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President's Message



Hello Square Dance Friends,

It has gotten very hot!! Make sure to drink lots of liquids and stay cool. Limit outside activities to short periods of time. We certainly don't want anyone to get over heated. We need everybody healthy for the upcoming dances.

Hope you caught Angela and me on the Channel 7 Midday Show; it was a hoot meeting the crew and putting together the ASSDF Promotional Spot. Hopefully we will receive some future dancers. We still need to be planning some good advertisement for our clubs to recruit new students for fall lessons.

If you know anyone who likes to sing and dance, please invite them to your club. You just never know we might get a new caller out of the deal. Before we know it, we will need callers as much as dancers.

We'll guess that about does it for now. WE are looking forward to the Fall Festival and upcoming dances with our State clubs. As always, hope to see you in our square soon.

*Scott & Angela Blackshear
President – 2016*

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FROM THE **EDITOR**



Greetings Everyone!

As mentioned last month Cathy and I attended Roundalab and the National in Iowa. It was for us a wonderful time to dance. In addition our presentation at Roundalab was well received and our new choreography presented at the National's Showcase of Rounds was a hit!

National and Square Dancing Observations

While wandering around the National, I had the opportunity to observe the square dancing. There was a smoothness, grace and fluidity to the dancers. It didn't matter what level the hall was. Dancers were ... well ... dancing. Somehow, it felt different than the dancing I've seen in recent years in Arkansas. I could not put my finger on why I had that impression, until I read and edited this month's article from J.K. Fancher.

Do you realize that we have been fooling ourselves and our callers have been allowing it? I'm sorry to say this, but the greatest majority of dancers and clubs in the state of Arkansas are NOT Plus level. Many are hardly able to dance Mainstream! In the "RUSH TO PLUS" we have bypassed the **FUN**-damentals of square dancing and as J.K. intimates, have lost possible dancers in the process.

Mainstream and Rhythm

Many of you do not know that at one time I was a Plus dancer and a very good one at that. Mainstream, DBD, All Position, Hot Hash, and the full Plus program were second nature to me. Dancing to the beat was automatic. I LOVED to Square Dance!

Why? Because the club I learned Plus from had one rule ... Everyone had to dance one year of Mainstream with their Mainstream Club BEFORE they could take Plus lessons. Because of that rule I became a better dancer. My Mainstream **FUN**-damentals were second nature to me. Truth be told ... Some of the best dancing I've ever done was not

Plus. It was to a caller who could turn a square upside down and inside out using Mainstream. In Arkansas today, **if** you got the right square and the right caller, you would understand what I mean.

Was I upset that I could not learn Plus immediately after Mainstream? NO! I was dancing up a storm! Mainstream in that club was not looked down upon. Plus level dancers danced four nights a month (two nights of Mainstream and two Plus). It was the dancing that was the important thing! Not Plus!

There is enough blame to go around for the lack of dancing proficiency in Arkansas. Dancers and Clubs want to boast that they are Plus level and tell the callers to call “plus”. Callers know that the dancers/club is not capable. Yet they don’t argue. Unfortunately for dancing, callers are paid entertainers. They work with what they’ve got (workshop) and ... smile, shake their head, and carry on.

Let’s get back to the FUN-damentals

Have we been chasing away new dancers by not allowing them the time to dance for the **FUN** of it? To be successful Dancers? Or have we been rushing to Plus and the work of learning Plus was not **FUN** anymore. Is that why so many new dancers never return?

Have experienced dancers left because they no longer can have **FUN** dancing a complete tip without it breaking down? Are we no longer dancing for the **FUN** of it?

Maybe it’s time to return to being a Mainstream club ... OR ... maybe it’s time to have an hour of pure Mainstream at the start of each dance. There is no dishonor in dancing any level. Why not let new dancers sharpen their skills before “cutting their teeth” on Plus? Let them dance for the **FUN** of it! Why not have “experienced” dancers warm up with mainstream at the start of each dance? For the **FUN** of it!

The **FUN** and exhilaration of Square Dancing comes from dancing a tip in a square that dances with grace and fluidity to the beat of the music without breaking down. I don’t see much of that in Arkansas. Without returning to the FUN-damentals ...

You can’t dance without being active!

Fred Fisher



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Square Dancing to Gene Gancarczyk and Carolyn Birdsong
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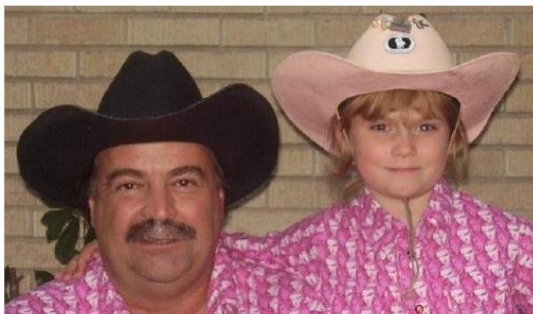
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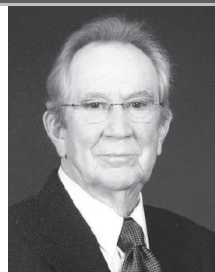
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J. K. Fancher



CALLERLAB

Callerlab formally came into being in 1974. Early informal brainstorming meetings with five callers with vision were held in 1961. Ten years later the discussion group had grown to over fifteen veteran square dance callers. During that period Bob Osgood publisher and editor of *Sets In Order* magazine created the Gold Ribbon Committee with fifteen subcommittees involving over 200 square dance leaders to do an in depth study of the needs of the square dance community.

Armed with this plethora of information the organizers, now numbering twenty three callers met in semi-formal meetings in 1971, 1972 and 1973. That group invited approximately one hundred more callers and Callerlab was formally born in 1974 at its first convention in St. Louis, Missouri. I was invited to join Callerlab in 1975 and continue to be a member. I attended three of the annual conventions.

This month we will take a capsule look at Callerlab. Its beginnings, reason for being, some actions, accolades, criticisms, and impact on the square dance world. Subsequent articles will discuss the history of the organization as it evolved.

Callerlab accomplished exactly what it initially set out to do to address several needed reforms. It immediately developed a "standardized list" (actually very similar to the list we use today) of calls to be used on a trial basis. It slowed down the ridiculous deluge of new calls with even more ridiculous names that were being dumped upon dancers by the dozens each month. It standardized the definition of calls (movements) so that dancers across our land and foreign lands could dance to the same choreographic language.

It established a dance level system (Basic, Extended Basics,

Mainstream, Plus 1 and Plus 2, Advanced 1 and 2, and Challenge) consisting of several lists of calls of increasing complexity so that there was something for everyone, at least in theory. It put into effect a system for the selection of certain new calls to be used on a trial basis. This was accomplished by a quarterly selection mechanism that worked very well. This is only a short list of the total goals accomplished but includes the major goals and establishes the base for a beginning discussion.

The exploding square dance of that period (1975-1985) continued and with the new Callerlab watchdog. It produced a heavenly age for western style square dancers. There was something for everybody ... as long as it was not the mainstream program or below. People who wanted to learn square dancing couldn't get into classes fast enough. Both callers and dancers had a field day and lived it as if there was no tomorrow. It was Camelot. It was an era of good feeling. Life in the western square dance world just could not have been better. We all loved it and lived it fully.

And then, almost imperceptibly at first, like a whisper, wiser heads, even among those who had worked so hard to ensure a more disciplined dance system was established, began to warn us that we may have just begun to dance ourselves into a corner. Had we saddled our activity with an attitude like a boa constrictor that was beginning to squeeze the very life from our beloved dance activity?

Committees were formed. Studies were made. Editorials were written. Speeches were given. Callerlab programs became suspect. Programs ... why yes, maybe that was the cause. So it was that the concept of Callerlab programs would take the initial fall. Some said that the Callerlab programs had by mistake built in possibilities for failure. From the beginning, both callers and dancers (because callers told them so) decided that the lower programs, BASIC and EXTENDED BASICS, were inferior or for inferior dancers and that no self-respecting dancer would go to dances that offered only those programs. Even the Mainstream program was sometimes considered to be inferior and that the only way to go was Plus and above.

So a snooty caste system developed among dancers. No one wanted to dance the BASIC or EXTENDED BASICS program. And by that time no one wanted to dance pure Mainstream either because it had become

the "in thing to dance a hybrid" of mainstream and some plus calls mixed in. Sound familiar? The Plus Program managed to remain mostly Plus even with the illegitimate child of Mainstream/Plus muddled up the waters. The combining of the Plus 1 and Plus 2 programs may have been a contributing factor.

And that was alright except when the hybrid dancers began to believe that they were Plus proficient and went to real Plus dances. There they really drew the ire of dancers who indeed knew the total Plus program and its disciplines.

The late Bob Osgood, the same Bob Osgood who was instrumental in creating Callerlab, and still one of the great square dance visionaries of all time, in the mid-1980s was one of the few voices crying in the wilderness, "Repent or be sorry." Osgood said it well in his "white paper" in 1985. He reminded us that we **ALREADY HAD A SQUARE DANCE PROGRAM IN PLACE** that should be considered.

He suggested that callers begin to create a following of dancers that would dance Basic as an end program and to simply call the dance "square dancing." Beginning dancers could learn to dance the program in three months or so. He even had the audacity to suggest that the Basic program should become the "most danced program in the nation." And only callers could make that happen. But callers weren't about to rock the boat. They now enjoyed the newly found status (probably unintentionally at first) of being a professional entertainer and the "more is better" movement continues to roll.

But no one listened. By 1990 the dance was on the threshold of free fall. Most callers and dancers alike were stricken with the Chicken Little syndrome, "Duh! The sky is falling," or "where did all the dancers go?"

Fast forward seven years. National caller, Jerry Junek, Callerlab Chairman in 1997 emphatically suggested that the body of Callerlab endorse the Basis Program as our entry level. That too fell upon deaf ears. By 2003 the Basic Program was no longer a Callerlab program. And then the surprise, or at least to me at that time, at the annual meeting in April 2006, Callerlab members voted to reestablish (subject to ratification by the members **NOT PRESENT**) the Basic Program (then the first 53 movements) of the Total mainstream list of 68 movements.

Callerlab even endorsed the Basic Program as a stand-alone program.

That idea like other proposed abbreviated entry-level or stand-alone ideas by Callerlab and other groups have never really succeeded in great numbers. I have reported on most of them during the past twenty-five years as they came along. Most have been some form of the old retail sales "bait and switch" gimmick ... "get 'em in door and then sell a higher price item" which equates to the "hook them with the 12-week entry program then sell the more is better ideology. Oh my! We have heard that before.

We are fortunate to have two professional caller organizations that serve us, Callerlab and the American Callers Association. They don't win all of the battles but they do win most of them.

Next time let's recognize some of the older clubs in the state. I know we have a couple of clubs in north Arkansas that have been around and danced an unbroken record of more than thirty years. What about the remainder of the state? My e-mail is down so write me a note or call me. Tell me the story of your club.

Until next time remember ... *Dance often and with style!*

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"Special Events"

AUGUST 2016

10th **Twirling Funtimers** **"Hot&Dry" Ice Cream Floats Dance**
Start Time – 6:00 **Caller - Doug Mallory**
Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

26th **Heber Springers** **Ice Cream Social**
Start Time – 7:00 **Caller – Ron Wise**
Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

WHERE IS THE DANCE TONIGHT?

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SEPTEMBER 2016

10th Blue Belles & Beaus

Start Time – 7:00

Location – Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St. Judsonia

Pioneer Ho-down Dance

Caller – Phil Moorehouse

14th Twirling Funtimers

Start Time – 6:00

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

Autumn Fest Dance

Caller – Dave Roush

17th Heber Springers

Start Time – 7:00

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

Autumn Special

Caller – Chuck Hastings

OCTOBER 2016

5th Twirling Funtimers

Start Time – 6:00

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

Club Anniversary Dance

Caller – Pat Christe

**14th
&
15th**

ASSDF Fall Festival

Location – Betty's Big Country Dance Hall
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21st Heber Springers

Start Time – 7:00

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

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Caller – Dan Nordby

28th Heber Springers

Start Time – 7:30

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

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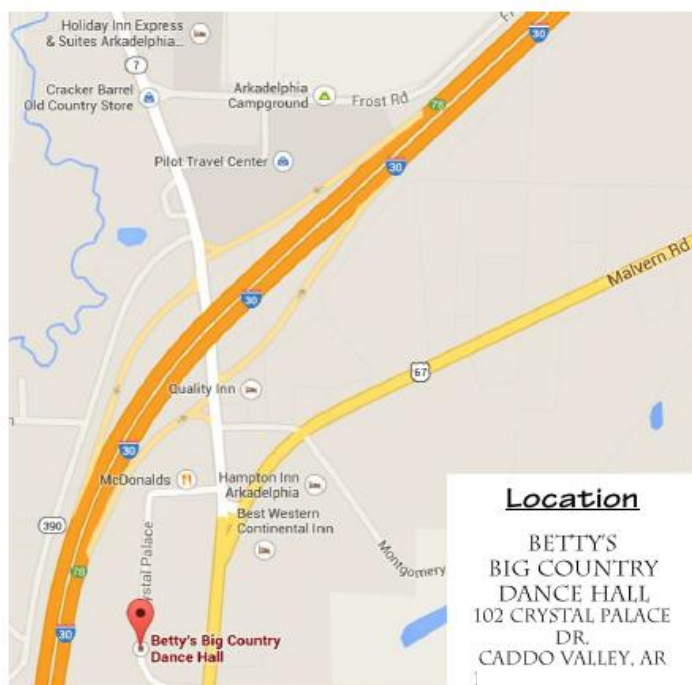
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67th Fall Festival

October 14 & 15 2016



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NOVEMBER 2016

9th	Twirling Funtimers	Red, White & Blue Dance
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	Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home	

12th	Blue Belles & Beaus	Military Dance
	Start Time – 7:00	Caller – Phil Moorehouse
	Location – Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St. Judsonia	

11th	Heber Springers	Can Goods Admission Dance
	Start Time – 7:00	Caller – Ron Wise
	Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud	

25th	Heber Springers	DARK
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DECEMBER 2016

9th	Heber Springers	Christmas Dinner Dance
	Start Time – 7:00	Caller – Ron Wise
	Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud	

10th	Blue Belles & Beaus	Christmas Dance
	Start Time – 7:00	Caller – Phil Moorehouse
	Location – Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St. Judsonia	

14th	Twirling Funtimers	Holiday Celebration Party Dance
	Start Time – 6:00	Caller - James “Jammer” Cochran
	Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home	

23rd	Heber Springers	DARK
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31st	Blue Belles & Beaus	Black Light Dance
	Start Time – 8:00	Caller – Phil Moorehouse
	Location – Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St Judsonia	

Order of Listings for Special Events Section

Date, Club Name, Dance Name, Start Time, Caller, Location

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Where are your special events?

BLUE BELLES & BEAUS



Police encounter “criminal” at square dance. (details on page 24)



Fall Festival *Chairman*

THE **FALL FESTIVAL** will soon be upon us!! “*But I have not registered for the Fall Festival yet*” you reply. Well, that is okay, you still have time. IT’S NOT TOO LATE!!! We will also be glad to take your money at the door. “*Ooooh, I am UNDECIDED about going*”. Don’t be. Come one Come Ya’ll!! A great time is sure to be had by all! “*But, I’m a new dancer and not sure if I can keep up*”. That is okay too. What better time to get lots of DANCE time than at a festival that has three nights, yes count them, **THREE NIGHTS** and **TWO DAYS** of dancing. Thursday night ... the Trail End Dance and Friday and Saturday ... the Festival. So don’t miss it! THANK YOU to those that have pre-registered. You should be receiving your ribbons very soon. Pre-registering aids the committee with their planning.

Registration forms can be found in this Modern Square publication or online at the ASSDF website (assdf.com). If these don’t work for you, I have registration forms available and can mail them to you. Just give me a call and I will make it happen. I still have flyers available for anyone who would like to pass them out along their square dance travels. Just contact me.

We would like to make this year’s T-Cup auction awesome, but we really need your help. Any donated items (clean, unbroken, etc.) will be greatly appreciated. The sale of these items not only helps to fund the dance but also gives you a chance to purchase items for a price you cannot get anywhere else. The more we have to include in the auction the more to choose from. If you or your club has any items you would like to donate please let me know and I will arrange to get them from you before the Festival.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor at the 67th Fall Festival in Caddo Valley this October.

Brenda Griffin

Club Reports

BLUE BELLES & BEAUS

Judsonia

Mike and I just got back from the Nationals. Well, actually, we took a detour on the way home and visited with some friends I haven't seen for over 10 years. Had a great time. Last I heard the Nationals had almost 4,000 people in attendance from everywhere, and I have to say that Japan made an impressive showing with 30 people. You could tell, they were having a ball and were very familiar with some of the callers there. Arkansas had 53 people in attendance, which isn't shabby, but I think we could've done better, seems we're a whole lot closer than Japan! We stayed in the prettiest R.V. park not far from the event center and the weather was perfect. Next year it is going to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. I hope you'll make your reservations early and join us.

While we were gone, I heard that our "deputy" sheriff, Jo Workman took matters into her own hands and sent a real policeman after one of our members (I won't mention names, but his initials are JM and here's a picture!) with a warrant for his arrest over non-payment of a .25 cent fine. Jo obviously takes her job seriously!!!

August is another quiet month for the Blue Belles & Beaus. This is the best time for y'all to get out and visit other clubs if yours is on the quiet side too. I know Robert Shaver, our President, is planning some surprise visitations for us. Fair warning: we're going out to collect banners! Have 'em ready!

I'm including some pictures of our club members kickin' up their heels and here is the one and only birthday honoree for this month . . . Brooke Moorehouse on August 26th. Happy Birthday Girly!

Hope to see you in a square soon!!!

Jeanne Carter

CIRCLE UP SQUARES

Charleston

CONWAY ROUNDERS

Conway

Fred and I are back from Des Moines! Reenergized and ready to have fun with the Rounders!

Roundalab divides its program each year between “Teach the Teacher” and “Teach the Dance”. We learned so much this year! We have new teaching techniques and dance tips and tricks from some of the best instructors in our organization to pass on to our dancers. We are looking forward to it!

We also brought back several new dances from the National’s Showcase of Rounds. We are anxious to teach them to the group. A Cha, a Waltz and of course our new Rumba are the first three that we will be working on. In September (when vacations are done) we will be starting a new rhythm ... Slow Two Step.

New Dancer classes will begin in September. Rumba will be our first rhythm. We will then move on to Cha. We will have the location and the dates and times locked down next week. Stay tuned to the September *Modern Square* for details. As you can see, we are anxious to get started!

Come join us if you’ve ever had an interest in seeing what Round Dancing is all about! Fluid controlled movement ... It is a joy!

See you on the dance floor!

Cathy Fisher

DIAMOND SQUARES

Hot Springs Village

GUYS ‘N DOLLS

Texarkana

HEBER SPRINGERS

Rose Bud

KINGSDALE SQUARES

Bella Vista

Levis & Lace have been very busy. We have had visitors & have been visiting. It is so much fun to dance with each other!

Did everyone see Scott & Angela Blackshear's interview on Channel 7? I sure hope so, because they did a fabulous job. We are so proud of them!

We enjoyed the awesome June Bug Jamboree barbeque dinner & dance at Twirling Lariats. The food & dancing were outstanding. Thank you to Dave, Carolyn, Cliff & the rest of the club.

We celebrated the 4th with lots of food & lots of dancing. Yes, out in the driveway again! We missed our Bill Strawn calling God Bless the USA, but Carolyn Birdsong did her own outstanding rendition. Gene was awesome, too. He keeps us on our toes! We appreciate each of them so much.

Most of the club will be heading to Branson for the Square Em Up Weekend. It is so fun, so consider going if you haven't booked it yet. You will be glad you did.

We are planning on having our Dog Days of Summer Dance on September 23rd at the Forest Lakes Clubhouse in Hot Springs. It is very easy to get to. It is right off the Overpass. The very first 3 Amigos Dance was held there. So, mark your calendars. It is a gorgeous place to dance!

Judy Schaffner is celebrating her birthday on the 21st, so be generous with the yellow rocks! Also, I left out their anniversary last month. It was on July 29th, so grab them for that, too.

Please come & visit us. We Love seeing you & dancing with you!

Phyllis Keeney



Levis & Lace



Patriotic
Birthday Cake



Maverick Mixers



Joey Duhamel



May 28 and June 11



Judy Dane Smith

Greetings and lots of YELLOW ROCKS!

This month's report starts on a sad note. We are mourning the passing of long time dancer Helen Weber Kirkman. She square danced for many, many years. Her first husband, Joe passed away several years ago. Our condolences to her widower, Richard Kirkman & family.

Phil Moorehouse is back and we are all very happy!

If you follow Facebook, you might have caught the pictures of our caller Phil Moorehouse and his family on their trip to Alaska. It appears that they had a great time and a well-deserved vacation.

We had substitute callers while Phil was vacationing. Carolyn Birdsong, on May 14th did a great job. Long time traveling caller (since 1981) Joey Duhamel , called two times for us (May 28th, and June 11th). Both nights he did an outstanding job. Last but not least Gene Gancarczyk called June 25th. He will be back to call on September 10th.

The National Square Dance Convention was held in Des Moines, Iowa. Our own Carolyn Birdsong went to Caller Lab. I know she had a great time, and learned a lot about "How to Call" and do both patter and singing calls. She did her first patter call with the 60's Swingers. She did an awesome job. I know we will hear more of her patter and singing calls in the future. Practice...Practice...Practice...

A fun dance and lots of camaraderie was had by all. "Three Amigos Square Dance" was on July 16th with callers Phil Moorehouse and Gene Gancarczyk. If you didn't come you missed a fun dance

Happy Anniversary to Lanita and Mike Hammett, (8/1), and Jeanie and Paul Ottens, (8/26). And birthday babies for August are Mary Lisa Price, (2nd), and Judy Schnaffner, (21st). Come dance and give these folks lots of yellow rocks. August birth flower is gladiolus or poppy meaning beauty, strength of character, loves, marriage, and family.

It is very hot outdoors, and everyone I hope had a great 4th of July and great summer so far. 2016 is rapidly going like a firecracker. Come join us for a "COOL" night of dancing on Saturday nights!

Ginny Short

PISTOLS & PETTICOATS**Jonesboro**

SKOKOS PROMENADERS**Kibler**

STAR DUSTERS**Harrison**

STAR STEPPERS**Pine Bluff**

SIXTIES SWINGERS**Little Rock**

June 30, 2016 was an eventful day for square dancing in central Arkansas. First, Phil Moorehouse was Guest Caller, (our own Ron Wise had a schedule conflict that day) and Carolyn Birdsong did both a patter and a singing call. Carolyn also lead us in some line dancing between tips. THEN, to top it off, ASSDF Presidents Scott and Angela Blackshear, promoted square and round dancing and the ASSDF Fall Festival in Caddo Valley in October, on “Midday Arkansas” on KATV Channel 7. Speaking of the ASSDF Fall Festival, if you haven't made your hotel reservations yet, you might not be able to get a room “close 31 because that's “Homecoming Weekend” for the nearby colleges in Arkadelphia. However, there is room for you to sign up for the dance. See the flier in this issue, or see the ASSDF website, for details.

Fellow dancer Lisa Price has the monopoly on August birthday yellowrocks.

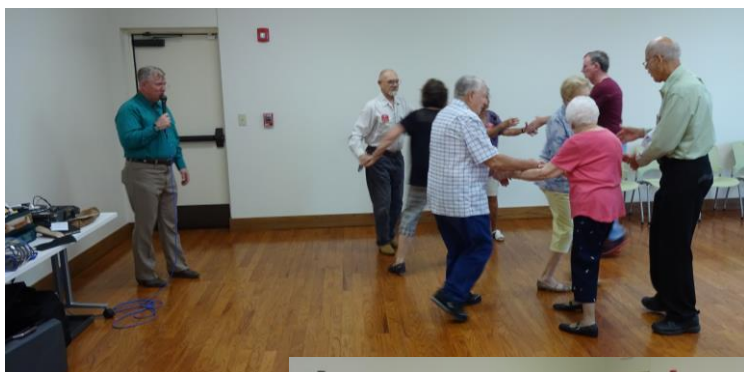
School will be starting back soon, and that means last minute summer traveling; and also for clubs considering doing lessons. I'm not sure whether we'll be doing lessons this fall or not, but hope to have more information in future reports.

For updates on last minute cancellations, please contact Ginny Short at 501-888-8013, to be sure we're still dancing...or you can check out our page on Facebook, or on the ASSDF Website under “changes and

cancellations”. Like last year, we may cancel on October 13 for the Trail-In Dance for the ASSDF Fall Festival; and, that should be decided upon by next months report. I do know we'll cancel for Thanksgiving, but not sure about the Christmas and New Years holidays just yet.

While “it's summertime and the weather is hot, and there are plenty yellowrocks, there to be sought” at every dance; we advise everyone to please take appropriate precautions in the hot weather. With an air conditioned hall to keep cool, and a hardwood floor for dancing, you're cordially invited to join our visitors, and us each Thursday at The Centre at University Park at 6401 West 12th Street in Little Rock from 2pm to 4pm, where our own Ron Wise always calls a great dance.

Daryl Stout



Sixties
Swingers

&

Phil
Moorehouse



TWIRLING FUNTIMERS

Mountain Home

Time is flying!

Over half of 2016 is history. For those of you who missed our June Bug Special with Carolyn Cullen's famous BBQ missed a great time of food, fellowship and of course dancing. Seven squares danced June 18, even with the National Square Dance Convention and vacations. Thanks for all the hard work Carolyn did to make the BBQ and for all who attended making our dance a big success!! Dave's calling makes for a good dance.

September will be here shortly and we need to think about someone we could invite to take square dance lessons. We are planning on having a fall class on Monday nights starting September 12. Get out and talk up square dancing. Our ASSDF President promoted square dancing on MidDay Arkansas (did a wonderful job) and paved the way for us to continue to find ways to reach the people.

Remember our dancers that have medical problems. Cliff Taylor has had his ups and downs over the past few months. Hank Hallum, a former Twirling Lariat, is unable to dance. A call to someone who you have missed seeing in a square would lift their spirits. Prayers would be welcomed by all who are facing medical issues.

Celebrating a birthday is Sam Samples(8-25) and an anniversary Roger and Sheena Garner (8-6).

The Lariats hope to be out and about dancing and see you in a square soon. You are always welcome at the Lariats I", 3rd and s" Fridays.

Yellow Rocks!!

Dean Talley



Club Directory

“A guide to good times and new friends”

Order of Directory Listings Club Name, Type & Level of Dancing, When, Location, Club Contact, Caller			
Type of Dancing		Level of Dancing	
S	Square	BS	Basic
R	Round	M	Mainstream
L	Line	P	Plus
O	Open to couples & singles	A	Advanced
		2-6	Round Dance Phases

BELLA VISTA

Kingsdale Squares S-M/P Mondays 7:00p.m.

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Caller - Danny Burris

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 ConwayRounders.com

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BLUE BELLES & BEAUS



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4th of July 2016

Square dancing to Gene Gancarczyk and Carolyn Birdsong

Phyllis and Ted Keeney's home in Royal, AR.

A great way to spend a day!



LEVIS & LACE



Patriotic birthday cake



LEVIS & LACE



MAVERICK MIXERS



Joey Duhamel

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MAVERICK MIXERS



Joey Duhamel & Judy Dane Smith

SIXTIES SWINGERS



Phil Moorehouse
as guest caller on June 30, 2016.



SIXTIES SWINGERS



SIXTIES SWINGERS



Carolyn Birdsong returned from Nationals in Iowa where she attended her first caller lab. Today she called a full tip (patter & singing) for us. It was her first time calling a patter!

She did a wonderful job!

We look forward to her becoming a great caller one day!