

Roadrunner Rambles

September 13, 2015



We had a fabulous start to a new camping and dancing season.

Even though many of our members are still up north enjoying the fall weather, we had a great turnout at Enchanted Lakes for our first campout/dance of the 2015/2016 season. We were able to have two squares on the floor and had enough able dancers for a third, but many folks were enjoying just catching up on, and sharing their summer activities. We had 7 rigs and many local dancers join us both nights to enjoy Sonny's calling and Chuck's cuing. As always, we had fabulous breakfasts and a wonderful shared pot-luck on Saturday. In addition we celebrated all of our summer birthdays and anniversaries.

Now we're getting ready for the Florida State Camporee in Eustis, Florida from Thursday, October 22nd to Sunday, October 25th. We're hoping to have ten or more of our member couples there ready to enjoy a great time. Everyone is also welcome to come to the same resort the weekend before and camp/dance with the Strawberry Travelers, Chapter 153. Several of us are doing just that and staying for the full 8 days. The Camporee rally rate of \$21 per day is available for the full 8 days. If that interests anyone, let Dolly or I know and we'll give you the details. Along with the normal Camporee activities, we will have a chapter meeting and a chapter dinner, probably on Friday afternoon. We're planning to grill one or more of the following, hot dogs, hamburgers and/or brats, and ask our members just to bring a side dish.

The club will provide the meat. In addition to that, there will also be a pumpkin decorating contest. You can do one as an individual or we can do one as a chapter. They can be real or artificial and I'm told there will be prizes awarded. They will also be used for decorations and you can then take them home after the Camporee.

One of the RoadRunner specific things to look forward to is the first showing of the formal RoadRunner outfits that the ladies voted on in September, thanks to Mary and Faye. While your thoughts are on outfits, don't forget that Thursday night is <u>theme night</u> so you can come in either a Halloween costume or just casual. Friday night is always the FANSDC outfit or orange and white, if you have it. If not, any regular square dance attire is fine. Saturday night is the time for chapter outfits. Since the Ryall/Hardison creation will just be previewed at the Camporee, navy blue and white with whatever accessories is suggested.

The schedule for the rest of the current season is as follows:	
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	To be announced
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

If you haven't caught up on our schedule yet, you'll notice that the January campout at Sunshine RV Resort in Lake Placid was cancelled by them. We're looking for alternatives and will let everyone know what we come up with just as soon as we find some place. Right now, the options are all further away (Titusville or Arcadia) and may cost more than the \$30 per night maximum limit stated in our by-laws. We plan to make reservations for the 2016/2017 season after our meeting at the Camporee. For all the latest information on what's going on, you can always stay connected through our website at http://www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html or

http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fansdc/clubs.html and click on Chapter 193, or you can always get in touch with us by phone (352)208-5980 or e-mail john.d.ide@hotmail.com

In the meantime, stay safe, be blessed,

Dolly & John Ide

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