



Roadrunner Rambles



April 25, 2016

A great April campout at Zachary Taylor!

The April campout was undoubtedly one of our most successful to date. We had fourteen rigs camp in April, more than at any time in our RoadRunner history and also gained new members, Sherry & John Brown from Palm Bay, Fl. 'Welcome aboard!' We all look forward to getting to know you. With that said we had a great time with our usual fun, food and of course dancing. Chuck and Mary were back from their California trip so he was able to cue for us again. We also enjoyed Bonnie and Al's cuing and calling giving Sonny and Chuck a break. A great big thanks to all our talented folks.

As we said in the previous Rambles, this was also our annual fundraiser white elephant sale and auction. Sonny did the auctioneering for us and we raised several hundred dollars. Thank you to all who brought their treasures and to all who bought those treasures! What didn't get sold went home with Roger until next spring. We also made more than \$50 with a raffle for a health/wellness basket that Judy put together. Thanks Judy. We'll see if we can't hold this event earlier when there are more snow-birds still in Florida. We'd rather have them take our treasures up north instead of storing them at Roger's house.

Once again, about half of our members came on Thursday and we had a great time socializing and enjoying everyone's company. We had a shared meal of Tacos-in-a-bag, veggie shish-kabobs and s'mores over the campfire later that night. One slight hitch, I (John) had to be taken to the emergency room at the Okeechobee hospital because I somehow managed to sprain my ankle. It got so bad that I couldn't put any weight on it or move it so Judy took Dolly and I to the hospital. Thank you very much, Judy. Of course that meant that I couldn't dance all weekend and just hobbled around on Sonny's cane and Maurice's crutches. Thanks to all for your help. Because many of you enjoying the extra time on Thursday, we hope to make that a regular part of our weekends next season.

Well, the end of the 2015/2016 year is coming up. We'll be camping at Whispering Palms in Sebastian for our final event. We hope to have a good turn-out again and be able to say good-bye and safe travels to everyone for the summer. Many of you will be going to the Florida State Convention in Lakeland over the Memorial Day weekend. Dolly & I cannot be there because we'll be camping at John Prince in Lantana so that we can attend our oldest grandson's high school graduation. From there we'll be heading for the "Fortnight of Fun" in Iowa.

Here are some things to consider for the Whispering Palms campout. We will be electing officers for the next camping/dancing season so it will be important for as many of our members

as possible to be there. We plan to have updated directories so that you can stay in touch with everyone this summer. If you know that something was incorrect in the last directory or has changed since then, please call Dolly with that information. The theme for our upcoming May weekend is **My Summer Bucket List!!** Put on your thinking caps and get a summer bucket list together. Write it down or just remember it and we will have fun sharing our ideas with each other. For those of you who plan to come on Thursday, we will have another campfire with a shared meal with whatever food everyone brings along. Dolly is bringing some fancy cook-over-the-fire hotdogs for everyone, so just bring whatever you want to cook and something to share. More about that as we get closer to the weekend.

For our next camping/dancing year, here's a preliminary schedule for

September 2016 thru May 2017:

September 8, 9 & 10, 2016	Whispering Palms in Sebastian
October 20, 21 & 22, 2016	Camporee at Blueberry Hill in Bushnell
November 10, 11 & 12, 2016	Zachary Taylor in Okeechobee
December 8, 9 & 10, 2016	Lake Josephine in Sebring
January 13 & 14, 2017	Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring
February 10 & 11, 2017	St. Lucie Fairground in Fort Pierce (unless something else becomes available)
March 9, 10 & 11, 2017	Sunshine Travel Resort in Vero Beach (not confirmed by them)
April 6, 7 & 8, 2017	Zachary Taylor in Okeechobee
May 11, 12 & 13, 2017	Whispering Palms in Sebastian

Don't forget to keep up with our activities by visiting our website (thanks as always to Chuck for his help keeping it updated) at http://www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html . You can also get there through the Florida association at and click on Chapter 193. To get in touch with Dolly or I, you can call me (352) 208-5980 or Dolly (352) 598-7162 or by e-mail at john.d.ide@hotmail.com or dollyide@hotmail.com .

Dolly and I want to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer. We hope to see some of you in Iowa for the National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines and the International NSDCA Camporee in Amana. If you're considering going, you may want to connect with Ron Imus of the Gypsys (574-370-9169; rlius46@aol.com). They are planning on camping as a group in Des Moines, but everyone has to arrive together as a group. Dolly and I planning to camp at a Coast to Coast resort just-north west of the city, but we will be camping with everyone in Amana.

See you in two weeks,
Dolly & John