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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.

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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 2025 ASSDF Executive

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2026 Fall Festival

Theresa & Rickie Muth

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Dear Fellow Dancers and Friends of Dancers.

We are approaching the busiest time of year as we await the celebration of our Savior's Birth.

Our lives have become extremely busy and different, as we are helping to care for five of our grandchildren in North Carolina over the last and next few months. So, our apologies for being late with this note, and missing so many dances with all of you.

We had 4 squares at the **Maverick Mixers Veterans Dance**. We honored our four veterans who were present as well as those who could not attend.

We did get to enjoy a fun weekend with Nelda and Phil calling at the **Giving Thanks By Giving Back Dance** that took place the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving. Lots of fun and brain workouts with some of the calls being in those "different" positions.

We also enjoyed visits with the Levis and Lace in Hot Springs, Star Steppers in White Hall, and Blue Belles and Beaus in Judsonia. Once we are free from grandparent duties, we plan to visit all our other great ASSDF clubs and those close neighboring clubs, too. Oh, by the way, the **Twirling Lariats** got our banner back from **Levis and Lace** by having 10 of us show up at their dance! Now we're out to win some other banners!

Our **Arky Cloggers** club keeps growing and growing. If you want to come see what it's all about, we suggest contacting Lanita Hammett to

make sure they are dancing and visit around 6 pm. She starts new folks about 6:30 but you'd be able to see the "seasoned" dancers before that and then try out a little beginner class. It's great exercise and she starts you in slowly. Currently, there is a 3 generation family taking lessons.

There are lots of good Christmas parties and fun events coming up in December. Don your festive outfits and come out to dance! And of course, enjoy that great square dance food that always seems to show up.

December 12 - **Heber Springers Christmas Dance** in Rosebud December 13 - **Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance** with guest caller Tim Tyl (for those in central Arkansas)

December 13 - **Southern Swingers Christmas Dance** (for those in the Shreveport area)

December 14 - New Callers Christmas Dance in Mabelvale at the Hut

December 17 - Twirling Funtimers Christmas Dance in Lakeview December 19 - Twirling Lariats Ugly Sweater Dirty Santa Potluck Dinner And Dance

December 26 – Levi's And Lace After Christmas Dance

December 27 – Maverick Mixers After Christmas Dance

December 29 - Pioneers End of Year Special Dance

December 31 - Guys And Dolls New Year's Eve Dance

January 3, 2026 - Three Amigos in Mabelvale at the Hut

Remember to check https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/ for more information on any and all dances.

We hope your preparations for the Christmas season are a blessing. Enjoy family fun and fellowship. You are a blessing to us! May God bless you one and all with great joy as we celebrate the long awaited Savior and what he accomplished for us when He humbled Himself and came to earth to save us.

Merry Christmas,

7om and Kim Fox, ASSDF President, 2025

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

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 the E-Edition links are **clickable**. Please let the Editor know if your email 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.).

From The Editor



As another year closes, and the calendar changes to a new year, there are also changes with the world of square dancing with the **ASSDF**.

First, I made a slight error last month on the initial page, still having the previous month noted. I can look at the documents many times, and I still miss things. I guess I need to clean my glasses better (LOL!). I also **changed** my personal email to n5vlz@duck.com as the forwarding address wasn't working right...I guess the email Grinch got to it!!

Second, the information for USDA Club Dancer Insurance, plus ASSDF Club Dues for 2026 has been finalized. There is an ad in the full, compact, and Special Dance e-Editions, and on the ASSDF website on the Resources page, with more information. Thanks to ASSDF Insurance Chairperson Jean Coy for this information. All club contacts have been sent this information...but please contact Jean Coy if your club has not received it.

Third, with the holidays, some clubs have **changed** their dancing schedules, with some being **DARK**. Please call before you travel, and if you've been ill, or feel ill on a dance night, or bad weather is an issue, please stay home. When you're travel dancing, please take your **Arkansas Traveler** badge form with you...information is in both the full and compact e-Editions, as well as on the **ASSDF website** under Resources.

Fourth, things have been finalized for the first big dance of 2026...The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Dancing Kicks in 2026...with callers Phil M)oorehouse, Nelda E)aton, plus the husband/wife team of Blake and Amanda T)hrogmartin. We are thrilled to keep the legacy of the late Bill Strawn and the late Gene Gancarcyzk alive, spotlighting the Maverick Mixers, Twirling Lariats, and the Levi's and Lace. Please see the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

Fifth, if your club has **Special Dances** planned for **2026**, please email the info to <u>assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com</u> as soon as possible, so that I can get them placed on the **Special Events Calendar** in **The Modern Square**, and at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events -- along that line, I'm checking the club Facebook pages for news, photos, etc., but welcome any Club Report submissions as well. The **publication deadline** is 3pm Central Time Sunday following the last Saturday of the month before the month of issue.

Sixth, speaking of travel dancing, there are several special dances coming up, including the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo** in March, with Phil Moorehouse, Jay King, and Tim Tyl...the Twirling Lariats June Bug Dance with Tim Tyl in late May...and for the cloggers, special clogging workshops in February and April. See the flyers in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF Website** for more info.

Seventh, the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** will be at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Clinton, hosted by the Heber Springers. National Caller Ken Burke will call the Thursday night Trail End Dance, and National Caller Scott Bennett will call the Friday night dance. Arkansas' callers and cuers will call/cue Friday afternoon, plus Saturday day and evening. An initial registration form/flyer is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Eighth, for those who are traveling, multi-day festival flyers in states surrounding Arkansas are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF** website under **Upcoming Events**. Be sure to take Arkansas Special Dance flyers with you, if you go to these out of state dances.

Special Dance Photos from late October through November, 2025, downloadable at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square, were obtained from the emails, club Facebook pages, plus the ASSDF club and special dances from the River City Squares, Levi's And Lace, Twirling Lariats, Maverick Mixers, Heber Springers, Southern Swingers, Arky Cloggers, as well as the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation.

Thanks go to Elaine Cox, Jeff Riddle, CorBen Geis, Patricia Joanna Kennedy, Jody King, Ginny Short, Mike Lewis, Phyllis Keeney, Ted Hofmeister, Carole Baker, Lynn Brown, Lanita Hammett, Mike Lewis,

Theresa Muth, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmatin, and to Daryl Stout for the photos.

With the winter season upon us, several winter weather safety reminders from the **National Weather Service** are toward the back of the Special Dances e-Edition. Full Arkansas weather data, forecasts, as well as any watches, warnings, and advisories are at https://www.weather.gov/lzk

Please visit our **Facebook** page and our **website** for any last-minute changes/updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas, and contact me if you have any questions or comments. The **ASSDF** wishes everyone a very **Merry Christmas**, as well as a **Happy and Prosperous New Year**, and we hope to see many of you at some of the club Christmas Dances, as well as on the dance floor in 2026!!

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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 notices of these updates. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this.



It's that time of year again, for all ASSDF Member Clubs to update their enrollment!!

As you are aware, the **ASSDF** is the central organization that helps guide square dancing in the state of Arkansas. In addition, the **ASSDF** puts on an annual Fall Festival, to bring the state dancers together under one roof, sponsors the **ASSDF** website (https://www.arkansassquaredance.com) to provide square dancing information to all individuals, publishes the monthly publication **The Modern Square** (e-Editions), letting all know what the Clubs are doing, and helps the clubs to obtain insurance through the **USDA Dancers Insurance Program**.

The 2026 Annual ASSDF Club Membership Fee is \$20, and it is due to the ASSDF Treasurer by January 1, 2026. Please make the check payable to the ASSDF, and mail it to:

Jean Coy 3 Reata Way Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

IMPORTANT! In order for a Club to participate in the USDA Dancers Insurance Program, the Club must be a member of the ASSDF.

Clubs may feel that "their caller insurance" protects them from incidents/accidents at dances. However, according to Callerlab and the American Callers Association, it protects them "only if a caller causes injury". Your dance club and its members are at risk of a massive lawsuit if something happens at a dance, without insurance. However, the Dance Clubs may receive economical dancer insurance (per dancer) through the United Square Dancers of America. This insurance program provides Accident Medical

Insurance, which helps supplement a dancer's existing medical insurance; and Liability insurance, which protects the club and its members from financial loss due to unforeseen accidents, which may develop into litigation against members and organizations.

To review the **USDA Dancers Insurance Program** coverage in its entirety...including who and what is covered, limits of coverage, and period of coverage, among other items, go to https://www.usda.org/Insurance.php.

The USDA annual individual dancer premium will be \$6.50 for 2026...with a minimum charge of \$52 per club, which is based on 8 dancers (1 square). The USDA had to increase the cost due to the increased costs the insurance carrier has incurred. Every Club's Insurance Coordinator should have received the annual ASSDF insurance packet the week after November 15, 2025. If you did not receive the insurance mailout, please contact ASSDF Insurance Coordinator, Jean Coy, at (715) 207-3502.

In the insurance information packet, there will be a blank club roster form to designate the paying insurance members. Please note any change in the venue you dance at, or if there has been a change in the insurance contact personnel, when you return the roster. Please remember if there are dancers within your club who are members of multiple clubs, the insurance fee will only be paid once.

The **ASSDF** appreciates every clubs participation in our state organization and welcomes all feedback on how we can make the organization better to support the backbone of our organization...the Clubs!





WELCOME

NEW DANCERS

Presented by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

www.arkansassquaredance.com

2025



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.

Note that some of the clubs noted may no longer be dancing, or part of the **ASSDF**.

Quilts by Ellen Lewis

Ellen Lewis has a gift for turning everyday keepsakes into lasting treasures. Whether it's a T-shirt from your son's camp, daughter's school collection, or a bundle of well-wishes from loved ones, Ellen transforms them into quilts, wall hangings, or pillows that tell a story. Each piece is a deeply personal journey, and Ellen says she's always honored to be part of it.

Her creations include memorabilia quilts and wedding quilts; each stitched with care and meaning. "Every quilt has a story," Ellen says. She helps people clean out their closets—but hold on to their memories through a special quilt.

Ellen's work was featured in the April 2025 issue of Quiltfolk magazine, celebrating her passion and artistry. And she has been at this a long time. "I've been sewing since I had Barbie dolls," she shares, "and I hope to keep doing this as long as I can run the sewing machine."

Ellen and husband Mike have been square dancing since 2022.



870-814-5646 / quiltsbyemlewis.com quiltsbyemlewis1@gmail.com Ellen offers nationwide shipping.







A **Shout-Out** to our own **Ellen Lewis**, featured in the November 2025 issue of **National Squares Online**, promoting the **75**th **NSDC** (National Square Dance Convention ®) in Waco, Texas.



To visit the **ASSDF website**, you can either **scan the QR code** above, or take your favorite browser to https://www.arkansassquaredance.com

Where are your special events?

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

Further info/flyers, are at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events

National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2026 - June 24-27, 2026	75th NSDC Host City:
	Waco, Texas
2027 - June 23-26, 2027	76 th 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:
	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, etc. unless someone offers transportation. Please advise me if your info (club contact, dance day/time) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website, is wrong; as I can't fix it if I'm not told.

Most of the special dance photos are from club Facebook groups, although not everyone is on Facebook. If nothing's sent in or posted, nothing's published in The Modern Square, or on the ASSDF website. There's no word limit on club reports, but minor editing is done for typos, grammar, and continuity. The issue publication deadline is 3pm, US Central Time, on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.

If emails to you are returned, due to your box being full/over quota, or the address isn't valid, you won't receive notices on Modern Square releases or ASSDF club updates, until you contact me with updated info. Please let me know if you no longer want these emails.

Please CALL BEFORE TRAVELING, in case of last minute changes or cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or if weather is an issue, please stay home.

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will EVER send emails, Facebook messages, etc., asking for money, gift cards, etc.; those are SCAMS! Clubs with Facebook pages MUST police them, as scammers are posting things like "club T-Shirts", "death of a celebrity", "deleting all inactive members", "wanting part time work," (NOTHING to do with square dancing). These posts/emails have viruses to steal your identity, delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, 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 your Facebook profile. This helps keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity/data stolen, your Facebook page could get hacked, or you could be "left on the hook, financially".

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



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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 <u>www.arkansassquaredance.com</u> 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

- 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.
- Have this card signed and dated by a Club Officer in the Area visited.
- Present your completed card to your club president by September 10.
- You may earn only one badge or dangle per person per year.

Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle

- 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/festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then **non-ASSDF dances/festivals** in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). The **National Square Dance Convention** ® (NSDC) events are always listed, no matter what state it's 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. The out-of-state festivals will have the first page of their flyers in the full e-Edition, with full info 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 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

DECEMBER 2025

Dec. 12, 2025 – Heber Springers Christmas Dinner Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Dinner at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm.

Dec. 13, 2025 -- Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane),

Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Guest Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 13, 2025 – Southern Swingers Christmas Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Joey Duhamel. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 14, 2025 – New Callers Christmas Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Tim Tyl and other callers. Callers Workshop at 1pm, Dance at 4pm. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 17, 2025 – Twirling Funtimers Winter/Holidays/Christmas Dance, Lloyd Travis Community Center, Lakeview, AR. Callers:
Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 19, 2025 – Twirling Lariats Ugly Sweater/Dirty Santa Potluck Dinner and Christmas Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

Dec. 22, 2025 – The Pioneers are **DARK** tonight.

Dec. 23, 2025 – The Arky Cloggers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 24, 2025 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 26, 2025 – The Heber Springers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 26, 2025 – Levi's And Lace After Christmas Dance, Lake Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport Road, Hot Springs, AR. Callers: Blake and Amanda Throgmartin.

Dec. 27, 2025 – Maverick Mixers After Christmas Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. **Dec. 29, 2025 – Pioneers End Of Year Special Dance**, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Dec. 30, 2025 – The Arky Cloggers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 31, 2025 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 31, 2025 – Guys N Dolls New Years Eve Dance, Behind Gary and Linda Carlile's home, Texarkana, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 3, 2026 – The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks In 2026 Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock, AR). Callers: Phil M)oorehouse, Nelda E)aton, plus Amanda and Blake T)hrogmartin. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 16, 2026 – Pioneers Valentine's Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Feb. 28, 2026 – Gateway To The Ozarks Clogging Workshop, Pocahontas, AR. Clogging Instructors: Lanita Hammett, Shina Morgan, Kaydin Seawel, LaRetha Morrison. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MARCH 2026

March 6-7, 2026 – Spring Fling On Mount Nebo. Sponsored by the ASSDF, the Twirling Lariats, and the Maverick Mixers. Callers: Jay King, Tim Tyl, and Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

March 16, 2026 – Pioneers St Patrick's Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

APRIL 2026

April 24-25, 2026 – Clogging In The Natural State Workshop Weekend, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Clogging Instructors: Chip Summey, Lanita Hammett, Cathy Micheals, Joe Dawley, and Alice Havel. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

MAY 2026

May 25, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

May 29, 2026 - The Twirling Lariats are DARK tonight.

May 30, 2026 – The Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

May 30, 2026 – Twirling Lariats June Bug Jamboree Dance, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Tim Tyl. Further details will be posted as soon as possible.

JUNE 2026

June 8, 2026 – Pioneers Straw Hat Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

AUGUST 2026

Aug. 17, 2026 – Pioneers Hobo Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

SEPETEMBER 2026

Sep. 7, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 8-10, 2026 – 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springers. Oct. 8 Trail End Dance Caller: Ken Burke. National Caller: Scott Bennett. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info. Further details will be announced as soon as possible.

Oct. 12, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Oct. 26, 2026 -- Pioneers Halloween Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 9, 2026 – Pioneers Veterans Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Nov. 23, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

DECEMBER 2026

Dec. 21, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 28, 2026 – Pioneers End Of Year Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Non-ASSDF Special Dances and Festivals

DECEMBER 2025

- **Dec. 4, 2025 Recycles Ugly Sweater Dance**, Tulsa, OK. Caller: Monty Hackler. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- Dec. 4, 2025 -- Roadrunners Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Charlie Robertson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- Dec. 5, 2025 -- Kissin' Kuzzins Tis The Season For Dancing Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.
- **Dec. 5, 2025 -- T-Square Gadabouts Christmas Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- **Dec. 5, 2025 -- Texas Reelers Letter V 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.
- **Dec. 5, 2025 -- Triangle Squares Toys For Tots Dance**, Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- Dec. 6, 2025 -- Circle 8 Squares 90th Birthday Bash For Jon Jones, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Callers: Jerry Gilbreath, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Vernon Jones, Darryl Lipscomb, Tony Oxendine, and Charlie Robertson. Club Caller: Melton Luttrell. Club Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.
- **Dec. 11, 2025 -- Double Plus Christmas Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info. * Casual Attire *

- Dec. 12, 2025 -- Fort Worth Squares/Pioneer Squares Friendship Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- **Dec. 12, 2025 -- Stone Steppers New Dancer Dance**, Garland, TX. Caller: Bill Hinkley. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- **Dec. 13, 2025 -- Circle I Squares 73rd Anniversary Dance**, Irving, TX. Guest Caller: Bobby Willis. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- **Dec. 18, 2025 -- Roadrunners Love A White Christmas Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Toby Thomason. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- **Dec. 19, 2025 -- Kissin Kuzzins Christmas Dance**, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- **Dec. 19, 2025 -- Old Tyme Square Dance Calls Dance**, Fort Worth, TC. Caller: Vernon Jones. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.
- **Dec. 19, 2025 -- Texas Reelers Cowboy Christmas Dance**, Richarson, TX. Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- **Dec. 20, 2025 -- Rebel Rousers Winter Wonderland Dance**, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.
- Dec. 31, 2025 New Year's Eve GMT (Greenwich Mean Time)
 Dance, St. Joseph, MO. Caller: Chris Wildhagen. See the flyer on the
 ASSDF website for more info. ** Afternoon Dance ** Pulled Pork
 Sandwiches After The Dance **
- Dec. 31, 2025 -- Double Plus New Years Eve Celebration Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 -- Log Cabin Swingers New Years Eve Dance, Tool, TX. Caller: Ken Burke. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 -- Single Hingers And Mineola Railers New Years Eve Dance, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and K.O. Jeanes. Cuer: Fred Ayres. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 10, 2026 -- Greater Memphis Square And Round Dance Association (GMSRDA) Appreciation and Benefit Dance, Bartlett, TN. Caller: Tim Tyl. Rounds/Lines: Connie Wise. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

Jan. 15, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 16-17, 2026 – General Butler Bash Plus and Advanced Square and Round Dance Weekend, Somerset, KY. Callers: Jack Pladdys, Travis Cook, Dan Sahlstrom, and Tom Davis. Cuer: Elaine Wintrow. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, or on the ASSDF website, or go to https://generalbutlerbash.com/ for more info.

Jan. 24, 2026 – Mississippi Square And Round Dance Association (MSRDA) South Council Dance, Hattiesburg, MS. Caller: Bubba Mingus. Cuer: Tim Eum. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 6-7, 2026 – TSquare Gadabouts and Circle 8 Squares 2nd
Annual Friendship Let's Go Cruisin' Dance, Fort Worth, TX.
Callers: Scott Bennett, Mike Hogan, Wernon Jones, Bear Miller, and Justin Russell. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

Feb. 19, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 20-22, 2026 -- 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.

MARCH 2026

March 13-14, 2026 – 52nd Annual Texas Association Of Single Square Dancers (TASSD) Roundup, Waco, TX. Caller: Dave Rivera. Cuer: Michelle Rivera. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info, or go to https://tassd.org

March 26, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

March 27-28, 2026 – 63rd Annual East Texas Square And Round Dance Association Spring Festival, Marshall, TX. Callers: Pat Kotal and Gary Sanders. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer in the full e-Edition,, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

APRIL 2026

April 2, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 10-11, 2026 – Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (NEOSDA) Spring Festival, Claremore, OK. Trail End Dance on April 10, Festival on April 11. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

April 17-18, 2026 – 73rd **Heart Of America Federation Square Dance Festival**, Kansas City, MO. Callers: Tim Tyl and Ken Burke. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2026

May 14, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

May 22-23, 2026 -- Chapel Hill Get Away Plus Weekend, Chapel Hill, TN. Callers: Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: Connie and Robert Wise. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info

May 22-24, 2026 – 10th Annual Mineola Railers Mainstream Extravaganza, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Monty Hackler. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

May 30, 2026 – 50 Years Of Calling Special Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Mike Bramlett, Dave Vieira, Dale Smith, and John Kephardt. ** Afternoon Dance ** See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

JUNE 2026

June 4-6, 2026 – 64th Texas State Federation Square And Round Dance Festival, Longview, TX. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

June 5-6, 2026 – 72nd Kansas Square Dance Festival, Wichita, KS. Caller: Eric Henalu. Cuers: Kay and Bob Kurczewski. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 11, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

June 24-27, 2026 – 75th National Square Dance Convention ®, Waco, Texas. More info, as well as a Registration Form are at https://75nsdctx.com/ and in the full e-Edition.

JULY 2026

July 10-11, 2026 – Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Dance Weekend, Emporia, KS. Callers: Nick Hartley, Dan Sahlstrom, and Tim Tyl. Cuers: Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.

July 10-11, 2026 -- Royal Rendezvous, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: Jan and David Toms. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 23, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

AUGUST 2026

Aug. 6-8, 2026 – 51st Tennessee Square and Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, TN. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, or on the ASSDF website for more info, or go to https://tnsquaredance.org/

Aug. 27, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sep. 3-6, 2026 – 30th Annual An Evening In Paris Weekend, Paris, TX. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Tony Oxendine, Tim Tyl, Buddy Weaver, and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: David and Jan Toms. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 10, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 18-20, 2025 – Brazos Bash Square Dance Weekend, Waco, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones, Ken Burke, and Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 1, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 12, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. 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.

JUNE 2027

June 23-26, 2027 – 76th National Square Dance Convention ®, Loveland, Colorado. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration Form are at https://76nsdc.com

JUNE 2028

June 21-24, 2028 – 77th National Square Dance Convention ®, Daytona Beach, Florida. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration form is at https://77nsdcfl.com/

Club Reports

Note: Information for these reports was obtained from the club Facebook groups and photos, emails to the Editor, and items on the **Special Events Calendar**. DS

Arky Cloggers

What a year 2025 has been!

December wraps up another **FUN** year for the Arky Cloggers!

December will be a short month for the Arky Cloggers, but we are going to pack a lot into it. We will continue to review familiar routines, but continue to add Christmas themed dances. We will have a

Christmas party on the 9th of December, and then finish up with a performance at StoneBridge Assisted Living Center in Conway.

Before this quarter ends, we will be collecting dog/puppy and cat/kitten food for the Companion Spay And Neuter Center in Greenbrier. We are choosing a new charity every quarter that we can "give back" to the community. We will be taking the last two weeks of December off to spend time with family and enjoy the festivities of the season. There will be **no classes** on December 23rd or 30th.

Classes have been progressing nicely. Our beginner class has already learned three songs and are learning more and more steps each week. The boost class has been a great aid for the dancers. That time slot has provided time for the newer dancers to really polish the more challenging steps. The intermediate/advanced class has continued to learn more and more songs. We have started adding dance formations to some songs. This is an area that we will continue to expand on in 2026.

We look back on 2025, and smile. We embraced learning new steps and routines. We had celebrations and performances all around central Arkansas. We are looking forward to adding more and more in 2026.

When classes start back in January, we will have a birthday party for the Arky Cloggers! January marks the start of our third year! The group has exceeded my wildest expectations! They are some amazing ladies to accomplish so much in such a short time!

It is our hope that you pause to remember the real reason for this season. We want to wish all of you a happy, healthy, prosperous and fun new year. There is a standing invitation for you to stop in and visit us. Our door is always open.

Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/7366350676716921 or our website at https://www.arkycloggers.com for updates.

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year from the Arky Cloggers!!

Lanita Hammett

Blue Belles And Beaus

Our own Phil Moorehouse will call at 2 special dances to start 2026. First, he'll join fellow callers Nelda Eaton, along with Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance In 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane in Mabelvale (Little Rock). A flyer is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** with more info.

Then, in early March, Phil will join fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

You can find the latest updates for our club on our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100052996541923

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the Blue Belles And Beaus!!

Robert and Cheryl Shaver

Guvs N Dolls

Our own Nelda Eaton called at the **Twirling Lariats Halloween Dance** on Oct. 31. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, including quite a few dancers in costumes.

Then, she joined fellow caller Phil Moorehouse with the combination Giving Thanks By Giving Back Dance with the Twirling Lariats and Maverick Mixers on Nov. 21 and 22. There were 3 squares Friday night, and 4 squares Saturday night...with line dancing between tips...and she finished the Saturday night event with a "Hot Hash" Tip. More of these "combination dances" are likely, when the Twirling Lariats and Maverick Mixers dance on successive nights...watch The Modern Square and the ASSDF website under Upcoming Events for updates.

We will have a **New Years' Eve Dance** at Gary and Linda Carlile's place at 6 Cardinal Lane in Texarkana, Texas...on Dec. 31 from 9pm

to midnight. There will be food, fireworks, and fun. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for details.

We normally dance on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7pm, at Plentiful Harvest Church, at 500 North Merrill in New Boston, Texas. We'd love to have you join us for a fun evening of square and line dancing.

Our Facebook page is at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1182928908453786 -- you'll find any updates there.

The Guys N Dolls wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rhonda Bailey

Heber Springers

We had a square at our **Giving Thanks Dance** on Nov. 14, with 2 photos in the Special Dances e-Edition...yet, it looks like Tom Turkey was the big star, and he would've provided plenty of food to go around!!

Our **Christmas Dance** is set for Dec. 12, with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm and our dance at 7:30pm. Note that we will be **DARK** on Dec. 26 for the Christmas Holiday Weekend.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join fellow callers Nelda Eaton, plus Blake and Amanda Throgmartin at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks In 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane in Mabelvale (Little Rock), for the first big dance of the year. Two months later, Phil will join fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

We're hosting the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Clinton. Ken Burke will call the Trail In Dance on Oct. 8, and we'll also have National Caller Scott Bennett...along with Arkansas' Callers And Cuers. An initial flyer and registration form is

in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**...and more details will be noted as soon as possible.

We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th Friday at 7pm at the Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West in Rosebud. We'd love to have you join us!!

Please visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/487782943047841 for any updates.

Happy Holidays to all from the Heber Springers!!

Theresa Muth

Levi's And Lace

We had several squares at our special dance on Nov. 1 with national caller Jack Pladdys...several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, along with a nice thank you letter from Jack...who is wanting to do another dance with us sometime next year.

The **Twirling Lariats** brought a square to our Nov. 14 dance, and got their travel banner back. We had 3 squares at the dance, with our own Amanda and Blake Throgmartin calling a fun evening of dancing. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with some videos on our Facebook page.

Several dancers traveled to the combination **Giving Thanks By Giving Back** special dance with the **Twirling Lariats** and **Maverick Mixers** in Little Rock on Nov. 21 and 22. There were 3 squares Friday night, and 4 squares Saturday night. There was no question as to who our callers, Blake and Amanda Throgmartin danced with, as each one had a T-shirt with the other one's name on it, and noting "dance partner"!!

We were able to dance on Nov. 28 after all, and we're sure folks wanted to eat off all the holiday food. Thank you to Blake Throgmartin and Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin for calling an awesome dance. We had a great time. A big old yellow rock to Ronald Wise for workshopping Plus. And Amanda is teaching so many line dances, which adds to the fun! It was an absolute great dance! The

next night, we went to the **Maverick Mixers**, and stole their travel banner!!

We WILL be dancing on Dec. 26, the day after Christmas, so come celebrate yellowrocks under the tree with us. Then, to start the new year off right, our own Blake and Amanda Throgmartin will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Nelda Eaton at The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at American Legion Post 128 in Mabelvale (Little Rock); and several of our dancers are planning to attend the first big dance of 2026. A flyer is in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website.

We normally dance the 2nd and 4th Friday at 7pm, at Lake Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs. We'd love to have you join us for a fun evening of dancing, food, and fellowship. Ron Wise does a Plus Workshop at 7pm, then our regular dance with callers Amanda and Blake Throgmartin calling.

Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1496305407256737 for updates.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Levi's And Lace...and remember "The Reason For The Season".

Phyllis Keeney

Maverick Mixers

We start off recognizing our veterans, and thank them for their service to their country. A photo in the Special Dances e-Edition recognizes veterans Patti Cummings, Phil Moorehouse, Jerry Short, and Ron Wise.

Several members attended the **Twirling Lariats Halloween Dance**, including our own Phil Moorehouse. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Next, several members were at the combination weekend **Giving Thanks By Giving Back Dance** with our club and the **Twirling Lariats**. As the calendar had it, each club danced on consecutive nights...so our own Phil Moorehouse was joined by Nelda Eaton for 2

nights and an afternoon of dancing. There were 3 squares Friday night, and 4 squares Saturday night. We're thrilled that \$1110 in donations was raised, with \$560 going to the Hut Repair Fund, and \$550 going to the local Ronald McDonald House. Numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Then, for **National Square Dance Day** on Nov. 29, we had 3 squares, with our own Phil Moorehouse helping everyone dance off all that holiday food, despite the cool and damp weather outside. At the dance, there was a special presentation to Roger Garner to get to "The Hut Repair Fund". In the days before the holiday, our own Lanita Hammett presented the check for \$550 to Sierah McDaniel of the local Ronald McDonald House. Photos of both "presentations" are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will be traveling with his family the first part of December, so our Christmas Dance will have Special Guest Caller Tim Tyl on Saturday, Dec. 13. He will stay in town for the New Kids Christmas Block Party at our dance location on Sunday, Dec. 14...with a callers workshop from 1pm to 4pm, and the dancing to various callers from 4pm to 6pm...all callers are welcome to join us. Admission is free, with donations going to the Hut Repair Fund. Flyers for both these dances are in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website under Upcoming Events. Also, we WILL dance on Dec. 27, the Saturday after Christmas.

Several dancers plan to attend **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, at our regular dance place on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026. Our own Phil Moorehouse will be joined by fellow callers Nelda Eaton of the **Twirling Lariats** and Guys and Dolls, plus Blake and Amanda Throgmartin of the **Levi's And Lace**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

To swing into spring, our own Phil Moorehouse will join Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

We dance on the 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturdays, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale. When our own Phil Moorehouse is not "a Traveling

Maverick", calling special dances elsewhere...he always provides a fun evening...but we welcome guest callers to do tips at our dances.

Please call before you travel or check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/2402030760029886 for last minute changes or cancellations.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the Maverick Mixers!!

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

First, note that we'll be **DARK** on Dec. 22, 2025 for Christmas Week, but plan to have an **End Of Year Special Dance** on Dec. 29.

We have set up our regular and special dance schedule for 2026. While these are noted in the Special Events Calendar elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**, here is a brief list of our special dances. Our regular dances will be on the non-special dance nights, unless we're **DARK**...those dates are noted later in this report.

First, we start the year with our **Valentine's Dance** on Feb. 16 -- come show your love for this wonderful hobby. In March, our **St. Patrick's Dance** will be on March 16...be sure to wear your green for this one!!

Moving into the summer months, we'll have our **Straw Hat Special** on June 8, and our **Hobo Dance** on August 17. Wear your fancy straw hats for our June 8 special, and your hobo outfit for our **Hobo Dance** (we hope to have hobo stew there as well).

As the hot hash of the "Red Hot" summer goes to cooler fall temperatures (heading to the "Ice Cold" of winter), we'll have a **Halloween Special** on Oct. 26, and our **Veterans Special** on Nov. 9. Then. we'll finish off the year with an **End Of Year Special Dance** on Dec. 28.

Some of the specials might change to Fridays or Saturdays...watch our club report and our Facebook page for updates.

Please note that we will be **DARK** (not dancing) on the following Mondays -- these are noted in the Special Events Calendar elsewhere in this issue, on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**, and in the Google Calendar on the **ASSDF website**.

Dec. 22, 2025 (Christmas Week)...May 25, 2026 (Memorial Day)...Sep. 7, 2026 (Labor Day)...Oct. 12, 2026 (Columbus Day)...Nov. 23, 2026 (Thanksgiving Week)...and Dec. 21, 2026 (Christmas Week).

We dance at Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, at 165 Jerry Baker Lane, in Mountain Home, Arkansas from 7pm to 9pm, with the doors opening at 6:30pm.

Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/859216584467625 for any other updates. Note that we will likely be **DARK** on dance nights, if winter weather is in the region.

The **Pioneers** wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

Our Oct 28th **Halloween Party** had a visitor from Southhaven, Miss. Thanks Yvetta, for visiting us (and Bobby)!!! Love all the imaginative costumes. — feeling thankful. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with videos on our Facebook page.

Our Nov. 11th **Veterans Dance** had lots of Red White And Blue, Patriotic Songs, and Fun Loving Dancers. We had a "Thank You for Your Service and Yellow Rock Line" for our Veterans. We're so grateful for all of them!! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our newest square dance class is well underway at our regular dance place, the Fort Smith Senior Center, at 2700 Cavanaugh Road, with our own Jay King instructing the potential new dancers. Several photos from the second night of class are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Jay King will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Please see our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470785299916715 for any changes or updates.

The River City Squares wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jody King

Southern Swingers

We had good crowds at our Oct. 31 and Nov. 21 **Louisiana Lagniappe** Dances...as well as at our Nov. 8 Thanksgiving Dance...with Tim Tyl calling all 3 dances. Numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Joey Duhamel will do our **Christmas Party** on Saturday, December 13...see the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF** website for more information. Our list of special dances for 2026 will be posted as soon as possible.

We dance at Promenade Hall, at 5400 Benton Road, in Bossier City, Louisiana, on Tuesday evenings, with special dances on selected Saturdays, with our own Joey Duhamel always calling a great dance.

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

Happy Holidays from the Southern Swingers!!

Carole Baker

Star Steppers

Due to a power outage at our dance place, we were **DARK** on October 27...our apologies for any inconvenience.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join fellow callers Nelda Eaton, with the husband-wife caller team of Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at American Legion Post 128 in Mabelvale (Little Rock). It's a great way to start the new year off right, with such a wonderful hobby.

In early March, Phil will join fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl for the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th Monday, unless otherwise noted at the White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700 Andersen Avenue, with our own Phil Moorehouse calling.

Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/306734347493720 for any updates, including last minute cancellations for winter weather or other issues.

Happy Holidays to our members and visitors from the Star Steppers.

Kathy Tankersly

Twirling Funtimers

We had a good crowd, great dancing, and a lot of tasty food at our **Thanksgiving Dance** on Nov. 19. Our final special dance of the year will be on Wednesday, Dec. 17, with our **Winter/Holidays/Christmas Dance**, at our regular dance place, with our own Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman calling. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Many thanks to our own Loree Kant for the great work that she does on the special dance flyers.

Note that we will be **DARK** on Dec. 24 for Christmas week. We hope to have a list of special dances in 2026 in the coming weeks...watch

our club report, the **ASSDF website**, and our Facebook page for updates.

We normally dance on Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane in Lakeview, with Special Dances on the 3rd Wednesday.

Note that with the winter weather season upon us, we will be **DARK** if area schools are closed due to winter weather. Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers for updates.

Season's Greetings from the Twirling Funtimers!!

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

We had 2 squares at our **Halloween Night Dance**, with our own Nelda Eaton. Several photos are in Special Dances e-Edition; congratulations to the costume winners Blake and Amanda Throgmartin. Our own Mike Lewis was "the blind referee", and Ellen Lewis was the "brownie" (Brown-E). A "shout out" to Ellen for her ad in "National Squares Online" for November, 2025...you can see that ad in the full and compact e-Editions.

We recovered our banner from the **Levi's and Lace** at their Nov. 14 dance...a photo of Phyllis Keeney and Tom Fox with our banner...as well as a group photo, are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We had a good crowd at our combination Giving Thanks By Giving Back Weekend Special with the Maverick Mixers on Nov. 21 and 22, with our own Nelda Eaton joined by fellow caller Phil Moorehouse. There were 3 squares Friday night, and 4 squares Saturday night...with our own Nelda Eaton finishing off the Saturday evening dance with an extra "Hot Hash" tip. Nelda also did several line dances before and during the dance. We are looking at future combination dances, when we and the Maverick Mixers dance on consecutive dance nights; watch our club report, our Facebook page, and the ASSDF website, for updates.

Our Christmas Dinner and Ugly Sweater Dance, with Dirty Santa, will be on Friday, December 19. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more details. Photos from that dance will be in the January 2026 e-Edition.

To start the new year, our own Nelda Eaton will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse from the Maverick Mixers, plus Blake and Amanda Throgmartin from the Levi's And Lace, at The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026, at our regular dance place on Saturday, Jan. 3. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, on the ASSDF website, and on our Facebook page for more information.

We are still looking at a **June Bug Dance** with Tim Tyl on May 30, but it possibly will be a potluck duty square. Many thanks to our own Carolyn Cullins, who provided the scrumptious barbecue sauce and items for many years for this dance. While she has "retired" from this task, her work has been greatly appreciated.

We dance at American Legion Post 128, on the 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Fridays, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (southwest Little Rock). We have a Plus Workshop prior to the dance, with our own Nelda Eaton providing a fantastic evening of square and line dancing.

Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/432398663471503 for any updates.

Happy Holidays to all from the Twirling Lariats!!

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 info will be 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

** No new classes known of at this time **



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 for more information.

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

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, 3:30pm to 5pm (Boost Class), 5pm to 6:30pm (Intermediate/Advanced), and Beginner (6:30pm to 8pm) **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 -1^{st} , 3^{rd} , and 5^{th} 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 -2^{nd} , 4^{th} , and selected 5^{th} 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



ASSDF Club Callers And Cuers

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 <u>jdcalls@yahoo.com</u> M/P: Yes *Southern Swingers*

Eaton, Nelda – P.O. Box 1118, New Boston, TX 75570 Cell: (903) 278-8068 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 <u>jayking@cox.net</u> 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 <u>squareupwithblake@gmail.com</u> Amanda – (501) 655-9767 <u>amandacallssquares@gmail.com</u>

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 yet available).

Dec. 13, 2025 -- Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Tim Tyl

Dec. 14, 2025 – New Callers Block Party Christmas Dance, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. MC: Tim Tyl * All Callers Welcome *

Dec. 17, 2025 – Twirling Funtimers Winter/Holidays/Christmas Dance, Lakeview, AR. Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman

Dec. 19, 2025 – Twirling Lariats Ugly Sweater Christmas Dinner and Dance with Dirty Santa, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Dec. 31, 2025 – Guys N Dolls New Years Eve Dance, Texarkana, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton.

Jan. 3, 2026 – The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance In 2026, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Callers: Phil M)oorehouse, Nelda E)aton, as well as Blake and Amanda T)hrogmartin.

Feb. 28, 2026 – Gateway To The Ozarks Clogging Workshop, Pocahontas, AR. Clogging Instructors: Lanita Hammett, Shina Morgan, Kaydin Seawel, LaRetha Morrison.

March 5-6, 2026 – Spring Fling on Mount Nebo, Dardanelle, AR. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Jay King, and Tim Tyl.

April 24-25, 2026 – Clogging In The Natural State Workshop Weekend, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Calling Instructors: Chip Summey, Lanita Hammett, Cathy Micheals, Joe Dawley, Alice Harvel.

Oct. 8-10, 2026 – 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Clinton, AR. Trail End Dance Caller: Ken Burke. Friday Night Caller: Scott Bennett. Arkansas' Callers and Cuers Friday and Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening.

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You can download the e-Edition (full or compact)), as well as photos from recent Club Special Dances, at the **ASSDF website**, at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square -- note that a PDF viewer is required to view these files, and the **Club Special Dance Photos file noted can be rather large**.

Club Special Dance Photos In The Last Month

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, 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.

Special Dance Photos from late October through November, 2025, downloadable at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square, which were obtained from emails, Facebook pages, plus ASSDF club and special dances from the River City Squares, Levi's & Lace, Twirling Lariats, Maverick Mixers, Heber Springers, Southern Swingers, Arky Cloggers, as well as the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation.

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With the winter season upon us, several winter weather safety reminders from the **National Weather Service** are toward the back of the Special Dances e-Edition.