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2023 Fall Festival

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President's Message

* Spring Delegates Meeting: Saturday, June 3rd, starting at 4pm *

The meeting will be at American Legion Post 128, at corner of Mann Road and Leah Lane in Mabelvale, AR (Little Rock). The Twirling Lariats are having their annual **June Bug Jamboree** Dance there, after the meeting. If you'd like, stay for a BBQ Dinner at 6pm, and dance with Tim Tyl at 7pm. Cost for the dinner and dance is \$15 per person.

The train ride on AMTRAK ® to Milwaukee, Wisconsin was great. Several attended the Pre-Convention Dance, and we took advantage of group rates, with 8 of us traveling together, at \$127 coach, plus meals, round trip. It's something that you may want to consider at your club; and take a group to the National Square Dance Convention ® (NSDC) in 2024 in Milwaukee…lots of fun and fellowship! Then, the 2025 NSDC will be in the Arklatex – in Shreveport, Louisiana.

There are several special dances coming up...see the Special Events Calendar elsewhere in this issue, or on the ASSDF website, located at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events for more info; where you can find PDF fliers for several dances. Of particular note is **The 3 Amigos United We Stand Dance**, at the same place as the Twirling Lariats June Bug Jamboree Dance, noted above...on Saturday, July 1st at 7pm, with Phil Moorehouse, Joey Duhamel, and Gene Gancarczyk.

Lastly, remember to take time to do what's important. Spend time with family, friends, and your special friends you square dance with; and don't forget to go to church and thank The Lord for the blessings we enjoy! See you on the dance floor!

7ed and 7onia Hofmeister, ASSDF President, 2023

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 full file with links is at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com under **The ASSDF**. 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, Blue Belles & Beaus, Heber Springers Square Dance Club, Jubilee Squares, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Star Steppers, Twirling Funtimers, and Twirling Lariats.

Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:

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From The Editor



There's nothing **Advanced** or **Challenging** about it. In fact, It's **Basic**, right out of the **Mainstream** of life, giving the recipient a real **Plus**. It's a yellowrock hug; and that's no April Fool! You can find plenty of these at regular & special dances; see the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, & the ASSDF website, for details. Many clubs have lessons in progress...if you can help as an "angel", they'd greatly appreciate it.

Plans continue for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Mountain Home; a flier's at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events and elsewhere in this issue. National Caller Gary Shoemake will call the Trail End Dance on Thursday, with Arkansas Callers/Cuers on Friday, and National Caller Charlie Robertson on Saturday...all dancing at the hotel. Roy Hestand and the Pioneers Club are working hard for a fun weekend.

While winter weather is mostly behind us, tornado season is here. Check https://www.weather.gov/lzk for weather info/forecasts, and also check https://www.idrivearkansas.com for road conditions. If you don't feel well on a dance night, or if bad weather's an issue, please stay home. If your club will be **DARK** for the National Square Dance Convention ® and the **ASSDF Fall Festival**, please let me know as soon as possible, so the **Special Events Calendar** can be updated. If you have a question about either your print or e-Edition subscription, or the **ASSDF website** at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com – please contact me, and I'll get back with you as soon I can.

E-Edition photos are from the River City Squares Valentine's Dance on Feb. 14, their Feb. 21 Mardi Gras Dance; plus their Feb. 28 Dance, the Heber Springers Valentine's Dance on Feb. 24, the Twirling Lariats March 3 Dance, the Bluebird Squares March 4 Dance, and the Maverick Mixers Feb. 25 & March 11 Dances. Thanks to Jody King, Rhonda Sullivan, Regina Turner, plus Jerry and Ginny Short, for the photos.

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman

73RD ARKANSAS STATE SQUARE DANCE FEDERATION FALL FESTIVAL & TRAIL END DANCE

HOSTED BY THE MOUNTAIN HOME PIONEERS

Trail End Dance AR State Square Dance Federation Fall Festival
Thursday night Friday night Saturday night
Gary Shoemake Club Callers Charlie Robertson







Thursday - Saturday - October 12 - 14, 2023



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1127 North East Highway 62 B - Mountain Home, AR

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Questions call Roy Hestand @ (870) 329-1141 or Sheila @ (512) 968-4876

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TWIRLING LARIATS





ANNUAL JUNE BUG JAMBOREE BBQ Dinner and DANCE

CALLER:

TIM TYL



Saturday, June 3, 2023

Dinner: 6:00 – 7:00 PM Dance: 7:00 – 9:00 PM \$15 per person



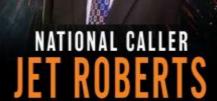


Corner of Mann Road and Leah Lane Mabelvale, AR Got Questions? Contact Carolyn at 501-847-2157

Note: Twirling Lariats will be DARK Friday, June 2

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Where are your special events?

Please notify *The Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events (up to 1 year in advance) with all pertinent information included. The sooner **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear. Further info is at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events

National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2023 - June 21-24, 2023	Host City: Mobile, Alabama
2024 - June 26-29, 2024	Host City: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2025 - June 25-28, 2025	Host City: Shreveport, Louisiana
2026 - June 24-27, 2026	Host City: To Be Announced

Registration forms for the **2023 NSDC** are elsewhere in this issue. Links to upcoming **NSDC** websites are located at https://nsdcnec.com

National Squares e-Magazine is published monthly (except for July) in the interest of the **NSDC**, by the host city of the upcoming **NSDC**; starting with the August issue before that particular convention, then going through the June issue of the month of said convention. Go to https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/ to view thumbnails of the last 10 issues, then click on the desired one to view, download, or print the PDF file, directly from your web browser.

Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (before the Convention), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (unmarried or without a partner), program books/schedules (individual and total), souveniers, vendors, dance facilities map, Wednesday Night Dinner/Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Restaurants, Travel Options/Places To Visit, Various NSDC Committees, Info on Upcoming NSDC's, First Aid Info, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, General Info, Ceremonies, ads, & much more.

Special Events



Please call before traveling, to check for last minute cancellations. If you're not feeling well, or if weather's an issue, please stay home. Info on Club Contacts, plus Callers and Cuers are elsewhere in this issue.

Clubs that are **DARK** aren't noted in the cancellation listings, or in the Google Events calendar, on the ASSDF website under **UPCOMING EVENTS** at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events

The dances and festivals outside of Arkansas are from the states adjacent to Arkansas, or nearby...including Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, & Kansas. Note that the National Square Dance Convention ® events will always be listed, no matter what state that it is located in. These dances are also noted on the ASSDF website (the URL is noted above).

Please send info/fliers on out of state festivals to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

APRIL 2023

April 1, 2023 – 76th Annual NEOSDC Festival, Memorial Community Center, 8310 East 15th Street, Tulsa, OK. Activities start Friday evening, March 31, at 7:30pm with "The Boys Are Back In Town" Pre-Party Dance with Callers Shane Greer, Tim Tyl, Monty Hackler, and Bill Powell. Events both Saturday and Saturday night, with Callers Shane Greer, Monty Hackler, Bob Loyd, Jim Howard, Bruce Main, Mike McHenry, Bill Powell, Jay King, Jay Wright, Charlie Robertson, and Loren Behm. Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced Square Dancing both days. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more info/admission costs.

April 10, 2023 – Pioneers Straw Hat Dance. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand

April 14-16, 2023 – Log Cabin Swingers TNT Dynamite Plus Weekend, Tool, TX. Caller: Tony Oxendine – Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more info.

April 19, 2023 – Twirling Funtimers Garden Clothes Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck – Cuer: Marge Sherill

April 29, 2023 – Maverick Mixers Spring Fling Dance.

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm, Dance from 7pm to 9pm. \$6 for members, \$8 for visitors. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

MAY 2023

May 19-20, 2023 – 2nd Annual Swinging At Swingtime, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Scott Bennett, Vernon Jones, Charlie Robertson. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more info.

May 22, 2023 – Pioneers Red White And Blue Dance. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

May 26-28, 2023 – The 2023 Branson Blowout. Branson, MO. Stone Castle Hotel And Conference Center. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Jet Roberts, Gary Shoemake, and Monty Hackler. Cuers: Tony and Carolyn Ahart. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more dance and lodging info.

May 29, 2023 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

JUNE 2023

June 2, 2023 – The Twirling Lariats are DARK tonight.

June 3, 2023 – Twirling Lariats June Bug Jamboree Dinner And Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Dinner at 6pm (featuring Carolyn Cullins scrumptious BBQ), then dancing at 7pm. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website for more info. The ASSDF Spring Delegates Meeting will be PRIOR to the Dinner and Dance, starting at 4pm.

June 21-24, 2023 – 72nd National Square Dance Convention ®, Mobile, Alabama. More info is at https://www.72nsdc.com plus a registration form is elsewhere in this issue, at the URL noted above, and on the ASSDF website.

June 24, 2023 – The Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

June 30, 2023 – The Twirling Lariats are DARK tonight.

JULY 2023

July 1, 2023 – The Three Amigos United We Stand Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Dance at 7pm. \$10 per person. Callers: Joey Duhamel, Gene Gancarczyk, and Phil Moorehouse. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more info; the flier will also be in the May and June, 2023 e-Edition.

July 3, 2023 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

July 27-29, 2023 – Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Dance, Springdale, AR. Trail-End Dance July 27. Callers: Bob Asp, Charlie Robertson, and Jet Roberts. Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. See the flier at http://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA_Festival/ or on the ASSDF website for more info.

July 29, 2023 – Maverick Mixers Barn Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Beans And 'Taters at 6pm, Dance from 7pm to 9pm. \$6 for members, \$8 for visitors. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more info; the flier will also be in the June and July, 2023 e-Edition.

July 31, 2023 – Summer Nights Dance, Sponsored by the Star Steppers and the ASSDF. 9801 Dollarway Road, White Hall, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Jet Roberts. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

AUGUST 2023

Aug. 3-5, 2023 – 48th Tennessee Square And Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, TN. The event will be at the W.L. Mills Conference Center. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more info, or http://www.tnsquaredance.org/convention -- the flier will also be in the May, June, and July, 2023 e-Edition.

Aug. 19, 2023 – Bluebird Squares All Singing Calls Alphabetically Dance. Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road (Exit 116 and I-30), Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Carolyn Birdsong and Phil Moorehouse

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sept. 4, 2023 – Pioneers are **DARK** tonight.

Sept. 8-9, 2023 – 74th **National Square Dance Convention** ® **Fundraiser Square Dance Weekend**. Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. \$40 per person. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Joey Duhamel, and Tim Tyl. Cuers: Martin Philyaw, and Ken Vantiger. Dancing Friday evening, then morning, afternoon, and evening dancing on Saturday. See the flier on the ASSDF Website for more info.

Sept. 25, 2023 – Pioneers Hobo Dance. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand

Sept. 30, 2023 – **Maverick Mixers 50's Dance**. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Burgers at 6pm, Dance from 7pm to 9pm. \$6 for members, \$8 for visitors. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more info; the flier will also be in the August and September, 2023 e-Edition.

OCTOBER 2023

Oct. 12-14, 2023 – 73rd ASSDF Fall Festival, Mountain Home, AR. Sponsored by the Pioneers Square Dance Club and the ASSDF. Trail-End Dance Oct. 12 – Caller: Gary Shoemake. (Separate Admission, payable at the door). Oct. 13 – Arkansas Callers and Cuers. Oct. 14 – Caller: Charlie Robertson. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, as well as on the ASSDF website for more info.

Oct. 13, 2023 – Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are DARK tonight.

Oct. 14, 2023 – Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

Oct. 27, 2023 – Heber Springers Dan Nordbye Dance. Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Dan Nordbye

NOVEMBER 2023

Nov. 22, 2023 – Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Nov. 23, 2023 – Swingin' Cavaliers are DARK tonight.

DECEMBER 2023

Dec. 16, 2023 – Bluebird Squares Santa And His Elf Christmas Dance. Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield
Road (Exit 116 and I-30), Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers:
Carolyn Birdsong and Phil Moorehouse

Dec. 25, 2023 – Pioneers and Star Steppers are DARK tonight.

JANUARY 2024

Jan. 1, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

JUNE 2024

June 26-29, 2024 – 73rd National Square Dance Convention ®, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Info at https://73nsdc.com

OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 10-12, 2024 – 74th ASSDF Fall Festival, "Twirling Under The Stars", White Hall, AR (Trail-End Dance Oct. 10).

JUNE 2025

June 25-28, 2025 – 74th National Square Dance Convention ®, Shreveport, Louisiana. Info at https://74thnsdc.com

Club Reports

Bluebird Squares

My favorite time of year is coming up (but without tornadoes!) I love going to the Saline County Master Gardner plant sale April 15th at, guess where? The Saline County Fairgrounds! They have such great plants at very good prices!

It's also the time the birds get married, build nests, and have babies! The most popular feed is black oil sunflower seeds! Did you know that watching birds can lower your blood pressure and help you feel better?

It seems like forever, but we won't dance again til April 15th, at 7pm. I'm coming up with some new fun songs too! Also, there'll be two upcoming special dances later this year...first, our All Singing Calls Alphabetically Dance will be on Aug. 19th, and our Santa and His Elf

Christmas Dance will be on Dec. 16th...more details to follow in later issues. Yours truly will be joined by Caller Phil Moorehouse at both dances.

I had 2 dances just 2 weeks apart. We had such fun groups each time, and they brought wonderful snacks too! We just laugh and dance and have such a good time! I love hearing them singing with me! I did have an argument about just how mushy "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover" was, but I told them if it had 'love' in the lyrics, I considered it mushy, and "Leaving on a Jet Plane" was definitely mushy!

I appreciate the dancers' patience with the construction in front of the Fairgrounds! Eventually, the gate will be open again, but it may not be until the 90's! I'm talking about when we're in our 90's! We all know how slow construction is!

To avoid the construction in front, coming from Little Rock, cross over the bridge but do not turn right just past the bridge, go to the first street, Jefferson, and turn right. Jefferson will curve to the left and will straighten out with a Stop Sign. That will be Jackman. Turn right. It will take you to a Stop Sign then round-about, then continue on Jackman, then turn right at the Stop Sign onto Fairfield.

I hope everyone has their hummer feeder up by now and has hummers!

Ya'll come sing, dance, laugh, and eat with us!

Carolyn Birdsong

Mayerick Mixers

Computers can be a blessing and a curse. Our own Phil Moorehouse knows that; at times, over half of his patter and singing call selections temporarily vanish!! Yours truly was dealing with computer issues, and trying to fix errors on the ASSDF website; so I missed the Feb. 25 dance. There were 2 squares, plus sometimes, the guys had to dance the girls part, due to a shortage of ladies. We want to send a shout out to Penney Warren and Charles Zagara, who were visiting us from the Houston, Texas area. At our March 11 dance, we had 1 square, plus 5 extras. Pictures from both of those dances are elsewhere in this issue.

Thanks to everyone who came to our Valentine's Dance on Feb. 13 with Jet Roberts...while the crowd was small, the fun was abundant!! Our Spring Fling Dance and Spaghetti Dinner is on April 29; other special dances this year are our Barn Dance on July 29, with our 50's Dance on Sept. 30. Our own Phil Moorehouse will be calling each dance...a flier for our Spring Fling Dance is elsewhere in this issue; fliers for our other dances on the ASSDF website. For our 50's dance on Sept. 30, you can wear square dance, or 50's attire. Phil will also join callers Gene Gancarczyk and Joey Duhamel at our regular dance place for "The Three Amigos United We Stand Dance" on July 1. Please see the flier on the ASSDF website for more details.

We're doing lessons on Tuesday night from 7pm to 9pm, and would appreciate any angels we can get to help the new students along. Speaking of lessons, our own Lanita Hammett is doing clogging lessons with several clubs...please contact her for more info.

We'll be **DARK** on June 24, for the NSDC (National Square Dance Convention ®) in Mobile, Alabama, and on Oct. 14, for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Mountain Home. Unless otherwise noted, we dance on the 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturdays, at 7pm at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road & Leah Lane). Please call before traveling or check our Facebook Page for last-minute cancellations.

While I hate missing dances, I'm happy to work in the background.

Daryl Stout

River City Squares

Thanks again to Greg Smith (first photo elsewhere in this issue) for making the arrangements for our temporary dance site at the Pocola Senior Center, in Pocola, Oklahoma, where we had our Valentine's Dance and our Mardi Gras Dance. We were back at our usual location at the Fort Smith Senior Center on Feb. 28, and as they say, "there's no place like home".

Thanks to all our dancers at our Feb. 14 Valentine's Dance; and thanks

to Perry Lawrence, and to his helper Michele, for bringing all of the Valentine's "goodies". Necklaces, Heart "Deelie Boppers"(?) for the women, and also (for the women) cute custom bags of candy!! The refreshments (one of the photos) were perfect!! Thank you, all!! Other pictures include our King Gene Brown and Queen Michele Welch, and we couldn't leave out our Prince Larry Patterson and Princess Deanna Stewart!! Jay and I had fun, and we hope everyone else did too!!

Our Feb. 21 Mardi Gras Dance had lots of beads, a few masks, Mardi Gras colors, Conga Lines, King Cake, great food, and some awesome Square Dancers. What more could you ask for? Oh yes! A King and a Queen! The first picture is our Queen Missy and King Perry! And, the last picture is the King, who partied and danced so much, he had to go outside to cool off (LOL)(although it WAS getting a bit warm inside!) Thanks to all who were able to make the dance. We appreciate you!

Several photos from these 3 dances are elsewhere in this issue.

Jody King

Swingin' Cavaliers

Well, lessons are over, and now we can just dance till we learn it! With all the bad weather we've had, it has been a smaller crowd, but it still was fun. Last week, we missed out on having Ted and Tonia visit because of tornado predictions when they were in town, and we had to cancel the dance. Hopefully, we'll catch up to them again soon.

We may get a surprise visit from a couple who took lessons years ago when I was doing them at our church. They became great dancers, but haven't danced with us for quite a while, because their day off fit another club, but really glad to have them come join us.

Looking forward to Spring and Spring Fever, but not digging out the mower because the grass is already jumping up. Imagine what we could do with all the hours we spend on a mower! Well, at least it will be warm. Happy Dancing!!

Anita Vandergriff

Twirling Funtimers

Hi, everyone! Hope everyone made it through the winter okay. Spring is supposed to be here, at least that is what the flowers are saying. Be careful with all the storms and resulting water. Hope no one gets flooded out.

We're all thinking about our gardens and planting seeds. Buds are on trees and bushes are starting to swell. Spring can't come fast enough.

We'd like to invite everyone to our April 19th dance. The dance will be a celebration of our Garden Clothes. What do you wear in the garden to do all those multiple chores? Are you a gentleman gardener or a get down and dirty type? Wear your favorite garden work clothes and join us, as we continue to nurture our student square dancers. See what square dance blossoms they've developed into. We have several new students, and they are coming along beautifully.

We dance every Wednesday at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building at 14 Skyles Lane, in Lakeview, Arkansas. Lessons are from 6 to 7pm, with Mainstream and Plus square, and round dancing from 7 to 9pm.

Enjoy spring and get outside, get your exercise, and GO DANCE!

Donna Gellenbeck

Twirling Lariats

Lessons are continuing each Monday from 7 to 9pm at the Hut.

Connie and Paul Backstrom are long time square dancers. One minute, you're going down the road of life at an even speed. Then, all of a sudden, one gets a million speed bumps, as it was with Connie. She went into hospital for a routine procedure, and now she's getting fitted for a prosthetic leg, and learning to walk all over again. She has lots of family support.

It's once again time for "JUNE Bug Jamboree" Dinner And Dance on June 3 at Hut. Carolyn Cullins will be cooking her world-famous

BBQ. You know it's going to be lip smacking good. Come on, and put on the feedbag. Shenanigans start at 6pm, and 7pm dancing to Tim Tyl. He's the Fred Astaire of callers, smooth like Kentucky bourbon. He's fun and entertaining, and you never know what Tim will be up to. He might bring his dog or chicken. You don't want to miss the social event of the season. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website for more info. Note that we'll be **DARK** on Friday, June 2.

Daisy and Sweet Pea is April birth flower. The sapphire is the April birthstone. If March heralds in the first sign of spring, then April carries them full into bloom. April is all about clarity, purity, and love.

- "It should be April Fool's Day cause you've been fooling me".
- "All the things you promised just weren't meant to be".
- "You lied, you lied, you cheated, you never could be true".
- "It should be April Fool's Day, and the joke should be on you".
- "It hurt me so to see you go, your secret love and you".
- "As in the past, for now at last, I found someone, too".
- "Your secret love has left you, and I found someone new".
- "It should be April Fool's Day, and the joke should be on you."

(From "April Fools Day", released 1962, by Marty Robbins).

We dance at American Legion Post 128, at Mann and Leah Lane, at 7:30pm on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays -- Joey Duhamel is our Caller.

Ginny Short



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Batesville

Jubilee Squares – 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesday, 7pm **DARK** Central United Methodist Church, 1205 North Central Avenue Caller: Jimmy Green Contact: Lura Wade, 650 Oak Hill Loop, Batesville, AR 72501 (970) 926-2442

Benton

Bluebird Squares – 3rd Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road (Exit 116 & I-30)
Caller: Carolyn Birdsong

Contact: Carolyn Birdsong, 28912 Bandy Road, Little Rock, AR 72223 (501) 813-7239

Charleston

Swingin' Cavaliers – Thursdsay, 7pm DANCING

Hug Chevrolet, 415 East Main

Callers: Anita Vandergriff and Ron Keeling

Contact: Anita Vandergriff, 8215 Tyro Road, Hackett, AR

72937 (479) 274-9775

Contact: Ron Keeling (479) 629-4736

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) 474-8500

Hot Springs

Levi's And Lace – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport

Road

Caller: Gene Gancarczyk

Contact: Ted and Phyllis Keeney, 1807 Nubbin Ridge Road,

Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

Jonesboro

Pistols N Petticoats – Thursday, 7pm DARK

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2201 South Culberhouse

Caller: Boyce Brownderville

Contact: Bonnie Hallet, 1613 Alonzo, Jonesboro, AR 72401

(870) 932-7740

Judsonia

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday, 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, Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm **DANCING**

Loyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane

Callers: Ken Jarman (1st Wednesday) and Donna Gellenbeck (2nd through 5th Wednesday)

Contact: Rob and Donna Gellenbeck, 139 Dogwood Lane,

Lakeview, AR 72642 (870) 620-0037

Little Rock (Mabelvale)

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: Joey Duhamel

Contact: Clifton Taylor and Carolyn Cullins, 9027 Highway 5

North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

Maverick Mixers -2^{nd} , 4^{th} , and selected 5^{th} Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**

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, 6:30pm **DANCING**

Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, 511 Coley Drive

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 Tubbs, 390 Woodvine Trail, Higden, AR

72067 (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: Sheila Gesing, 9760 Grant 7, Sheridan, AR 72150

(870) 942-2273

Texarkana (New Boston, TX)

Guys N Dolls – 3rd Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**

Old Fellows Lodge, New Boston, TX

Caller: Nelda Eaton

Contact: Rhonda Bailey, 111 Wood Duck Lane, Texarkana, TX

75501 (903) 276-3422

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M: Yes

<u>Arkansas.bluebird@yahoo.com</u> *Bluebird Squares*

Bownderville, Boyce

(870) 530-2444 M/P Pistols N Petticoats

Duhamel. Joey

479 Company Farm Road Baskin, LA 71219 Cell: 870- 209-3646 jdcalls@yahoo.com M/P Twirling Lariats

Eaton, Nelda

P.O. Box 1118 New Boston, TX 75570 Home: (903) 628-2425 Cell: (903) 278-8068 M/P

EatonSDCaller@gmail.com Guys And Dolls

Gancarczyk, Gene & Carolyn

249 Songer Lane Pearcy, AR 71964 (501) 767-6354

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Jarman, Ken

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Ward, Tommy

11 Dickens St. Apt. D Greenbrier, AR 72058 (501) 672-9403 tomlifetime@yahoo.com

White, Gordon & Susan

6 Perfecto Place Hot Springs Village, AR 71913 (501) 822-0803 squareup8.yolasite.com white3297@hotmail.com P: Yes

Wise, Ron

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

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Nearly 100 E-edition pictures this month (I still deleted quite a few, as there were just too many to choose from) are from the River City Squares Feb. 14 Valentine's Dance, their Feb. 21 Mardi Gras Dance, & their Feb. 28 Dance...the Heber Springers Valentine's Dance on Feb. 24...the Twirling Lariats March 3 Dance...the Bluebird Squares March 4 Dance...as well as the Maverick Mixers Feb. 25 & March 11 Dances. Many thanks to Jody King, Rhonda Sullivan, Regina Turner, plus Jerry and Ginny Short for all the photos. For details, please see their club reports (if available). First, several photos from the River City Squares Valentine's Dance on Feb. 14.





















Another great part of a dance...the duty square...to get energy for dancing the next tip!!





Next, several photos from their Feb. 21 Mardi Gras Dance.



Their Mardi Gras Dance King And Queen

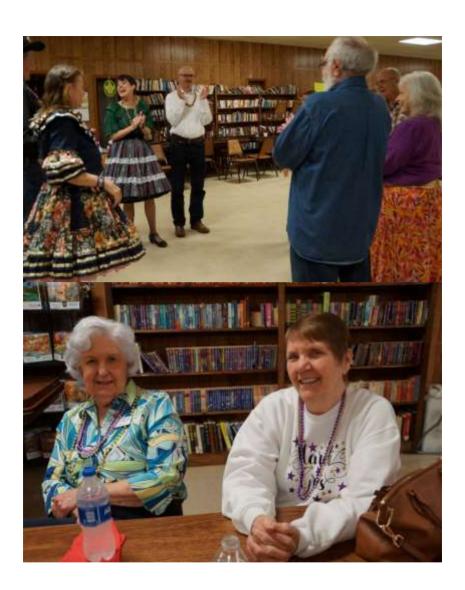


















Again, another benefit at a dance – the duty square!!











Next, some photos from the Heber Springers Valentine's Dance on Feb. 24.







Next, several photos from the Maverick Mixers Feb. 25 Dance.

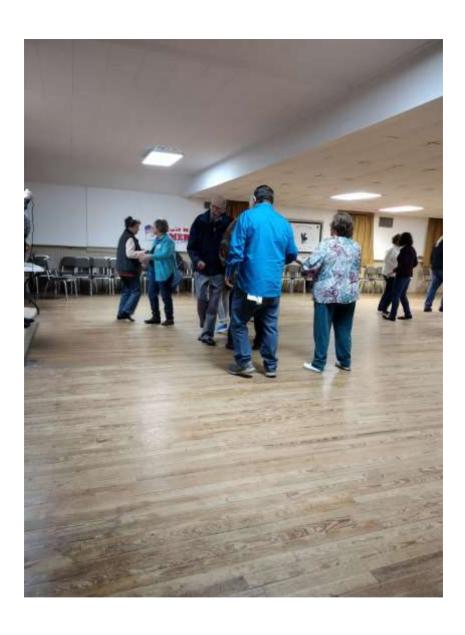


Maverick Mixers Caller Phil Moorehouse, with visitors Charles Zagara and Penney Warren, from Houston, Texas.





















Next, several photos from the River City Squares Feb. 28 dance, now back at their regular dance location (the Fort Smith Senior Center), after a floor repair.



















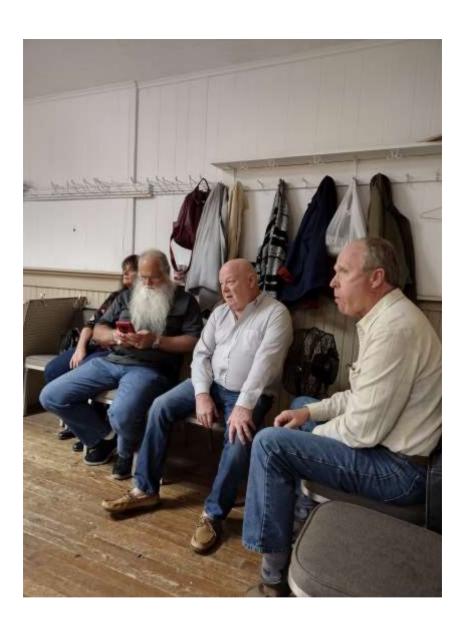


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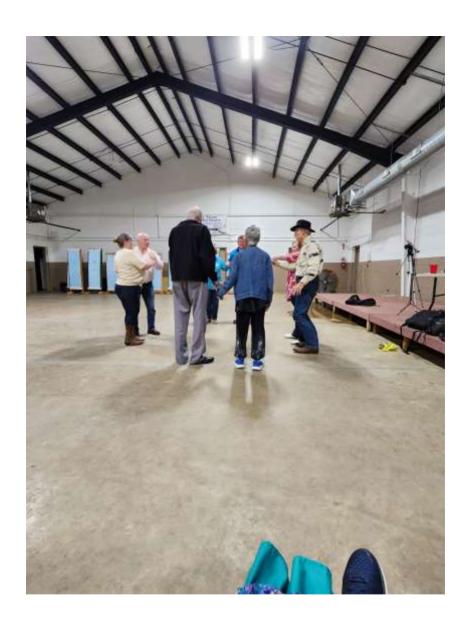






Next, a few photos from the Bluebird Squares March 4 Dance.







Lastly, several photos from the Maverick Mixers March 11 Dance.













