



## Roadrunner Rambles



### Happy Easter!

Can you believe that Easter is only about a week and a half away with Palm Sunday this weekend? Where does the time go? We want all those who were not at our March campout in Vero Beach at the Sunshine Travel Resort, that you missed a great weekend, and I'm here to tell you that green eggs and ham go together and taste pretty good. I'm sure those of you who didn't attend was because the green eggs and ham we promised for breakfast scared you away. I can't think of any other good reason not to come unless you had to go to California like Chuck & Mary or your rig was in the shop.

Anyway, as I said, we had a great turnout, reconnecting with Pam & Jay Smith who are both recovering well from their surgeries and were able to dance, Ross & Ellie Wade who are not quite ready to dance again yet but came both nights, and John and Dorothy Santini who are still as strong as ever. We had lots of support from residents of the RV park and the local dance community with three squares on the floor most of the time and occasionally four. We're really grate full for everyone's support particularly after our previously scheduled campground left us in a lurch and we had to find an alternate. We can't say enough about the great support we received from Sunshine. They even made the main rec-hall available to us both nights and served a great hot-dog (with all the trimmings and ice-cream for desert ) meal on Friday night. Thank you to Sunshine Travel Park.

We couldn't have a campout and dance without our callers and cuers, yes plural. Sonny did a great job as always, but he apparently pushed the wrong button on his computer at the start of the Saturday dance. Al Putman came to the rescue with a few tips (not without a few glitches of his own) until Sonny's PC came back to normal. We were also treated to a couple of tips by Gib Matson who visited us with many of his club's dancers. Of course Mary & Chuck were in California but Bonnie Putman did a great job filling in for Chuck. All things considered, we had two great nights of dancing and workshops on Saturday. Thanks again to all of our calling and cuing talent.

This weekend was another first for the RoadRunners. We had our first annual white elephant sale and auction. It should probably be called a non-auction because we really never did get into the auction. First, thanks to everyone that brought some of their no-longer used

treasures for our fundraiser. We priced most of it for sale and held a few things back for the auction. Unfortunately, when the auction time rolled around, there were no park guests present. They had already been through the sale items and picked up many of them. I asked our members which of the items they were interested in and found that none of the items had more than one person interested, so an auction would never have happened. I asked for those interested to contribute what they thought their item was worth, at which time Don Hardison set the trend. He said he'd give \$10 for his item. Everyone followed in the same way, offering \$10 for their item. It was a great non-auction auction and when it was over, we made close to \$200. I've never seen Roger Tipps (our treasurer) so ecstatic as when he realized that we took in nearly \$500 for the weekend.

Our meals were great as always, with lots of leftovers for Sunday morning breakfast. Most members didn't stick around as long as usual on Sunday morning because the park had rigs lined up outside waiting for the 11:00 am checkout so they could get in. That should not be a problem at Zachary Taylor in April. Most of the snowbirds will have already gone home. Speaking of April, don't forget to let me know that you're coming because the park is trying hard to park us close together. I need confirmation this week from those that are coming. You don't need to make your own reservations, I'll take care of it. Also Zachary Taylor accepts Passport America memberships. Those of you who were there last fall will remember the great cruise we had of Lake Okeechobee. If anyone is interested in that again, let me know and I'll try to get a cruise lined up.

We'll let you know more about the weekend schedule details and meals by this weekend and I or Judy will send you a copy of the last meeting minutes as well. A couple of things to look forward to are:

- We hope to have a men's and women's professionally made club polo shirt samples available. We plan on taking orders so we can get them back for our last meeting in May.
- Get your taste buds revved up because we've been promised fresh apple pancakes for breakfast.

Here's where we'll be for April 10, 11 & 12:

Zachary Taylor RV Resort (PA ok), 2995 US Hwy 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL 34974  
863-763-3377

For May 8, 9, & 10, we'll be at:

Whispering Palms (PA ok), 10305 US Hwy 1, Sebastian, FL 32958  
772-589-3481

Looking a little further ahead, don't forget the Florida State Convention over the Memorial Day Weekend in Lakeland, the International NSDC Camporee in Illinois in July, and the National Square Dance Convention in Springfield, MA in June. You can get all the information on line through our website at [http://www.whirlaways.org/rr\\_193\\_index.html](http://www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html) or <http://www.floridasquaredance.com> , or you can always get in touch with us.

See you in two weeks.

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