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Our second outing this summer finds us at the Stoney Creek RV Resort in Osseo, WI. This is the fourth year we have traveled to this park and what a lovely place it is to visit - a little further to go, but worth the trip through the beautifully scenic Wisconsin countryside.

We rolled into the campground, set up and socialized in the sunny 84 degree heat. I should say that most of us rolled in. Dan and Mary Schauer limped in on the spare of their fifth wheel. The only blowout they've had in eleven years of owning their trailer and it happened 5 miles from the campground! We ended up a total of 16 "rigs" and one tent, split between two areas depending on if folks signed up for full hookups or opted for the shade of the tall pines.

After an excellent Fish Fry dinner the storm clouds gathered and we had about an hour of downpour which cleaned and cooled off everything, but did so without much wind so we didn't have to take down awnings and nail everything else down.

Just in time for the dance, the sky cleared up and we were greeted with beautiful rainbows. 24 WW members along with two guests, Karen Henning and Wayne Lehmann, and 11 "kids" gathered to dance to the music of Dick Severson. I say kids, because Ted and Sylvia's daughter and son-in-law have children of their own. We are so used to their huge rig that it was amusing to see this small Rialta pull into their site. When Ted, Sylvia, their daughter Kristin, and then 4 grandchildren (Josiah, Nettie, Claire and Ethan) poured out of the unit it reminded us of one of those clown cars in the circus - no telling how many were really in there. Kristin's husband, Scott, showed up later with their pop-up so everyone had a place to sleep that night.

Dawain and Jan Rondeau brought their three grandchildren, Nicole, Owen and Madison; Roger and Carol Dahl brought their granddaughter, Dannielle; and Bruce and Diana Clark brought their grandson, Cole. So we had a total of 9 grandchildren and 2 "children" for the weekend.

The Friday night dance was sure enjoyable, and everyone was greatly relieved when the only thing Denny Hill danced out of this year was his shoes! Later that evening most of us gathered for the campfire, although Robert and Loretta Doering joined another campfire by mistake. They were having a good time but thought it was strange that there were no snacks. That was what finally gave it away, so they left and came to where the snacks were being passed!

Saturday morning started with a special event. Instead of a meeting followed by a square dance workshop, we held a special demo/teach for the kids (and any other kids in camp) to learn square dancing and other special dances like the Chicken Dance, Hokey Pokey, and the Bunny Hop. A short business meeting was held, after which we all enjoyed the many camp activities including mini golf, swimming, skating, skateboarding, etc at the campground, Amish tours at the Wood Shed, lunch at the Norske-Nook Bakery and Restaurant in downtown Osseo and naps for the senior members!

5:30 found us all back at the activity hall for an outstanding potluck supper with more food than we could possibly dance off that evening.

Squaring it up at 8:00 pm, our three squares entertained about 30 spectators. After a couple of tips we each went out to the "audience" and brought folks into squares for an introductory teaching tip. Then we danced a demo Plus Tip followed by complimentary root beer floats for the whole crowd. Dancing continued until 10:00 pm, followed by a nice campfire with snacks and singing with the Willard family.

Sunday morning brought more informal gatherings over coffee. After breakfast a pick-up game of ladder balls was played between many of the junior guests and some members. The rain held off until most everyone was packed up, hitched up and heading home.

While we had great fun and dancing this weekend, we do want to note with sadness the absence of Bob and Sue Sadler due to the passing of his mom the previous Friday. Our condolences go to Bob and all his family at their loss. Alma Walker was also not able to join us due to some surgery she needed to have completed. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Clark