

# Texas State Camping Squares

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## President's Corner

Hey fellow campers.

As the summer months come to an end we find the opportunity to get together and share our RVing and dancing trips with each other. Many have been traveling and I am sure there are a great number of fun things to share with each other. We are all blessed with enjoying both square & round dancing and camping; what a great combination of activities!

Our fall campout will be in Mineola at the wonderful Mineola Civic Center. If you have never camped there you are missing a great place to camp and dance. And Charlotte & Terry are always ready to make us welcome and shower us with good ole Southern Hospitality.

Camping Squares of East Texas will be hosting the campout, and they have a fun weekend planned for us to enjoy. So, mark your calendars for September 18-20, 2015 and join us all. Don't have anything planned for the days before the campout? Why not come early and enjoy some extra dancing and fun in the area. Tuesday round dance workshop with Ayres Pairs, Wednesday plus dancing with Ron Mineau, and Thursday dancing with Dogwood Squares. I learned about a fun activity while Sandra and I were in Red River New Mexico this summer, you have to understand I'm only about 10 years behind, called geocaching. If you are interested let me know and we will check out the area for fun caches.

Number one, don't sit at home, get out and go camping and square dancing. It fills your life with fun, fellowship, and, of course, good food.

Yellow Rocks  
Howard & Sandra

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Fall TSCS Campout  
Mineola Civic Center  
Mineola, TX  
September 18-20, 2015

## Texas State Camping Squares Past Presidents

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## HOUSTON CAMPING SQUARES

### Fall TSCS Newsletter Article

We had a great time hosting the TSCS Spring Campout in March. We hope you did too. Newman's Castle was a fun adventure and the dancing and fellowship were awesome.

Our 40th Anniversary Dance in April had 5 squares in the grand march. Tim Tyl and Martha Koslosky really kept us moving. We also celebrated Walt and Loraine Autry's 70th Wedding Anniversary that weekend. In June we had a good time at the Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival in Waco and are looking forward to going back to Waco for the 2016 festival.

June was also a sad time for Houston Area Camping Squares. Our friend and past club caller, Grady Bates, passed away. Our friend and dancer, Wayne Wolf, also passed away in June. We will miss these members of our square dance family.

Summer has really hit in the Houston area with the temperatures knocking at 100 degrees. So at our July campout which was our Red, White and Blue Special with hot dogs and watermelon, we had an indoor watermelon seed spitting contest. We had to get creative because when we went to buy watermelons all we could find were **SEEDLESS** watermelons. What to do? We found a substitute for watermelon seeds: **DRIED PINTO BEANS**. With a little "friendly persuasion" 5 ladies and 10 men signed up for the contest. All were very good sports. The winner in the ladies' competition was Bonnie Clements with a distance of 19'8". In the men's competition there was a five-way tie so we had a runoff. The winner of the men's competition was Steve O'Neal with a distance of 31'. There were lots of laughs and "where did it land?" (It's hard to see a pinto bean on the floor in the hall.)

We're trying fun things at our dances such as a grand march (with only 2 squares), 6 couple squares. It's usually lots of fun.

Our **4th Annual Harvest Festival dance and pumpkin carving contest** will be November 13-15 at Coushatta RV Ranch in Bellville. Our callers and cuers will be the **Houston Callers Association**. Come join the fun; we provide all the tools and supplies for the pumpkin carving contest. You can enter as an individual or 2 person team.

We've started planning 2016 and are really excited about our guest callers. On March 11 we will have **Tim Tyl**; at our anniversary dance April 9, **Wayne Weston**, will be calling and **Martha Koslosky** cueing; and at our Harvest Festival November 5 we will have **Lottie Ainsworth** calling and **Marilyn Waguespack** cueing. **Brice Hesche** and **Terry Pimm** will be calling and cueing our regular campouts. Save the dates and come camp, dance and play with us in 2016:

- ♪ January 8-9
- ♪ February 12-13 — Valentine's Dance
- ♪ March 11-12 — Tim Tyl, Fun Dangles & Sloppy Joes
- ♪ April 8-9 — 41st Anniversary Dance – Wayne Weston & Martha Koslosky
- ♪ May 13-15
- ♪ June 3-4
- ♪ July 8-9
- ♪ Aug 12-13
- ♪ September 9-10
- ♪ September 30-October 1
- ♪ November 4-5 — 5th Annual Harvest Festival – Lottie Ainsworth & Marilyn Waguespack

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# North Texas Camping Squares Newsletter

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### WHAT'S UP?---from the Pres

*As another month goes by summer is almost past. Who knew that Winstar World Casino RV Park would be as much fun as it was this year? Oh yeah, except for the loud noise from the coliseum on Thursday night. We definitely like this fully paved location with a great rally room. We cheered Jimmy Cole's calling and, of course, our ability to goof off a bit to make him wonder what we were up to! The pot luck was a hit as usual and as folks left with smiles on their faces, and you could tell that most were ready for that Saturday afternoon siesta. Those who ventured to the North side of the park on Friday and Saturday evenings were able to enjoy concerts by Keith Urban and Brad Paisley from their lawn chairs. Maybe it's just us, but that was likely more enjoyable than getting seats in the middle of that large crowd. And then there was the marathon breakfast at the Legends Grill on the Golf Course. We all felt bad for the waitress who was ill-prepared to handle our crowd as well as the normal golfing crowd. In the end it all worked out and everyone raved about the Breakfast Skillet and Womelets.*

*As we sat around the table at Winstar talking recipes and sharing notes, it became obvious that we all share food enthusiasm. After seeing many articles discussing how to keep food from burning on the bottom in our camper stoves, Bob came across several solutions involving pizza stones, tiles, etc. So a quick Internet search yielded what we are using and thought we should share. It is an American Metalcraft Stone - 14" x 15" Rectangular Ceramic Pizza Baking Stone (124STONE14) available from the <http://www.webstaurantstore.com> for \$9.69. Keep in mind that these stones do get brittle after a few heating's so you'll want to travel with it on edge in one of your cupboards to keep it from breaking. We did settle on the Christmas Party date and location at Saturday's meeting. This year we will return to the Glen Rose Community Center, 107 Sheppard Street, Glen Rose, Texas on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Similar to last year, we will*

*do the pot luck and gift exchange. More info will be available as we get nearer the holiday season.*

*Don't forget the NORTEX Roundup 2015, with a theme of "Come Sail Away." It will be held at the Grapevine Convention Center October 30<sup>th</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are available on the NORTEX web site for \$25 which covers all events. The Caller's Cavalcade will be held on Friday, all day and evening events on Saturday, and more dancing on Sunday. Be there and be in a square!*

*NORTEX & NTCA will be hosting their annual Charity Fund Raiser this year on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Swingtime Center. This will be a USO DFW Benefit Dance which will include New Dancer Dance 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Early Rounds 5:30 - 6:00 pm, and Squares / Rounds 6:00 - 8:00 pm. There will be a silent auction with holiday gifts and prizes, and flat screen HD color TV as the Grand Prize. Carly is making a patriotic quilt which will be donated for auction on behalf of the NTCS Mineola bound! We looking forward to seeing ya'll there. This is our combined Texas State Camping Squares weekend and we're expecting NTCS visitors as well. We know this will be a fun weekend.*

*In closing, ponder this: "The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets."*

Bob & Carly Tassan

### 2015 Calendar of Events

September 18-20 - TSCS  
 Mineola Civic Center  
 Mineola  
October 23-25  
 Oakdale Park  
 Glen Rose  
November 20-22  
 Coffee Creek RV  
 Santo  
December 11-13  
 Christmas Party  
 Glen Rose

### 2016 Calendar of Events

January 15-17 – TSFSRD/TSCS Hosting  
 Mineola Civic Center  
 Mineola  
February 12-14  
 American RV  
 Corsicana

March 4-6

North Texas Air Stream Community  
Hillsboro

April 22-24

Oakdale Park–TSCS hosted by NTCS  
Glen Rose

May 13-15

Coffee Creek  
Santo

### **HEART OF TEXAS CAMPING SQUARES**

The Heart of Texas camping squares will attend the fall campout with the TSCS in Mineola.

October campout we plan to camp with NORTEX at Glenn Rose. November and December will be dark.

January we camp at Mineola for the Nominating Meeting which we are in charge of hospitality.

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President – T



## CAMPING SQUARES OF EAST TEXAS

Camping Squares of East Texas will be busy this year camping each month and visiting our East Texas square and round dance clubs dancing both on Friday and Saturday nights with our different clubs. In July we had so much fun camping and dancing at the Antique Capital RV Park in Gladewater, that the owners asked us to come and dance twice this year. We will be co-hosting the dances with four of our district clubs at the campground, in June and October. Everyone in the campground and the community of Gladewater will be invited to attend. We look forward to camping with everyone in March at the Texas State Camping Squares Semi-Annual Statewide campout in Bellville. East Texas Camping Squares will be hosting the Fall Festival at the Mineola Civic Center on September 18-19.

Please feel welcome to come and join us on any of our campouts, as we dance, camp, and build friendships. Call us if you can join us, and we will send you information on the campout. We usually do not make reservations, space is available.

Contact Clifford at 903-295-1013 or Howard at 903-312-3713.

### 2015 CAMPING SCHEDULE

|                 |            |   |
|-----------------|------------|---|
| September 18-19 | Mineola    | Camping at Mineola Civic Center, hosting TSCS Fall Festival                               |
| October 9-10    | Gladewater | Camping at Antique Capital RV Park, Dancing Friday, Red Rompers & Saturday, Lucky Squares |
| November 13-14  | Tool       | Camping at Promenade Hall, Jerry Story Plus Weekend                                       |
| December        | No campout |   |

Fran & Clifford Scott  
Camping Squares of East Texas, Presidents



## SOUTHWEST AREA CAMPING SQUARES

### September 2015 Camping Squares Newsletter

Wow, did we have a turn-out in Boerne! It was one of the best attended weekends we've had in a long time. Everyone reported having a good time in spite of the heat and in spite of the air conditioner breaking down on Saturday afternoon. Die-hard dancers stayed on the floor in front of fans and drinking lots of water. Friday evening just as it was time to put steaks on the grill the bottom fell out of the sky and it dumped a good rain. Saturday morning just as breakfast was over we had another good rain. Your hosts prepared a hearty breakfast of biscuits and cream gravy. You'd be surprised how many people showed up when the biscuits came out of the oven. Thanks to Lee & Darlene Johnson, Clay Moulds, and yours truly for doing the duty. It's not really a hard job; it just takes time. John and Norma Jean Becker always bring all the gear and that's half the job. Norma Jean is always there helping in the kitchen as well as many others who just step in. If you haven't taken your turn yet now is the time to step in. I see by the schedule that there are a couple of months looking for you to put your name on the list.

John & Norma Jean Becker had a full floor of round dancers as they cued a variety of styles and levels. Thanks, John for keeping the round dancers moving. Bob & Marilyn McVey called a good variety for dancing and slowed the pace when it got warm in the hall. Guest callers, Joe & Toni McRorey and Wayne & Luzia Weston, stepped up to the mike. We thank you for your calling. Mickey & Pat Ray and Jim & Margaret White are new members. We welcome them and look forward to seeing them in Bandera.

Guests arrived from around the area and we had 6 squares on the floor at the start of both nights. The nominating committee is looking for a Secretary/Treasurer. Roger and Lola have done their duty for a number of years and it's time for someone else to step up and count the money. All other officers have agreed to retain their positions but nominations from the floor are always accepted at the annual meeting in November.

Eldon Kohlman lost his battle with cancer. He will be missed on the dance floor as well as at the "42" table. Our thoughts and prayers are with June.

### Ready for September?

September 18-19: Skyline Ranch RV, Bandera

Caller: Bill & Elia Prichard

Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker

**Driving Directions for this month:**

2231 N. Hwy 16, Bandera, 78003 .. 830-796-4958

When you get to the intersection in Bandera of SH 16 and 173 the RV park is North toward Medina on SH 16. It's about 1 mile down the road past Lowe's Super Market.

**Notify the Wagon master** , Jim & Kathy Connally, if you are going and when you will arrive.

Their contact information is: Jim -830-857-0890; Kathy -830-263-4218 and home - 830-672-9020

Friday night Dance from 8-10 pm for our regular casual Camping Squares evening.

Saturday morning coffee 8-9 am. Saturday potluck 12:30; Saturday evening (summer casual)

Pre-rounds 7:30-8 pm; Squares & Rounds from 8 till 10 pm.

Game playing follows the dancing for those that enjoy them.

Flyers are starting to appear for next year already. Come N Take It Squares announced their 34th Anniversary on April 2, 2016. Bob McVey will call and the Beckers will cue. Put that one in your calendar. It's sure to be a winner.

**SWACS 2015 Schedule of Parks**

Special Dance . See Norma Jean to make reservations.

October 9-10: Lagoons RV Resort, Rockport

Caller: Johnny Preston                      Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker

October 16-17: Lagoons RV Resort, Rockport

Caller: Wayne & Luzia Weston      Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker

November 13-14: Parkview Riverside RV, Rio Frio

Caller: Bill & Elia Prichard              Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker

December 30-31: Alamo Fiesta RV Resort - Boerne

Callers: Bill Wright and Bob & Marilyn McVey      Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker

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**SWACS 2016 Schedule of Parks**

January: No Camping Squares

February 19-20: Skyline Ranch RV Park, Bandera

Caller: Bill Wright      Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker

March 18-19: Oakwood RV Resort, Fredericksburg

Caller: Wayne & Luzia Weston      Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker

April 7-10: Lagoons RV Resort Rockport

Caller: Bob & Marilyn McVey      Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker

May 20-21: Skyline Ranch RV, Bandera

Caller: Bill & Elia Prichard              Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker

June 17-18: Bluff Trails, Ingram

Caller: Bill Wright                      Cuer: John & Norma Jean Becker