



Roadrunner Rambles

April 15, 2015



Thanks for a great weekend!

Needless to say a whole lot more than thanks, but it certainly was a great weekend. In addition to two great nights of dancing provided by Sonny and Chuck, we had two amazing breakfasts starting on Saturday morning with Doug & Noreen's apple pancakes. They were complemented with eggs, sausage, bacon, fruit, whipped cream, and more. We all started our chapter meeting at 10 am just stuffed, more interested in naps than a meeting. The leftovers were enough to fill all our little bellies (wishful thinking) on Sunday morning and put us into a nice relaxed social mood. Many RoadRunners did not leave until very late morning, preferring to visit and chat. The breakfasts were outdone by our pot-luck dinner on Saturday featuring several vegan dishes as well as all the meat and protein you could ask for.

The dances were great and for the first time since we started in January of 2014, we had enough members present to consistently have two squares on the floor. By Saturday night, we were able to have three squares with two new member couples that joined us, Brad & Louise Woodward and Russ Finley & Jeanne Huntley, but with the space limitations and tired dancers, we just didn't get three squares up. The good news is that going into our 2015-2016 dance season, we now have 17 member couples and 2 associate member couples.

The folks at Zachary Taylor are really wonderful and couldn't be more supportive of our activities there. We had three visiting couples from Zachary Taylor who got up the courage to try a simple tip both nights and are looking for us to come back. We also had a group participate in a pontoon boat cruise hosted by an on-site fishing guide. Unfortunately the water on the lake was a little too rough to venture out with a boat-load of people.

Our chapter meeting resolved some important issues that will be voted on at the May meeting. In addition to voting on next year's officers, we will seek your approval to begin providing a paid site fee for our caller and cuer. So far, they have volunteered their time and paid all their own expenses. With our increased membership, we are now financially able to provide some well-deserved recognition and support for both of them. The other significant event on Saturday was the ordering of shirts. We have found a printing company in Ocala that will provide our white polo shirts in either men's or women's style with our Roadrunner logo

screen-printed on the back, on the front and our individual names above the front logo for \$22.50 each. We had a sample there for everyone to see. Just about everyone ordered them and they should be available at the May campout. For those of you who were unable to be there last weekend, we can order more at any time.

For May 8, 9, & 10, we'll be at **Whispering Palms (PA ok), 10305 US Hwy 1, Sebastian, FL 32958, phone 772-589-3481**. Please let me know if you're coming so I can let the resort know. We need to close out the year as strong as possible since we already had to provide a \$100 deposit for Whispering Palms.

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 or <http://www.floridasquaredance.com> , or you can always get in touch with us.

See you in three weeks.

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