



# Roadrunner Rambles

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Congratulations on our first full season as RoadRunners.

May finished our first full season and brings us all a break until we meet again in September. We can all be proud of what we've accomplished. We started the year last September and met/danced every scheduled weekend except February for lack of a resort to camp and dance in. We ended the year with more members than we started. Our coffers had more in them than we anticipated which allows us to do some things we need to take care of. All of our growth was due to you, our members, and our great caller and cuer.

As always, we had great food with everyone chipping in to help cook it. I don't know how you all feel, but I think it tastes better when everyone participates. The dances were great with Sonny calling and Chuck cuing. We owe them a big thank you for supporting our chapter with great events and music. One of the big things that helps to introduce square dancing to others is Sonny's willingness to call an entry level tip when we have willing visitors to try, and our members' patience to allow visitors the opportunity.

One of the unexpected pleasures of the weekend was the resort itself. What a great rec-hall Whispering Palms has. That and the friendliness of the park was enough to encourage us to schedule it again for next year. At the present time, the schedule for next year is as follows:

September 11 & 12	Enchanted Lakes; Malabar
October 22, 23 & 12	Camporee; Southern Palms; Eustis
November 13 & 14	Zachary Taylor; Okeechobee
December 11 & 12	Savannas RV Park; Port St. Lucie
January 8 & 9	Sunshine RV Park; Lake Placid
February 12 & 13	To be announced
March 11 & 12	Sunshine Travel Resort; Vero Beach
April 8 & 9	Zachary Taylor; Okeechobee
May 13 & 14	Whispering Palms; Sebastian

Some of the other highlights of the weekend were the distribution of our RoadRunner polo shirts. You all looked great in them and we hope all our members participate in the shirt purchase. For custom printing and individual names on each, the \$22.50 was a great deal. The

ladies also got together on a design for a more formal RoadRunner outfit that should be ready for final review and timely enough for everyone to have their outfit for the Camporee. For details on what to expect, check with Judy McCartney and Faye Hardison. They will be completing the first attempt and are attempting to make the first complete sets before our September campout for everyone's review.

We also welcomed Brad and Louise Woodward as new members. Brad also took some great pictures of the weekend which most of you have probably received by now. Thanks, Brad for all the great photography.

The last important event to make sure everyone knows about is that our current chapter officers were voted in for another year. That means Dolly and I will continue as Presidents, Don and Faye Hardison as Vice Presidents, Judy McCartney as Secretary and Roger Tipps as treasurer. We hope to see you all in September and that you have a great summer. In the meantime, don't forget the Florida State Convention next weekend, Memorial Day, in Lakeland; the National Square Dance Convention in Springfield, MA in June and the International NSDCA Camporee in Illinois in July. 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 by phone (352)208-5980 or e-mail [john.d.ide@hotmail.com](mailto:john.d.ide@hotmail.com)

In the meantime, may the God keep you safe,

Dolly & John Ide

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