

## **Square Dancing on the Road**

There were about 20 people present for a very good session.

There were 5 of us to present three different points of view of the topic.

**Donna Poyer**, the President of NNJSDA shared her enthusiasm for the national Square Dance Convention. She made 4 very cogent points in addition to talking about the pleasures of shopping at a special venue.

1. Spend a little more money on housing. Try to stay close to the convention center. Staying further away wastes time and energy in waiting for the shuttles.
2. Enjoy the Parade of State and wear your state outfit.
3. Trade pins, There are country and state pins and it is a good opportunity to meet new dancers from other area and it is FUN!
4. Sign up for tours

**Jim and Catherine Douglas**, from Lakeland Squares have danced in all 50 states and overseas.

1 They displayed the dangles they have collected as well as shared many publications, and said find the s/d publications from outside our own area. Even if the contacts change names they can and will help find a dance.

2 They advised us that using the Internet and Google (do-si-do.com) as well as a square dance Web Master are very useful tools for finding out about square dancing in other places.

3 They said that renting a car for one week or more is cheaper than just for a few days.

4. They are members of a “travel club B & B”. which is much less expensive than most housing. They stay at club member’s homes.

**Billy Flynn**, enthusiastic ambassador of the square dance, spoke of raids etc.

1. Raids spread the friendliness of square dancing and help the club members know other dancers.
2. Theme dances are fun. and add spice to the programs.
3. Guests must be welcomed, and dance with host club members.
- 4, Callers and cuers are ambassadors of fun and fellowship.