



Roadrunner Rambles

September 24, 2014



Hello, RoadRunners and welcome back!

Wow, what a great kick-off campout and dance for the 2014-2015 camp and dance season. As you all know, we went back to Enchanted Lakes RV Resort in Malabar and had a great time. We only had 5 folks camping because so many of you are still up north and others had recent surgery or were ill, . (and then there are several members who live too close to drag the camper out), none-the-less, we had a great weekend. Friday night, we had at least a square and Saturday night, we had two squares on the floor. We enjoyed Sonny's calling with the cuing by both new member Chuck Ryall and our own Larry Chatos. In addition to new members Chuck and Mary Ryall, we also added Dick and Sarah Lee and Maurice and Virginia Ritter as new members. That brings our membership to 14 couples, one single and three associate members. Wow!

The relaxed social atmosphere we've been cultivating is working wonderfully as evidenced by our Sunday morning breakfast and departures; most members didn't leave until after lunch (or a long, casual relaxed breakfast/brunch). We had our chapter meeting on Saturday morning after breakfast and established a couple of things, one of which was accepting some Standing Rules. Another important issue was the IRS filing for non-profit status. It's something important to do but will also cost us \$400. More in the meeting minutes and at our next meeting.

Dolly is also working hard on a chapter booklet which will include a complete roster with member pictures, birthdays, anniversaries, by-laws, standing rules, a campout schedule, and much more. We will have copies available for all members at the Camporee in three weeks. With regard to the schedule, we agreed on the following resorts and camp/dance schedule:

October 16, 17, 18 & 19	Florida Camporee (\$25 rally rate; see more below) Blueberry Hill RV Resort 6233 Lowery St Bushnell, FL 33513 352-793-4112
November 7, 8 & 9	Zachary Taylor RV Resort (PA ok) 2995 US Hwy 441 SE Okeechobee, FL 34974
December	Dark
January 8, 9 10 & 11	Sunshine RV Resort (\$34 rally rate; more details below) 303 SR 70 East Lake Placid, FL 33852 863-465-4815
February	Will be announced as soon as available.
March 13, 14 & 15	Lake Josephine (not PA but rally rates are \$25) 10809 Us Highway 27 S Sebring, FL 33876 863-655-0925
April 10, 11 & 12	Zachary Taylor RV Resort (PA ok) 2995 US Hwy 441 SE Okeechobee, FL 34974 863-763-3377
May 8, 9, & 10	Whispering Palms (PA ok) 10305 US Hwy 1 Sebastian, FL 32958 772-589-3481
	March 13, 14 & 15

We hope to see many of you at our scheduled campouts. For those of you coming, you can either call the resort and give them your details, or just to let us know (we need to know ASAP for Zachary Taylor in November) that your coming and we'll send the resort a list of who, what type of rig, site requirements, etc. So far, none of the resorts except Sunshine in Lake Placid has required a deposit per attendee.

For those of you coming to the Camporee in October, just a little more information. The Camporee starts officially on Thursday, October 16th and runs through Sunday, October 19th. The Camporee rally rate is \$25 per night and is good for two days before and two days after if you want to extend your stay. The Strawberry Travelers will be camping and dancing there on October 10th and 11th and also have an agreed rally rate of \$25 per day. If you care to attend their camp/dance weekend, you can do so by letting them know (Carolyn Dees @ 813-610-7573) and Blueberry Hill at the above phone number. You will not have to change sites if you stay Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in between the two events. The extra days are available at Passport America rate (not sure what that is).

Several of us are choosing to do that and make a small vacation out of it with lots of dancing.

We also need to elaborate on our January campout. Because we were not able to come up with anything else, we chose Sunshine RV Resort in Lake Wales because our caller, Sonny McCartney, has a call date there for the Pine Ridge Promenaders on Thursday, January 8. Anyone interested in going on Thursday can then dance with them. The RoadRunners can have our dance on Friday and Saturday and hope to have many of the Pine Ridge folks dance with us. That will provide us with three nights of dancing. The rate is a little steep, but our only alternative for January. The Sunshine Resort has reserved up to 15 sites for us, but requires a \$25 non-refundable deposit per site to be paid before December 26th, 2014. If you intend to go, please let me know AND make your reservation with the resort (863-465-4815) as soon as possible. Please consider that this weekend could provide some significant income in the way of non-member dancers on Friday and Saturday..

We're off to a great start for this dancing/camping season. Now all we need is **YOU** to participate in the fun. This is kind of corny, but in order for us all to have **FUN, U** (you) need to be there, right in the middle of it all. See **U** at the next campout.

We wish you health and blessings.

Dolly & John Ide