



# Roadrunner Rambles

November 15, 2015

## Zachary Taylor RV Resort; Okeechobee

It seems that no matter where we camp or how many or how few rigs we have, we always have a great time at our RoadRunners campouts and dances. The Zachary Taylor weekend was no exception.

The weekend started with five rigs beginning the weekend early by arriving on Wednesday. Five more joined us by Friday and Brad and Louise and Earl also spent the weekend with us staying in a local motel. That gave us eleven couples plus one at the weekend. We even managed to get two squares on the floor several times and special early round dance workshops to help a few of us who really appreciated the extra help. We can't say enough good things about our caller and cuer, Sonny and Chuck. You're the best!

Besides the dancing and socializing, there's always the food. The breakfast pizza's were different, but great and enjoyed by all. That was followed by an early Thanksgiving style dinner on Saturday where we enjoyed turkey (cooked by Sonny and Maurice) with all the traditional foods. Thanks to Mary for organizing the food to be brought and to all the rest for helping with the cooking, clean-up, etc.

If you were there with us on Saturday morning, you'll remember the uninvited guest that showed up, a nearly 10 foot alligator that was pulled out at the boat ramp and later taken to a local alligator farm. It was exciting to watch the professionals catch, tape and tie him up before taking him away. All that happened while several of the ladies were out at a local craft fair shopping for early Christmas gifts.

An important event of the weekend was the debut and approval of our chapter outfits. Mary and Faye had already worn theirs at the Camporee in October and Dolly finished ours so we could wear them at Zachary Taylor. They really look great. The outfit consists of a navy skirt with a white blouse and a navy blue scarf trimmed in a teal fringe for the ladies, and navy blue slacks with a white shirt with a navy blue yoke trimmed in the same teal fringe. We have several ladies volunteering to do the sewing for everyone that want's an outfit. The cost is \$40 for the materials for the ladies scarf and yoke to be added to a man's shirt. The navy skirt and white blouse for the ladies and navy slacks and white shirt for the men is not included in the

\$40 and is your responsibility to provide. To get your outfit, give Roger \$40 and provide a men's white long sleeve shirt to the sewing team. They'll do the rest. We hope to have as many of our members in the outfits for the next convention in May and certainly for the Camporee next October.

Speaking of members, we also want to welcome George and Lana Connor who joined the RoadRunners at Zachary Taylor. We look forward to having everyone meet them at our December campout at the Savannas in Fort Pierce. We're expecting to have a really great time in December with fifteen rigs expected to join the fun. We're planning on a really relaxed Friday evening with some dancing and lot's of socializing around a campfire. Then on Saturday night, we'll all go out to eat in our square dance outfits and then invade Mike Doughty's M&M Squares in Port St. Lucie. The dance will be followed by a fun gift exchange. More details for the December campout in a couple of weeks

The schedule for the rest of the current season is as follows. You'll notice that our planned March campout at Sunshine Travel in Vero has been cancelled. They told me that they have too many seasonal guests to accommodate a small rally just for a weekend. That also means that our planned white elephant sale and auction has been moved to April at Zachary Taylor. They have given us the approval to open the sale to their residents, so let's make it a great event. The suggested event for January is the Winterfest in Lakeland. If you're interested in going, please make reservations immediately since campsites are scarce. I made reservations at Sanlan (863-687-6145) which is at the south side of Lakeland. You can also try Lakeland RV (863-665-1726), an Encore resort slightly north-east in Lakeland.

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| December 11 & 12 | Savannas RV Park; Port St. Lucie |
| January 29 & 30  | Florida Winterfest, Lakeland     |
| February 12 & 13 | To be announced                  |
| March 11 & 12    | To be announced                  |
| April 8 & 9      | Zachary Taylor; Okeechobee       |
| May 13 & 14      | Whispering Palms; Sebastian      |

Don't forget to keep up with our activities by visiting our website (thanks to Chuck for his help keeping it updated) at [http://www.whirlaways.org/rr\\_193\\_index.html](http://www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html) . You can also get there through the Florida association at <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fansdc/clubs.html> and click on Chapter 193. To get in touch with Dolly or I, just call me (352)208-5980 or Dolly (352-598-7162) or by e-mail at [john.d.ide@hotmail.com](mailto:john.d.ide@hotmail.com) or [dollyide@hotmail.com](mailto:dollyide@hotmail.com) .

In the meantime, stay safe, be a blessing to someone,  
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