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Our third campout this year brought us to St. Cloud. This is one of our favorite spots because of the hospitality and having exclusive use of the Rally Center. The weather was just gorgeous for our "Tropical - Hawaiian" theme.

Some campers start rolling in early afternoon and enjoy the quiet and relaxation before all the "action". Bob Sadler was getting all kinds of help with putting together his new grill. For some reason after it was all done, it didn't light. Was the hose plugged??? Guess he was releasing the gas too fast! He did get it figured out in time for his supper.

Our social time Friday was at 7:30 PM then Larry Johansen started calling right at 8:00 PM! We had 5 squares on the floor with at least 2 more squares sitting on the side lines. There was a phenomenal showing of Beaux & Belles Square Dancers...22! They have always been big supporters for us when we dance in St. Cloud. We had 22 walk-ins in addition to our camping guests with a total of 32 visitors just for Friday. Larry keeps us going "non-stop". He did squares, line dancing, polka and a waltz. He managed to get a few squares mixed up and said that he would go over that at the Saturday morning workshop. Jan and Dawain Rondeau were having a great time dancing the polka until Jan was going backwards and danced right out of her shoe. Larry played some of my favorite songs, like Hillbilly Rock and Get Rhythm. Thank you to our hosts Bob & Lorretta Doering and Don & Rose Crannell for keeping the dancers refreshed with beverages and sweetened up with various treats. Because of the huge turnout, there were no leftovers. A few dancers relaxed around the campfire after the dance.

Saturday morning we had our monthly meeting. Maynard is working on breaking a record of having the shortest meeting in the Wandering Wheels history. We introduced our camping guests: Bruce & Eunice Barber, Vince Dahlheimer, Jerry Foote, Melanie Howard (Willard's daughter from Ohio), Clare Johnson (Willard's grand daughter), Brad & Sheila Mockros, Keith & Karen Parchem and Leonard & Judy Willenbring. Later in the day Keith & Karen Parchem signed on the dotted line and became our newest Wandering Wheels members. Welcome! We had a workshop following the meeting with various ways to do plus moves and ended up with Larry's famous Kaleidoscope.

Linda Biederman-Hink had planned for fun pool games for our afternoon activities, but a thunderstorm came rumbling through in the afternoon, so we were forced to stay inside. Several people gathered to play Pegs 'N' Jokers, Sequence and other card games. Pegs 'N' Jokers is played with an even number of boys and girls. We had extra guys so Chuck was a good sport and played the girl part! Linda

prepared a delicious Hawaiian Punch with chunks of fruit. Those that did not play games stayed in their units and rested for another high energy dance with Larry.

Our Saturday evening potluck had various Hawaiian dishes; smoked pork, pineapple soufflé, fruit kabobs and much more. The food committee had the Rally Center decorated with Hawaiian flare and our table centerpieces were live Gold Fish! Fortunately they were spared from being part of the meal.

The Saturday evening dance started right at 8:00 PM. Again we started with 5 squares on the floor. We had 14 walk-ins besides the camping guests which totaled 23 visitors for the evening. Another fast paced, high energy dance with little breaks in between. The evening was going quite well until the last tip. Our newest member Karen Parchem fell flat on her back and hit her head on the cement. Thanks to several members who were EMT's and 1st Responders, they knew exactly what to do to keep everyone calm. All the dancers formed one big circle and recited the Lords Prayer. Karen was taken to the hospital by ambulance and spent a few hours there for observation. She came back to camp early in the morning with a slight concussion and a very huge headache. We are so thankful it was not more serious. Keith believes the power of prayer prevented the accident from becoming something more serious and thanks all of the Square Dancers for their concern and prayers.

This weekend will go down in the history books as one of the most walk-ins with eight different clubs visiting; Beaux & Belles, Cambridge Corners, County Line Squares, Hotfoot Stompers, North Country Plus, Rum River Squares, Single Circles and Taska Twirlers.

We missed all who could not attend and our sympathy goes out to Barb Tonsager whose mom suddenly passed away.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the August campout!

Respectfully submitted,
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