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Today?

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President's Message



Every ending has a new beginning. The time has come for me to end my term as President of the ASSDF. On December 31st, I turn the gavel over to your new President Scott and Angela Blackshear from Royal, AR. Scott and Angela both have a vision and foresight for the future of the ASSDF that I believe will lead to an incredible new year. I would like to express how much I have enjoyed serving as your president this past year and thank those that served with me. Their help and willingness to volunteer helped to make my job easier and less stressful.

As mentioned before, there are still three positions on the board both elected and appointed that are open and need your expertise, (Secretary, Treasurer, and 2016 Fall Dance Chairman). We are also still looking for a host club for the Fall Festival Dance in Caddo Valley next year. If you would be interested in volunteering for either of these positions or your club would like to host the festival next year, please give me or Scott and Angela a call. Hopefully, we can answer any questions you may have and persuade you of how great it would be, for you and the ASSDF, should you or (and?) your club would volunteer. We all love to dance but remember, there would be no place or club to dance with, if someone did not volunteer to do the work. Maybe it's your turn for a while. Think about it, okay?

Just because it is December and getting close to Christmas, (Yeah, Santa Clause is coming to town!!) don't let the hustle and bustle of the holidays keep you from dancing. (It is the dancing that will probably keep you sane) If you can, visit with clubs that are having Christmas specials or dances and let them bring a little joy and cheer into your life this holiday season. Besides, I bet they will have awesome Christmas goodies to eat. I will continue to work with square and round dancing next year. I will be serving as President of the National Singles for 2016 (SSDUSA) and in an advisory position as Past President of the ASSDF. Hopefully I can also get back to dancing weekly with local clubs. I have always enjoyed all the love, friendship and exercise that square and round dancing is so well known and loved for.

I leave you with a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year wish and an Irish Blessing.

May you always have work for your hands to do.

May your pockets hold always a coin or two.

May the sun shine bright on your windowpane.

May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Brenda J Griffin

President – 2015

From The Treasurer

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NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Folks ... It takes money to run any organization. Your subscriptions and the ASSDF fund the lion's share of this publication. But it is not enough. Plain and simply put, we desperately need ad income. Without the income generated by ads the number of pages will have to be cut back. Report sizes will have to be strictly limited to the 250 word max as stated in the policies listed on page 1. Pictures will have to be eliminated from the print version of the Modern Square. Bimonthly printing???

None of this is desirable. Nor is it necessary.

- **IF** you will take an active role in finding individuals or companies to advertise with us.
- **IF** your club would advertise specials in the Modern Square.
- **IF** you or your club would "Spotlight" the club, the caller or an individual?
- **IF** you would place a "Booster Ad"

I am disappointed!

The above appeared in last month's issue.

So what was the result?

1 Booster Ad

1 1/2 page Ad

No Spotlight Ads

No Events Listed For 2016

We are now down to 30 pages. How low can we go???
Pictures have been eliminated from the print version this month. What's next??

Please support YOUR publication.

Letter to the Editor

Did you have fun at the Fall Festival?

I hope that you had a great time and met some new square dancing friends. I didn't have much time to socialize, but I enjoyed everyone and everything!

On Friday night we saluted our veterans. We are truly thankful for the service of the 22 veterans that were present. Together they represented 220 years of service to our country.

There are so many people to thank that I hope I don't leave anyone out. Pat and Charles Rucker piled all of the state items in their van. Lynn and Earl Milroy went to Norman, Ar. to get the bottled water. Mary and Ed Smith helped set the gift tables up. All the men unloaded the cars (while chaos entered the picture as to where each item went.). Another lady (my brain was on overload, and I forgot her name) put up all the posters by herself. Carolyn Birdsong, Martha Wyre, and other ladies helped put up the Lighted Fall Arch with all the flowers and pumpkins. Carolyn's pictures that she took were great and very professional. Martha's "Line Dancing Quilt" with the square dancers for a background for the stage. My new "best friend" Brook Blackshear was busy giving out the door prizes. Larry and Faye Echlin manned the front tables on Thursday night. ASSDF board members handled the registration. The Star Steppers kept the gift tables all three days and nights. Earl Milroy and Bill Petrie sold the bottled water. Daryl Stout sat at the front tables most of Friday and Saturday. Fred Fisher did a great job of putting together and printing the Fall Festival Booklet. Again ... my apologies if I forgot you.

We couldn't have done the whole weekend, if it weren't for our great caller Phil Moorehouse. He and his Dad called an amazing Thursday night! On Friday night I kept singing to Tim Tyl. WOW! What a caller! Cathy Fisher did a great job on Rounds. Saturday, our own state callers, cuer and prompters did a fantastic job.

Betty and Don Hall, the owners of the dance hall were so gracious and loving. I'm so glad that the delegates voted to have the State Fall Festival at the same place next year. Be sure to put it on your calendar for next year!

Thanks for coming! I love ya'll!

Roana Petrie



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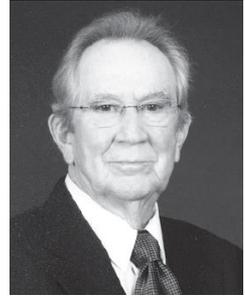
It's time to review some of the hints that make a square dancing flow smoothly and make it less likely for a square to break down. In our rush to plus, these hints are often overlooked.

- **Proper styling** is just as important as knowing the definitions.
- **Holding hands** is so very important. When you have formed, say, lines of 4, immediately join the hands in the center. Even if another call is quickly called, just a brief touching of hands will reestablish the formation and keep the square under control. "Couples Promenade, don't stop; don't slow down, head couples Wheel Around". More often than not, the resulting lines of 4 will not be parallel with any of the walls. Joining hands is mandatory as this movement has a potential for disaster. If you are not parallel with a wall, the solution is for the couples on the right to take a step forward and the couples on the left to take a step back. Of course, you all have to be aware and in agreement, but this is what square dancing is all about.
- **Ladies Chain** The gentlemen should step aside and give the approaching lady room for a courtesy turn.
- **All 4 Couples Promenade** The gentlemen should almost be touching in the center. Remember that the ladies have twice as far to go and must move twice as fast just to keep up.
- **Weave the Ring** Keep it small and *keep* it moving. Don't hold up others while you bump and twirl. You can put lots of energy into a square dance, but it should still be graceful and flow smoothly.

Side bar: last month's matching puzzle.... the first person that comes to the Diamond Squares dance with the correct solution will get a year's free subscription the American Square Dance magazine or extension if you already subscribe. You do get this great magazine, don't you?

Gordon & Sue White

J. K. Fancher



The Caller's Role For The Future

Let's continue the discussion on some things we might need to seriously consider as we now begin to accept the possibility and the responsibility that the ASSDF is on the brink of folding. It may follow that if the ASSDF does fail, it also signals that the next step would see the further decline of square dancing itself in Arkansas. Editorials and articles in the last four issues have acknowledged that likelihood unless drastic actions are taken now.

The current square dance pulse in Arkansas is not something unique. We all know that the entire nation has been experiencing the downward spiral of square dance numbers for three decades. We as the square dance community have an excellent record of ignoring the warning signs. Once vibrant, square dance clubs in Arkansas continue to fold at an alarming rate.

But ... what about the square dance caller being the real key to a revival? Two years ago I did a series of articles in this column that dealt with, what I believe to be, the four major elements of square dance – the dancer, the choreography, the music, and the caller. The first three I covered in some detail. But when it came time to discuss the caller element in depth, I shied away from the subject for fear that what I might write could in some way diminish the image of the square dance callers as being exemplary leaders of the square dance activity.

Our two professional caller organizations, Callerlab and the American Callers Association, have established standardized programs; promoted ethical practices; provided a collective and necessary voice to represent individual callers in dealing with ASCAP and BMI relative to licensing requirements. Both have now recognized that some leeway has to be allowed for callers to try innovative ways to fight the trend of declining dancers. And each has scaled down list versions to cut the time required to create a new dancer.

My problem has been that even with the suggested abbreviated lists each proposes, there is always the suggestion that some dancers may want to learn more movements. To me that implied (subliminal) message says, “Yes, more is better,” Yeah, just like the beginning of the rat race to learn great lists of call that contributed to our problems in the first place.

So yes! Callers do control the dance because dancers can only dance the calls we call. And if we (callers) control the dance, we should have the skills to establish realistic goals to create a dancer in three or four months of weekly sessions of lessons.

Last month I threw this out to you. “IF EVERY caller in the land, especially members of Callerlab and American Callers Association were to decide that for one year, at EVERY DANCE that they would only call the same fifty basic movements, it would establish the most called program in the land. It would be the only thing out there to dance to. Responsible callers would adjust and do some work to make sure their use of limited call selection would be a work of calling art. Any caller worthy of the name should be able to do that anyway.

And I also said the Plus, Advanced and Challenge crowd should continue to do their thing and just stay out of our way. Of course we would have to watch‘em because they would be trying to proselytize to our dancers as a basis for classes to feed their ranks.

Three years ago a shorter teaching concept was proposed as a combined effort of Callerlab and the American Callers Association. It never went anywhere because we callers considered it too tame. But let’s take a fresh look at it in the context of a short list of calls that might just be what we should try as a start.

It was the *Experimental Condensed Teaching Order* (ETCO 40). A joint committee worked several months before coming up with such a teaching structure that can be **taught in 12 weekly sessions**. A list of forty line-item calls was selected to make up the total program. The concept was to have a course that would require weekly sessions for just three months. Is such a scheme possible or practical? Sure, and I will give some solid proof next time.

I knew that a committee was working to reach some consensus on the question and I knew about its announcement from the official report to Callerlab members from its website. But I never took the plan seriously until I saw the whole report again in American Square Dance magazine.

It's with that background that I ask you to look at this proposal. First let's examine the core curriculum of 12 two hour sessions:

- **Session 1:** Circle Left/Right; Promenade; Wheel Around; Dosado; Stars
- **Session 2:** Lead Right/Left; Right and Left Thru; Slide Thru; Pass Thru/Double Pass Thru and U-turn Back
- **Session 3:** Ladies in Men Sashay/ ½ Sashay' Bend the Line; Veer Left/Right and Trades
- **Session 4:** Cloverleaf; Grand Square; Alamo Style and Swing Thru
- **Session 5:** Run; Trade By and Circulates
- **Session 6:** Single Circle to a Wave; Square Thru and Wheel and Deal (out facing lines)
- **Session 7:** Touch 1/4/Hinge, Scoot Back and Ferris Wheel
- **Session 8:** Pass to the Center and Zoom
- **Session 9:** Pass the Ocean and Extend
- **Session 10:** Cast Off ¾ and Fold/Cross Fold
- **Session 11:** Recycle and sweep 1/4
- **Session 12:** Flutter Wheel/Reverse Flutter

So there is the program in all of its glory. Is it practical? You bet it is. Next time I will give some tangible proof that it can be. We really do need to be realistic in our approach to save the ASSDF and square dance in Arkansas and in the nation.

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Merry Christmas!

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Carolyn Birdsong

WHERE IS THE DANCE TONIGHT?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Hot Springs Village	Little Rock Royal	
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5th	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Searcy Hot Springs Village	Little Rock	Harrison Little Rock



"Special Events"

DECEMBER 2015

9th Twirling Funtimers

Start Time – 6:00

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street

Holiday Celebration Party

Caller – James "Jammer" Cochran

Location – Mountain Home

12th Blue Belles & Beaus

Start Time – 6:30

Caller – Phillip Moorehouse

Christmas Dance

Location – Judsonia

9th Heber Springers

Start Time – 7:00

Caller – Ron Wise

Christmas Party Dance

Location – Rose Bud

Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W

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Where are your special events?

Is nothing happening in 2016?



One Last Year End Spasm With Bill Strawn!

Maverick Mixers End of Year Special

December 26th, 2015
Workshop at 7:00
Dancing from 7:30 – 9:30

For Info call Carolyn Birdsong
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National Square Dance Convention®

2016 - June 22 - 26 - Des Moines, Iowa

2017 - June 21 - 24 - Cincinnati, Ohio

2018 - June 27 - 30 - Kansas City, Missouri

2019 - June 26 - 29 - Atlanta, Georgia

Order of Listings for Special Events Section Date, Club Name, Dance Name, Start Time, Caller, Location

Please notify the *Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events (up to one year in advance) with all information included as listed above. The earlier **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear.

Club Reports

BLUE BELLES & BEAUS

Searcy

Do you believe it????? We're already in December, a hop, skip and left allemande away from 2016! They say we're going to have a wet winter – but “wet” never stopped us square dancers from dancing . . . right!?

I have to apologize – been so remiss in not submitting pics to go with our report. We have some dandies – so I'm including some from our Western Dance in September. I have to pat our crew on the back . . . they do an outstanding job of decorating for our special dances. It's a lot of work too, but I think if you took a vote, everyone would agree, it's worth it.

You'll HAVE to come to our new “Black light – New Year's Eve dance on December 31st. It's a Thursday night and we'll start a little later; 8:00p to 12:00p. We encourage you to wear black and white – you'll see why! Finger foods and “bubbly” (non-alcoholic of course!) will be served throughout the dance. Come join us to bring in the New Year!

Birthday greetings go out to Johnny Martin (one of our new dancers) on the 10th and Tom Dunn on the 12th, two really good guys.

And don't forget to join us any time we're dancing, 7 to 9 pm, at: Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St., Judsonia AR. Make sure you call ahead regarding the weather! 501-724-3534

Merry Christmas everyone!!! Hope to see you in a square on New Year's Eve!!!!

Jeanne

Diamond Squares

Hot Springs Village

December already and looking at 2016 next month! What happened to 2015? For Diamond Squares the “what happened?” is the move to Hot Springs Village and change of dance night. We are sure it was the right thing to do. Our new dancers are doing well. We are delighted to have Ken and Sheryl White dancing with us again after an interval of several

years. In that interval, they moved to Hot Springs Village, and now dance with us every week. Elaine and Howard Davis have also reappeared around our squares. We celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary at one of our dances last month. Elaine brought the cake, decorated in the colors bridesmaids wore at their wedding. She also brought some delicious snacks.

Coronado Center is a great location. We currently dance in Room 6, where Village A Team dances on Wednesdays, and DeSoto Dancers used to dance. We appreciate the loyal angels that show up from both of those clubs. Our long range goal is to grow our club to fill the Coronado Ballroom. It may not happen this year, but there is nothing wrong with thinking big! We dance Thursdays, new dancers 6:30-7:45, then mainstream until 9:00. We'd love to have you join us.

Sue White

Heber Springers

Rose Bud

What do you know? December is nearly here. What a great month December is! It would be hard to list all of the things we do on this fine and last month of the year. We check out books to read, store up food, and sort through the closets to see what is there to wear when the weather turns frigid. There is no limit to the parties you might want to attend. What about Christmas Cars to send and old friends to say hello too? You better get busy!

December goes fast. Just one more thing ... Do not forget to go square dancing. We just have got to keep the clubs going. Square dancing is just too much fun to let it slip through the cracks.

It was great fun dancing to Dan Nordbye. It was a great turnout. There was a lot of dancing going on. What a fun night!

Wilma and Jim Sanders put on quite a Halloween Party at their home. It was just worth the drive to get to see their beautiful new spacious home. There was a lot of picture taking of the costumes and clubs, a lot of good food and dancing. Ron Wise and Phillip Moorehouse called some great numbers. Wonderful evening. Thank you Wilma and Jim for all the hard work getting ready for the party.

Here are some special dates you will need to remember.

December 11th Regular dance

December 19th Christmas Dinner and Dance - ALL CLUBS are invited.

Birthdays ... Mick Watts on the 11th ... Alan Malone the 17th

Chet and Madeline Barber celebrate their Anniversary on the 25th! And yes. I missed Madeline's birthday on the 15th of November.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that will be full of Square Dancing!

Robert Hall

LEVIS & LACE

Royal

Merry Christmas to all of our square dance friends!

We had such a good time at the ASSDF Fall Federation Dance. Tim Tyl was great, as were all our local callers. It was three days of fantastic dancing. The Star Steppers did an absolutely beautiful job. The dancing hall was fantastic. Most of our club attended, and all reported they had a fabulous time! The Trail End Dance was a great lead in to the wonderful weekend. Larry Maddox & Kaila Rhoads came from Oklahoma to help represent our club. We appreciate them so much.

We also had a wonderful turn out for the Delegate meeting. It was so encouraging to see the participation.

Several of our club members went to Maverick Mixers Halloween Dance. It was so much fun, and the costumes were awesome. We had Miss Piggy & Kermit, a great big chicken & her farmer (a real chick magnet), plus a lot of scary characters & some not so scary. Great night!

Lessons are going really well. We have very good angels helping. Gene is so good with the students, and they are making great progress.

We also had an almost hayride. It was raining, so we couldn't have the hayride, and there was a burn ban, so no bonfire. Strange to have so much rain with a burn ban on, but we had such a drought! We had lots of fun, so glad we did not cancel it. It is good for square dancers to get together outside of regular dances. The laughing and joking are very contagious!

We are looking forward to our annual special dance, "A Chili Winter Night in Royal". I will let you know ASAP all the details.

Several from our club are planning on going to the Oklahoma Square-L-Round dance right after Thanksgiving. We hope to see you there.

Celebrating birthdays this month are Juanice Chitwood on the 11th, & Wanda Miller (not sure of the day). Please give them lots of yellow rocks! We don't get to see Wanda very often, so double up when you do!

Please come & dance with us. We love our visitors!

Phyllis Keeney

MAVERICK MIXERS

Little Rock

Happy Holidays!

2015 is quickly slipping away from us. The opportunities to dance (near and far) have been plentiful. Where have you danced this year? How many different callers have you listened to this year? What new calls have you learned? What new friends have you made?

The Maverick Mixers have had a wonderful year and we want to thank you for being a part of it. We had our annual Chili Supper, 50's Dance, Halloween Dance, and Open-Mic Night. We gathered school supplies for one of the local schools. We performed at exhibition dances in a multitude of places. We've traveled long distances to dance. We've danced at "home". We have danced-danced-danced.

The holidays are in full swing, but if you need a place to get away from the hustle and bustle, stop by the Legion Hut on Mann Road in Little Rock on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays this month ... And YES ... we will be dancing on the 26th! Our workshops are at 7:00 and dances begin at 7:30.

On January 2, we hope to see you at the Three Amigos dance at the Legion Hut in Mabelvale. Three great callers—Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk and our own Bill Strawn will kick off a new year of dancing. The fun starts at 7:00. We're going to save you a place in our square!!

The holidays are a time for family and sharing. So from our square dance family to yours ... we hope you have a blessed and joyous holiday. We'll be seeing you in a square soon!

Lanita

The 60's Swingers have been dancing in their new location for over a month now, and we really like it, especially with the hardwood floor. For those who missed the report last month, we now dance at The Centre At University Park, at 6401 West 12th Street...across the street from the Penick Boys Club...just west of Cleveland on 12th Street in Little Rock. Guests pay a \$5 fee...our dance is one of the activities being offered there.

Retired Round Dance Cuer Mick Watts, and his wife, Gloria, who visited us quite regularly in the past, have the "December birthday yellow rocks, wrapped up like Christmas presents". They don't get out that much anymore, but we enjoy their company when they can make it.

Several of our members were at the ASSDF Fall Festival. As you may have noted in last month's issue of The Modern Square, "a good time was had by all". The 2016 ASSDF Fall Festival will again be in Caddo Valley. National Caller Mike Bramlett from Dallas, Texas, will be there on Friday night, and Arkansas' Callers and Cuers on Saturday.

Speaking of Special Dances, The Three Amigos will "ride again" on Saturday, January 2, 2016, at the Mabelvale Legion Hut. Our own Bill Strawn will be joined by Gene Gancarczyk, and Philip Moorehouse in providing a great evening of calling. What better way to start a New Year than at a great square dance!!

Several members are dealing with various health issues. We wish them a speedy recovery, and hope they can dance with us again real soon.

As a reminder, the club will be DARK on Christmas Eve and on New Year's Eve. Our Christmas party will be on December 17, and that'll be our last dance for 2015. The Winter Weather Outlook shows cooler and wetter for Arkansas. Obviously if snow and ice are an issue, we likely won't be dancing. Please contact Ginny and Jerry Short at 501-888-8013, for any last minute changes or cancellations.

We'd love for you to spend the holidays with us. Our own Bill Strawn makes each tip as wonderful as presents on Christmas morning. Happy Holidays from the 60's Swingers.

Daryl Stout

December is always such a beautiful month! There's a definite nip in the air now. The families getting together to celebrate our Lord's birth is such a special time! Jesus is the reason for the season! I hope everyone has a safe and very Merry Christmas! May God Bless everyone!

Special yellow rocks go to our December babies: Jackie Lucas (4th), Ann Grigsby (11th) and Barbara Baker (29th). No anniversaries this month.

Here is your special invitation to our Christmas Dance on the 18th. It'll be a good time to get away from the Christmas stress and just dance! If you'd like, wear your Christmas best but if you wear your casual best, still come! You know there will be plenty of ho ho ho!

We will have our annual Christmas Dinner the 6th. That is a Sunday and will be at the American Legion Hall in Mabelvale. If interested in attending, please call Jeanette & Henry Heritz [501-225-5481](tel:501-225-5481) for reservations and cost. For those interested in exchanging gifts, please purchase a gift valued at least \$15 per person.

Many thanks go to the Star Steppers for the wonderful Fall Festival & Trail End Dance! It was so much fun and great to see the big crowd! A lot of *Twirling Lariats* were able to attend and had a great time!

I have created a group Facebook page named "Arkansas' Fall Festival".

A good time was had by all at our Halloween Dance Oct 30th. Best costumes went to: (female) cowgirl with her loyal horse, Martha Wyre; (male) hobo, Jerry Short; (couple) bartender & saloon girl, Ron Wise & Kathy Tankersly; and (unusual) pumpkin head, Chuck Veregge.

We have a great group of students on Monday night at the Hut 7:30 to 9:30. If bored with TV, come on over and earn your angel wings! We can always use the angels! We'll dance the 4th & 18th. Plus lessons 6:30 to 7:30, line & square dancing 7:30 to 9:30. We have a lot of fun with everyone dancing to Dave Towry! Hope to center ladies tea cup chain with you soon!

Carolyn Birdsong



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.
 Riordan Hall, 2 Riordan Drive
Contact - Barry Owen **Caller - John Eubanks**
 8 Gwaltney Circle, Bella Vista, AR, 72715 (479) 876-8432

CHARLESTON

Circle Up Squares S-M/P Thursdays 6:30p.m.
 Hug Chevrolet, 407 East Main
Contact - Patsy Burris **Caller - Danny Burris**
 19408 US Highway 271, Spiro, OK 74959 (479) 462-2317

CONWAY

ConwayRounders R-2/3/4 Lessons ___ Thursdays 6:30p.m.
Club Level_ Thursdays 7:30p.m.

Salem United Methodist Church, 1018 Salem Rd.

Contact - (501) 428-9026

Cuer - Cathy and Fred Fisher

47 Hays Hill Rd., Conway, AR, 72032

conwayrounds@yahoo.com

ConwayRounds.com

HARRISON

Stardusters S-M CALL FIRST Sundays 4:00p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Capps Rd. & Arbor Dr.

Contact - (870) 741-6345

Caller - J.K. Fancher

407 Skyline Drive, Harrison, AR, 72601

ROSE BUD

Heber Springers O_S-M/P 2nd & 4th Fridays 7:00p.m.

Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36W

Contact - Theresa Holley (501) 592-2600

Caller - Ron Wise

390 Woodvine Trail, Higden, AR 72067 or Bob Hall (501) 250-5170

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

Diamond Squares O_S-M Thursday 6:30p.m.

(dancing September through June)

Coronado Center Room 6

Contact – Susan White

Caller - Gordon White

6 Perfecto Place, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909 (501) 922-0803

Village A-Team S-A1/A2 Wednesdays 7:30p.m.

Coronado Center

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Caller - Dave Towry

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franbazemore69@gmail.com (501) 922-1287

JONESBORO

Pistols & Petticoats O_S-M/P Thursdays 7:00p.m
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2201 South Culberhouse
Contact - Bonnie Hallett **Caller** – **Boyce Brownbarville**
1613 Alonzo St., Jonesboro, AR 72401 (870) 932-7740

KIBLER

Skokos Promenaders S-M/P Tuesdays 7:00p.m.
Kibler United Methodist Church, Skokos Center
Contact - (479) 474-8500 **Caller** - **Jay King**
1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR 72956

LITTLE ROCK

Maverick Mixers S_L_O 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays 7:00p.m.
American Legion Building, Mann Road & Leah Lane, Mabelvale
Contact – Harry Atchley **Caller** - **Bill Strawn**
8711 Taliaferro Rd., Mabelvale, Ark 72103 (501) 813-5871

Sixties Swingers S-M/P Thursdays 2:00p.m
The Centre At University Park
6401 West 12th Street
Contact – Ginny & Jerry Short (501) 888-8013 **Caller** – **Bill Strawn**

Twirling Lariats O_L_S-M/P 1st, 3rd, & 5th Friday 6:30p..m.
Mabelvale Legion Hut, Mann Road & Leah Lane, Mabelvale
Contact - Clifton Taylor & Carolyn Cullins **Caller** - **Dave Towry**
9027 Hwy 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

MOUNTAIN HOME

Twirling Funtimers S-P_R Wednesdays 6:00p.m.
Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street
Contact - Craig & Karen Grothaus **Caller** – **Pat Christe**
39 Crestview Road, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 424-2957

PINE BLUFF

Star Steppers S-M Mondays 7:00 - 9:00p.m.
Central Presbyterian Church, 6300 Trinity Drive
Contact - Bill and Roana Petrie **Caller** - **Phil Moorehouse**
3114 Donaldson Rd., Pine Bluff, AR, 71602 870-247-2698
Earl & Lynn Milroy (870) 879-1608

ROYAL

(Hot Springs area)

Levis & Lace S-M/P 1st, 2nd, & 4th Fridays 7:30p.m.
First Baptist Church, 7402 Albert Pike
Contact - Ted & Phyllis Keeney **Caller** - **Gene Gancarczyk**
1807 Nubbin Ridge Road, Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

SEARCY

Blue Belles & Beaus O_S-M/P 2nd 4th 5th Thursdays 7:00p.m.
Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street, Judsonia
Contact - Robert & Cheryl Shaver **Caller** - **Phillip Moorehouse**
146 Opie Road, Bald Knob, AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

TEXARKANA

Guys 'N Dolls S-M/P_R 2nd & 4th Fridays 7:00p.m.
Eagles Lodge, 3407 East Broad Street
Contact – Betty Ratliff **Caller** - **Nelda Eaton**
1706 N. Rondo Rd., Texarkana, AR 71854 **Cuer** – **Guest Cuers**
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