when the correct entry was in the database, but the submitter did not spell the campground name correctly. Remember, only a few letters are needed!

If you note an error in the name or spelling of a campground you frequent, please let the *TIMES* editor or NSDCA webmaster know. Their email addresses are on page 51 of this issue. Thank you.

Alabama

BSDA Friendship Hall

Deer Run RV Park

Logan Landing RV & Cabin Resort

Meaher State Park

Monte Sano State Park

Noccalula Falls Campground

Palomino RV Resortt

River Rocks Landing (formerly River Country Campground)

Roaring Pines Campground

Colorado

Drake Campground

Greeley RV Park

Kit Carson County Fairgrounds

McC Ranch

Riverview RV Park

Washington County Event Center

Florida

Blue Parrot RV Resort

Blueberry Hill RV Resort

Camelot RV Park

Camp Central RV Parks North

Cedar Key RV Resort

Chassahowitzka River Campground

Daytona's Endless Summer Campground

Fort McCoy/Lake Oklawaha KOA Holiday

Hammondell Campsites And RV Park

Hanna Park Campground

Highlands Hammock State Park

Jetty Park Campground

Joy RV Resort

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

KOA Starke/Gainesville

Lake City RV Resort

Lake Glenada RV Resort Lake Josephine RV Resort

Lake Oklawaha KOA Holiday

LazyDays RV

Little Willies RV Resort

Manatee Hammock Campground

Navarre Beach Camping Resort

Ocala Sun RV Resort

Paradise Oaks

Pelican Roost RV Park (Mayport Naval Station)

Recreation Plantation RV Resort

Red Oaks RV Park

Sanlan RV Resort

Sherwood Forest RV Resort

Silver Dollar RV Resort

Southern Oaks RV Resort

Southern Palms RV Park

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Starke/Gainesville NE KOA Holiday

Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park

Sunkissed Village RV Resort (located next to Camping World)

Sunny Oaks RV Park

Sunshine Holiday Daytona RV Park

The Springs RV Resort

Theme World RV

Volusia County Fairgrounds

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

Whispering Palms RV Resort

Whispering Pines Village

Wild Frontier Campground

Wilderness RV Park

Zachary Taylor RV Resort

Georgia

Eagle Roost RV Resort

FD Roosevelt State Park

Florence Marina State Park

Holiday Travel Park of Chattanooga

Pine Mountain RV Resort

Yonah Mountain Campground

Iowa

Lewis & Clark State Park

Illinois

Arrowhead Acres Campground

Blackhawk Valley Campground

Camp Nauvoo

Chain O'Lakes State Park Campground

Champaign Sportsmen's Club

Countryside Campground

Frances Park

Friends Creek Campground

Galesburg East/Knoxville KOA Campground

Hickory Hill RV Campground

Kamp Komfort RV Park and Campground

Kentuckiana Kampground

KOA Galesburg East/Knoxville Campground

Leisure Lake Campground (IL)

Logan Co. Fairgrounds

Lowden State Park

Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds

Pecatonica IL Fairgrounds

Prairie Pines Campground

Putnam-Marshall Fairgrounds

Ramsey Lake State Park

St. Luke Union Church

Thomson Causeway campground

Wilder Haven East RV Park

Winnebago County Fairgrounds

<u>Indiana</u>

Bill Monroe Music Park & Campground

Follow the River Resort

Johnson County RV Campground

Lake Haven Retreat

Miles Landing Campground

Mounds State Park Family Campgrounds

Parke County 4-H Campgrounds

Rockville/Parke County 4-H Campgrounds

Shipshewana Campground South Park

Wolfe's Leisure Time Campground

Kansas

Big Brutus Campground

Big Hill Lake

Cheney Reservoir

Cheney State Lake (Marsha Creek area on the West side)

Coffeyville Fairgrounds (Walter Jonson Park RV Campground)

Cottonwood Grove RV Campground

El Dorado Lake - below the dam (El Dorado State Park Camp Ground Frontier 9)

Fall River State Park

Harvey County West Park

Kanopolis Lake - Venaga Park - Corp of Engineers area

Kanopolis Lake Campgrounds

Kansas State Research and Extension - Sedgwick County

Kingman RV Park

Kiowa Kampground

KOA Campground

Lake Afton Campground (west side)

Napawalla Park

Old Mill Campground

Sand Hills State Park

Santa Fe Safari Campground

Southwest Presbyterian Church

Sunflower RV Patch

Tuttle Creek Corp of Engineers Campground

Walter Jonson Park RV Campground

Walter Jonson Park RV Campground at the Coffeyville Fairgrounds

Westside Church of God

Kentucky

Kentucky Horse Park Campground

Louisiana

Colfax RV Park

Lakeside RV Park

Rayne City Park/Civic Center

Michigan

Covenant Hills Camp & Retreat

Hidden Hill Family Campground

Minnesota

Autumn Woods

Brunswick United Methodist Church

Chester Woods Campground

Finstad's Oak Haven Campground

Hidden Meadows RV Park



SQUARE DANCE BASH ON THE BAYOU 67th INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE

Shreveport Louisiana Fairgrounds 3701 Hudson Ave., Shreveport, LA 71109 June 19, 20, 21, 2025: Camporee Events



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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 "NSDCA Camporee" to:

"Susan Wolford, 1435 Razorbill Ln, Punta

For more info, contact Sysap Wolford 256-673-0170; email:

On MSDC Registration Form: Use Group Name: NSDCA

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Hope Oak Knoll Campground

Isanti County Fairgrounds

McLeod Co. Fairgrounds

Nicollet County Fairground

St. Cloud Campground

Veterans Park Shelter

Missouri

Lewis & Clark State Park

Mark Twain Cave & Campground

Sharp RV Park

Mississippi

Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Wall Doxey State Park

North Carolina

KOA Lumberton/I-95

Pride Resort (Maggie Valley)

Nebraska

Adams County Fairgrounds

Central RV Club at Indian Caves State Park

Crystal Lake Campground

Hastings NE fairgrounds (Adams County Fairgrounds)

I-80 Lakeside Campground

Indian Caves State Park

Johnson Lake State Park (near Lexington)

Lincoln Park Campground

Methodist Cove Campground, Harlan County Dam

Robidoux RV Park

Rock Creek Station State Park

Shady Bay Campground

Southside RV Park

Walnut Creek Campground

Windmill State Park

New Hampshire

Danforth Bay Campground

Nova Scotia

Elm River Park

New York

CampBell Campground

Top-A-Rise Campground

Ontario

Blyth and District Community Centre

Green Acre Park

Happy Green Acres Campground

Johnstown Community Centre

Lower Beverly Lake Park

Port Glasgow Trailer Park

Shady Acres Campground

Pennsylvania

Appalachian RV Campground

Camp Swatara Campground

Cherry Ridge Campsites

Dogwood Acres Campground

Ferryboat Campsites

Leisure Lake Campground

Mt. Creek Campground

Otter Lake Camp Resort

Paradise Stream Family Campground

Shady Oaks Family Campground

Twin Bridge Campground

Warren County Fair Grounds

White Oak Campground

Tennessee

AgriCenter International

Big Meadow Family Campground

Camp LeConte RV Resort

Cove Lake State Park Campground

Douglas Tailwater Campground

Hermitage Presbyterian Church

Nashville Shores Lakeside Resort

Norris Dam State Park Campground

Obey River Park Campground

Spring Lake RV Resort

Start Point Resort Campground

Wilson County Expo Center

Vermont

Horseshoe Acres Campground

Wisconsin

Astico Park (Dodge County Park)

Buffalo Lake Camping Resort

Chula Vista Resort

Circle R Campgound

Cliffside Park Campgrounds

County View Campground

Derge County Park

Dodge County Ledge Park

Dodge County Park (Astico Park)

Fox Hill RV Park & Campground

Happy Acres Kampground

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Madison Campground (formerly KOA DeForest)

Marsh Campground

Pilgrims Campground

Pine Ridge Campground

Rustic Barn Campground & RV Park

St. James Retreat

Sweet Minihaha Campground

The Playful Goose Campground of the Horicon Marsh

Token Creek Campground

Tom's Campground

Wyoming

Deer Haven RV

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Grays Gable (Quadra Dangle Square Dance Club)
Pine Bluffs RV Park
Quadra Dangle Square Dance Club

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their camping schedule through the *TIMES* or NSDCA website listings. Again this year they will be square dancing on the bridge during the Covered Bridge Festival.

Members from Illiana Square Wheelers (#044), Trade-by-Travelers (#066) and Trail'n'Squares (#075) don't have their own camping schedule, but enjoy camping with the above mentioned chapters.

Along with everyone else, I'm reminding you to pack your bags and RV and get ready to attend the NSDCA International *SQUARE DANCE BASH ON THE BAYOU*, June 19-21, 2025 at the Shreveport Louisiana Fairgrounds, 3701 Hudson Ave., Shreveport, LA and then stick around (and stay on your same campsite) and attend the 74th National Square Dance Convention at the Shreveport, LA Convention Center from June 25-28. The convention center is located about 10 miles from the Fairgrounds.

Enjoy the camping season, sometimes known as "the 100 days of Camping." In our region we probably have a few more than 100 days, but whatever your number is - just be sure to get out and have some fun. Life is short, enjoy every moment of it!

Ruthann Sanders, RSRN4@aol.com 708-650-61224

Send a Teddy Bear to the Camporee

The Teddy Bear Cops program

Aims to provide stuffed animals (teddy bears) to children during traumatic experiences, such as car crashes, child abuse cases, and other incidents. Police officers and emergency officials carry teddy bears with them to offer comfort to small victims and reduce psychological trauma.

Bring or Send your Teddy Bears to the 2025 Camporee

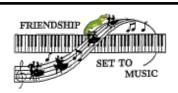
Notes from the NSDCA Camporee Team

The 2025 67th NSDCA International Camporee is just around the corner and the NSDCA Team is ready to make this a fun and memorable event for all participants. We have a schedule of games, food, square, round and line dancing, afterparties and much more to make sure everyone has a great time. Here's some details that you should read carefully:

- Let's begin with your arrival. You may come as early as June 15th; if you're not intending to take advantage of the extra early activities (see below), just plan to arrive on Wednesday, June 18th in time for our potluck get together and Trail-In Dance Wednesday night, featuring our great NSDCA callers and cuers.
- Whatever direction you will be coming from, use I-20 for east/west arrival and I-49 for north south arrivals. We will email detailed instructions to all attendees near the end of May for access to the Fairgrounds and to the campground area within the Fairground.
- For some early fun and dancing, if you arrive before Tuesday evening you can join the group and carpool or drive separately to the Southern Swingers dance in Bossier City, about 15 miles east. Directions will be available in your check-in packet.
- If you arrive on Wednesday, you can enjoy a shared potluck dinner before the Trail-End dance that evening called/cued by our own great NSDCA talent, all in preparation for the next three full days of Camporee events.
- Special events this year also include a special wood whittling craft in addition to other more traditional craft offerings, a Quilts of Valor presentation for qualified veterans, a book exchange and teddy bear collection to be distributed through the Shreveport Police Department, along with our usual appeal for the Shriners Children's Hospital.
- **Don't forget that if you are a brand new NSDCA member**, you're required to pay only for the campsite fee of \$35 per day and you will save \$75 off the full Camporee rate.
- For some mealtime fun and fellowship, our national Secretary has planned nightly potluck shared meals for anyone interested. Come eat and meet with friends from far and near.
- **To help start your day**, the national Board will be hosting daily morning "Chats and Coffee with the Board." This is your opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas.
- After all the NSDCA events are over, remember that you will not need to change your campsite, you can stay right where you are for the NSDC events coming up in the following week. You can relax for Sunday and begin the week on Monday evening with another pot-

67th Camporee Information

- 1. Square and Round dances will be at all levels, depending on the registration expectations.
- 2. Evening dances will alternate 2 square / 2 round dances.
- 3. At least 1 line dance may be included each night in place of 2 round dances.
- 4. All events and activities will be held in the Round Room adjacent to the camping area.
- 5. The Trail-In dance (Wednesday, June 18th) and daytime activities are casual attire.
- 6. Suggested attire for evening dances will be square dance appropriate.
- 7. The Round Room will be available from Sunday, June 22nd through Saturday, June 28th for use by all campers for special campground activities that will include potlucks, afterparties, dances, ice cream, and others as yet to be planned.
- 8. Campers registering for the NSDCA Camporee may register for arrival as early as Sunday, June 15th. All extra day campsites will be charged \$35 per day.
- 9. All campsite charges from Sunday, June 15th through Saturday June 21st are payable to the NSDCA.
- 10. All campsite charges from Sunday June 22nd through Sunday June 29th are payable to the 74th NSDC.
- 11. Campers not planning to attend the NSDC must vacate their campsite Sunday morning, June 22nd.
- *The **Southern Swingers** are a local Bossier City square dance club. They dance Mainstream, Plus and Phase II, III & IV Rounds on Tuesday night, June 17th at their facility and may host a dance in the campground on Monday, June 23rd.



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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! <u>Please note</u> 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 when you communicate with any Association staff member or Board member.

Thank you!



YES...you got that right! Sign up new members and

Sign up new m their badges are free.

Name City State

Member

SQUARE DANCE CAMPER

and you can win your 2026 dues paid



'Hey Check This Out' FREE and Just For You!

We have designed 4 brand new promotional flyers to help you promote your clubs and square dancing.

"4 NEW Flyers"
Available on our website
WWW.NSDCA.ORG
"download and print out"

'Spread the NEWS" & The Flyers Too!

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

Before I forget (which I seem to continually do) I wish to remind you that back issues of the TIMES are available on the NSDCA website. Just navigate to the green menu bar item labeled "NSDCA Times" and click on an issue. Complete digital sets of yearly issues are available as

far back as Spring 2011, and a few others are available prior to that.

I have previously commented on my inability to find an easy-to-use, free (or relatively inexpensive) publishing program for my Macintosh computer. You may recall I was planning on moving over to that platform from the Windows-based computer as the PC was on its last legs. However, I needed to keep the PC around as long as possible, as that's where the current publishing program, Microsoft's *Publisher*, would run (there isn't a Mac version). Long story short, as no one seemed to be able to help me figure out how to dual-boot the Mac from an external drive, I ended up buying another PC, a used Dell Latitude 5400. I found a discount house that sells legitimate copies of Microsoft products, so now I have a reasonably recent version of Microsoft Office, which includes Publisher. Of course, I occasionally get confused with command keystrokes and shortcut keystrokes between the two operating systems, but that is a small price to pay, since now I still have the tool I am most comfortable with to produce the *TIMES* newsletter.

On a recent trip in our RV, I somehow managed to brush the sidewall of the passenger rear tire against something, which produced a small tear in the rubber. While it was not losing air, I did not want to take any chance of either sidewall separation or a blowout occurring while we were driving. Fortunately, my wife purchased tire insurance along with the roadside service package we have for the RV. Lo and behold, I received a check in today's mail for the price of the tire; I was somewhat disappointed it did not include mounting and balancing, but those costs are minor compared to the cost of a tire.

Your editor has had quite the ride the last few months with health issues. As such, I haven't quite been on the ball, either forgetting things to put in the newsletter or losing or misplacing things I received. This is not an excuse, but stated as a reason. I owe several of you apologies - which were delivered either by email (if that's the way you communicate) or text. Fortunately, the doctors seem to be happy with both my and my chief proofreader's health situation at the moment; let's hope it stays that way (fingers crossed) as we have more visits for the near future.

Kathy Campbell (#116, Camping Squares of Kansas) sent me a note via US mail with her Winter 'Lost Gator' submission and a poem that was her entry. That note was one of the things I misplaced, thus she and her entry/poem were omitted from the Spring issue, but as I have rediscovered the note, both (poem and entry) are included in this issue. You

would think I would have recalled her entry as it was her note that triggered my thoughts expressed in this column last issue about our 1974 VW camper van. Alas, no thanks to my brain fog from the flu, it did not register. So, to set things right, here is Kathy's entry poem:

Our lost gator has a big problem: no page number for her current fate! she's on the last line of pink insert, by logic that's page 28!

Allie Gator will contact Susan Wolford for more info (when she emails or dials) A self-addressed crocodile envelope will get her a ribbon (AND Susan smiles!)

As I write this column, I am hoping we will soon be headed to my wife's family's ancestral home state, Maine (the first ancestor on her maternal side arrived in the 1600s, so they've been there a while). At this moment our departure date is still uncertain, no thanks to our doctors, who have our best interests in mind regardless of our travel plans! Therefore, in order to ensure US mail addressed to me does not get lost while being shuffled back and forth between states (since I seem to do enough of that myself lately) I request that ALL communication to yours truly be via email, sent to NSDCAtimes@gmail.com. If you don't have your own email account, another Chapter member (or family member or neighbor) might, and maybe they would allow you to send your 'Lost Gator' submission (or any other correspondence) from their account. Please make sure you are clearly identified as the person submitting the email if it is not your account to minimize my confusion. Thank you.

Speaking of the US mail, I trust you have been receiving your hard-copy of the *TIMES* in an expedient manner. It should arrive near the beginning of March, June, September or December. Ensuring our membership chair, Kathy Nickel (KathyNickelNSDCA@gmail.com) has your current mailing address significantly helps in delivery, as the post office will not forward the *TIMES* due to our use of non-profit mailing. Please remember that a current electronic copy of the *TIMES* (as discussed in the opening to this column) is posted to the NSDCA website around the time the paper copy should hit your mailbox. The on-line version is in full color, and you can magnify the page contents to make it easier to read, view the photographs or to find the lost square dance camper, whether gator, cow or RV. While you're on our Association's website, check out other information that is available, such as square dance campouts nationwide (USA and Canada), International and State Camporee information, and other Association information.

Thank you.

Light Corn Bread

Ingredients:

- 1 large egg
- 14.75 oz can, cream style sweet corn
- 1/2 cup, unsweetened plant-based almond milk
- 1 cup, all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp, pure canola oil
- 3/4 cup, white corn meal
- 1/2 tbsp, double acting baking powder
- 4 tbsp, Splenda/stevia
- 1/4 cup, light sour cream

Steps:

- 1) Preheat oven to 425°F
- 2) Grease up an 8" square pan and set aside
- 3) Combine dry ingredients in a mixing bowl
- 4) Whisk together milk, sour cream, egg, sweetener and oil
- 5) Stir in cream corn
- 6) Fold wet ingredients into dry ingredients until well combined
- 7) Pour batter into prepared pan
- 8) Bake for 30 minutes, or until set and golden-brown on the top
- 9) Cool slightly before cutting into squares

Nutritional information is provided below.

Makes 10 servings. Each serving slice is ~160 calories.

Total fat (g)	5	Cholesterol (g)	4	Sugars (g)	3
Saturated fat (g)	1	Sodium (mg)	195	Protein (g)	4
Polyunsat. fat (g)	1	Potassium (mg)	115	Vitamin A	1%
Monousat. fat (g)	2	Total carbs (g)	24	Calcium	5%
Trans fat (g)	0	Dietary fiber (g)	2	Iron	4%

Did you miss it?



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luck. The dinner will be followed by an NSDC Trail-In dance right at the campground featuring local calling and cuing talent of Joey and Beverly Duhamel from the Southern Swingers in Bossier City, LA.

Cook

Camporee Morning Coffee & Snacks

with your Board Officers

We need to know your likes and dislikes.

How we can be a better organization?

Your thoughts for the NSDCA future

"Let's Talk"



Wood Whittling Camporee Craft



Alligator Bolo Tie

Beginners Class by Linda Michel

Whittling can be done anywhere, all you need is a piece of wood, sharp knife, and a little time. You will need to bring your own small sharp knife, and protective gloves. Predrilled and prepared wood bolos, paint & brushes, will be supplied.

Start a new hobby!

Chapter Campouts

The following listings were last updated on May 1, 2025. 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.

June $6 \rightarrow 8$

▼▼▼ Illinois State NSDCA Camporee **▼▼▼**

Winnebago County Fairgrounds 500 West First St, Pecatonica, IL Cinda has registration forms

Cinda or Bob Asp; Cinda.asp@gmail.com

031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin

Buffalo Lake Camping Resort

555 Lake Avenue, Montello, WI; 608-297-2915

181 MontShire Campin' Squares: New Hampshire / Vermont

Horseshoe Acres Campground

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

Caller: Don Bachelder, Cuer: Mary Lou Gagliardi

Contact Barbara Connelly for reservation

Barbara Connelly; 802-745-7621; BLC614@juno.com

June 13 → **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 $19 \rightarrow 21$

▼▼▼ 67th NSDCA International Camporee **▼▼▼**

Shreveport Fairgrounds

3701 Hudson Ave; Shreveport, LA

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.

John Ide; 352-208-5980

June $20 \rightarrow 22$

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

Lower Beverly Lake Park

146 Lower Beverley Lake Road, Delta, ON; 613-928-2881 Opportunity to dance, socialize, enjoy fishing/swimming.

Helen MacCallum; 613-330-4873

Wednesday June $25 \rightarrow 28$

YYY 74th NSDC **YYY**

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 $18 \rightarrow 20$

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

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

Lower Beverly Lake Park

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

Opportunity to dance, socialize, enjoy fishing/swimming.

Helen MacCallum; 613-330-4873

Thursday July $24 \rightarrow 27$

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois

Rustic Barn Campground & RV Park

3854 Dry Hollow Rd, Keiler, WI 53817; 608-568-7797

For reservations, call after 01/01/2025

Cinda or Bob Asp; Cinda.asp@gmail.com

August $1 \rightarrow 3$

181 MontShire Campin' Squares: New Hampshire / Vermont

Horseshoe Acres Campground

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

Caller: Peter Tobin Cuer: Barbara Connelly

Contact Barbara Connelly for reservation

Barbara Connelly; 802-745-7621; BLC614@juno.com

Thursday August $7 \rightarrow 9$

196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio

Fulton County Fairgrounds (by Sauder Village)

8514 OH-208; Wauseon, Ohio

Contact Wagon Masters Don/Carol Graber for reservations and activity information.

Don/Carol Graber; 567-395-5231

Thursday August $7 \rightarrow 10$

002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin

Circle R Campgound

1183 Old Knapp Rd, Oshkosh, WI; 920-235-8909

Wisconsin State Square & Round Convention

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

August $8 \rightarrow 10$

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 → **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. Deposits will NOT be refunded, but will be honored for a future reservation within a year. PPA rally rate is \$38/night. You must call and pre-register.

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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Thursday August $21 \rightarrow 24$

002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin

Marsh Campground

W7039 Co Rd S R, Elkhart Lake, WI; 920-876-2535

Plymouth Square

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

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois

Big Rock Campground

46W499 Granart Road, Big Rock, IL; 630-444-1200

For reservations, www.kaneforest.com/location/big-rock-campground, after 03/01/2025 Cinda or Bob Asp; Cinda.asp@gmail.com

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

River Rocks Landing

Gadsden, AL

Kevin Cozad;205-928-2618

August 22 → 24

119 Wander Yonders: Wyoming

Glenrock Town Park

Town Park Road, Glenrock, WY

Please make your own camping reservations

Diana Fergel, 307-635-7312

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

Lower Beverly Lake Park

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

Opportunity to dance, socialize, enjoy fishing/swimming.

Helen MacCallum; 613-330-4873

Thursday September $4 \rightarrow 7$

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

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Yonah Mountain Campground

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

Janice Salsgiver; 770-252-1040

September $5 \rightarrow 7$

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

031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin

Token Creek Campground

6200 US Hwy 51, Deforest, WI; 608-224-3730

Please remember: If there is a change that the website can be updated. To d mally do, enter the dates and location ments section indicate the event has beccurs, be sure to make a new entry indicate.

September $11 \rightarrow 13$

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Wekiva Falls RV Resort

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

Please call the campground to make your reservation, then call Tom Biehn to let us know you are coming.

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

September $19 \rightarrow 20$

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Southern Oaks RV Resort

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

Rally rate is \$33/night (subject to change); rally rate also available for Sept. 18. Must call the campground and make your own reservations.

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 $19 \rightarrow 21$

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

Lower Beverly Lake Park

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

Last weekend of the season and includes our Chapter's Annual General Meeting. Helen MacCallum; 613-330-4873

September $26 \rightarrow 28$

196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana

Johnson County RV Campground

2949 E North St.; Nineveh, IN

Contact Wagon Masters Kerry and Alice Richmond for more information Kerry/Alice Richmond; 812-375-0251

October $3 \rightarrow 5$

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

Tuesday October $7 \rightarrow 9$

196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana

Kamp Komfort RV Park and Campground

21408 County Rd 600 E, Carlock, IL; 309-376-4411

Contact Wagon Masters Dan and Marian Hatfield for more information Dan/Marian Hatfield; 618-554-3929

Tuesday October $7 \rightarrow 11$

014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois

Kamp Komfort RV Park and Campground

21408 County Rd 600 E, Carlock, IL; 309-376-4411

Will include a visit to Braffet Berry Farm, community dance, PLUS a possible dinner & play at Barn III Theatre of "Arsenic & Old Lace"

Cinda or Bob Asp; Cinda.asp@gmail.com

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to your campout schedule, report it so o this, simply use the process you norof the campout, and then in the comeen canceled or relocated. If the latter icating the new location. Thank you!

Chapter Campouts—continued

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Thursday October $9 \rightarrow 11$

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Hammondell Campsites and RV Park

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

Please call the campground to make your reservation, then call Tom Biehn to let us know you are coming.

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

Thursday October $9 \rightarrow 12$

002 Pine Tree: Wisconsin

Astico Park (Dodge County Park)

N3620 County Rd T T, Columbus, WI; 920-386-3700

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

October $10 \rightarrow 13$

196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana

Rockville 4-H Park

Rockville, IN

Contact Wagon Masters Mike and Nancy Holzhausen for more info. Sunday will be our annual dance at the Mecca Covered Bridge.

Mike/Nancy Holzhausen; 317-989-4533

Thursday October $23 \rightarrow 25$

▼▼▼ FANSDC 49th Annual State Camporee ▼▼▼

Southern Palms RV Resort

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

For more information, see https://fansdc.net/2025-fansdc-camporee

October $31 \rightarrow$ November 1

128 Square Wheels: Florida

Sunny Ōaks RV Park

8654 New Kings Rd, Jacksonville, FL;904-619-6118

Rate: \$60/day, refundable up to 10 days before reservation date.

12 miles to the Fall Festival.

Must make your own reservation.

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

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

Thursday November $6 \rightarrow 9$

152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama

Roaring Pines Campground

83 Roaring Pines Rd, Somerville, AL

George Herndon; 334-740-0649

193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida

Lake Glenada RV Resort

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

Please call the campground to make your reservation, then call Tom Biehn to let us know you are coming.

Tom Biehn; 757-672-9978; rtb6273@gmail.comdoramiata62@yahoo.com OR Angela Brown 352-408-5721

BIG NEWS

NEW MEMBERS will receive FREE NAME BADGES

All NEW Members receive an NSDCA Badge FREE (Magnetic back just \$3.00/ea)

\$75.00 Discount on the 2025 Camporee

NEW MEMBER Couples will have their 2025 Camporee registration discounted by \$75.00 and Singles will be discounted \$30.00 and pay only the 3-day \$105.00 campsite charge.

NSDCA MEMBERS Complimentary 2026 Dues

With each NEW MEMBER (couple/single) you bring in your name will go into a drawing to be held at the 2025 camporee. 5 winners will be drawn and have their 2026 NSDCA dues waived. You can only win once. The member who brings in the most New Members will automatically have their 2026 dues waived. You do not need to be present at the 2025 camporee to win.

50% Discount for 2026 CAMPOREE

5 WINNERS will be drawn at the 2025 Camporee to receive a 50% discount on their 2026 Camporee registration fee above the 3 - Day Campsite Fee. Your must be present to win!



and Cute & Crazy Fun Antics!

AFTERPARTY HELP WANTED

Now that you have made up your mind to come to the Camporee this summer, consider helping us out with some of the Fun.

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT THE WORK"

Contact any BOD Member

and ask how you can help.

NSDCA BLANKET LIABILITY INSURANCE

The NSDCA has had blanket liability insurance coverage for all its activities since August 1, 1975. We are currently buying insurance through the Lawley Vivacqua LLC Agency and are insured with the Atlantic Casualty Insurance Company.

This insurance is issued in the name of the association, all its affiliated chapters, and includes all officers and directors, of either the association or any chapter while it engages in any activity on behalf of their group. The limit of the liability is \$1,000,000.00 per incident (\$2,000,000 aggregate) for either bodily injury or property damage or both when NSDCA is negligent.

This is however **NOT** accident insurance. It covers only injury or damage caused by accident or negligence of the NSDCA or its chapters in the course of their activity. It will not necessarily pay for any injury that might happen. It has to happen in such a way that NSDCA would be legally held responsible for the injury. The insurance company would investigate and defend a claim resulting from any accident, but the injured party will normally not receive a settlement unless it can be proven there was negligence or fault of the chapters or association.

The policy is issued on a comprehensive liability form that covers the activities of the NSDCA or its chapters. This includes campouts, meetings, social affairs or any other type of an event, all of which are automatically insured. Specific questions should be referred to the company agent through whom the insurance is written.

The application Forms for Insurance Certificates, are available from the NSDCA at www.nsdca.org. There is no charge for the 'Proof of Insurance' certificate and it may be obtained by contacting:

Justine Schaper, Account Manager Lawley Vivacqua Scheff, LLC 504 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 302 Amherst, NY 14228

Email: jschaper@lawleyinsurancer.com Phone 716-636-5820; FAX 866-211-4683

If the entity (land or building owner, municipality etc.) requires their name to be explicitly listed as an ADDITIONAL insured, there is an additional charge for each name to be added which is to be paid by the requesting chapter. The request must be made thru the NSDCA Board.

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The Editors will not be responsible for material received after the deadline or material that is illegible or that violates the standards of the NSDCA.



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



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To encourage our NSDCA members, all NSDCA Chapters or NSDCA state, province or other member organizations may place one (1) ad (single page or smaller) once each year free of charge subject to available space. A second ad will be discounted 50% from the commercial rates. Subsequent ads for the same year will be receive a 25% discount from the commercial rate.

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Full page \$65.00 Three-Quarter page \$50.00 Half page \$35.00 Quarter page \$20.00

Contact the Editor today to place your ad at these fantastic prices! Questions concerning advertising in the NSDCA *TIMES* should be directed to the Editor.

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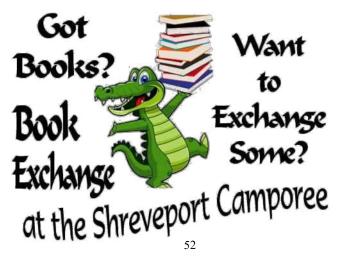
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Don't Miss Out On This History-Making Opportunity

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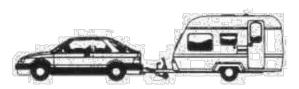
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Preparing Your Towable RV for Camping Season

While the information listed below is principally for RVs that are towed (whether bumper pull or fifth wheel), many of the items presented are also applicable to motorhomes. For more details on each of the items listed below, see the website reference at the bottom of this article. The URL is a long one, so to save a bunch of typing, a Google search using the keywords "winnebago how to prepare your towable rv for camping season" yielded the article where this checklist was obtained as the first hit.

- 1. Inspect, Wash, and Clean the RV (including Solar Panel!)
- 2. Check Tires and Torque Lug Nuts
- 3. Test and Charge the Battery
- 4. Inspect the Propane System
- 5. Flush and Sanitize the Water System
- 6. Service Appliances
- 7. Inspect the Electrical System
- 8. Examine the Brakes and Bearings
- 9. Inspect the Hitch and Coupler

https://winnebago.com/lifestyle/winnebagolife/education/travel-trailer-maintenance-how-to-prepare-your-towable-rv-for-camping-season



Afterthoughts

Once upon a time, long, long ago (mid– to late-1960s), my family square danced and camped. Although the NSDCA was in exist-



ence at that time, I am unaware of any affiliation with the "Week End Warriors." From what I recall, the group mostly camped on the Florida western coast. If anyone is familiar with this group or has any history about it, please forward it to the editor. Thank you.

I strongly suspect there are a large number of members who have modified their RVs in one fashion or another to suit their taste or to provide an amenity they felt was lacking in the original design. Please share these modification ideas with your fellow NSDCA members. A brief write-up is all that is required, and be sure to send a photo along.

Thank you.

Your NSDCA Editor

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