

Strawberry Travelers Newsletter
August 9, 2022

Howdy All!

Hope all of you are having a terrific summer!

I have started this newsletter several times during the month of July and here we are now into August. At least there were no birthdays in July so I didn't miss those, unless our new members happen to have July birthdays as I do not yet have their information. WHAT??? Did you just read "New members"?? YES, you did! While attending their first NSDCA International Camporee, Jeri and Peggy Huston, joined NSDCA and chose #153 as their home club. Don and Susan Wolford and Mike Gormley were there at International and were able to talk with Jeri and Peggy to let them know about our sweet Strawberry bunch. We are so very happy to have you join our "patch", WELCOME Jeri and Peggy! We hope you can make it to our October Club camp-out. We look forward to meeting you both!

I apologize for the delay in getting the Sunshine Report out. I have heard from a few of our gang and thought I'd share their news with all of you. Some is "Sunshine and Roses", some is a bit cloudy but no tornadoes or wildfires, at least not that I've heard about, so we are good! First off, in case anyone missed the email I sent after our April camp-out, Bill Dees' mother passed away. She was in the hospital at the time of our April camp-out, that is why Bill and Carolyn were not able to camp with us, but they did drive up for the meeting and to be with us on Tuesday. Bill and Carolyn have been working on his mom's estate and cleaning out many years of memories. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Many of us are quite aware of how emotional of a task that can be.

Jack Henry had to have gall bladder surgery while in North Carolina. Bev said he had a gall stone removed that was the size of a silver dollar. I am sure that was painful! Good news is that he is doing much better now.

Mike Gormley had a bout with Covid that lasted about 2 weeks, but he is over it now and doing very well. He has done quite a bit of traveling this summer; on his way out of Florida, he stopped in and camped with 128 Square Wheels. He attended and called at the Ohio State Dance Convention, the International Camporee in Rockville, IN and traveled on to the National Convention in Evansville, IN where he also attended the Grand Square International Caller's School. Next, he moved on to Northwest Ohio and did some guest calling around that area. He says he will begin to *mosey* on homeward soon. Happy trails, Mike!

Stu Hall is heading to Oshkosh (By gosh), WI to attend an Air Show. For those of you who don't know, Stu is building an airplane -- something to talk about when we gather this fall around the campfire. Safe travels Stu!

Steve and I have not ventured out this summer. We have been working on my mother's home, the home I grew up in, and currently have it for sale. A very emotional time for me but thanks

be to God (and to my husband) who is helping me to move forward. We are currently close to a closing date - if everything goes through okay.

Susan and Don Wolford have been burnin' up the road (and the diesel) this summer! I took some notes but I am sure they will be sharing once we get together under the club tent in Eustis of all their travels and experiences. I know that Susan has been cueing rounds and lines in several states. As I wrote earlier, one of those states was Indiana to attend the International Camporee and also the National Convention. While at Camporee, she and Mike Gormley had their picture taken together showing they were representing Strawberry Travelers. Susan also accepted a certificate that was presented to Strawberry Travelers recognizing 153's thirty-five years of membership in NSDCA! Thank you Don, Susan, and Mike for representing us at International this year!

Several of us have been and still remain busy working and preparing for the 2022 OVERLOAD THE BOAT Camporee. Barbara Rosenthal and Carolyn Dees are making table decorations for the catered dinner. Bob and Laura Boucher recently came with their RV to spend the weekend at our home and we worked on some decorations for the entrance and interior walls for the Dance Hall. I very much appreciate their craftiness and expertise! We accomplished a lot. They are also working on some wood cut outs and painting them. Steve has been doing some painting as well and has one more large piece to finish. **If anyone has anything NAUTICAL or that fits our theme, please bring it with you to our October camp-out.** I know some of you talked about shells, oars or boat paddles, nautical flags, etc., so if you have anything, please bring it along. We are still working on the entertainment for our last night after party. The current idea is to show a skit from an old Red Skelton show. It has to do with a Navy ship and a deserted(???) island. We would project it onto a screen on stage. PLEASE let me know if you have any thoughts or ideas! THANK YOU!!!

NOW . . . from our VP, Bill Dees:

I am still working on future dates for our club camp-outs, but I have confirmed October, December, and next April. Still waiting to hear from Ocala Sun for February.

Oct 14 to 19, 2022 Southern Palms, Eustis. (rally rate \$31.08)

Dec 9 and 10, 2022 Red Oaks, Bushnell. (quoted rally rate \$30.00)

Feb 10 and 11, 2023 Ocala Sun RV (still attempting to confirm this schedule with the park)

April 14 and 15, 2023 Cedar Key RV, Cedar Key (the rally rate went up to \$51.00. We may wish to try for another place the next year).

Concerns and input are always welcome.

**--Bill Dees
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Our usual schedule will remain for our October 14-19, 2022 camp-out at Southern Palms in Eustis, which is:

FRIDAY: Cookies at the club tent at 2:00 pm provided by our weekend hosts, Stu and Natalie Hall.

4:30 pm (or thereabouts) we head out to a local restaurant (place to be determined while eating cookies under the tent) for dinner.

7:00-9:00 pm Squares and Rounds in the Hall, Casual dress

After the Dance - bring your own drink and a snack to share under the tent as we gather for fun, conversation, and fellowship.

SATURDAY: 12:00 noon: Hot Dog Lunch under the club tent. Bring your own place settings and drink, a side dish to share, and \$1 for the hot dog.

*****CLUB MEETING TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW LUNCH*****

5:00 pm Pot Luck in the Hall - bring your own place settings, drink, and a scrumptious dish to share.

7:00-9:00 pm Squares and Rounds in the Hall, Club Dress/Square dance attire if you don't yet have your club colors.

After the Dance - bring your own drink and a snack to share as we again gather together under the tent for more conversation, fun, and fellowship.

SUNDAY: DONT LEAVE! Many of us will be staying through the week so that we will already be in place for the start of the 48th Annual FANSDC '**OVERLOAD THE BOAT**' Camporee

October 20-23, 2022. **PLUS**, we can use your help in setting up and decorating! Please join us through the week if you can, we'll have 'loads' of fun, frolic, and I am sure chuckles and laughs throughout the week - and some thrift store visits too!

Here is the list of summer birthdays and anniversaries of our members and associates:

"Berry" special blessings to you all !!!

JULY

BIRTHDAYS:

No birthdays for July

ANNIVERSARIES:

Doug/Beth Meyers

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS:

Aug 3 John Ide

ANNIVERSARIES:

None for August

Aug 7 Doug Meyers
Aug 8 Laura Boucher
Aug 28 Beth Meyers

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS:

Sept 28 Charlie Pergrossi

ANNIVERSARIES:

1974 Steve/Tracy Rogers

Just a reminder -- if you have not yet registered for the FANSDC Camporee, you need to "get on board"! Advance reservations are accepted until October 1st, 2022. *After October 1st, all registrations will be increased by \$5 per person.* Flyer and registration forms are on FANSDC website: www.fansdc.net

Blessings to all! See ya' in the fall!
Tracy Rogers
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