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- **1.** Ads, Club Reports, etc. are due on the Editor's Desk by 9pm Central Time, on the last Saturday of the month, prior to 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.** Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area are accepted **only** from ASSDF member clubs, organizations and their Callers, and Cuers.

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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. Please be sure that all of the info in the dance flyer, ad, etc.is **correct** before you submit it 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 2024 ASSDF Executive Board is in the Jan. 2024 e-Edition.

2024 Fall Festival

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President's Message

Yellow rocks to all of you friends of square dance,

Happy March! We had fun dancing in Little Rock with the Maverick Mixers and Twirling Lariats, and in Charleston with the Swinging Cavaliers this past month at Valentine's Dances. It was a first for us to dance among the cars! Then, we attended the Presidents' Day Dance in Sheridan among the stars (Steppers, that is). Four squares, and many spares were a great sight to see! Jet Roberts made it a terrific dance with lots of fun songs, great food, and tired feet by the end of the night. We also danced with the Heber Springers in Rosebud, where a group of high schoolers who are competition square dancers also attended. They came 3 hours from **Prairie Grove**, and showed us their **VERY** high energy square dance; and then danced with us as Phil taught them our style. Great kids and a fun evening for all to share the joy of square dancing.

Now as we thaw out from the latest cold snap and head into our next spring (I've heard it's the "spring of deception"), there are loads of upcoming opportunities to dance and get together, including a Saint Patrick's Day dance with the Heber Springers on March 8. See the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF** website at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events

And have you heard? There's a total eclipse coming to a town near you! Better yet, Phil Morehouse is sponsoring an "Eclipse Dance" on April 8. See the flier elsewhere in this issue for all the info. Want a cool dangle for your badge? We do! We'll have them available at the dance. So, wear your eclipse glasses, and come join in the fun!

As you're planning these dances into your schedule, don't forget the 74th National Square Dance Convention ® in Shreveport. If you register before March 15, you'll get a discount, and be able to attend the Pre-Convention Dance on March 16 for free!! We attended the Nationals for the first time last year in Mobile. There were workshops, vendors, square dancing for every level, and entertainment. You can't do it all, but we certainly gave it our best shot. It was very exciting to dance with so many squares on the floor! We've already registered for both Shreveport in 2025 and Waco in 2026. We want you to come dance with us, so please sign up today! (You know it will make Ted very happy!!) More info is elsewhere in The Modern Square.

There are also several clubs that have lessons going on. If you've danced before but it was long ago and you need to brush up on your memory/moves, it's not too late to join the Maverick Mixers/Twirling Lariats lessons in Mabelvale/Little Rock on Wednesday night from 7-9 pm. Levi's And Lace has just started up lessons on February 26 on Mondays in Hot Springs. Twirling Funtimers in Lakeview will start lessons this spring, and River City Squares in Fort Smith will start lessons in October. A list of the upcoming lessons is on the **ASSDF** website at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers

Remember, it's not too early to sign up for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in White Hall this October. It promises to be a great weekend full of dancing. Maybe more dance opportunities than we've ever had. We can't wait!!

Have a great March! If you're traveling for spring break, remember to take along your dancing shoes and badge. Check out the **ASSDF** website, or search square dancing wherever you're traveling. You might get to meet new friends, and keep your feet dancing while you're away. And if you are out of state at a dance, invite the folks you meet to come visit the clubs in Arkansas, and tell them about our Fall Festival. The more the merrier!

Hope to see you on a dance floor soon!

Blessings,

7on and Kim Fox, ASSDF President, 2024



For more on the history of coffee (never mind I've yet to see a duty square without it), please see the Special Dances e-Edition.

Thanks to Elaine Cox of the Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (NEOSDA) for this information, and the T-shirt photo.

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 **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, Blue Belles and Beaus, Guys N Dolls, Heber Springers Square Dance Club, Jubilee Squares, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Star Steppers, The Three Amigos, Twirling Funtimers, and Twirling Lariats.

Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:

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, Heart of America Single Square Dancers Association (HASSDA), and the Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD).

Caller and Cuer Websites:

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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

The **full** e-Edition has full color on pictures/ads. The **compact** version is without these for those on **limited** data plans. Photos are from club Facebook groups, or sent in, and all these are in a **separate** PDF file for download (it can be **rather large**). Unless noted within ads, all of the e-Edition links are **clickable**. Please advise the Editor if your email changes; as you won't get the notifications on club updates (special dances, changes, cancellations), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as "**undeliverable**".

From The Editor



First off, I was released to resume square dancing last month, after my having left hip replacement surgery last November. Slow dancing is the rule for a bit, though, but it feels good to be square dancing again.

I saw an ad from an Ohio Square Dance Organization on Facebook, on why it's important to attend State and National Conventions; see the ad elsewhere in this issue for info. Both offer experiences not to be missed! Speaking of conventions and festivals, there are several of these coming up, both inside and outside Arkansas. See the **Special Events Calendar** at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events and elsewhere in this issue for details. Please support your **ASSDF Clubs** with a visit! If your club is planning special dances, or lessons, please email them to me at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com by 9pm the last Saturday each month.

Spring is in the air, but winter can still put up a fight. **Please call before you travel**, in case of last-minute cancellations; and if you feel ill, or if bad weather is an issue on a dance night, please stay home.

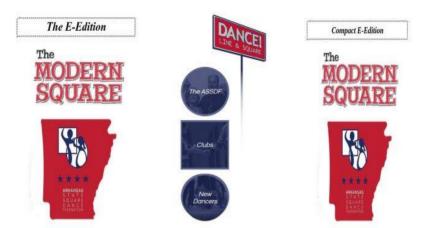
Special Dance Photos from late January through late February, 2024, at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square are from club regular and special dances with the Pioneers, River City Squares, Heber Springers, Maverick Mixers, Twirling Lariats, Bluebird Squares, Star Steppers, Twirling Funtimers, plus the Levi's And Lace. Thanks to Becky Hestand, Jody King, Kim Deane, Lanita Hammett, Daryl Stout, Ginny Short, Ramona Hestand, Anieta England, Elaine Cox, Tom Fox, and Carolyn Birdsong, for the photos.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website, noted below, for any last minute updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas.

ASSDF Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/hootenandrea/

ASSDF Website: https://www.arkansassquaredance.com

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman



Please notify the Editor if the following information is incorrect in either The Modern Square, or on the ASSDF website, so that it can be corrected. Contact info for the Editor is elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website.

- 1) Contact Information for caller, cuer, or club.
- 2) Club info (when/where they dance, regular or special dance, lessons, etc.).

If your email bounces back due to a bad address, you won't receive notices on releases of The Modern Square, or ASSDF club updates (special dances, last minute cancellations or changes etc.), until you contact the Editor with the corrected/updated email address. And, please advise the Editor if you no longer want these emails. The issue publication deadline is 9pm, US Central Time, on the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue.

Please call before you travel, to check for any last minute changes or cancellations. If you feel ill on a dance night, or if bad weather/icy roads are an issue, please stay home.

Note that NONE of the ASSDF Officers will ever send an email, or a Facebook message, that is asking for money, gift cards, etc. -- those are nothing but scams!! Also, clubs with Facebook pages MUST be DILIGENT policing them; as scammers are posting things like "club T-Shirts", "deleting inactive members", "death of a celebrity", "looking for part time work", etc. (NOTHING related to square dancing). These posts are scams, filled with malware/clickbait, etc. to steal your identity, place malware on your system to delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, etc., where you'd have to pay a huge cost to get it back.

If you see these emails, DELETE them. And, if you see these ads, DON'T click on ANY part of them. Instead, report them to the group administrators, so the post can be deleted, and the poster can be banned from the group. Then, BLOCK that person in your email spam filter, and from your Facebook profile. I highly recommend that Facebook group administrators set it to "pre-approve" all posts, then automatically approve all future posts from recognized square and round dancers. This will help keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity or data stolen...or your page could be hacked!!

Arkansas State Square Dance Federation Fall Festival

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Hosted by Levis and Lace, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers, and the Twirling Lariats

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Name(s)			Phone			
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Tickets (per person) *18 & Unde	r free with a	adult*				
Full Weekend (early registration)	\$30 x	=	Friday only	\$20 x	=	
Full Weekend (after 10/01)	\$35 x	=	Saturday only	\$20 x	-	





St. Patrick's Day Square Dance



March 8, 2024 7:00- 9:00 PM Admission: \$5/dancer Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Heber Springers

Rose Bud Community Senior Center

5916 - AR 36

Rose Bud, AR

Contact: Kim Deane: (501) 757-2030





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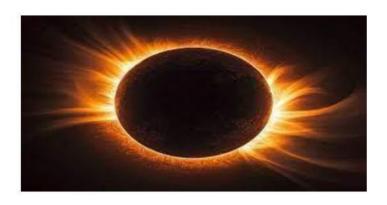


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Come Celebrate the Total Eclipse with Caller

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To benefit the American Legion Hut

Corner of Mann Road and Leah Lane

Monday, April 8th from 7pm-9pm \$5 for Singles/\$10 per couple

For more information call Tom Fox 501-416-3769 or Phil Moorehouse 501-960-4476

*Eclipse square dance dangles will be available for purchase.

REASONS TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTIONS:

- · Promote dancing to the public
- Support of local Federations & Councils hosting conventions
- · Opportunity to dance to new callers, cuers and line dance leaders
- · Educational opportunities
- Dancer reunions you see people at conventions you might only see once a year
- · Financial assistance for host organization
- · Keeps the future in the dance activity by keeping it alive & flourishing
- · Opportunity to highlight Honor Couples/Persons
- · After Parties
- . It's just plain fun!

REASONS TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS:

- · Once in a lifetime experience for many dancers
- Could be years before another National is close enough to attend.
- · The number one square dance event of the year
- Exposure to new callers, cuers, and dance leaders you have never danced to before
- Obvious promotion of the various dance activities
- Excellence in Leadership Training
- · Caller School for new and upcoming callers
- · Educational opportunities on interesting and varied topics
- Sharing ideas through Showcases
- · Continuous dancing on all kinds of levels
- · Opportunity to meet new friends from all over the world
- · Opportunity to see a part of the country you may not have visited before
- · Opportunity to see many exciting exhibition groups
- · Dance to National Callers
- . Dance to a live band a great experience if you have never tried it before
- After Parties
- It's more than just fun, it's a dance explosion!

Where are your special events?

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

National Square Dan	ce Convention® (NSDC)
2024 - June 26-29, 2024	73rd NSDC Host City:
	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2025 - June 25-28, 2025	74th NSDC Host City:
	Shreveport, LA
2026 - June 24-27, 2026	75 th NSDC Host City:
	Waco, TX

Registration forms for the **2024 NSDC** are elsewhere in this issue. The costs **INCREASE** (and no refunds) on May 1 prior to the next **NSDC**. Links to upcoming **NSDC** websites are located at https://nsdcnec.com

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

76th NSDC Host City:

To Be Announced

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 one to view, or download and print the PDF file.

Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (before the NSDC), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (not married or without a partner), program books/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 and Places To Visit, Various **NSDC** Committees, Info on the Upcoming **NSDC**'s, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.

Special Dances/Festivals

Please call before traveling, to check for last-minute cancellations. 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!!

The listings of dances/festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then out of state dances/festivals in states close to Arkansas (Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). Note that the National Square Dance Convention ® events are always listed, no matter what state it's in. Please send flyers on out of state dances and festivals to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

Flyers that are not yet on the **ASSDF website** will be placed there as soon as possible, and will be noted as such here, once they're online. Website URLs, if known, are noted with the dance listing. You can also find this info on the **ASSDF website** at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events

ASSDF Club Special Dances

MARCH 2024

March 2, 2024 – Bluebird Squares March 2024 Dance (the club will be **DARK** on March 16), Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Carolyn Birdsong.

March 8, 2024 – Heber Springers St. Patrick's Dance. Rosebud Senior Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. March 16, 2024 - Bluebird Squares are DARK tonight.

March 18, 2024 – Pioneers St. Patrick's Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

March 30, 2024 -- Maverick Mixers 5th Saturday Spring Fling Spaghetti Dinner And Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm, Dance at 7pm. \$10 per person. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

APRIL 2024

April 8, 2024 – Eclipse Celebration Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. \$5 for singles, or \$10 per couple. Eclipse square dance dangles will be available for purchase at the dance. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Proceeds will benefit the American Legion Hut.

MAY 2024

May 11, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Celebrate Mother's Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

May 20, 2024 – Pioneers Red White And Blue Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

May 27, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

JUNE 2024

June 1, 2024 – Twirling Lariats Annual June Bug Jamboree BBQ Dinner and Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane). Dinner at 6pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Tim Tyl.

June 8, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Celebrate Father's Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

June 10, 2024 – Pioneers Straw Hat Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

June 29, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 5th Saturday Red White And Blue Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller TBA.

JULY 2024

July 6, 2024 – The Three Amigos Liberty Freedom Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk, and Joey Duhamel. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 27, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Watermelon And Hot Dogs Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Watermelon and Hot Dogs prior to the dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

AUGUST 2024

Aug. 24, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Backpack School Supplies Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Benefit School TBD.

Aug. 31, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 5th Saturday 50's Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Square Dance or 50's Attire Welcome.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sep. 2, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Sept. 16, 2024 – Pioneers Hobo Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 10-12, 2024 – 74th ASSDF Fall Festival, "Twirling Under The Stars", White Hall, AR (Trail-End Dance Oct. 10). See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. ASSDF Callers and Cuers, plus Ken Burke and Tim Tyl.

Oct. 11, 2024 – Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are DARK tonight.

Oct. 12, 2024 – Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

Oct. 25, 2024 – Heber Springers Dan Nordbye Dance. Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Dan Nordbye.

Oct. 26, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Halloween Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Oct. 28, 2024 – Pioneers Halloween Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Guest Caller: Dan Nordbye.

NOVEMBER 2024

Nov. 9, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Celebrate Veteran's Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. All Veterans will be recognized at the dance.

Nov. 11, 2024 – Pioneers Veteran's Day Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Nov. 30, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 5th Saturday Thanksgiving and Giving Back Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

DECEMBER 2024

Dec. 14, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mann Road and Leah Lane, Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Dec. 21, 2024 – Bluebird Squares Santa And His Elf Christmas Dance. Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Carolyn Birdsong and Phil Moorehouse

Dec. 23, 2024 – Pioneers Christmas Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Dec. 28, 2024 – Maverick Mixers End Of The Year Celebration Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Out Of State Special Dances/Festivals

MARCH 2024

March 1-2, 2024 – Mississippi Square And Round Dance Convention Spring Festival, Biloxi, MS. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuers: Connie and Robert Wise. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 8-9, 2024 – Texas Association Of Single Square Dancers (TASSD) 50th Anniversary Roundup Dance, Speegleville, TX. Caller: Tom Miller. Cuer: Pauline Angress. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to https://tassd.org

March 14-16, 2024 – 2024 Louisiana Square and Round Dance Convention, Bossier City and Shreveport, LA. Held in conjunction with the 74th National Square Dance Convention ® Pre-Convention Dance (noted below). See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 16, 2024 – 74th National Square Dance Convention ® Pre-Convention Dance, Shreveport, LA. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Tim Tyl, Joey Duhamel, and Larry Marchese. Cuers: Martin Philyaw and Ken Vantiger. Free admission with pre-registration to the 74th NSDC. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

March 16, 2024 – Oklahoma Square Dance Federation Spring Roundup, Ardmore, OK. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info, or go to http://oksdf.org

March 16, 2024 – Rebel Rousers Luck Of The Irish Dance. Richardson Senior Center, 820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info, or go to https://rebelrousersdallas.com

March 22-23, 2024 – East Texas Square And Round Dance Association (ETSRDA) Spring Festival, Marshall, TX. ETSRDA Callers and Cuers on Friday. Saturday Callers: Ken Burke and Gary Sanders. Saturday Cuer: Fred Ayres. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

March 22-23, 2024 – 2nd Annual Swing Thru Spring Square and Round Dance Weekend, Jamestown, KY. Callers: Travis Cook (Friday), Tim Tyl (Saturday), Kristy Woods, Chuck Woods, and Wesley Fenton. Cuers: Charlene and James Mann. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 24, 2024 – 49th Callerlab Convention Pre-Convention Mainstream Dance, Grapevine, TX. Callers: John Sloper (MC), Scott Bennett, Charlie Robertson, Jon Jones, Deborah-Carroll Jones, Mike Seastrom, and Darryl Lipscomb. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

APRIL 2024

April 5-7, 2024 – Plus And Advanced Retreat Weekend, Sulphur, OK. Callers: Charlie Robertson and Jim Howard. Note: Casual Attire -- Limited to 12 squares. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

April 5, 2024 – NEOSDA Trails Inn Extravaganza Dance, Tulsa, OK. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Shane Greer, Darryl

Lipscomb, Monty Hackler, Tim Tyl, and Bill Powell. Plaid Theme, in conjunction with the 77th NEOSDA Festival. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to http://www.nesquaredance.com

April 6, 2024 – **NEOSDA 77**th **Festival (Cowboys and Can-Cans)**, Tulsa, OK. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to http://www.nesquaredance.com

April 6, 2024 – Mid-South Mini Fest Square/Round/Line Dance Festival. Oak Lane Christian Church, 10611 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN. Callers: Jet Roberts and Justin Russell. Cuers: Connie and Robert Wise. See the file on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 19-20, 2024 –**71**st **Heart Of America Federation Festival**. Osage Trail Middle School, 2101 North Twyman Road, Independence, MO. Local Callers Friday, Saturday Caller Ken Burke. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 27, 2024 – NEOSDA A-2 Afternoon Dance and Mainstream Evening Dance, Tulsa, OK. Caller: Richard Lane. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2024

May 5, 2024 – 75th National Square Dance Convention ® Benefit Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones and Charlie Robertson. Cuer: Jan Toms. Donations will be used to fund the cost of The Ghost Riders Band to perform at the 75th NSDC in Waco, TX in June, 2026. Note that The Ghost Riders Band will NOT be at this dance. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

May 10, 2024 – Swinging Stars "Dancing With The Stars" 49th Anniversary Dance. Network Ministries Building, 1500 International Parkway, Suite 300, Richardson, TX. Guest Caller:

Jet Roberts. Club Caller: Charlie Robertson. Club Cuer: Jan Toms

May 24-26, 2024 – Mineola Railers 2024 Mainstream Extravaganza, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Shane Greer. Cuer: Martin Philyaw. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to https://www.mineolarailers.com

May 31-June 1, 2024 – 70th Kansas State Square Dance Convention, Salina, KS. Caller: Justin Russell. Cuers: Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to https://kansasstatesquaredanceconvention.com/

May 31-June 1, 2024 – Circle 8 "Let's Boogie 70's Style" 77th Anniversary Dance Weekend, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Tony Oxendine. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2024

June 2, 2024 – 74th National Square Dance Convention ® Fundraiser Dance, Bossier City, LA. Callers: Tony Oxendine and Joey Duhamel. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 13-16, 2024 – 62nd Annual Texas State Square And Round Dance Festival, Bryan, TX. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info, or go to https://www.squaredancetx.com/festival.html

June 26-29, 2024 – 73rd National Square Dance Convention ®, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Info at https://73nsdc.com – a registration form is in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website. Take note that there has been a CHANGE in the 73rd NSDC Registration form, especially related to RV Camping. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, the ASSDF website, or the

JULY 2024

July 12-14, 2024 – 2024 Royal Rendezvous, Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 Rockford Road, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Charlie Robertson, and Jet Roberts. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 25-27, 2024 – 2024 Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Dance Weekend, Springdale, AR. Trail-End Dance on July 25 (separate admission, pay at door). Callers: Tom Manning and Bob Asp – Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. Main Dancing July 26-27. Callers: Mike Hogan, Darryl Lipscomb, & Tom Manning -- Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. For more info, see the flyer on the ASSDF website, or go to http://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA_Festival/

AUGUST 2024

Aug. 1-3, 2024 – Tennessee State State Square and Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, TN. Tennessee State Callers
And Cuers. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for info, or go to https://www.tnsquaredance.org/convention

Aug. 24, 2024 – Texas Po' Boys Reunion Dance, Klein United Methodist Church, 5929 FM 2920, Spring, TX. Callers: Gary Sanders, Pat Kotal, Stu Ringer, and K.O. Jeanes. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2024 – 28th Annual "An Evening In Paris" Square And Round Dance Weekend, Love Civic Center, Paris, TX. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Tony Oxendine, Buddy Weaver, and Gary Shoemake. Guest Callers: Tim Tyl and Tim Polch. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 18-19, 2024 – Missouri State Square Dance Festival, Sedalia, MO. Caller: Ken Burke. Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to https://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri/Flyers/MissouriFestival-2024/

NOVEMBER 2024

Nov. 22-23, 2024 – Oklahoma Square Dance Federation State Festival, Ardmore, OK. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info, or go to http://oksdf.org

JANUARY 2025

Jan. 24-25, 2025 – 13th Annual General Butler Bash Plus And Advanced Square and Round Dance Weekend, Center For Rural Development Convention Center, Somerset, KY. Callers: Jack Pladdys, Travis Cook, Tom Davis. Guest Caller: Tony Oxendine. Cuer: Elaine Wintrow. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info, or go to https://www.generalbutlerbash.com

JUNE 2025

June 25-28, 2025 – 74th National Square Dance Convention ®, Shreveport, Louisiana. More info as well as an Early Bird Registration Form are at https://74thnsdc.com

JUNE 2026

June 24-27, 2026 – 75th National Square Dance Convention

®, Waco, Texas. More info as well as an Early Bird Registration Form are at https://75nsdctx.com/

Club Reports

Bluebird Squares

Starting this month with prayers for no bad weather this spring. Hard to believe the west Little Rock tornado was a year ago. We have so many beautiful trees in our beautiful city, it's hard to look at the tornado affected areas, because all the trees are gone. Many of the homes are fixed, but some haven't even been touched. The area is still such a mess. I worked in a building behind the fire station on Shackleford Road for years. It was such a great group of people, and I'm still friends with them. That building is the only one that didn't need to be demolished, but it was badly damaged, and still hasn't been touched.

The Feb 17th all mushy love song dance went very well, as I had two squares! I called "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover" and "Hit the Road Jack" (and Phil and Stan and Bob, etc!). It was hilarious! Phil said if "Hit the Road" was a mushy love song, then so was "Rosalie's Boat"!! Of course, everyone loves that one, so it worked! Thanks Phil! Thanks to all that came, and to all that brought the wonderful food!

I'm going to have the March dance on March 2nd. It would have been March 16th, but it looks like many will be in Louisiana for the Pre-Convention Dance that weekend, so I moved it up to March 2nd. My guess is we'll be stompin' grapes and gettin' silly, again!

I always have a wonderful time at my own Bluebird Squares dances, but I also love going to other clubs too! Had a great time at the Rose Bud Valentine's dance! Fun group up north!

My April dance will be the 20th! Please mark your calendars now! It's going to be forever between March 2nd and April 20th (LOL!).

Also, at the Fairgrounds that day, 8am to 12 Noon, is the Saline County Master Gardener Plant Sale. One of my favorite springtime activities! I always get such wonderful plants! I have a ball buying the

plants, and also talking to other plant nuts...I mean, plant lovers!

Yep, the following is a bird story: I love looking out my kitchen window over the sink. I have a large bird feeder in the backyard that I can watch. I saw a male Pileated Woodpecker on the tree near the feeder. I ran and grabbed my Nikon. I took pics of the beautiful bird and then hit the record button. He **FLEW** onto my bark butter log! I don't even know how many times I said, **OH MY GOSH**! I was so excited!

Then a little bit later, I was filming a Pileated on the log again and saw another Pileated! I have a mated pair! I could not believe it!

I wondered if the Pileateds had ever gotten on one of my feeders, but never saw them. I've got a dead tree in my back yard that would be perfect for a woodpecker family!

I'm just a happy little bird nerd!

My Winter Honeysuckle is in full bloom, and I should have some cuttings that can be rooted at the March 2nd dance. I brought some of the flowers to the last dance and they smelled marvelous!

Ya'll come on over and laugh and dance with us! It's still only \$5 each!

Carolyn Birdsong

Heber Springers

We start this report on a sad note, noting the passing of longtime dancer Madeline Barber. She and her late husband, Chet, are together again, in The Eternal Square. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family and friends.

There was a group of high schoolers, who are competition square dancers from Prairie Grove at our Feb. 23 dance. They came 3 hours from Prairie Grove, and showed us their **VERY** high energy square dance, and then danced with us as Phil taught them our style. Great kids and a fun evening for all to share the joy of square dancing.

Photos from our Jan. 26, Feb. 9, and Feb. 23, 2024 dances are in the Special Dance Photos e-Edition.

Kim Deane

Levi's And Lace

Levi's And Lace are starting Square Dance lessons on Monday, the 26th of February. The first two lessons are free; after that, it's just \$5 a lesson, once a week. It's good therapy...emotionally, physically and mentally. For 2 hours, you leave the world behind. Plus, you have lots of good, healthy camaraderie with the angel helpers.

We'll have a chili supper in a couple of weeks for everyone to get acquainted. This is not just learning a dance, this opens up a whole new life. Please come, invite everyone.

Lessons are at Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church building on 70 West, at 2891 Airport Road, starting at 7pm. Hopefully, we can learn a line dance or two, also, later on. We look forward to seeing and helping you learn this wonderful activity.

Please call Ted or Phyllis Keeney at 501-991-3292, or Norm or Judy Schaffner at 501-276-2401. Come join us. Just give it a try!

Phyllis Keeney

Maverick Mixers

In late January, I had just released the February, 2024 e-Editions of **The Modern Square**, and had posted them on the **ASSDF website**. After a light breakfast, I started coughing from sinus drainage (I dread the springtime pollen season). One cough was so intense, a sharp pain shot down my left hip and leg. I thought I had dislocated my hip, and I struggled to get my walker, my medications, medical list, and called the ambulance.

At the Emergency Room, the X-rays showed no broken bones, and while I didn't fall, it appears that I had severely pinched the left sciatic

nerve. Then, I apparently did it again 3 weeks later, so the road to dancing fully again for me has hit a pothole.

I was released to resume all square dancing early last month, but "slow dancing" is the rule for a little bit. I did dance 2 full tips at our Feb. 10 dance, with Roy Hestand of the Pioneers Square Dance Club as Guest Caller, as our own Phil Moorehouse was away for a family funeral. While I got a bit warm (which was to be expected), I didn't get short of breath...which is good, considering I'm a heart patient. But, that was the first "real dancing" I had done in several years. I was rather rusty from not dancing, and I was very sore the next day, so right now, 2 tips per night is the max for me. My right foot tried to "go out" while dancing, but at least I didn't lose my footing!! While I remembered all the moves, Guest Caller Roy Hestand gave me a workout!! Photos from our Feb. 10 and 24 dances are in the Special Dances e-Edition, including a duet with Roy and his wife, Becky, at our Feb. 10 dance.

We started a combined class of lessons with the Twirling Lariats last month, which will benefit me, as I hadn't actively danced in over 5 ½ years. We had 14 students at the opening night on Feb. 7, then we had 3 squares of students & angels on Feb. 14, plus a clogging demo done by Instructor Lanita Hammett, Kim Fox, Phil Moorehouse, and Karen Graves. A montage photo from Lanita Hammett from the Feb. 7 lessons, with 3 photos from the Feb. 14 lessons, are in the Special Dances E-Edition.

Our 5th Saturday Spring Fling Spaghetti Dinner and Dance is set for Saturday, March 30, 2024, at our regular dance place. We'll have a spaghetti dinner at 6pm, then dancing at 7pm, to the great calling of our own Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website for more details.

We have several other special dances coming up this year...please see the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, or the **ASSDF Website** at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events for more info. Flyers for the dances will be placed online, and in the full e-Edition, as soon as possible.

We dance at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), on the 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturdays. We have a pre-dance workshop at 6:30pm, then dance from 7pm to 9pm, with

our own Phil Moorehouse always calling a great dance.

Be sure to check our Facebook page, or call before you travel, for any last minute changes or cancellations.

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

What a great dance on Jan. 29!! We had visitors from the Twirling Funtimers, and Mrs Anita England danced out of her shoes!! Our Valentine's Dance had to be postponed until Feb. 19, due to a last minute conflict with an activity at our church/dance site, as well as a snowstorm on Feb. 12.

Photos from our Jan. 29, and Feb. 19, 2024 dances, are in the Special Dance Photos e-Edition.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

At our Jan 30, 2024, River City Squares Graduation Dance, we were so happy to welcome Jim, Harry, and Carol into our club. They're all three, former dancers, and are ready to get back into the "swing of things"!

The photos in the Special Dance Photos e-Edition show them receiving their Diplomas, getting hugs in our Yellow Rock Line, dancing an "Initiation Dance" with some "Angels", and a little Initiation Puzzle. We had a lot of fun. A Great Big Thank You to everyone for the Refreshments. Lots and lots of Delicious Food!!

Also, we had a "Surprise Visitor". The Renowned Ted Hofmeister (our very personable ASSDF Secretary and Past President). We missed the lovely and personable Tonia Hofmeister, as she was busy baby-sitting!

At our Feb. 13, 2024, Mardi Gras/Valentine Dance, there were lots of

colorful dancers, and delicious refreshments. Thanks to all for a wonderful night of fun. Several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Ron Keeling's wife, Eva, is recovering from knee surgery. She noted on the club's Facebook page that "all went well, and I was up and walking this morning". We wish her a speedy recovery.

We're doing a Plus Workshop before our dances each Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7pm, and our regular dance follows, at the Fort Smith Senior Center, at 2700 Cavanaugh Road.

Jody King

Twirling Funtimers

February had a blustery start, it was in the teens and twenties, snow reaching 6 inches, then the ice. What a way to start the month. The Club canceled our February 7th dance because of the winter weather conditions. But, the last weeks have warmed up enough to end this month with a hint of spring in the air.

After a practice run at the Valintine theme on February 14, a week later we celebrated our Red and White dance with a good turnout of two squares. A special thanks goes out to a visiting square dancer; Greg Springer from Gardener, Kansas, who filled our second square, with Ken Jarman calling mainstream and Marge Sherrell cueing rounds it kept us up on the floor for most of the evening. See photos from the Red and White dance in the Special Dances E-Edition, with videos at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square (note those video files are rather large in size).

Marge Sherrill instructs round dancing Phase II, III, and IV Tuesdays from 5-7pm, at the Lutie High School Cafeteria at 5802 Highway 160, in Theodosia, Missouri.

The Club Angels are ready to support Donna Gellenbeck when she starts beginning square dance lessons. The club has several recent graduates that will make good Angels. The Class Schedule will be announced on the Twirling Funtimers Facebook page when ready.

Twirling Funtimers dance every Wednesday evening at the Lloyd Travis Municipal building located at 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, Arkansas. Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman are the callers and Marge Sherrill is the cuer. Square dancing levels; mainstream, Plus tips and phase I, II, III round dancing. January through March 6pm - 8pm.

Follow us on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

The Twirling Lariats dance on the 1^{st} , 3^{rd} , and 5^{th} Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm . They dance at American Legion Hut Post 128; 9925 Leah Lane Mabelvale AR. Joey Duhamel is caller.

Two clubs have combined lessons. The Twirling Lariats and Maverick Mixers have combined square dance lessons. These 2 clubs are hosting lessons, every Wednesday from 7 to 9. The cost is \$5 per person per night. Angels are needed. Lessons are at the American Legion Hut in Mabelvale, AR...the same place both clubs hold their regular dance. International Square Dance Caller Jet Roberts gave everyone a square-dancing night to dance the night away. There were 4 squares on floor, sponsored by Whitehall Star Steppers President's Day Celebration on Feb 19, 2024. It was held at Sheridan Recreation Center, Sheridan AR. It is a small venue so 4 squares filled the hall up. There might have been more squares on the floor, if the seating had been set up differently. But it seems it was just fine as it was. Jet is planning on coming next year So watch for news of when and where.

Other dances coming in near future:

March 2, Bluebird Squares club will dance, as they'll be dark on Saturday, March 16. Caller: Carolyn Birdsong.

March 8, Heber Springers St Patrick Day Dance, Rosebud, Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

March 18, Pioneers St. Patrick Day Special Dance, Mountain Home, Caller: Roy Hestand

March 30, Maverick Mixers 5th Saturday Spring Fling Dance, Mabelvale, AR, Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Find any square dance information by going to the **ASSDF website** (https://www.arkansassquaredance.com), so check it out.

Jokes:

1.Knock Knock.
Whos' there?
Nobell.
Nobell Who?
No Bell, that is why I knocked.

2. What falls in March but never gets hurt. RAIN.

Recipe:

Crock-Pot Corned Beef and Cabbage

You'll find a detailed ingredient list and step-by-step instructions, but let's go over the basics:

These are the ingredients you'll need to make corned beef and cabbage in the Crock-Pot:

Vegetables: You'll need red potatoes, carrots, an onion, and, of course, cabbage.

Water: Cook the ingredients in four cups of water.

Corned beef: This recipe was written for use with a 4-pound corned beef brisket with a spice packet.

Beer: Beer lends irresistible flavor. Opt for a dark beer, such as a Guinness, or another dry Irish Stout, for the best flavor.

Ingredients:

10 baby red potatoes, quartered

4 large carrots, peeled and cut into small pieces

1 onion, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces

4 cups water

1 (4 pound) corned beef brisket with spice packet

6 ounces beer

1 head cabbage cut into small wedges

Instructions:

Place potatoes, carrots, and onion into the bottom of a slow cooker; add water and place brisket on top of vegetables. Pour beer over brisket; sprinkle over spices from the packet and cover.

Cook on low for 7 hours; put in the cabbage and cook for 1 more hour.

A square dance song:

Ladies do and the gents you know,
It's right by right by wrong you go,
And you can't go to heaven while you carry on so,
And its home little gal and do-si-do,
And it may be the last time, I don't know,
And oh, by gosh and oh by Joe.
Circle eight and you get straight,
And we'll all go east on a westbound freight,
And knock down Sal and a pick-up Kate,
And we'll all join hands and circle eight.
Swing your partner 'round and 'round (Ernest Legg)

Ginny Short





Is your club planning on doing New Dancer Lessons soon?? These can be square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging. A dance partner is normally not required, but check with the contact person noted to be sure.

If so, please email the info at least a month before classes begin, to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com — the class info will noted 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. Each club decides how many "free lessons" to offer...the date noted is "the first night of the class". The fee is set by the club, per night, but it's usually around \$5. Classes last around 20 weeks, with graduation afterwards.

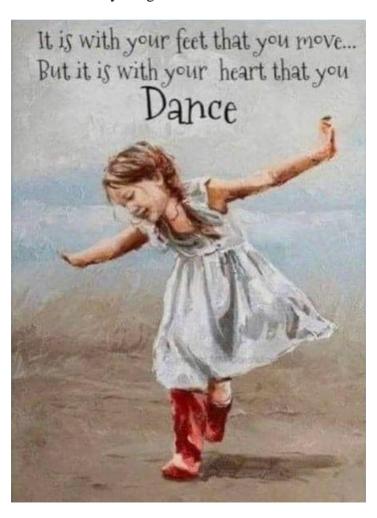
Go to https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources for a link on how to get youth involved in square dancing, and for a link to **promotional videos**, that can be **customized for your club**, or organization website, to introduce people to square dancing.

Hot Springs, AR: Levi's And Lace. Lessons start on Monday, Feb. 26, 2024 at 7pm. Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport Road. Caller/Instructor: Gene Gancarczyk.

For more information, contact Ted and Phyllis Keeney at (501) 991-3292, or Norm and Judy Schaffner at (501) 276-2401.

Lakeview, AR: Twirling Funtimers – check their Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers) for more info...lessons are planned for spring, 2024. Caller/Instructor: Donna Gellenbeck.

Fort Smith, AR: Starting October, 2024 – River City Squares. Further details will be posted as the class start date gets closer. Caller/Instructor: Jay King.



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 for more information.

Clubs that are **DARK** may still be in the **Google Events Calendar** on the **ASSDF website** (https://www.arkansassquaredance.com), but call before traveling to see if they're dancing that evening.

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, is wrong; or if your club is changing their dance dates, times, locations, 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).

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 – Thursday, 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

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, Dance 6pm to 8pm January through March; April through December, Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm **DANCING**

Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane

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

through 5th Wednesday)

Cuer: Marge Sherrill

Contact: Donna Gellenbeck, 139 Dogwood Lane, Lakeview, AR

72642 (870) 620-0037 or Anieta England (870) 449-5135

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 – 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th 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: Kim Deane, 4326 Highway 92 West, Bee Branch, AR

72013 (501) 757-2030

White Hall (Pine Bluff)

Star Steppers – 2nd and 4th Monday, 7pm **DARK**

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

New Boston, TX

Guys N 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 Club Callers And Cuers

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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

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Jarman, Ken

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Ward, Tommy

347 Vineyard Street Hot Springs, AR 71913 (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

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

Note: There has been a **CHANGE** in the **registration forms** for the **73rd National Square Dance Convention** ® in 2024 that are on the next 2 pages, **especially related to RV camping**.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS	Conv Hotel - Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 Parking fee - \$5 per day (in & out) for Hilton guests.	Leader Hotel - Hyatt Regency Milwaukee – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 No discounted parking	This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by May 20, 2024, to guarantee 73rd NSDC pricing. <u>See instructions below.</u>	Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum) 5.672 — 8.723 — M. 6724 — 17 6725 — W. 6726 — 1 6727 — F. 6728 — S. 6729 — S. 6730 # Additional arting and a connected or an experimental arting and a connected or	gle Double Queen Hilton only + \$75) Handicap Acce	ROOMS - only one person per room should o	Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates. BLOCK HOUSING: Group blocks on hold must be booked by individuals no later than	September 15, 2023. After that date, rooms in the block that are not reserved will be released to the general attendee pool. If you are registering as part of a group or block, please complete the following: Block Name.	Block Leader Name Phone	No airport shuttle services provided. There are a variety of cab and	available for the short ride to downtown. Occ and Lyn Services are associated services are associated so for the short ride to downtown. Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and no later than	May 20, 2024. A web link and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees in the order of convention registration . The botel will provide your confirmation under se you provide your registration.	The roce will provide your confirmation retained as you provide you confirmation and must be registered to the convention to receive the convention contracted rate. No self or online	registration is available for the contracted rate except through the web link and phone number which will be provided by convention Housing Vice-Chairman: housing@73nsdc.com . Convention registrations will be verified
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The e-Edition is released on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue. You can download the e-Edition (full or compact)) at the ASSDF website, located at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square

Club Special Dance Photos for March, 2024

Please email these <u>assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com</u> 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, I can't use all photos** (sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view all of these (as well as videos, where available) on the various club Facebook pages (including the **ASSDF** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group.

Special Dance Photos from late January through late February, 2024, at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square are from club regular and special dances with the Pioneers, River City Squares, Heber Springers, Maverick Mixers, Twirling Lariats, Bluebird Squares, Star Steppers, Twirling Funtimers, plus the Levi's And Lace.

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