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Policies:

1. All items are now due on the Editor's Desk no later than 3pm Central Time, on the Sunday after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.
2. There is no word limit on club reports. **Minor editing is done** for grammar, punctuation, typos, and continuity.
3. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
4. Adjacent state **Multi-Day Festival flyers** will be in the full e-Edition.
5. Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area will be accepted **only** from **ASSDF** clubs and organizations as well as their Callers and Cuers.

Advertisements:

All Special Dance flyers are **FREE**, but ads for one's business/job, or other personal ads, are $10 per month, or $60 per year. In other words, if you buy a year's worth of ads, it's like you'll get six months free!! **Advance Payment is required** to the ASSDF Treasurer, before the ad will run. All flyer and ad copy should be sent to the Editor before the deadline that is noted above. Be sure that all the information that's in the dance flyer, ads, etc., is **correct** before submission for publication.

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If you'd like to give back to this wonderful hobby, and serve as an ASSDF officer, please contact any ASSDF Board member. A photo of the 2027 ASSDF Officers will be placed in the January 2027 issue.

2027 Fall Festival
Linda Carlisle **Rhonda Bailey**



President's Message

Dear Friends,

What a month October was! From the feedback we've received, the Fall Festival was a success! Everyone seemed to have a good time and there were lots of delightful moments with our friends new and old.

We had folks from 11 states, and many new dancers showed up and had fun. We think the ice cream man was a big hit once again. The food provided by the hardworking **Heber Springers** was delicious and plentiful. We all enjoyed the demonstration by the young people with the **Old Time Square Dancers from the Ozark Folk Center**. What a treat!

Thank you to everyone who helped out for making the weekend such a success. Go ahead and get signed up for next year in Texarkana. You'll be glad you did!



Trail End Dance

The dancers at the **Trail End Dance** on Oct. 8, 2026…with **National Caller Ken Burke**.



We flash mobbed Walmart and were welcomed to Clinton by First Security Bank

Congratulations to our **2026 Arkansas Travelers**: **Rod and Linda Frisbee**, **Patti Cummings**, **Ron Wise**, **Kathy Tankersley**, plus **Jerry and Ginny Short**. Our **2026 Super Travelers** are **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, **Mike and Lanita Hammett**, **Steve and Jean Coy**, **Ted and Tonia Hofmeister**, **Phil Moorehouse**, **Jim and Nancy Finney**, **Rod and Donna Gellenbeck**, **Tom and Kim Fox**, plus **Jim Floyd**.

We are already well on our way to our **2027 Arkansas Travelers Badge**. How about you? Did you attend the fall festival and pick up your form? If you did not get the form, print one from the internet or this edition and bring it with you to your next dance. Get it signed as you visit clubs around the state.

Note that if you attended the Festival, we have records, and can sign your form. That's already 2 points for you out of the 5 needed for the Traveler badge or 7 needed for the Super Traveler. The Spring Fling at Mt. Nebo is also worth 2 points. Happy traveling!!

We attended the **Missouri State Dance** a couple of weeks later with the Hofmeisters and the Coys. The big news there is that we formed a square with another couple from Missouri and we competed against 10+ squares in the "**Last Square Standing**" competition. We brought home the **championship trophy** (well, badges)!!!

Now we need to challenge Missouri to come try to get it back next year! Thank you to **Stan Plummer** who was running the contest. We would have included him in our Arkansas square but he was "in charge" so couldn't dance.

A photo is on the next page.



Last Square Standing with caller Mike Hogan

We've just enjoyed some Halloween dancing with some great costumes. You guys are all so creative. Enjoy the pictures that are in this issue and on the Facebook page or the Instagram page.

November brings in more celebrations of fall and Thanksgiving.

• **Monday night lessons with the Star Steppers**.
• **November 10** - Nelda's Plussers are dancing in New Boston.
• **November 11 - Twirling Funtimers Hot Chocolate Dance**. Yummy!
• **November 13 - Heber Springers Veterans Dance**
• **November 14 - Southern Swingers Special Dance**
• **November 18 - Twirling Funtimers "I'm Grateful for…" Dinner and Dance**

**Remember to check https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events for more information on any and all dances, and follow Arkansas Square Dance on Facebook (the URL is below the Editor's Report, elsewhere in this issue, and on the inside front cover).

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Please remember **Jim Wheeler** and his cobbler shop in prayer. The salon next to him had a fire that damaged his shop over the weekend. He hopes to be up and running soon.

We are **Thankful** for you and your friendship.

Tom and Kim Fox, ASSDF Presidents 2026

Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

Here are club Facebook pages (search for the groups), plus websites for square and round dance clubs, organizations, callers, and cuers. A file with links is at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources. If you, your club, or organization isn't listed below, please send an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com with the info.

Arkansas Clubs, Callers, and Cuers On Facebook:

Arkansas' Fall Festival, Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, Arky Cloggers, Blue Belles and Beaus, Guys N Dolls, Heber Springers Square Dance Club, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Southern Swingers, Star Steppers, The Three Amigos, Twirling Funtimers, and the Twirling Lariats.

Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:

Arky Cloggers, Callerlab, Roundalab, National Square Dance Convention ®, East Texas Square and Round Dance Association (ETSRDA), Rebel Rousers (Dallas, TX), Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, North Texas Square & Round Dance Association (NORTEX), Heart of America Single Square Dancers Association (HASSDA), & Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD).

Caller and Cuer Websites: Nelda Eaton

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To download the **FREE** e-Edition, you can go to the **ASSDF website** at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square

More information is on the next page on the various issues available.

Please let the Editor know if your email address changes; or you won't get club updates (special dances, cancellations, changes), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as "**undeliverable**" (over quota mailbox, bad email address, etc.).

1) Full E-edition – This is like the original print edition of long ago, but with special dance flyers in Arkansas, and festival dance flyers for states surrounding Arkansas. Links, except within ads, are clickable.

2) Compact e-Edition – This is like the full e-Edition, but WITHOUT all of the special dance and festival flyers. This is for those who have limited space on their smartphones or computers.

3) Special Dances E-Edition – Originally, photos from these dances were placed in the full e-Edition...but with the abundance of photos from club and special dances at times, the full e-Edition became too large...and that is why the Special Dances e-Edition was created. There is usually a separate special Dances e-Edition for the ASSDF Fall Festival.



Go to https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square to download the desired copy. Bear in mind that if you're on **dial-up internet**, it'll take some time to download the files. Items 1 and 3 above **can be rather large**, but item 2 can also be around 2 megabytes in size.



From The Editor



First, we're always thankful for the holidays, when we get to see family and friends...and that includes on the square dance floor. We especially want to thank all those serving as elected and appointed officers of the **ASSDF**, as well as to all the officers of each of the **ASSDF** clubs, for helping to keep the hobby going. And a special thanks go to all of the callers, cuers, and instructors, who work hard to prepare a fun dance for us...as well as those who are doing lessons and workshops.

Second, many thanks to everyone who joined us last month at the **ASSDF Fall Festival in Clinton**, hosted by the **Heber Springers**. **National Caller Ken Burke** called the **Trail-End Dance** Thursday night, with **National Caller Scott Bennett** calling the squares on Friday night...then **Arkansas' Callers and Cuers** the rest of the weekend. See the report from **ASSDF Presidents Tom and Kim Fox** elsewhere in this issue for more details...and see the **Special Dances e-Edition**, plus the **Arkansas Fall Festival** and **Arkansas Square Dance Facebook pages** for photos and videos (links to both are toward the end of this report). Whether or not you attended the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival**, **the ASSDF Board would like your Feedback**. Please see the ad elsewhere in this issue for details, and the appropriate links.

For the **2027** and **2028 Fall Festival**, **Texarkana** will be hosting both events. **National Caller Travis Cook** will call the **2027 ASSDF Fall Festival Saturday night dance**, with Arkansas' Callers and Cuers the rest of the weekend. A **registration form for the 2027 Fall Festival** is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**. Further details on both these events, including schedules and lodging, will be posted as soon as possible, both in the full e-Edition of **The Modern Square**, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Third, with November, it's the **time change back to Standard Time** for much of the United States...so while it'll be lighter in the morning, it likely will be dark when you head to evening dances. There is still talk

about "The Sunshine Act", and whether or not the twice a year time change will continue, or there will just be one single time. Regardless, call before you travel to be sure a club is dancing, and (if going to a different time zone) what their local time is compared to yours. While being an hour early to a dance isn't that bad a deal (except for a bit of waiting), being an hour late is far worse!!

Fourth, I changed my personal email address to a "forwarder"...my original amateur radio callsign, with the forwarder done by the "DuckDuckGo Web Browser". So, any personal mail to me (outside of ASSDF related items) should be sent to n5vlz@duck.com -- this address also checks for any trackers...and none of us want trolls or spammers on our emails. However, if you have items related to this wonderful hobby to go into **The Modern Square**, or to be placed on the **ASSDF website**, please send those to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com (that address, with the URL for the **ASSDF website**, are noted at the end of this column).

Fifth, it's time for clubs to get their Club Dancer Insurance updated with the United Square Dancers Of America (USDA). **YOUR CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS ARE AT RISK FOR A MASSIVE LAWSUIT, IF AN INJURY OR OTHERWISE HAPPENS AT A DANCE**...and our society is so litigious that they will file a lawsuit at the drop of a hat!!

There are articles in the full, compact, and Special e-Edition issues of The Modern Square for this issue, as well as on the **ASSDF website** under **RESOURCES**, from **ASSDF Insurance Chairperson Jean Coy**...please contact her with any questions on items that need to be submitted, as well as payments. If you dance with more than one club, you only need to pay the fee once...and it's very reasonable. **Please note that "Independent Dancers" (those who don't belong to a club) HAVE NO COVERAGE IF AN INCIDENT OCCURS**; unless they join a club, and pay the premium...which again, is very reasonable.

Sixth, with the holidays and cooler weather, comes special dances, holiday cancellations, and the possibility of stormy weather with the El Nino pattern. Here are the Special Dances that I know of for November, for **ASSDF Clubs**...the ones that I have flyers on are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **UPCOMING EVENTS**.

Nov. 10, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton *** No Animals Allowed In The Shop ***

Nov. 11, 2026 -- Twirling Funtimers Hot Chocolate Dance, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Ken Jarman

Nov. 13, 2026 -- Heber Springers Veterans Dance, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Nov. 14, 2026 – Southern Swingers Special Dance, Bossier City, LA. Guest Caller: Nelda Eaton

Nov. 18, 2026 -- Twirling Funtimers "I'm Grateful For" Dinner And Dance, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck

Nov. 25, 2026 -- The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Nov. 27, 2026 -- The Heber Springers are DARK tonight.

Please call before you travel to be sure you're not making the trip for nothing...and if you've been ill, you're not feeling well on a dance night, or if either severe weather or winter weather is an issue, please stay home. Many clubs will cancel their dance if winter weather (snow and ice) is a concern.

Seventh, I have an ad in the full, compact, and Special Dance e-Editions, for the deadlines for the issues for each month, for the next 6 months. This will be updated monthly...so if you have items from your club...including upcoming lessons, special dances, photos, news, etc., I need them by 3pm Central Time on the date noted for a particular issue. Otherwise, they will have to wait until the next issue to be published. If the date is too late to be in **The Modern Square**, I can still send out an email blast on it, and place it on the **ASSDF website**, unless it obviously has already taken place. With the deadline for this issue being on November 1 (since October 31 was the last Saturday of that month this year), this issue wasn't to be released until the afternoon of November 2, 2026.

While reports from all the **ASSDF clubs** are in **The Modern Square**, yours truly is using his journalism background from high school and college, to create club reports each month...mainly from items seen on Facebook pages, or if they're sent in. But, on a regular basis, there are only **TWO** of the clubs are sending in their reports. While I don't mind doing them, I can't publish an item if it's not posted on your club's

Facebook page, or emailed to me at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com -- however, if your club would prefer to do a report, please prepare one, and send it in. Note that minor editing is done for grammar, typographical errors, and continuity.

Eighth, it's not too early to send in the information on your clubs special dances and festivals for 2027. Flyers for the festivals are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**. Also noted in the full e-Edition is info for those planning to go to the **76th National Square Dance Convention®** in Loveland, Colorado next June...and a link to **National Squares Online** is in both the full and compact e-Editions, plus a list of the upcoming **National Square Dance Convention® sites**. If you can travel to these out-of-state festivals, please take flyers for the **ASSDF Fall Festival**, and for your club special dances with you; to distribute at these dances and festivals.

Ninth, just over a year away, is the **MidSouth Extravaganza**, that will be at the Statehouse Convention Center in downtown Little Rock. For the square dancer's pleasure, the callers will be **Tony Oxendine**, **Jet Roberts**, **Ted Lizotte**, **Jack Pladdys**, **Dan Sahlstrom**, **Ray Brendzy**, **Mike Hogan**, **Mike Seastrom**, **Charlie Robertson**, and **Scott Bennett** (several of these were callers at past **ASSDF Fall Festivals**). For the round dancer's enjoyment, the cuers are **Randy and Marie Preskitt**, along with **Fred and Linda Ayres**.

There will be a **Free GSI Callers School Nov. 14-17 (you must be registered for the weekend)**, then dancing **Nov. 18-20**. The host hotels **will begin accepting room reservations after Nov. 18, 2026** (they likely will fill up quickly)**.** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Tenth, photos from the **ASSDF Club Special Dances** from late September through the month of October 2026**,** which are downloadable at 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**, **Lanita Hammett**, **Ted**

Hofmeister, **Jody King**, **Ellen Lewis**, **Naaman Moorehouse II**, **Ginny Short**, **Daryl Stout**, and to **Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin** for the photos.

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

Please visit our Facebook page, and our website (URLs noted below) for any last-minute changes/updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas, and please contact me (email below) if you have any questions or comments.

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



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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.



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



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 will receive **a 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.

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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.



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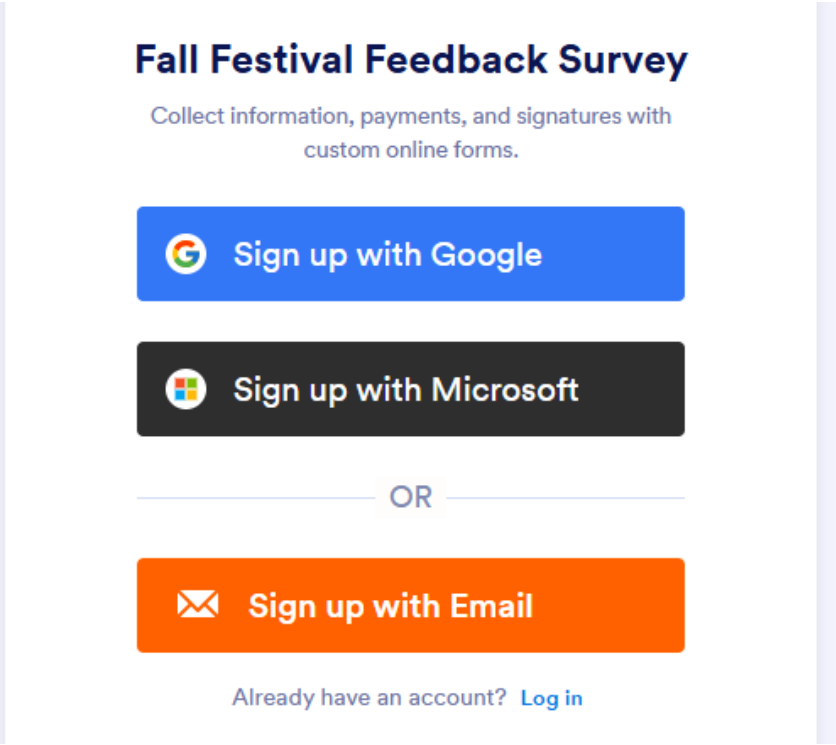
NEW DANCERS

Presented by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation
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For those **new dancers who have just graduated** from class, or for those **going to graduate from class soon**, the **ASSDF** has prepared a **New Dancers Manual**. It includes **General Guidelines**, **Resources And Websites**, **The Ten Commandments Of Square Dancing**, a list of **ASSDF Clubs**, plus a **QR code** and links to the **ASSDF website**.

It's a 7 page **PDF** file, downloadable from the **Resources** page on the **ASSDF website** (https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources), that you can print out for your new graduates, or you can give these to recent graduates. They are sure to appreciate this info.

Some of the clubs noted may no longer be dancing, or be part of the ASSDF.



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.



To visit the **ASSDF website**, you can either **scan the QR code** above, or you can click on one of these links noted to get to the desired page.

https://www.arkansassquaredance.com – **Website Homepage**
https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/assdf -- **Officers**
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https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events -- **Special Dances**
https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources -- **Information Page**
https://www.arkansassquaredance/com/the-modern-square -- download current or back issues of **The Modern Square**.

Where are your special events?

Please notify ***The Modern Square*** Editor of your club's special events, lessons, etc. with all pertinent information included. The sooner that **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear.

National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2027 - June 23-26, 2027	**76th NSDC Host City: Loveland, Colorado**
2028 - June 28 to July 1, 2028	**77th NSDC Host City: Daytona Beach, Florida**
2029 - June 27-30, 2029	**78th NSDC Host City: Overland Park, Kansas**
2030 - June 26-29, 2030	**79th NSDC Host City: To Be Announced**

Registration Forms for the next **NSDC** are in the full e-Edition. The costs **INCREASE** (and **no refunds**) on May 1 before the next **NSDC**. Links to upcoming **NSDC** websites are located at https://nsdcnec.com

National Squares e-Magazine is published from August through May in the interest of the **NSDC**, by the host city of the upcoming **NSDC**. Go to https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/ for links to thumbnails of the last **10** issues; then click on the desired issue(s) to view, or download and print the PDF file(s). Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (held prior to the **NSDC**), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (unmarried or without a dance partner), Program Books/Daily Schedules (individual and total), Souveniers, Vendors, Dance Facilities Map, Wednesday Night Dinner And Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Pre/Post Convention Events, Restaurants, Travel Options, Places To Visit, Various **NSDC** Committees, Upcoming **NSDC** Info, Mobility Scooters, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.







Due to vision issues, I no longer drive, and can't be at dances, unless someone offers transportation. Please advise the Editor if your info (club caller/cuer, club contact, dance day, time, location, etc.) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website is wrong, so I can correct it...I can't fix it, if I don't know about it.

Most of the photos noted in the Special Dances e-Edition are from the ASSDF Club Facebook pages, although not everyone is on Facebook. Along with information that is on the Special Events Calendar, this is how info for your prepared Club Report is obtained. For reports that are sent in, there is no word limit, and minor editing is done for grammar, typos, or continuity. The publication deadline is 3pm US Central Time on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue. If the last day of the month is the last Saturday, then the 1st of the month of the month of issue is the publication date deadline.

If emails to you are returned (full mailbox, over quota, invalid address), you won't receive the updates on the special dances, issue releases, etc. – until you contact the Editor with the updated information. If you no longer wish to receive these info updates (no longer dancing, etc.), please email the Editor, asking to be REMOVED from the list...and after a confirmation email that you've been removed, you will no longer receive these notices or updates.

Please CALL BEFORE YOU TRAVEL, in case of unexpected last minute changes or cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or bad weather is an issue, please stay home, for the safety of all concerned.

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AREA II, (Fort Smith)
Club_____
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AREA III, (New Boston, TX; Shreveport, LA)
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AREA IV, (Hot Springs, White Hall)
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AREA V, (Little Rock, Conway)
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AREA VI, (Judsonia, Rose Bud)
Club_____
OFFICER_____DATE_____

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ARKANSAS TRAVELER

- ALL dancers who have earned their Arkansas Traveler badge and/or Dangle, or Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle will be listed in the State Festival Program each year.
- All dancers who have earned 10 Dangles will receive a 10 year bar.
- See www.arkansassquaredance.com for a listing of clubs within the state.
- Only one card is needed per person or per couple.
- The awards will be made at the State Festival.

Earn an Arkansas Traveler Badge

1. Earn 5 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states, and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. Have this card signed and dated by a Club Officer in the Area visited.
3. Present your completed card to your club president by September 10.
4. You may earn only one badge or dangle per person per year.

Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle

1. Earn 7 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. All other rules are the same as above.

Download this at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources

Special Dances/Festivals

Please call before traveling, to check for last-minute dance/festival cancellations…especially around the holidays. If you're feeling ill, or if bad weather's an issue, please stay home. Info on Club Contacts, plus Callers and Cuers are elsewhere in this issue. Please **support your ASSDF clubs** with a visit to them; and have your **Arkansas Traveler Badge** form (noted on the previous page).

The listings of dances and festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then **non-ASSDF dances/festivals** in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). **Caller Appreciation, Benefit, Graduation Dances**, **HASSDA** (**Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association**), and the **NSDC** (**National Square Dance Convention ®**) events are always listed, no matter what state these events are located in.

Please send flyers on out of state dances and festivals to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – **CANCELED** dances, or in the past, have been **REMOVED** from this listing. Available flyers with full info, are on the **ASSDF website** (URL noted below). Flyers not yet on the **ASSDF website** will be placed there as soon as possible; and will be noted here, once they're online. Website links, if known, are noted with the specific dance or festival listing. You can also find this info at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events

In issues where the publication is released prior to the 1st day of the new month, dances from late in the previous month will be noted.

ASSDF Club Special Dances

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 10, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, New Boston, TX. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 11, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Hot Chocolate Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Ken Jarman

Nov. 13, 2026 – Heber Springers Veterans Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Nov. 14, 2026 – Southern Swingers Special Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Guest Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 18, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers "I'm Grateful" Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 25, 2026 – The Twirling Funtimers are **DARK** tonight.

Nov. 27, 2026 – The Heber Springers are **DARK** tonight.

DECEMBER 2026

Dec. 8, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, New Boston, TX. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 16, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Best Christmas Memory Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck

Dec. 23, 2026 – The Twirling Funtimers are **DARK** tonight.

Dec. 25, 2026 – The Levi's And Lace and the **Heber Springers** are **DARK** tonight.

Dec. 30, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers "Something Old, Something New" Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman.

JANUARY 2027

Jan. 2, 2027 – The Three Amigos Square Dancing Is Heaven in 2027 Dance, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Callers: Nelda Eaton, Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, plus Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 9, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

Jan. 28, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

FEBRUARY 2027

Feb. 13, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

Feb. 25, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

MARCH 2027

March 5-6, 2027 -- Spring Fling On Mount Nebo, Dardanelle, AR. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 13, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers are **DARK** tonight.

March 25, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

APRIL 2027

April 10, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

April 22, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

MAY 2027

May 8, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

May 27, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

JUNE 2027

June 5, 2027 -- Twirling Lariats June Bug Dance, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. **** Further details will follow as soon as possible ****

June 12, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

June 24, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

JULY 2027

July 10, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. ** **NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP** **

July 22, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. ** **NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP** **

AUGUST 2027

Aug. 14, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. ** **NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP** **

Aug. 26, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. ** **NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP** **

SEPTEMBER 2027

Sept. 11, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. ** **NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP** **

Sept. 23, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. ** **NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP** **

OCTOBER 2027

Oct. 7, 2027 – Trail End Dance to the 77th ASSDF Fall Festival. ** Full details will be announced as soon as possible **

Oct. 8-9, 2027 – 77th Annual ASSDF Festival, Texarkana, AR. Saturday night caller: Travis Cook. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 8, 2027 – The Heber Springers and the **Levi's And Lace** are **DARK** tonight.

Oct. 9, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers and the **Maverick Mixers** are **DARK** tonight.

Oct. 28, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

NOVEMBER 2027

Nov. 13, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

Nov. 25, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers are **DARK** tonight.

DECEMBER 2027

Dec. 11, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****

Dec. 23, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP ****



Non-ASSDF Special Dances and Festivals

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 4, 2026 -- Plus 4s Turkey Day Dance, Farmers Branch, TX. Caller: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 6, 2026 – Little T Squares Funtastic First Friday Dance, Lenoir City, TN. Caller: Alan Hall. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 6, 2026 -- T Square Gadabouts Harvest Moon Dance, Fort Worth TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 6, 2026 -- Triangle Squares Honoring Our Veterans Dance, Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 6, 2026 – Northwest District Square and Round Dance Association Fundraiser Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuers: John and Melissa Mullins. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** This REPLACES the Nov. 6, 2026, Louisiana Lagniappe Dance ****

Nov. 6, 2026 -- Kissin' Kuzzins Leaves Are Falling Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 7, 2026 -- Circle 8 Square Dance Club Give Thanks Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 7, 2026 – Western Twirlers Honoring Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner Dance, Joplin, MO. Guest Caller: Drew McCoy. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 12, 2026 -- Double Plus Veterans Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Joey Duhamel. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 12, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 13, 2026 -- Stone Steppers Harvest Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Bill Hinkley. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 13, 2026 -- Swinging Stars Salute To Veterans/New Dancer Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: David Toms. Cuer: Jan Tom. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 14, 2026 -- Circle I Fall Leaves Autumn Breeze Dance, Irving, TX. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 18, 2026 – Double The Flavor, Double The Fun A2 Dance, Tulsa, OK. Callers: Shane Greer and Monty Hackler. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 19, 2026 -- Roadrunners Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Food Pantries Benefit Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Ray Savell. Guest Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 20, 2026 -- Kissin Kuzzins Don't Be A Turkey Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 20, 2026 -- Triangle Squares Thanksgiving Dance, Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 20, 2026 -- Texas Reelers New Dancer It's A Turkey Shoot Dance, Richardson, TX. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon

Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 21, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb.

Nov. 21, 2026 -- Rebel Rousers Santa's Workshop Toy Drive Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 21, 2026 -- Trailblazers Final Farewell Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Joey Duhamel. Club Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 21, 2026 -- Log Cabin Swingers Great Gatsby Dance, Tool, TX. Caller: Dale Smith. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 22, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 27, 2026 -- Fort Worth Squares Fat Pants Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: David Toms. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 28, 2026 -- Tri-City Promenaders Sparkle Dance, Hurst, TX. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 28, 2026 -- 2nd Fall Extravaganza Advanced and Challenge Square Dance, Oklahoma City, OK. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Jim Howard, Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

DECEMER 2026

Dec. 3, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 4, 2026 -- Kissin' Kuzzins Time To Sparkle Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 5, 2026 – Western Twirlers Ugly Sweater Dance, Joplin, MO. Caller: Jay Wright. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 18, 2026 -- Texas Reelers Retirement Celebration Dance, Richardson, TX. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. **** Retirement Celebration Honoring Deborah Carroll-Jones **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 19, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Bobby Willis.

Dec. 31, 2026 – Western Twirlers and Mo-Kan Squares Year End Dance, Nevada, MO. Caller: Jay Wright. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 31, 2026 -- Cowtown Kickers 2027 Boots and Bling Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Jonathan Marshall. Guest Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 31, 2026 -- Log Cabin Swingers New Years Eve Dance, Tool, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JANUARY 2027

Jan. 15-16, 2027 -- Challenge Square Dance Weekend, Schertz, TX. Caller: Bill Harrison. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 16, 2027 -- Sam Houston Square And Round Dance Association President's Ball, Conroe, TX. Callers: The Po' Boys (K.O. Jeanes, Pat Kotal, Gary Sanders). **** Black and White Square Dance Attire Requested **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 22-23, 2027 -- 15th Annual General Butler Bash, Somerset, KY. Callers/Cuers: Jason Raleigh, Kristy Woods, Chuck Woods, Travis Cook, Tom Davis, Jack Pladdys, and Elaine Wintrow. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

FEBRUARY 2027

Feb. 19-20, 2027 -- Red River Special Plus Level Dance Weekend, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 21, 2027 – Celebration Of Life Dance for the late Mike Sikorsky, Mesa, AZ. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MARCH 2027

March 5-6, 2027 – 72nd Annual Mississippi Square And Round Dance Association Festival, Pearl, MS. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuer: David Holaday. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 12-13, 2027 – 56th Louisiana Square And Round Dance Convention, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Callers: Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, Tim Tyl, Mike Blohm, Tommy Hankins, Sharon McKay. Cuers: John and Melissa Mullins. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 19-20, 2027 -- ETSRDA 64th Annual Spring Festival, Marshall, TX. Callers: Friday Night: East Texas Callers Association. Saturday: Scott Bennett. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 25, 2027 – Circle 8 Square Dance Club 90th Anniversary Celebration, Oklahoma City, OK. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

APRIL 2027

April 2-3, 2027 – Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (NEOSDA) Festival, Claremore, OK. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** Further details will follow as soon as possible ****

April 30, 2027 – Dancing Through The Decades 80th Anniversary Festival, Claremore, OK. **** Further details will follow as soon as possible ****

MAY 2027

May 28-30, 2027 – 11th Annual Mineola Railers Mainstream Extravaganza, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Phil Moorehouse. Saturday Night Cuers: Marilyn and Jerral Waguespack. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2027

June 3-5, 2027 -- 65th Annual Texas State Federation Square And Round Dance Festival, Wichita Falls, TX. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 23-26, 2027 – 76th National Square Dance Convention ®, Loveland, Colorado. More info, as well as a Registration Form are at https://76nsdc.com and in the full e-Edition.

JULY 2027

July 29-31, 2027 – Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Festival, Leavenworth, KS. July 29 Trail End Dance – Caller: Jason Raleigh. Cuer: Dan Pearson. Festival. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Dee Dee Dougherty, and Jason Raleigh. Cuers: Dan and Donna Pearson. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, at https://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA/HASSDA_Festival/ or on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

AUGUST 2027

August 5-7, 2027 – 52nd Tennessee Square And Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, TN. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

SEPTEMBER 2027

Sep. 17-19, 2027 – 2027 Brazos Bash, Waco, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones, Ken Burke, and Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

NOVEMBER 2027

Nov. 14-20, 2027 – MidSouth Extravaganza, Little Rock, AR. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Ted Lizotte, Jack Pladdys, Dan Sahlstrom, Ray Brendzy, Mike Hogan, Mike Seastrom, Charlie Robertson, and Scott Bennett. Cuers: Randy and Marie Preskitt with Fred and Linda Ayres. **** Free GSI Callers School Nov. 14-17 (you must be registered for the weekend), Dancing Nov. 18-20 ** Host Hotels will accept room reservations after Nov. 18, 2026 **** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2028

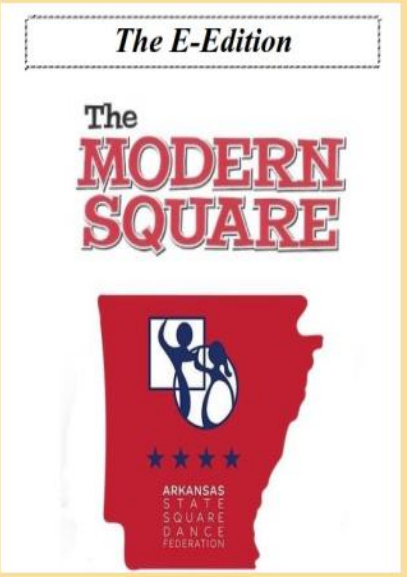
June 28 through July 1, 2028 – 77th National Square Dance Convention ®, Daytona Beach, Florida. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration form is at https://77nsdcfl.com/

JUNE 2029

June 27-30, 2029 – 78th National Square Dance Convention ®, Overland Park, Kansas. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration form is at https://nsdc78.com/index

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Your Club Report For



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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Club Reports

Note: Information for these reports was obtained from the club Facebook groups and photos, plus emails to the Editor. DS

Arky Cloggers

The Arky Cloggers can once again call the weather our friend again! The weather for the **Apple Butter Festival on October 24th** was **PERFECT**! Nothing but blue sky for my Cornbread Posse, as we danced on the trailer on top of beautiful and scenic Petit Jean Mountain.

We performed our favorite songs, bought **APPLE BUTTER** (of course), fudge, peanut brittle and sourdough bread. After the performance, we enjoyed listening to the Rackensack Folklore Society of Pulaski County perform. This festival didn't feel so rushed, and we relaxed and enjoyed the whole festival experience. We also ran into several dancers from the **Levi's And Lace** up there. We will definitely be adding this to our calendar again for 2027! Several videos from the event are on our Facebook page.

Our next performance will be on **Saturday, November 7th** at the **Arkansas Cornbread Festival in Little Rock**! If a group motto is "**Country as Cornbread**", you **KNOW** the **Cornbread Festival** will be a perfect opportunity to shine!

Our quarter 4 "**Steps That Matter**" will benefit the **DAV Auxiliary** and the **Disabled American Veterans** in Conway. The Arky Cloggers will be providing a chili and cornbread meal for their members on November 10th. We figured the day before Veterans Day would be a perfect time for us to say **THANK YOU** to them for their service to our country, and to show our appreciation for having such a wonderful place to dance each week. Stay tuned. We might just be able to announce a winner of the first annual **Arky Clogger Great Cornbread Smackdown**.

The **ASSDF Fall Festival** was held in Clinton early in October. This was the 6th year that I was given time to offer an "intro to clogging" session. A great big **THANK YOU** to my girls (**Kim Deane**, **Kim**

Fox, and **Jana Perry**) for assisting me during the sessions on Friday and Saturday. Originally, I just planned to show the group a few steps, but the group was so enthusiastic that I taught them at least 3 whole songs!! I was excited to introduce a routine that I specifically choreographed for this Arkansas Festival. I choreographed "Deep in the Heart of Texas" for the recent **76th National Square Dance Convention®** in Waco this past June. I decided that I should come up with something that was truly all about Arkansas for this Arkansas festival. The Arkansas Traveler has a series of beginner steps that the group was able to master for the weekend! It was a hit when I introduced it to my Arky Clogger group, too!

There are lots of birthday candles to light in November! Happy birthday to **Angelia Yarbrough**, **Peggy Hill**, **Taren Massey-Swindle**, **Megan Huffman**, **Karen Graves**, **Kim Deane**, and **Kayla Carolina**.

We are still holding the Boost class from 4-5, Team class from 5-6, and Beginner class from 6-7 each Tuesday in the DAV building. Drop in and visit us anytime; and get your **Arkansas Traveler** form signed. We are at 1490 South Donaghey in Conway.

Be sure you like/follow the **Arky Cloggers-Fan Page** on Facebook. It's the best way to stay up to date with pictures, videos and information about upcoming performances by your favorite Arky's. Plus, visit our website at https://www.arkycloggers.com for more info.

Keep those feet moving!

Lanita Hammett (aka Commander Cornbread)

Blue Belles And Beaus

Several dancers attended the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton last month...numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We are continuing lessons prior to the regular dance, so anyone who can attend and help as an angel, the help would be greatly appreciated.

We were **DARK** on Oct. 15 and 29, and we will also be **DARK** on Nov. 5. As of now, we plan to dance on Nov. 19 -- please call before you travel. Also, we may be canceled for both the Thanksgiving and

Christmas holidays...please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100052996541923 for last minute changes or updates.

In 2027, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will continue his travels to special dances. First, he'll join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, plus the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** at "**The Three Amigos Square Dancing Is Heaven in 2027 Dance**" on Jan. 2. Next, he'll be at 2 specials in March. On March 5-6, the **2nd Annual Spring Fling on Mount Nebo** will feature Phil, joined by fellow callers **Jay King**, and **Nelda Eaton**. The following weekend, he'll be at the **2027 Louisiana Square and Round Dance Convention**, with fellow callers **Joey Duhamel**, **Tim, Tyl**, **Tommy Hankins**, and **Sharon McKay**...along with cuers **John and Melissa Mullins**. Flyers for each of these are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF Website** under **Upcoming Events**.

We normally dance on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday, at the Judsonia Community Center, at 601 Judson Street, across from the First Baptist Church, with our own Phil Moorehouse calling a great dance. We'd love to have you join us if you're in the area.

Robert and Cheryl Shaver

Guys N Dolls

Several dancers and callers attended the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton last month...several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Nelda Eaton** will be calling at the **Southern Swingers Special Dance** on Saturday, November 14, in Bossier City, Louisiana. She also continues with "**Nelda's Plussers**" on the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month at her residence...and they will **CHANGE** to the 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday in 2027.

And, speaking of which, on Jan. 2, 2027, Nelda will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse**, plus **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** for "**The Three Amigos Square Dancing Is Heaven In 2027**" Dance. Then, on March 5-6, 2027, Nelda will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse** and **Jay King** at the **2nd Annual Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**.

Flyers on each of these are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**.

Our own **Rhonda Bailey** and **Linda Carlile** will co-chair the **2027 ASSDF Fall Festival** in Texarkana. A registration form is in the full e-Edition, as well as on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**. More details will follow as soon as possible.

We normally dance on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Plentiful Harvest Church, at 500 North Merrill, in New Boston Texas. We'd love to have you join us if you're in the area.

Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1182928908453786, or the **East Texas Square and Round Dance Association** Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/272935899395230 for any updates.

Rhonda Bailey

Heber Springers

The Heber Springers extend a hearty yellow rock and **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton last month. **National Caller Ken Burke** did the Trail End Dance Thursday night...**National Caller Scott Burke** did the Friday night dancing...with **Arkansas' callers and cuers** the rest of the weekend. Numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We had a good crowd at our annual **Halloween Dance with National Caller Dan Nordbye** on Oct. 23. Unfortunately, photos and other info from the dance were not available at press time.

The year is almost over, and as we head toward winter, November 13 has our **Veterans Dance**, as we honor those who are serving, have served, and we remember those who paid the ultimate price for the freedoms we enjoy...offering a hearty **THANK YOU** to all of them. Speaking of giving thanks, we will be **DARK** on November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend, as several members will likely be traveling or spending time with family.

December features our **Christmas Dance**, on December 11, but we will be **DARK** on Christmas night, December 25.

In 2027, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will continue his travels to special dances. First, he'll be at "**The Three Amigos Square Dancing Is Heaven in 2027 Dance**" on Jan. 2...then he'll be at 2 specials in March. On March 5-6, the **2nd Annual Spring Fling on Mount Nebo** will feature Phil, joined by fellow callers **Jay King**, and **Nelda Eaton**. The following weekend, he'll be at the **2027 Louisiana Square and Round Dance Convention**, with fellow callers **Joey Duhamel**, **Tim Tyl**, **Tommy Hankins**, and **Sharon McKay**...along with cuers **John and Melissa Mullins**. Flyers for each of these are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF Website** under **Upcoming Events**.

We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th Friday, at the Rosebud Community Center, at 5916 Highway 36 West in Rosebud, at 7pm, with our own Phil Moorehouse calling. Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/487782943047841 for any last-minute updates.

Theresa Muth

Levi's And Lace

Several dancers attended the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton last month...numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition. We may be **DARK** on November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend, so please check our Facebook page for updates...but we will be **DARK** on Friday, December 25 for Christmas.

We had a **Halloween Dance** on Oct. 23 at our regular dance place, with a Costume Contest there as well. Before the dance, there was a Plus Workshop with our own **Ron Wise**...then for the dance, our own **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** once again called a great dance; with Amanda doing line dancing between tips. There were 2 squares, plus a couple of extras - several photos are in the special dances e-Edition.

Several dancers also showed up to watch the **Arky Cloggers** at the **Apple Butter Festival** last month...see the **Arky Cloggers** report elsewhere in this issue for more details.

Our own **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Nelda Eaton on Jan. 2, 2027, for "**The Three Amigos Square Dancing Is Heaven In 2027 Dance**". See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more info.

We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th Friday at Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at 2891 Airport Road in Hot Springs. Our own **Ron Wise** does a Plus Workshop before the dance, with our own **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** calling a great dance, with Amanda doing the line dancing between tips.

Please check our Facebook page, located at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1496305407256737 for any last-minute changes or updates.

Phyllis Keeney

Maverick Mixers

Several members attended the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton last month. Numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We had 3 squares plus extras at our **New Kids Halloween Dance** on Oct. 31. Callers in attendance were **Donna Gellenbeck**, **Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin**, **Blake Throgmartin**, **Roger Garner**, **Lanita Pettey Hammett**, and **Patti Cummings**. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We may be **DARK** the days after Thanksgiving and Christmas...watch our Facebook page for later updates.

Our own **Phil Moorehouse** continues traveling to special dances. In January 2027, he'll join fellow callers **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, along with **Nelda Eaton**, at "**The Three Amigos Square Dancing Is Heaven In 2027**" Dance. Then, in March 2027, he'll be at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, joining fellow callers **Jay King** and **Nelda Eaton**. The following weekend, he'll be at the **2027 Louisiana Square and Round Dance Convention**, with fellow callers **Joey Duhamel**, **Tim Tyl**, **Tommy Hankins**, and **Sharon McKay**...along with cuers **John and Melissa Mullins**. Flyers for each

of these are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF Website** under **Upcoming Events**.

We normally dance the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturdays at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), with our own **Phil Moorehouse** calling a great dance.

Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/2402030760029886 for last-minute changes or updates.

Lastly, this reporter has had to end his time of actively being on the dance floor to dance. The extended walking at the **Huntsville, Alabama Ham Radio National Convention** in late August; along with a 15-hour bus ride in each direction, resulted in swollen feet, which really did a number on my feet, legs, and hips.

However, **I'm still able to work in the background** for the club as **Reporter** and **Chaplain**; and as **Editor**, **Webmaster**, and **Circulation Chairman** for the **ASSDF**. It reminds me of several years ago, at the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Caddo Valley, where "**I chose to work the ASSDF Table all weekend**"...because "**you can always get dancers...you can't always get workers**".

So, while I will only be at **The Three Amigos Dances** in January and July, and at the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Dance** in June (as photographer (and yellow rock hug collector) at each one), I still am thankful for the opportunity to continue work in the hobby, even though "my active dancing days are over".

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

Unfortunately, due to medical issues, our own **Roy and Becky Hestand** were unable to attend the **ASSDF Fall Festival last** month; but we hope that all who attended had a great time. Numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Thanks to everyone who attended the "**trunk or treat**" at **Sycamore Springs**, our regular dance place. Further details are on our Facebook page.

Please check our page on the Missouri Federation website at https://www.missourisquaredance.com and our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/859216584467625 for any updates.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

We started a new set of lessons last month...thanks to our Newcomers! We're happy to have you!!! Also, thanks to our ever-faithful club members. Your friendliness, support, and loyalty is what makes our weekly dances happen.

Next, at our **Oct. 27, 2026 Halloween Party Dance**...what a fun group of dancers (both class and club) showed up. We enjoyed seeing all the Halloween Creations walk through the door. Our schedule went like this: Dance, Eat, Play a Relay Game, Dance, Eat, and Dance. Thanks to you all for your contributions in making our Special Dances, Very, Special! Yellow Rocks to All!!!

Numerous photos from the first 2 nights of class, and our Halloween Dance, along with dancers who attended the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton last month, are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Jay King** joined fellow caller **Monty Hackler** at the **Recycles** club in the Tulsa area for their **Halloween Dance** in late October. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Jay will also be calling at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo** on March 5-6, 2027...with fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse** and **Nelda Eaton**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more info.

We normally dance on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Fort Smith Senior Center, at 2700 Cavanaugh Road, with our own Jay King calling an excellent dance. Note that we are normally **DARK** on Tuesdays when a local, state, or national election is taking place, as our dance location

is a polling place...so there's a good possibility that we'll be **DARK** on Tuesday, November 3.

Please check our Facebook page, at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470785299916715 for any last-minute changes or updates.

Jody King

Southern Swingers

The **Northwest Louisiana Square and Round Dance Association** will have a **Fundraising Dance** at our regular dance place on Friday, November 6...with **National Caller Tim Tyl** calling the squares, with **John and Melissa Mullins** cueing the round dancing...admission is by donation. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more info.

Make your plans to attend the **56th Louisiana Square Dance Convention** in Bossier City on March 12-13, 2027. Our own **Joey Duhamel** will be joined during the weekend by fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse**, **Tim Tyl**, **Mike Blohm**, **Tommy Hankins**, and **Sharon McKay**...with **John and Melissa Mullins** doing the round dancing. See the flyers in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more info.

We normally dance on Tuesday at 7pm, with Special Dances on the 2nd Saturday, at Promenade Hall, at 5400 Benton Road, in Bossier City, Louisiana, with our own **Joey Duhamel** calling. And Joey is also calling at several other dances in the region on occasion.

Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064404143648 for any last-minute changes or updates.

Carole Baker

Star Steppers

We have a few folks taking lessons prior to our dances...and appreciate anyone who can come serve as angels. Also, several dancers attended the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton last month...numerous photos from recent lessons, and from the **ASSDF Fall Festival** are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We normally dance the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7pm, at the White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut) at 700 Andersen Avenue, with our own Phil Moorehouse calling.

Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/306734347493720 for any last-minute changes or updates...especially with the holidays approaching.

Kathy Tankersly

Twirling Funtimers

Last month, we hosted the **Trail-Through Dance to the Missouri State Festival** on October 21, with **Guest Callers Monty Hackler** and **Bill Powell**. Thanks to everyone who attended.

With cooler weather finally here (as well as the last 2 months of the year...where has it gone??), **November 11** has our **Hot Chocolate Special Dance** with our own **Ken Jarman** calling...followed by our "**I'm Grateful For…**" Dinner And Dance on **November 18**, with our own **Donna Gellenbeck** calling. See the flyer on the latter dance in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more info. Note that we will be **DARK** on November 25 for the **Thanksgiving Day Holiday**.

In December, we have 2 special dances...our "**Best Christmas Memory**" Dance on December 16 with our own **Donna Gellenbeck** calling. Then, we'll finish out the year with our "**Something Old, Something New**" Dinner and Dance on December 30. Note that we will be **DARK** on December 23 for the **Christmas Holiday**.

We normally dance on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8:30pm, at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building at 14 Skyles Lane, in Lakeview...we have Special Dances on the 3rd Wednesday. Our own **Ken Jarman** and **Donna Gellenbeck** alternate calling duties. Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers for any updates. We will be **DARK** during the winter months if area schools are closed due to winter weather conditions, so please call before you travel.

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

Several dancers attended the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton last month...numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition. Then, at our October 16 dance with caller Nelda Easton, we had 2 squares plus extras. Then, we had 3 squares plus a few extras at our **5th Friday Halloween Eve Dance**. Several photos from both dances are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Just after the first of the year, for those who have already graduated from Basic and Mainstream Class; and would like to learn the Plus level calls…or for those Plus Level dancers who'd like a refresher course, Nelda will be starting a **Plus Level Class**, starting on Jan. 15, 2027, prior to our regular dance nights. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF Website** under **New Dancers** for more info. Also, we still plan to have a **June Bug Dance** with **National Caller Tim Tyl** on Saturday, June 5, 2027. Further details will be posted as it gets closer.

We normally dance on the 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Fridays at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), with our own **Nelda Eaton** calling a great dance, and doing line dancing between tips. We'd love to have you join us if you're in the area. Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/432398663471503 for any last-minute updates or changes.

Roger Garner





Is your club planning on doing **New Dancer Lessons** (square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, clogging, etc.) soon??

If so, please email the class info at least a month before the classes begin, to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – the information will be posted at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers on the **ASSDF website**, and in **The Modern Square**.

Info needed is the date, time, location, caller/cuer/instructor, plus a contact person for info. Lessons can be either square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging.

For links on **how to get youth involved in square dancing**, and for **promotional videos** that can be **customized for your club or organization website**, or for a **New Dancers Manual**, go to https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources

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Caller Nelda Eaton will begin a **PLUS LEVEL** Class for **those who've already graduated Basic and Mainstream lessons**, and who'd like to learn the Plus Level calls…or for those Plus Level dancers who need a "**Refresher Course**"…on Friday, Jan. 15, 2027. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF Website** at the **NEW DANCERS** link for more info.

ASSDF Club Directory

Note that **USDA Insurance** for clubs is due by December 1 of each year, and **Club ASSDF Membership Dues** is due by January 1 of each year. Please contact the ASSDF Treasurer and ASSDF Insurance Chairperson for more information.

Note that clubs that are **DANCING** may have to cancel a regular dance, or change the dance days, times, and locations, at the last minute, or during certain times of the year, for various reasons.

Again, **please call before you travel** to avoid making the trip for nothing. And, if you feel ill, or if bad weather is an issue on a dance night, please stay home.

Please advise the Editor if info for the clubs noted, or for the info in the Callers And Cuers section (following this listing), is in error, or if your club is changing their dance locations, dates, times, etc.

Lastly, check with the caller, cuer, or club contact for the dance level, if the club has a pre-dance workshop, admission cost, and if the club is "couples only" or welcomes singles (not married, or without a dance partner).

Conway

Arky Cloggers – Tuesday, 4pm to 5pm (**Boost Class**), 5pm to 6pm (**Team Class**), 6pm to 7pm (**Beginners Class**) **DANCING**
1490 South Donaghey Avenue
Instructor and Contact: Lanita Hammett (501) 889-4679

Fort Smith

River City Squares – Tuesday, 6:30pm **DANCING**
Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road
Caller: Jay King
Contact: Jay King, 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR 72956 (479) 883-2380

Hot Springs

Levi's And Lace – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**
Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport Road
Callers: Amanda and Blake Throgmartin
Contact: Ted and Phyllis Keeney, 1807 Nubbin Ridge Road, Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

Judsonia

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday, Dance at 7pm **DANCING**
Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street
Caller: Phil Moorehouse
Contact: Robert and Cheryl Shaver, 146 Opie Road, Bald Knob, AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

Lakeview

Twirling Funtimers – Wednesday, 6pm to 8:30pm **DANCING**
Mainstream/Plus, with Round Dance Phases 1, 2, and 3
Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane -- $7 per person (Special Dances on 3rd Wednesday)
Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman
Cuer: Marge Sherrill
Contact: Anieta England (870) 449-5135

Little Rock (Mabelvale)(1)

Twirling Lariats – 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Friday, 7:30pm **DANCING**
American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- $7 per person
Caller: Nelda Eaton
Contact: Clifton Taylor and Carolyn Cullins, 9027 Highway 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

Little Rock (Mabelvale)(2)

Maverick Mixers – 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturday, 7pm
DANCING
Mainstream with announced Plus
American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- $8 per person
Caller: Phil Moorehouse
Contact: Daryl Stout, P.O. Box 55655, Little Rock, AR 72215 (501) 690-8325

Mountain Home

Pioneers – Monday (doors open at 6:30pm, dancing from 7pm to 9pm)
DANCING
Sycamore Springs, 165 Jerry Baker Lane
Caller: Roy Hestand
Contact: Roy Hestand, 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 329-1141

Rose Bud

Heber Springers – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**
Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West
Caller: Phil Moorehouse
Contact: Theresa Muth (501) 238-2713

White Hall (Pine Bluff)

Star Steppers – 2nd and 4th Monday, 7pm **DANCING**
White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700 Andersen Avenue
Caller: Phil Moorehouse
Contact: Kathy Tankersly (870) 718-0571

Bossier City, LA (Shreveport)

Southern Swingers – Tuesday, 7pm (Special Dances 2nd Saturday)
DANCING
Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road
Caller: Joey Duhamel
Contact: Alitia Becker, 8008 Cardigan Way, Shreveport, LA 71129
(318) 547-9478
Contact: Carole Becker (318) 780-3997

New Boston, TX (Texarkana)

Guys And Dolls – 3rd Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**
Plentiful Harvest Church, 500 North Merrill, New Boston, TX
Caller: Nelda Eaton
Contact: Rhonda Bailey, 111 Wood Duck Lane, Texarkana, TX
75501 (903) 276-3422

Arkansas Callers And Cuers

Birdsong, Carolyn -- 28912 Bandy Road Little Rock, AR 72223
(501) 813-7239 Arkansas.bluebird@yahoo.com

Bownderville, Boyce -- (870) 530-2444 -- M/P

Cummings, Patti – 270 Morrison Street, Ward, AR 72176 (501) 628-1089 ninapcummings@gmail.com

Duhamel, Joey – 479 Country Farm Road, Baskin, LA 71219
Cell: (870) 209-3646 jdcalls@yahoo.com M/P: Yes
Southern Swingers

Eaton, Nelda – P.O. Box 1118, New Boston, TX 75570
Cell: (903) 278-8068 EatonSDCaller@gmail.com M/P: Yes
Guys And Dolls, Twirling Lariats

Gellenbeck, Donna – 139 Dogwood Lane, Lakeview, AR 72642
(870) 620-0037 speedshots@hotmail.com M/P:Yes
Twirling Funtimers

Hammett, Lanita – 1533 Highway 300, Houston, AR 72070-8307
(501) 889-4679 lnthmmtt13@gmail.com *Arky Cloggers*

Hestand, Roy – 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653
(870) 329-1143 hestandroy@gmail.com M: Yes
Pioneers

Jarman, Ken – 127 Muscovy Drive, Mountain Home, AR 72653
(870) 404-8480 korcjarman@yahoo.com M
Twirling Funtimers

King, Jay and Jody -- 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR 72956
(479) 883-2380 jayking@cox.net P/A, Rounds 1-3
River City Squares

Moorehouse, Phil – 4660 Stagecoach Road, Redfield, AR 72132
(501) 960-4476 philmoorehouse@aol.com P:Yes
Blue Belles And Beaus, Heber Springers, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers

Ritter, Art – 1213 Oak Acres Drive, Bryant, AR 72019
(501) 326-8003

Throgmartin, Blake and Amanda – 153 Walker Court, Hot Springs, AR 71909 -- Blake – (501) 622-9402 squareupwithblake@gmail.com
Amanda – (501) 655-9767 amandacallssquares@gmail.com
Levi's And Lace

Vandergriff, Anita – 8215 Tyro Road, Hackett, AR 72937
(479) 274-9775 anitav@centurytel.net

White, Gordon and Susan – 6 Perfecto Place, Hot Springs Village, AR 71913 (501) 822-0803 white3297@hotmail.com P

Wise, Ron – 4800 Highway 104, White Hall, AR 71602
(870) 267-0702 ronwise@prodigy.net

Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:
M – Mainstream P – Plus A – Advanced (A1/A2)
1-6 – Round Dance Phase Cueing
If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances

There are flyers for the following **ASSDF Club Special Dances** as well as dances for the National Square Dance Convention ® at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events and in the full e-Edition.

Please check the **Special Events Calendar** for other special dances that aren't listed here (no flyer available at issue release time).

Nov. 10, 2026 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Nov. 14, 2026 – Southern Swingers Special Dance, Bossier City, LA. Guest Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Nov. 18, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers "I'm Grateful For…" Dance, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck.

Dec. 8, 2026 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Jan. 2, 2027 – The Three Amigos "Square Dancing Is Heaven In 2027", Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Callers: Nelda Eaton, Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, and Phil Moorehouse.

Jan. 9, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Jan. 28, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Feb. 13, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Feb. 25, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

March 5-6, 2027 – Spring Fling On Mount Nebo, Dardanelle, AR. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Nelda Eaton, and Jay King.

March 25, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

April 10, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

April 22, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

May 8, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

May 27, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

June 12, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

June 24, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

July 10, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

July 22, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

August 14, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

August 26, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Sept. 11, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Sept. 23, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Oct. 7-9, 2027 – ASSDF Fall Festival, Texarkana, AR. Saturday Night Caller: Travis Cook. Arkansas' Callers and Cuers.

Oct. 28, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Nov. 13, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Nov. 14-20, 2027 – MidSouth Extravaganza, Little Rock, AR. **Free GSI Callers School Nov. 14-17 (you must be registered for the weekend), Dancing Nov. 18-20**. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Ted Lizotte, Jack Pladdys, Dan Sahlstrom, Ray Brendzy, Mike Hogan, Mike Seastrom, Charlie Robertson, and Scott Bennett. Cuers: Randy and Marie Preskitt with Fred and Linda Ayres. **** Hotels will start taking reservations after Nov. 18, 2026 ****

Dec. 11, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Dec. 23, 2027 – Nelda's Plussers, New Boston, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

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Club Special Dance Photos In The Last Month

Please email these assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com as I want to give credit to the photographers for the photos, especially if they come from the various club Facebook groups.

Because of **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 at 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**.

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



The **ASSDF Board** wishes a **Happy and Safe Thanksgiving** to all!!