



Roadrunner Rambles

September 10, 2016

Whispering Palms, Sebastian



Well here we are at Whispering Palms again, the same place we last met in May, and had another great weekend of camping, dancing and of course EATING. Many of us came early on Thursday night and again went to Melbourne to dance with the Promenaders, many of who joined us on Friday and Saturday night. Thanks, Promenaders. I have to admit, I enjoyed this Thursday much better than the one in May because I didn't have to clean my grill of burned on bacon and cheese from Dolly's fancy hotdogs. I'm not sure about the rest of you, but cooking hotdogs stuffed with cheese and wrapped in bacon is well above my pay-grade.

The theme for our first 2016-2017 season was a Labor Day Cookout and we had everything for the feast except ants. We started the eating challenge with dinner out at Woody's BBQ and followed that with our always fantastic breakfast on Saturday morning. Lana did a fabulous job with her serving table decorations for the pot-luck Saturday afternoon and the food as always was great. After the meeting on Saturday, Johnny Brown set up his karaoke equipment and let everyone sing to their hearts content, well, maybe not everyone sang, some folks just made a joyful noise.

Our great caller, Sonny McCartney and fabulous cuer, Chuck Ryall, provided the talent that guaranteed that we had a great time dancing. With those of the RoadRunners that were able (not ill or recuperating from various surgeries) and our guests, we consistently had two squares on the floor which is great for the first weekend of the season. After the dances, we shared many of our summer experiences, good and challenging, particularly the International Camporee in Amana, Iowa. Just a heads-up, the next International Camporee will be at Pride Resorts in Maggie Valley, NC, where several of you went two years ago. We hope that we have another great RoadRunner showing at this event next year.

With that said, we're also looking forward to the Camporee at Blueberry Hill RV Resort in Bushnell, Florida, from October 20th thru 23rd. We hope most of you are planning to attend since we agreed that this would be our October RoadRunner campout. One important note about the Camporee, the Strawberry Travelers (Chapter 153) always camps in the location where the Camporee is held the weekend before the Camporee (October 14th and 15th this year) and they always invite any other FANSDC members to camp and dance with them. It makes for a great relaxing week beginning with a square dance on Friday and Saturday, enjoying four relaxing days before the Camporee, and then enjoying the Camporee. The cost for the sites is usually the same as the Camporee rally rate but you have to make your own reservations. You also have to let

Martha Zimmerman (Camporee Wagon Master; 251-226-0118) know so she can put you on a site that is with your normal camping chapter so you won't have to change sites.

We also need as many of you as possible to help with the Camporee Sunday morning breakfast since the RoadRunners will be cooking then for everyone else. This Camporee is guaranteed to be a really great fun event so don't miss it and don't forget to bring your RoadRunner outfits for the Grand March on Friday night. We're also looking forward to seeing all the great medieval costumes for the dinner and dance on Saturday.

Now here's what's planned for the rest of the 2016-2017 season:

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| 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 | To be announced if we find something. |
| March 24 & 25, 2017 | Florida State Square Dance Convention Lakeland RV Resort, Lakeland Florida |
| 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 www.floridasquaredance.com, then scroll down and click on the Camper Dancers and then 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.

Late and great news! We just got a call from Louise that she and Brad have bought a camper and won't have to do the motel thing anymore. Louise did say she might need a little help backing into campsites but they're looking forward to spending the time with the rest of us in the campgrounds. We're all also looking forward to having them camp with us.

Until we see you at the Camporee in October, be blessed and be a blessing.

Dolly & John