

# Texas State Camping Squares

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## President' Corner

Dear fellow Camper Dancers,

If you have had your rig winterized well you have just about enough time to get it out and ready for the season. North Texas Camping Squares are getting their rigs out and rolling in anticipation for the Spring campout in April. We better all get ready.

NTCS has a great weekend planned for us at Oakdale RV Park in Glen Rose, Texas. If you have not been to Glen Rose you really don't know what you are missing. For a small central Texas town there is plenty to keep you busy in the area. From shopping in some of the quaint little shops to exploring the dinosaur tracks at Dinosaur Valley State Park there is always something exciting to do. I am looking forward to a return visit to the Creation Evidence Museum, it has been almost 25 years and I am sure it has evolved (pardon the pun) over the years.

So mark your calendars for April 22-23, 2016, Glen Rose, Texas. See you there. Oh, for you history buffs, see if you can locate the famous Fort Spunky. An outpost of the 5th Calvary located just outside of Glen Rose.

I hope each of you will be thinking about the Texas State Camping Squares as time for our Spring meeting approaches. Spring is when we elect new officers hopefully each of you will be considering what you can do to help make camping squares better and more fun in the coming years.

One last thing then I'll let you get back to getting your rigs ready for the trip. Always remember that RV's were designed to be mobile and square dancers were designed to dance.

Happy RV/Dancing,  
Howard & Sandra  
2015- 2016 TSCS President

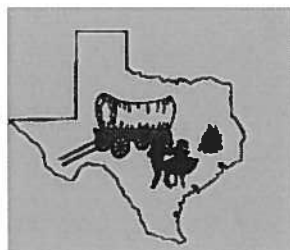
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*Spring TSCS Campout  
Oakdale RV Park  
Glen Rose, TX  
April 22-24, 2016*

## Texas State Camping Squares Past Presidents

1969: Tom & Flora Wiley	1994: Homer & Marilyn Roff
1970: Bill Corgan (July- Sept)	1995: Merle & Donna Maiden
1970: Lawrence Thomasson	1996: Leon & Ada Cox
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1972: Tom & Helen Bales	1998: Doug & Ann Pohler
1973: Glen & Joyce Pockdrus	1999: Ron & Shirley Alexander
1974: Tom & Jo Wiley	2000: Ron & Shirley Alexander
1975: Dwight & Thelma Conrad	2001: Bob & Jackie Palmer
1976: Tom & Helen Bales	2002: Bob & Jackie Palmer
1977: Len & Judy Richardson	2001: Bob & Jackie Palmer
1978: Wayne & Pat Harper	2002: Bob & Jackie Palmer
1979: Durward & Jerry Pledger	2003: Ted & Sharon Glowacki
1980: Jack & Pat VanVleck	2004: Ted & Sharon Glowacki
1981: Wayne & Pat Coker	2005: Jack Isdale & Deretha Starnes
1982: Shelly & Ann Smyth	2006: Jack Isdale & Deretha Starnes
1983: Lou & Barbara Quates	2007: Frank & Hazel Reeves
1984: Paul & Modell Whiteley	2008: Frank & Hazel Reeves
1985: Bill & Dorothy Decker	2009: Charles & Avis Raney
1986: Leneigh & Maude Spurlock	2010: Charles & Avis Raney
1987: Wayne & Bettye Deaton	2011: Jerry & Nanette Tucker
1988: Wayne & Bettye Deaton	2012: Jerry & Nanette Tucker
1989: James & Pat Smathers	2013: Keith & Kathie Malone
1990: James & Pat Smathers	2014: Keith & Kathie Malone
1991: Francis & Velma Strickland	2015: Howard & Sandra Rowan
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## Camping Squares of East Texas

Camping Squares of East Texas hosted the TSCS Fall Festival in September in Mineola - thanks to all the clubs that attended. The TSFSRD President's Meeting in January was hosted by TSCS and we enjoyed dancing and camping with everyone. Check our schedule for upcoming dances this year and join us for lots of good fun and fellowship.

### 2016 Camping Schedule

January 15-16, Mineola, camping at Mineola Civic Center, TSFSRD President's Meeting  
 February 26-27, Nacogdoches, camping at Fairview RV Park, dancing Saturday with Lufkin Pine Squares  
 March 17-19, Mineola, camping at Mineola Civic Center, ETSRDA Festival  
 April 22-23, Gladewater, camping at Antique Capital RV Park, dancing Friday & Saturday at campground;  
 Friday with Single Hinges & Saturday with Yam Jammers  
 April 22-23, Glen Rose, camping at Oakdale Park, TSCS Spring Festival  
 May 6-7, Gladewater, camping at Antique Capital RV Park, dancing Saturday with Rambling Roses  
 June 3-4, Texarkana, camping at Four States Fairground, dancing Saturday with Four States Squares  
 June 16-19, Waco, TSFSRD State Festival  
 July 8-9, Gladewater, camping at Antique Capital RV Park, dancing Friday & Saturday at campground;  
 Friday with Red's Rompers & Saturday with Lucky Squares  
 July 28-30, Mineola, camping at Mineola Civic Center, East Texas Callers Association Dance & East  
 Texas Teen Scholarship Dance  
 August 12-13, Mt. Pleasant, camping at Ramblin' Fever RV Park, dancing Friday with Guys 'n Dolls  
 Saturday with Good Times, Ltd  
 September 14-17, Palestine, camping at R' Place RV, dancing Wednesday with Dynamite Squares;  
 Thursday with Dogwood Squares; Friday with Pea Pickers & Single Peas; Saturday with Jacks 'n Jills  
 October 7-8, Fairfield, camping at Primrose RV Park, dancing Saturday with Barn Stompers  
 Nov 11-12, Tool, camping at Promenade Hall, Jerry Story Plus Weekend  
 December – no campout

For more information – contact Clifford 903-295-1013 or Howard 903-312-3962

Linda and Jerry Boren  
 Camping Squares of East Texas



## North Texas Camping Squares

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring 2016 Campout – April 22-23 at Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard Street, Glen Rose, Texas. Oakdale Park is one of the oldest and most historic campgrounds and RV parks in Texas. Here you will enjoy the wonderful trees, a relaxing atmosphere and the hometown Texas feel. Between activities you can stroll along the Paluxy River, walk to the town square and great shopping, or search for dinosaurs. Contact phone for the park is 254.897.2321. Check out our flyer for more details.

Our January campout in Mineola hosting the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancing was a huge success. If you missed it, you missed some great January weather! The dances were great fun with ten squares opening Friday night and twelve squares on Saturday. Both nights the floor filled with round dancers and their smooth movement between tips. Everyone had a great time and the nominating committee declared their meetings a great success. Saturday night our own Keith & Kathie Malone were announced as nominees for the coveted position of Secretary. We certainly wish them well and are keeping our fingers crossed for them.

We've been working on our 2016-2017 calendar and it's coming together. Here's where we'll be the remainder of this year.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Caller/Cuer</u>
April 22-23	TSCS hosted by NTCS, Oakdale Park, Glen Rose, TX	Toby Thomason, MC
May 13-14	Coffee Creek, Santo, TX	Toby Thomason
June 17-18	Choctaw Casino, Durant, OK	Toby Thomason
July 15-16	American RV Park, Corsicana, TX	Ray Stenger
August 12-13	Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, TX	Fri - Tim Tyl, Glenwood Sat - Tim Tyl, Mineola
September 16-17	TSCS, American RV Park, Corsicana, TX	TSCS Callers
October 21-22	Winstar World Casino, OK	Wayne Shoemaker
November 11-12	Oakdale Park, Glen Rose, TX	Toby Thomason
December 11	Christmas Party, Glen Rose Community Center	No Dance

As you can see by our schedule, we like to mix it up and enjoy what each site near the DFW Metroplex has to offer. Please join us for fellowship and dance as often as you can.

See you in a square,  
**Bob & Carly Tassan**  
 President of North Texas Camping Squares  
[www.northtexascampingsquares.org](http://www.northtexascampingsquares.org)



## Houston Area Camping Square

It is just a great time to come out to Coushatte RV Ranch. Leaves are green, wildflowers are in bloom, the dancing is great, and we love to show you a good time. We have FUN! Tim Tyl called a special "Dangle Dance" for us in March. We just celebrated our 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in April with special caller Wayne Weston and cuer Martha Kislowky.

Regularly we host our club dance with Brice Hesche calling and Terry Pimm cueing. We will have great snacks and lots of hot hash, followed by games galore. Come join us this year's schedule:

May 13 - 14,	June 3 - 4,	July 8 - 9
August 12 - 13	September 9 - 10	September 30 - October 1.

OUR Special Harvest Festival this year will be November 4 - 5. Lottie Ainsworth will be calling and Marilyn Waguespack will cue.

**Coushatte Recreation Ranch is located in beautiful Austin County between Bellville and Sealy, Texas.**

**From Bellville:** 36 south to Coushatte Rd, at the Light take a left, go over railroad tracks, take a right you are on Coushatte Rd, go 5 miles to Nelius Rd, take a right, go one mile to campground entrance.

**From Houston:** I-10 west, exit 720 to Sealy, 36 N 5 miles to FM 331, right down 331, go 5 miles, turn left on Coushatte Rd, 1 mile to Nelius Rd, left on Nelius Rd, go 1 mile to campground entrance.

## Memories from Grady Bates....

As many of you know we lost Grady last year. Melba found a letter Grady had written about his time in the Crescent M club in Houston:

*Back in 1957 when I came to Houston from Arkansas all the square dance clubs in Houston were dancing to live music. When the annual Houston Festival was held all the musicians from the square dance clubs around Houston would join in playing for the occasion. I can remember when there were five or six of them playing for the festival.*

*Also, back then the members of each club did the calling for their dances. There was a lot of visitation between clubs, and any dancer who had the desire would likely be called on to "do his thing". Such was the case with Crescent M until very recently. When an out of town "paid" caller came to town that was something "very special".*

Apparently Grady was one of his clubs callers. Once he joined Houston Area Camping Squares he would call, but he mostly gave us very inspirational messages during our Sunday devotionals. Grady is missed.

## Southwest Area Camping Squares

Although the Southwest Area Camping squares aren't members of the State Camping Squares, they have a full schedule of dancing each year also. If you find yourself in the Austin/ San Antonio area and want a fun weekend, contact the Wagon master Kathy Connally ([jconnally@stx.rr.com](mailto:jconnally@stx.rr.com) Cell- 830-263-4218) and let her know you are coming.

Club Cuer: John and Norma Jean Becker

May 20 – 21	Skyline Ranch RV, Bandera	Caller: Bill & Elia Prichard
June 17 – 18	Bluff Trails, Ingram	Caller: Bill Wright
No Dance in July		
August 19 – 20	Alamo Fiesta RV Resort, Boerne	

Three Special dances held each year hosted with the help of SWACS

April Jubilee with Gary Shoemake and Ken Bower calling and John and Norma Jean Becker, cuers

October Special with Johnny Preston calling and John and Norma Jean cueing

These 2 are at the Lagoons RV Resort in Rockport, TX,

Contact Norma Jean Becker ( [dancingduets@satx.rr.com](mailto:dancingduets@satx.rr.com) ) Cell (210) 346-1307

New Year's Eve Dance every year December 30 – 31, Alamo Fiesta RV Resort in Boerne

It's a festive way to ring in the New Year. Black-eyed Peas and Greens served for luck!

## Heart of Texas Camping Squares

The Heart of Texas Camping Squares will be hosting the Fall 2016 Weekend.

September 16 – 17, 2016

American RV Park

Corsicana, TX

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Houston Area Camping Squares