

We had an excellent turnout for our Square Wheels September camping trip. Dennis and I had recently returned from a three month trip (Alaksa- yay!) and it seemed such a long time to be away from friends and away from writing about our trips together. We are grateful to be back with our dancing friends.

Many members of Square Wheels were introduced to Mike and Wendy Dick who retired from New Hampshire. It is always good to have new friends who hopefully will become full fledged members.

Friday's evening dance was more casual, and as usual we met for a brown bag dinner before hand. Bill Chesnut ,our caller and Susan Snider, our cuer kept the crowd on their feet. Carolyn Dees won the 50-50 drawing- hooray for her! Angela reminded her the next evening that she failed to collect the losing tickets from the rest of the crowd. Carolyn and husband Bill are associate members with their own home camping club so we don't get to see them often, so when we do it is a treat.

Saturday morning began with our annual membership meeting. Even though he was under the weather Tim Hill and co-president Angela Brown rapidly went through the agenda which will be addressed in a different time but two points are important and need saying now. Our current board is now serving their 5th years in these positions. We need new blood for next year- I, Laura Ramsey am fine with remaining secretary because it is just writing which I like to do almost as much as I like talking, and Mary Chesnut, our treasurer has not indicated she needs a change. Tim and Angela have done more than their fair share of work as presidents, and our VPs Wayne and Debbie Miller cannot move up because of the frequent travel entailed in his job. The second point is that we deeply feel the loss of our previous cuer, Ann Hadsall's husband Ivan. He was deeply respected and will be missed.

After our board meeting, Five Crowns was the game of the day and Wayne Miller was our clear winner- possible due to the fact that the queen of this game, Linda Imus was under the weather and did not participate. We have a few members who missed our camping weekend due to health issues and we hope everyone is soon on the mend.

Saturday afternoon saw a group of 30 of us descend upon Cracker Barrell. Our servers were good at their jobs, I sat at a different table from Tom Herscha so I didn't see if they kept the straws away from him or not. Leftovers made a good lunch the next day for some of us.

Saturday night our dancers in their beautiful outfits- ladies I am referring to you. At one point Susan had at least eight couples round dancing. I really enjoyed seeing the action on 2 dances I was not familiar with- Rock, Paper, Scissors, a two step, and Someone to call me darling, a waltz. Mark Fetzner was generous in squiring different lady dancers, since his favorite dancer was doing the cueing. Bill kept us on our toes- one of my favorites he presents is Flowers on the Wall by the Statler Brothers. I don't know when it began, but Bill included advanced calls at the end of both regular dances- fun to watch. Our after parties were small but fun.

We hope to see most of you at the Camporee next month. Registration ended this week, but let me know if you have questions and I will deliver them to the person with the answers.

Safe travels and remember to keep up with our calendar.