



Roadrunner Rambles



May 13, 2016

Summer Bucket List Campout in May at Whispering Palms in Sebastian

Wow! What a great weekend! We started with the early birds who came on Thursday, May 12. Some of us stayed at the campground and while a few of the others drove up to the Promenaders Thursday night dance in Melbourne. John brought out his grill and cooked the hot dogs that I had wrapped in bacon (We found that the bacon cooks too slow for the hot dogs). I had stuffed some of the dogs with jalapeno peppers (hot) and some of the dogs with cheese. (Results: the bacon does not hold the cheese in and John's grill was a mess!) I had to volunteer to clean it, but he had to take it all apart to get all that cheese out). 😞

We had 9 rigs for the weekend (really missing you snow birds) and welcomed our newest members, Sherry & John Brown from Palm Bay, FL. We actually had 2 squares on the floor once or twice both nights thanks to our guests from the Promenaders and others. With that said we had a great weekend with our usual fun, food and of course dancing. Chuck did his usual great job cueing the rounds and Sonny did not disappoint us with his great calling either. Our thanks to you both!

Dolly set up her sewing machine in the club house and with the help of many of you, got a few more ladies scarves fitted. She plans to do that again in September at our campout. Most of the group went to Woody's BBQ for dinner on Friday night and we tried not to stuff ourselves too much.

Saturday morning's "Omelets-in-a-Bag" went really well and we all enjoyed a very healthy cooked breakfast. Our end of the season meeting got off right on time at 10:00 AM and since we could not convince any of you to take over our offices, the same slate of officers were unanimously elected for the 2016/2017 season. Thanks for your votes of confidence!! We also reminded everyone of the summer "**Fortnight of Fun**" in Iowa this year which includes:

1. National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines – June 22 to 25
2. Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story - Pre-Camporee Dance – Sunday June 25
3. NSDCA International Camporee in Amana – June 27 to 30
4. Iowa State Camporee also in Amana (same Place) – July 1 to 3
5. Amana 4th of July celebration

Be sure to put the October Renaissance Camporee on your calendar, (Oct. 20 -23) so we can have a great turnout and show off our great Club Outfits. Don't forget that our Chapter is in charge of the Sunday AM Breakfast, so we really need you there! Gail & Gary LaRue (Camporee Chairman) along with their club (168) have a really spectacular weekend planned, so try not to miss this one.

The new directories were distributed with the 2016/2017 schedule inside. If you were not at the May campout and would like one mailed to you before September, please let us know. Swimming, sewing, and games along with the workshops filled up the rest of Saturday afternoon.

As usual our Sunday morning Breakfast of weekend leftovers was GREAT. Whispering Palms has Dolly's favorite club house with lots of space to cook and dance and for games also. A few campers stayed over till Monday. We hope to see you all there in September! Right after our September campout, we're also invited to join O82, Hitch-N-Go, on September 23 and 24 at Theme World at the intersection of I-10 and US-27. If you're interested in coming, let Karen Lowe know at 352-344-4702 or by e-mail at thelowes@tampabay.rr.com.

Please note the following correction. Theme World, the September campout location for Hitch-n-Go is not at I-10 and US-27, but at the south-west corner of the intersection of I-4 and US-27, along the service road behind the motel. (corrected June 6, 2016 CR)

For our next season schedules, here is a review of our next camping/dancing 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

Be sure to keep up with all 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 we see some of you in Iowa. If you're considering going, you may want to connect with Ron Imus of the Gypsy Squares (574-370-9169; rlius46@aol.com). They are planning to camp 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.

Hope to see you in a square somewhere this summer,
Dolly & John