Photos From Recent Special Dances

The MODERN SQUARE

ARKANSAS STATE SQUARE DANCE FEDERATION

November 2026

E-Editions are released on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue. You can download the e-Edition (full or compact)) at the **ASSDF website**, located at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square

The Club Special Dance photos will be placed in a separate file each month, as will photos from recent **ASSDF Fall Festivals**.

Club Special Dances In The Last Month

Please email these assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – please let me know who took the photos, as I want to give them credit, especially if they come from the club Facebook groups.

Due to **space limitations**, **photo quality**, or **page formatting**, I **can't** use all of them sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view them (and videos, where available) on the various Facebook pages (including the **Arkansas Square Dance** page, **The Three Amigos** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group). Also, note that **not everyone** is on Facebook.

ASSDF Club Special Dances from late September through October 2026, downloadable from https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square are from the club Facebook pages of the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival**, the **East Texas Square And Round Dance Association (ETSRDA)**, the **2026 Missouri State Festival**, **Arky Cloggers**, **Levi's And Lace**, **Maverick Mixers**, **River City Squares**, **Star Steppers**, and the **Twirling Lariats**.

Many thanks go to **Carolyn Birdsong**, **Elaine Cox**, **Angie Engledow**, **Tom Fox**, **Roger Garner**, **Corben Geis**, **Ted Hofmeister**, **Jody King**, **Ellen Lewis**, **Naaman Moorehouse II**, **Ginny Short**, **Daryl Stout**, and **Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin** for the photos. My apologies if I have missed anyone.

There are numerous videos on the "**Arkansas Fall Festival**" Facebook page, at https://www.facebook.com/groups/860842130674290

First, numerous photos from the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton, Arkansas, Oct. 8-10, 2026.

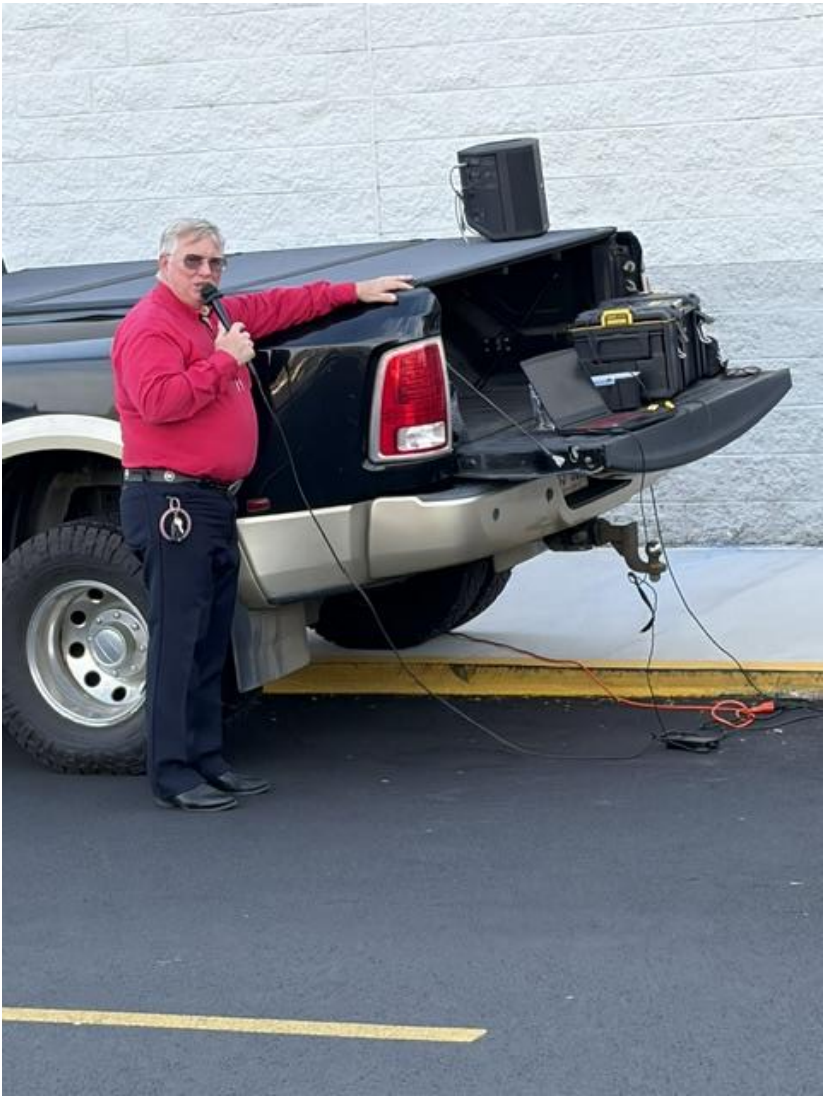


Several dancers in front a local bank branch’s sign in Clinton.



Several dancers with a “flash mob dance” at an area Wal-Mart.






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Bank
WELCOME
AR SQUARE DANCERS
FAIRGROUNDS 8-





National Caller Ken Burke giving his “thumbs up” to the Fall Festival.



A group photo of the attendees at the Thursday night Trail End Dance.



ASSDF Officers at the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival**. From left to right: **Front Row**: Historian **Lura Wade**, President **Kim Fox**, Secretary **Tonia Hofmeister**, Treasurer **Lanita Hammett**, and Insurance Chair **Jean Coy**. **Back Row**: Historian **Wayne Wade**, President **Tom Fox**, Secretary **Ted Hofmeister**, Treasurer **Mike Hammett**, Vice President **Steve Coy**, and Caller Representative **Phil Moorehouse**.

Not Pictured: USDA Representatives **Sam and Laurie Carman**, and Editor/Webmaster **Daryl Stout**.



The **Arky Cloggers** had a little "intro to clogging" at the **Arkansas State Square Dance Federation Fall Festival** in Clinton! Thanks **Kim Deane**, plus **Kim** and **Tom Fox**. **Sarah Allen** from Hope, AR jumped in and did a **GREAT** job!




Eileen
Little Rock






SQUARE DANCE











National Caller Scott Bennett calling the Friday night dancing at the **ASSDF Fall Festival**.




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SQUARE DANCE
FEDERATION







Vice President Steve Coy was "**in the pink**" this year, with his Fashion Statement. 😊

Next, several photos from the **Star Steppers Sep. 28, 2026**, dance.








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Steppers


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Steppers


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Steppers



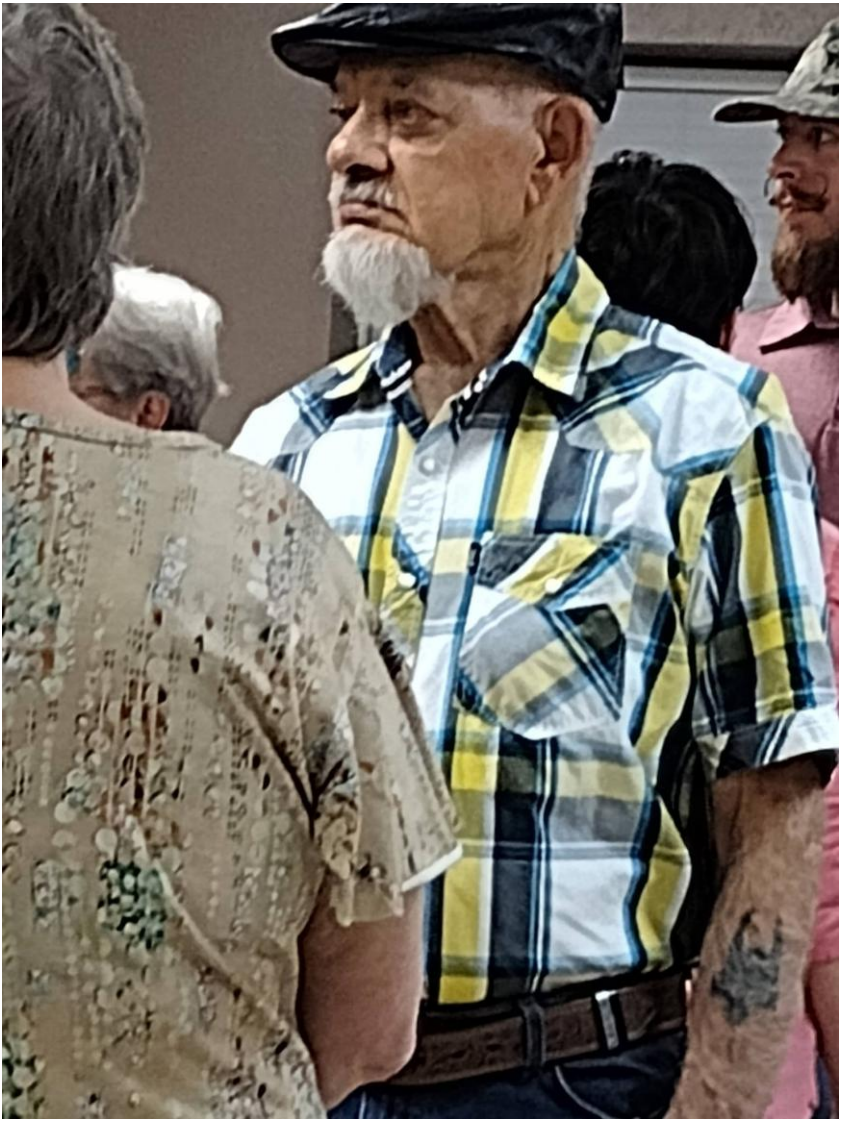


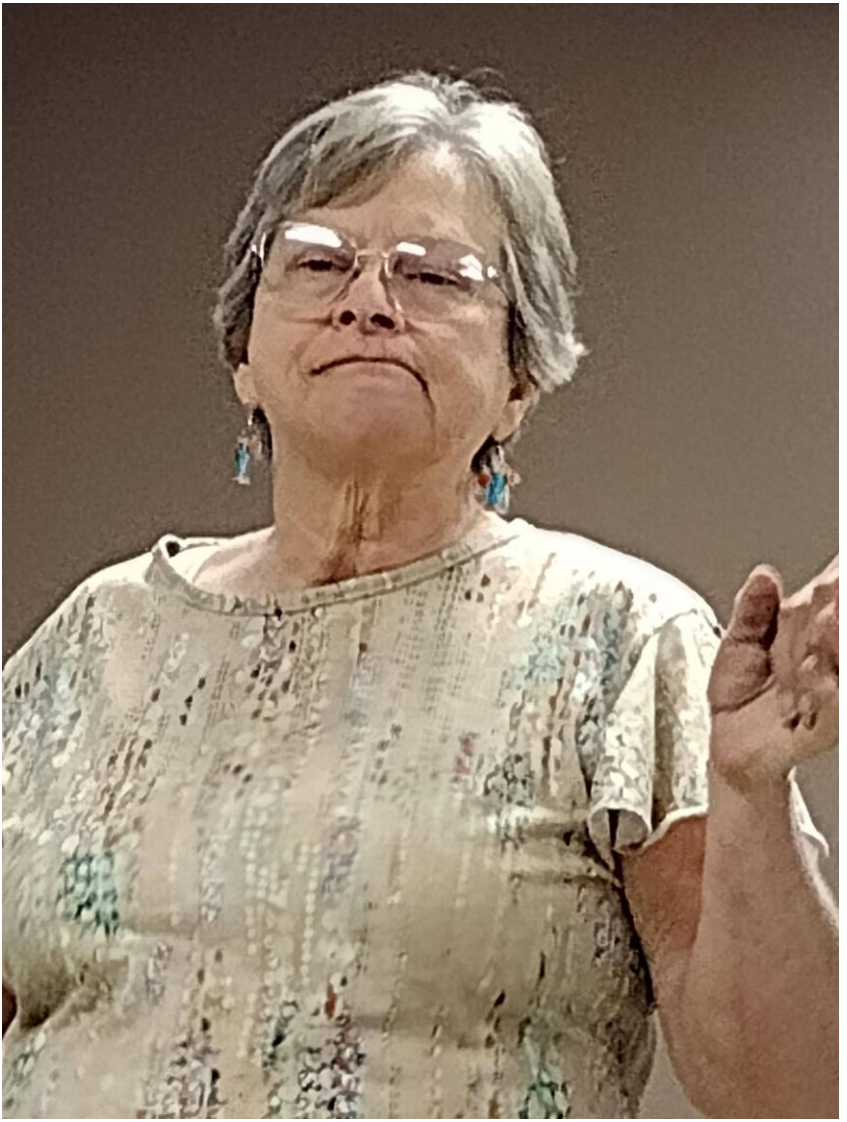




Next, several photos from the **Star Steppers Oct. 5, 2026**, dance, with **Guest Caller Lanita Hammett**.













Next, several photos from the **River City Squares 1st night of classes** on Oct. 6, 2026.


A dance
boot SCOOTIN' boogie
If you stumble


Meal Donation


dance


Life's
A
dance




boogie
If you stumble, make it


ke it part of the dance






USA
USA
I ain't here


kindness = peace.




dance
boot
boogie
If you stumble, ma




Dance like no one is watching...




long time. I'm here for a good time
let's dance!


Life's
A













Next, a single photo from the **Oct. 2, 2026, Twirling Lariats Dance**.



Next, several photos from the **River City Squares 2nd night of lessons** on Oct. 13, 2026.




God bless your day with smiles
laughter, sunshine, mercy,
kindness and peace.




Life's
A
dance


Dance like no one is watching...


Life's
A dance
boot
SCOOTIN




God bless your day with smiles,
laughter, sunshine, mercy,
kindness & peace.


VETERAN




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Dance like no one is
I aint here


If you stumble, make it part of the







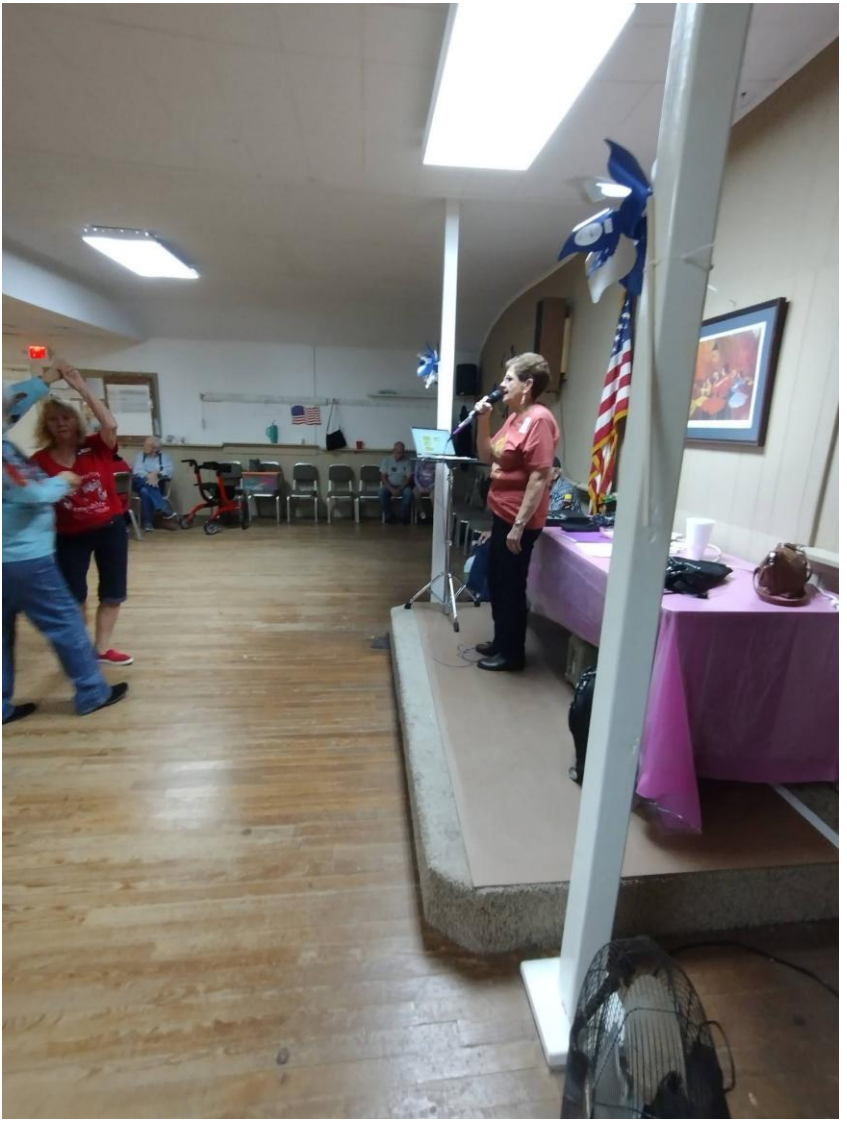






Next, several photos from the **Twirling Lariats Oct. 16, 2026 dance**.






God Bless
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MAVERICK
MIXERS

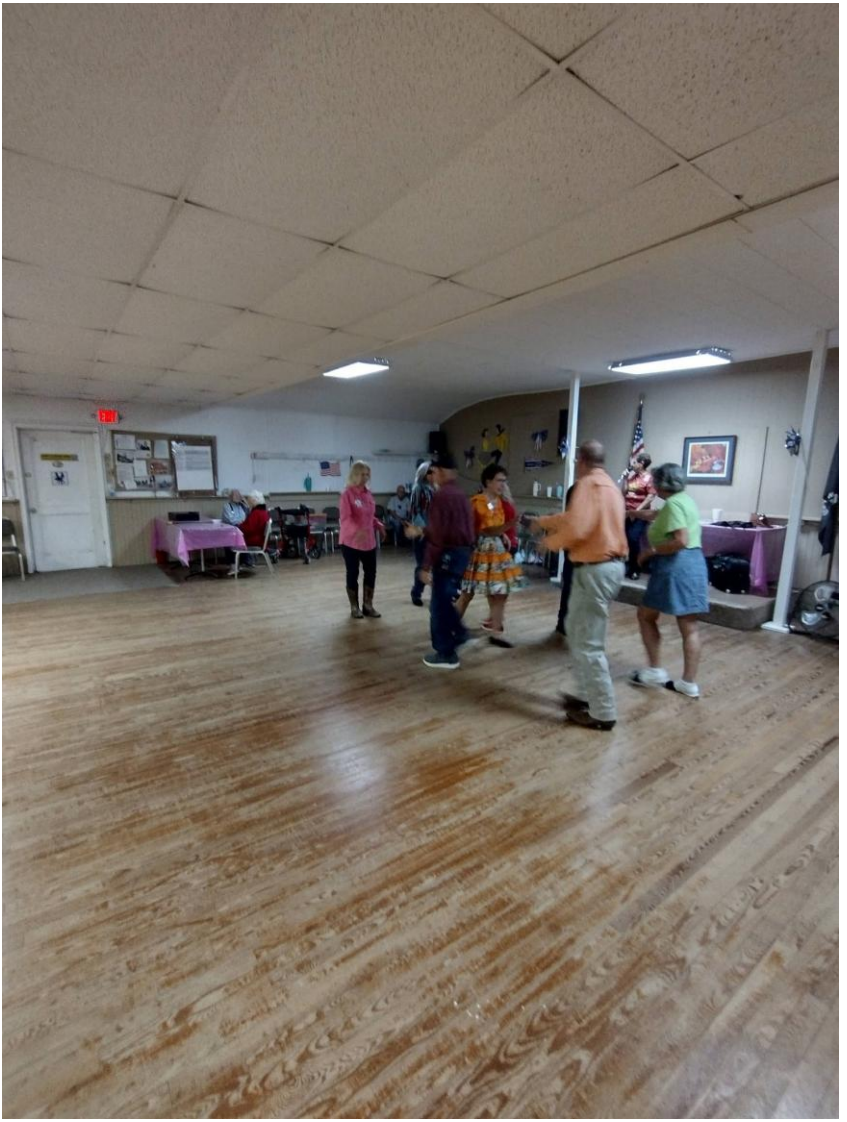

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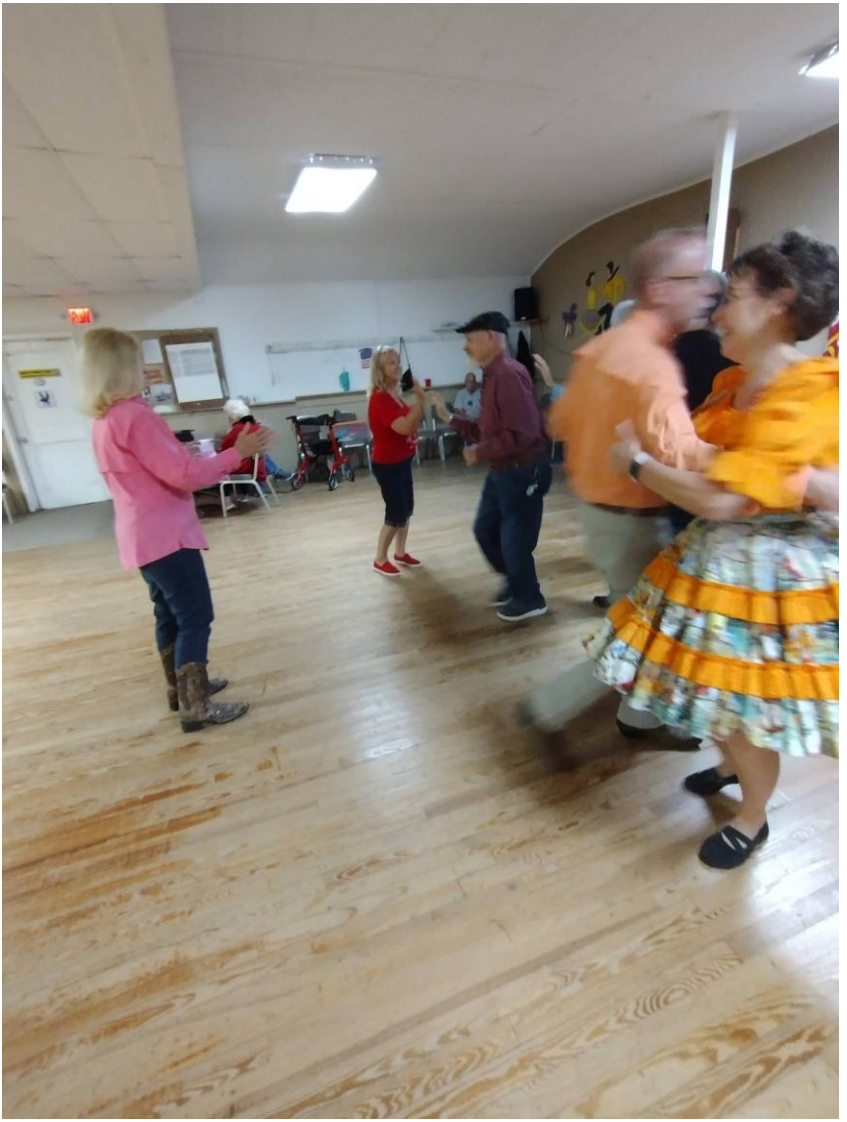












Next, several photos from the **Guys N Dolls Oct. 17, 2026, dance**.






GOD
LOVE!


This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it
shine!
EXIT


This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it
shine!
EXIT


EXIT
shine!


EXIT
shine!





Next, several photos from the **Arky Cloggers** at the **2026 Petit Jean Apple Butter Festival**.











Looks like one clogging shoe had a blowout during the weekend!!

Next, several photos from the **Star Steppers Oct. 19 dance**.






























WHITE HALL
Sky Steppers





Next, two photos from Arkansas Dancers at the **2026 Missouri State Festival** in Springfield, Missouri, in late October.



Next, several photos from the **Levi's And Lace Halloween Dance**, on Oct. 23.














THIS IS MY
COSTUME
AED
DEFIBRILLATOR


OUTLAW
HILLBILLY





Next, several photos from the **River City Squares Halloween Dance**.








long time. I'm here
dance!


A dance
SCOOTIN' boogie


e dance
Dance like no one is watching...




t of the dance


Dance like no one is








Kitchen




Dance like no one is watching


I ain't here
THE
BOO
CREW
EXIT


watching...
I ain't here FOR A long time, I'm here FOR A good time
let's dance!
EXIT


here FOR A long time, I'm here FOR A good time
t's dance!
EXIT



Next, several photos from the **Twirling Lariats Halloween Eve Dance**.












MAVERICK
MIXERS








NO SMOKING INSIDE HALL



Lastly, several photos from the **New Kids Halloween Dance, at the Maverick Mixers**. See their club report for details.






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God Bless
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EXIT






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ARKANSAS STATE SQUARE DANCE FEDERATION

We want to know what is going on with your club, in regards to lessons, Special dances, etc. Info for the club reports are being obtained from the Facebook pages. Minor editing is done for typos, grammar, and continuity. Please see the ad elsewhere in this issue, for upcoming publication deadlines.

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This is a reminder of the publication deadline for any items in **The Modern Square**, whether it's for the **Full**, **compact**, or **Special Dances e-Edition**. The **deadline** is **3pm US Central Time on the Sunday following the last Saturday of the month**. If the last Saturday of the month is the 31st (as noted in the above graphic), the deadline is the 1st of the month, of the month of issue. Any items received after that must **WAIT** until the next issue. The release is done sometime that Sunday evening, unless I have weather, internet, or computer issues...or I'm waiting for a last-minute special dance flyer, or photos from an afternoon dance on the last Sunday of the month.

While news items and photos for the club reports are mainly from the Facebook pages (which I create reports from), it looks better to have items for **all** 12 ASSDF clubs than for just the 2 who are sending items on a regular basis. I don't mind doing the reports, but I can't include info on classes, special dances, etc., if I'm not notified of such. This will be in the full, compact, and special dance e-Editions, and updated each month…for publication deadlines for the next 6 issues.

Month Of Publication:	**Issue Publication Deadline:**
December 2026	November 29, 2026
January 2027	December 27, 2026
February 2027	January 31, 2027
March 2027	February 28, 2027
April 2027	March 28, 2027
May 2027	April 25, 2027

If you're an **ASSDF Club Officer**, **Caller**, or **Cuer**, that would like to have info on your club's special dances, lessons, etc., please note these deadlines, and email me at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman





Much of the United States went **BACK** to **Standard Time** at 2am local time Sunday morning, Nov. 1, 2026. If you haven't already done so, **change the timepieces that didn't automatically "Fall Back"**, so you aren't **AN HOUR EARLY** for church, work, medical or business appointments, dances, etc. Also, **CHANGE** the batteries in your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and your **NOAA Weather Radio devices**; especially with the prospects of a stormy winter coming up.



I'll bet the folks at Stonehenge and other sundial places would prefer one set time year round…such as Univeral Time Coordinated (UTC), which never changes.



Notes to Arkansas State Square Dance Federation/clubs taken at the United States Square Dance Association meeting held at the National Square Dance Convention ® in Waco, Texas on June 24, 2026. Much of the information provided was a replay of the prior year.

- Arkansas had **4** delegates. Those being Steve and Jean Coy, and Sam and Lori Carman.

- USDA educational materials are available on-line in the form of publications and webinars. Specifically discussed were the following topics; promoting square dancing, marketing manual and materials, insurance and 501©3 support. Materials are not copyrighted. These are available at https://www.usda.org/Database/Publications/

- Youth scholarships are available, offering 3 beginning this past year, in the amount of $1000, $1500 and $2500. Find the application information on-line at https://www.usda.org/. It was suggested that many/most of the applicants were accepted.

- Much like the Arkansas Travelers Program, the USDA has a **USA Traveler Program**. A badge and bar would be awarded to participants at no charge to them after they have visited at least 12 states, and have a form signed and returned to USDA to be verified.

Additional color bars will be awarded as follows; 12 states = red bar, 24 states = white bar, 36 states = blue bar, and 48 states = silver bar. All information is available at https://www.usda.org/Traveler.php

- CallerLab is on track for the September 2026 with regard to Mainstream and Plus call changes (a list of these were in The Modern Square September 2026 issue, as well as several issues preceding it).

- The USDA Executive Committee provides a **Centennial Award** to square dances in this age group. Qualified recipients will be given a framed "Certificate of Recognition" signed by the President of USDA and Vice-President of their region. The award will be presented to them by a member of the Executive Committee at a dance attended by the recipient. Detailed information available on-line at:

https://www.usda.org/Centinnal_Award.php

- There were a number of resolutions voted on by delegates. Most notably was one in recognition of Alitia and John Becker for their efforts and significant contributions to the square dance community!

Information provided by YOUR Arkansas Delegates! Please share with your club members.

Jean and Steve Coy Lori and Sam Carman

USDA Insurance – Making Sure Both Your Clubs And Dancers Are Covered

Every dance organization needs insurance coverage while conducting and sponsoring dance activities. **No matter how closely we follow safety rules and protocols, accidents can happen!!**

United Square Dancers Of America (**USDA**) offers comprehensive and affordable liability and supplemental medical insurance. This insurance program, specifically designed for USDA dance groups, provides both liability **AND** Accidental Medical insurance coverage.

Liability Insurance protects the club, along with its members and its officials, from financial loss due to unforeseen incidents that may develop into litigation against members and dance organizations. This insurance is required by most of our dance facilities – those used regularly for club dancers, as well as those used for special dance events or even demonstrations.





Accidental Medical Insurance provides coverage for injuries sustained while participating in dancing activities, sponsored and supervised by a recognized club or organization. This insurance is "portable" – that is, it covers the insured dancer while they are participating in any regularly scheduled and sponsored dancing activity worldwide.

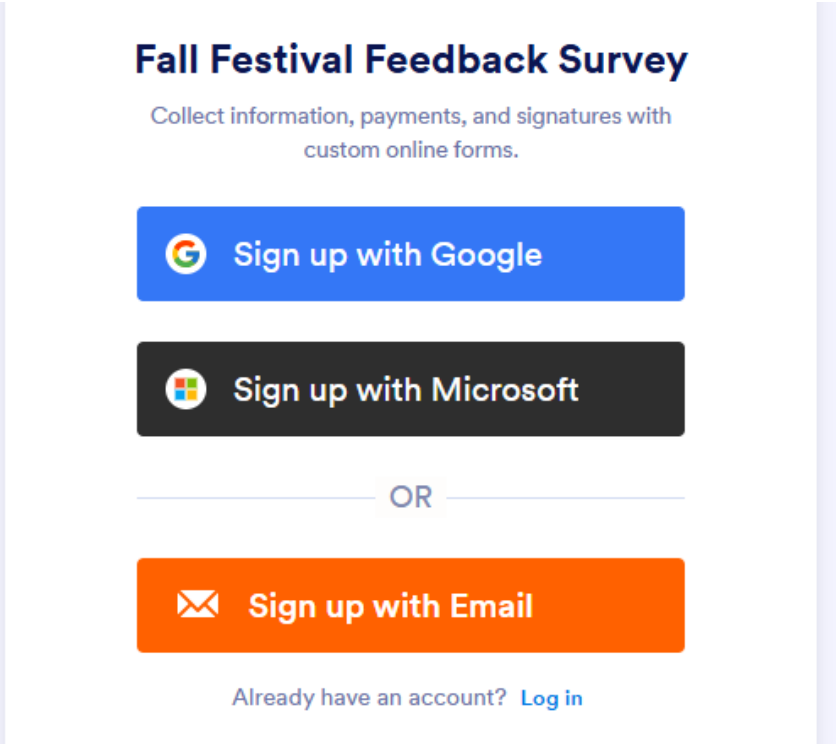
In November 2025, a webinar was held to explain the updates for the 2026 Insurance Year. However, as of press time, this information for the 2026-2027 year was not yet available...or even if a webinar will be done this year.

Further info on the **2027 USDA Insurance Program and Dancer Rates** will be put in the December 2026 issue of **The Modern Square**, and once released, at https://www.usda.org/Insurance.php

When you go to the above link, be sure to look for the **2026-2027 Insurance information links**. If they are not there, please check back at another time. They should be updated sometime in November 2026. Once done, it'll be at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources

NOTE THAT YOUR CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS ARE AT RISK OF A MASSIVE LAWSUIT if something happens at an event, and the dancers are not covered. **If a dancer belongs to more than one club, they only pay the USDA insurance fee once**.

"**Independent Dancers**" (those who don't belong to a club, have **NO COVERAGE**...even if the club they are dancing with, has every one of their club members covered.

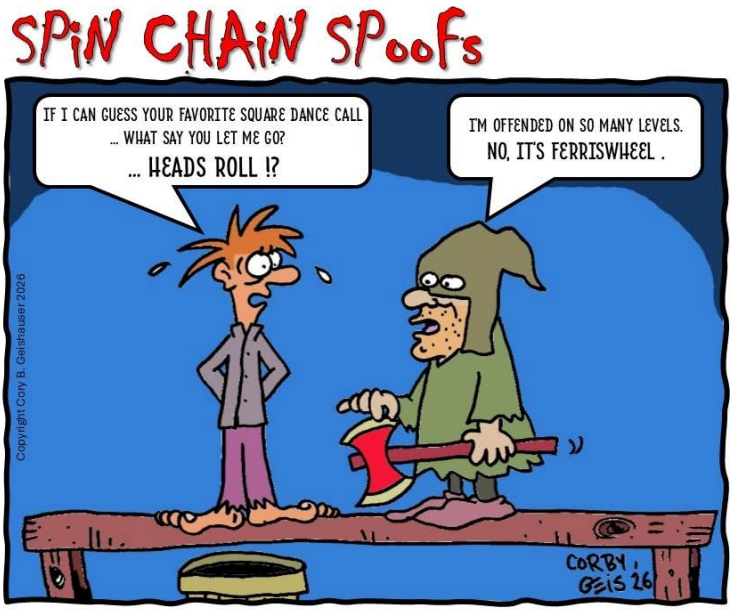


Whether or not you attended the recent **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton, the **ASSDF Board** would like your Feedback. If you **did attend**, what were your **likes** and **dislikes**?? If you **weren't able to attend** (your Editor was not able to attend), why not??

It also asks for **suggestions for future festivals**.

You can sign up with **Jotform** via our Facebook page, located at https://www.facebook.com/groups/185342434341988/ (you'll need to be logged in to access it) or you can go to https://www.jotform.com/assign/262905367900157/WmFZaE80Zm0rRWszR3lzMFBJZnQrWG9zN1hLRkJwTTVKUWlkSkR5N1IydTJ2TmJjNm44Mmp4Z0hkRzRVL3BMSFk1UjVlWURWT0dEbkNZQWhwWmI4UlU2Zmx2N1lOWXpyckVYNENsYkFZVjZYR09HT3FPNExERHRhdVo0YTVrdGU=

If you would like to be contacted based on your responses, you can leave your name and email address.





Within this wonderful hobby, which one are you?? There is no wrong answer, as whatever works best for you is correct.





The ASSDF Board extends to everyone, our best wishes for a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!!



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These emails are FRAUDULENT, attempting to “phish” information from your credit card, debit card, or bank account.

All payment options have been taken care of via work between the Editor/Webmaster/Circulation Chairman, and the Treasurer...and these payments are done each year in a timely manner, to avoid losing the web domain, security features, hosting plan, files, graphics, etc. We are well aware of when the domain, hosting plans, etc. are due for payment.

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Then, block the address and delete the email your at your end, and let WIX deal with it.

Daryl Stout, Editor/Webmaster/Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



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If, for whatever reason (duplicate emails, no longer interested, no longer dancing, etc.), you decide that you **no longer want emails** concerning the releases of **The Modern Square**, or **ASSDF Club Updates** with **Special Dances** or **cancellations**, please send an email to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com, and request to be **REMOVED** from the email list. You'll receive **one final message** from the Editor, **confirming** that your email has been **removed** from the list.

While you can still download or view items from the **ASSDF website** (QR Code above on the upper right), **you will no longer receive these notices/updates**.

The **ASSDF** thanks you in advance for your assistance in this.

