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Any questions about **The Modern Square**, including e-Edition subscriptions, ad copy, or the website, should be mailed to the above address, or sent to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com (email is the fastest way).

Policies:

1. Ads, Club Reports, etc. are due on the Editor's Desk by 9pm Central Time on the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.
 2. The club report **word limit** of **250 words** has been **REMOVED**.
 3. **The Editor reserves the right to omit, edit, or rewrite all submissions.**
 4. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
 5. 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.
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Advertisements :

This issue is the **final print edition**. As of January, 2024, only the **full** and **compact e-Edition** will be available on the ASSDF website, which is located at <https://www.arkansasquaredance.com/the-modern-square> -- fliers for club special dances are **FREE**, but ads for one's work, business, or personal ads, are \$10 per month, or \$60 per year. **Advance Payment is required** to the ASSDF Treasurer, and all ad copy should be sent to the Editor, by 9pm US Central Time on the last Saturday of the month. Please be sure that all dance flier/ad copy/info, etc. is correct **before** submission for publication.



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If you'd like to give back to this wonderful hobby, and serve as an ASSDF officer, please contact any ASSDF Board member. A photo of the new 2024 ASSDF Executive Board will be in the January, 2024 issue, published in an e-Edition format ONLY.

2023 Fall Festival

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President's Message

The past 4 years have been a privilege for Tonia and I, serving as your **ASSDF** President. We enjoyed working with our Board, all the clubs and dancers as we visited around the state. Everyone has always made us feel welcome, which is the way square dancers are.

The **ASSDF** has a great new President, Tom and Kim Fox. We have known Tom and Kim for years. I believe they bring professionalism, energy, and high integrity to the office of President, and you will love them as much as we do, once you get to know them. The **ASSDF** Board is rock solid, and continues to work hard for all the Arkansas square dance community. Tonia and I will continue to serve on the board as Secretary, and look forward to seeing everyone, as we dance around the state. As most of you may know, Tonia and I are General Chairman of the 74th National Square Dance Convention ® (NSDC) in Shreveport, Louisiana in June, 2025. We appreciate all the Arkansas dancers support of the NSDC; and don't forget that you get a \$30 per couple discount if you register before the Pre-Convention dance in March, 2024.

December and January are when USDA Insurance & club membership fees are due, so please get those to Sheila as quickly as you can. Last year, we had very little follow-up, and it is very much appreciated.

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

Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, ASSDF President, 2023

Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

Here are club Facebook pages (search for the groups), plus websites for square and round dance clubs, organizations, callers, and cuers. A full file with links is at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com> under **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:

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, while the **compact** version is without these to save space. Photos are selected from club Facebook groups, or sent in, along with the amount, and photo quality; 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 addresses changes; as you won't get the emails on club updates (special dances, changes, cancellations), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is noted as "**undeliverable**".

From The Editor



As this issue goes to press, I'll be preparing for hip replacement surgery; so, I'm releasing it a few days early. Severe arthritis in the left hip, which radiated down the left leg, has made moving very difficult of late; and it's also why I've just been "sitting" at the local area square dances. It's like a student who has been going through class, and knows 95% of the square dance moves, but they have not yet been "released to actively dance" (I still remember that from Autumn, 1985!!). The surgeon feels the type of surgery, and walking around the house (what I can do with a walker), will do for the "physical therapy", and I won't need left knee replacement surgery. The best news is that, in the long run, **if all goes well**, by next Autumn, I'll be able to **actively resume** square dancing.

This issue of **The Modern Square** is bittersweet for the **ASSDF**. After its original start back in 1961, by its first Editor, the late Lloyd Wilson, this issue is the **final** print edition, due to various issues. From this point going forward, **only** the e-Edition (full and compact) will be available at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> (on the **ASSDF website**). Please see the ad elsewhere in this issue for info on the rest of the changes with **The Modern Square**. The **deadline** for the January, 2024 e-Edition, will be at 9pm Central Time on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023. I'll get "a six week break between issues", as I won't have any computer/internet access for a time after the surgery...so there will be a bit of a delay in updating the **ASSDF website**. With the **new deadline** the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue, it'll give club reporters more time to get the report of their club's activities for the month just ending, into the next month's issue. Please email these to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

With the holidays, some clubs are having Christmas and New Year's Special Dances...but some clubs are also **DARK** for the holidays. Be sure to check the **Special Events Calendar** on the **ASSDF website**, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> for these dances. And, please call before you travel, in case of any last minute cancellations or

changes...and if you don't feel well on a dance night, or if bad weather (especially if a threat of winter snow/ice) is an issue, please stay home.

The Three Amigos will "Start The Floor In 24" with a special dance on Saturday, January 6, 2023, at 7pm, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (southwest Little Rock). Once again, the fantastic ensemble of Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk, & Joey Duhamel, will be calling for your dancing pleasure that evening. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, in the e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more details.

Special Dance photos are from dances with the Twirling Funtimers, Heber Springers, Pioneers, Southern Swingers, River City Squares, Twirling Lariats, Bluebird Squares, and the Maverick Mixers. Thanks to Loree Kant, Suzette Darlin, Kim Deane, Becky Hestand, Carole Baker, Jody King, Carolyn Birdsong, Ellen Glover Lewis, and Ginny Short for the photos.

While most are from the various club Facebook pages, some are sent in...and, all of them are very much appreciated. This way, those who can't attend the special dances, they can still enjoy the dance "in spirit". They're at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

Not to be a Scrooge, but clubs need to actively police their Facebook pages, to keep the spammers (t-shirts, deleting inactive members, etc.) **OUT** of there; or someone will get their data or identity stolen!!

The **new** slate of **ASSDF Officers** for 2024 will be in the January, 2024 e-Edition, and noted on the **ASSDF website**, once that issue is released on Dec. 31, 2023. The entire **ASSDF Board** wishes everyone a very **Merry Christmas**, and a **Happy and Prosperous New Year**.

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



It is that time of year again for all ASSDF member clubs to update their annual enrollment in the **USDA Dancers Insurance program**. This insurance program, especially designed for USDA dance groups, 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 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>

An insurance information packet was mailed out to designated club contacts November 1. In the packet was a blank club rooster form to designate the paying insurance members. Unfortunately like all other things this past year, the USDA had to raise the premium cost to **\$5.50 per person**. If there are dancers within your club who are members of multiple clubs, the \$5.50 fee should only be paid once. If you have not received the insurance mailout, contact ASSDF Treasurer and Insurance Coordinator, Sheila Gesing.

IMPORTANT!! If a club moves from its normal dance venue, it needs to be added, and updated on your policy to have coverage. Also, **class members are our lifeline**, and it's **important that class members also have insurance**. **USDA offers a free grace period for class members**. After classes begin, please make a list of new class members, and forward this to Sheila Gesing, to be forwarded to USDA so these **new class members are covered on your club insurance**.

Please mail **the current club insurance roster including the Club's dance venue location and the \$5.50 per insured dance member**, or clubs that use other insurance options send their **Caller Lab Certificate or other State Insurance Certificate** to the ASSDF Treasurer by Dec. 1, 2023 in order to ensure insurance coverage is effective Jan. 1, 2024.

In addition, the **\$20 ASSDF Club Membership** fee is due to the ASSDF Treasurer by January 1, 2024. Please send two separate checks payable to the **ASSDF** to the following address:

Sheila Gesing
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Sheridan, AR 72150

The ASSDF thanks you and your club in advance for your attention in these matters

Please notify the Editor if the following information is incorrect in either The Modern Square, and/or on the ASSDF website, so that it can be corrected.

- 1) Contact Information for caller, cuer, or club.**
- 2) Club information (when and where they dance, regular or special dance, lessons, Facebook page, etc.).**

If an email to you on ASSDF Club Updates (special dances, changes, last minute cancellations, Modern Square Releases, etc.), bounces back as being undeliverable, you won't receive these anymore, until you contact the Editor with the updated email address. Be sure that you have the email address of assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com in your email "whitelist".

Please don't have someone else contact the Editor on your behalf. Otherwise, the information is "second hand"; and if it's wrong, it could take longer to fix. The only time info should come to the Editor "second hand" is to report the death of a subscriber, so that the ASSDF Club Updates emails can be stopped. Please advise the Editor if you no longer wish to receive these updates.

Next, please call before you travel, in case of any last minute changes or cancellations. If you feel ill on a dance night, or if bad weather is an issue, please stay home.

Effective with the January, 2024 issue (which will be e-Edition ONLY), the deadline is 9pm US, Central Time the last Saturday of the month, regardless of when the last Saturday of the month may be. The new month issue will be released sometime on Sunday following the last Saturday of the month. Fliers for club dances will be FREE of charge in the full e-Edition (and published on the ASSDF website). However, ads for one's work, business, or other personal ads will be \$10 per month, or \$60 per year.

You can download the e-Edition in 3 "flavors" from the ASSDF website located at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> – there is a separate file with photos from special dances ONLY...the full e-Edition has fliers and ads, and the compact e-Edition is without these to save space.

Contact information for the Editor is located elsewhere in this issue.

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



Changes to The Modern Square, effective with this issue:

1. The final print edition is this one (December, 2023)...it will be kept on the ASSDF website at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com> for posterity. The e-Edition will have fliers and ads...the fliers for club special dances will be FREE, but ads for an individual's work, business, or other personal ads, will be \$10 per insertion, or \$60 per year (if you buy a year's worth of ads, you get 6 months free). The compact e-Edition will be without these items, to save space (for those on limited data plans).
2. Photos from special dances from the previous month and from previous ASSDF Fall Festivals will be in separate files on the ASSDF website. The length of storage time on the website for each is to be determined.
3. The 250 word limit on club reports has been REMOVED. Minor editing will be done for grammar, spelling, punctuation, and continuity.
4. The deadline for items to be on the Editor's Desk is now the LAST Saturday of the month, at 9pm US Central Time. Email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com is the best way to get your club reports, photos, etc. to the Editor.
5. The ASSDF Board will retain the print subscription fees, unless the subscriber contacts the ASSDF Treasurer, to request a prorated refund.

If you have any questions, please send an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF

**The Bluebird Squares Presents
The 7th Annual Christmas Dance
Featuring Santa Claus and his Elf**



Callers: Phil Moorehouse and Carolyn Birdsong

**Saline County Fairgrounds
406 Fairfield Road - Benton, Arkansas
December 16, 2023
7pm to 9pm**

**\$8 per person
Including Carolyn's Famous Taco Soup
Each dancer will receive a special gift**

Contact Carolyn (501) 813-7239

The MAVERICK MIXERS will host a



Join us at the American Legion hut
(9925 Leah Lane in Mabelvale) on
Saturday, December 23 for our Ho Ho
Hoedown! Plus lessons at 6:30 and
dance at 7:00. Admission is \$12 per
month for members and \$8 per night
for guests. Caller will be Phil
Moorehouse.

MAVERICK MIXERS

will celebrate the new
year with a **FREE** dance!



Join us on Saturday, December 30, 2023 for a free dance at the American Legion Hut in Mabelvale. We will be serving black eyed peas and cornbread at 6:00. Plus lessons/workshop at 6:30. Dancing will begin at 7:00 with Phil Moorehouse as caller.

Admission is free, but any donations at the door will be given to the American Legion for maintenance and repairs.

Help us ring out the old and bring in the new year!

The Three Amigos "Start The Floor In 24"



Saturday, January 6, 2024 - 7pm - \$10/person
American Legion Post 128, Mabelvale, Arkansas
9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane)

Callers: Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, and Gene Gancarczyk

Info: Phil Moorehouse: (501) 960-4476

Gene Gancarczyk: (501) 767-6354

Joey Duhamel: (870) 209-3646



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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Ken Burke



Tim Tyl



Mail registration and payment to Sheila Gesing, 9760 Grant 7, Sheridan AR, 72150

 Early registration must be postmarked by Sept 30, 2024 // Please ensure checks are payable to ASSDF

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Club Name _____

Tickets (per person) *18 & Under free with adult*

Full Weekend (early registration) \$30 x _____

Friday only \$20 x _____

Full Weekend (after 10/01) \$35 x _____

Saturday only \$20 x _____

The ARTS Video Promotion Project was initiated with the goal of creating short (90-second) videos designed to help promote our great activity. The goal is to post links to the videos on all available media resources. Links to the videos have been posted on The ARTS web site (<https://www.arts-dance.org>), and have been sent to our electronic mailing list.

The goal is to encourage wide spread distribution of the information and for other dance groups and organizations to not only share the URL links, but to also post the videos on their web sites.

Here is the description of the information for the ARTS website. The info can be found under the "Promotion Videos" tab on the website.

Links to the 90-second videos produced by the ARTS -

1) First Video - https://youtu.be/hY82l4_yN3s

Dr. Douglas Lee discusses the Emotional and Psychological benefits of Square Dancing

2) Second Video - https://youtu.be/n56_omnoFZ0

Dr. Douglas Lee notes that Square Dancing helps fight insulin resistance

3) Third Video - https://youtu.be/7P_O8YG7Iak

Dr. Douglas Lee notes that Square Dancing helps strengthen muscles and helps increase balance

4) Fourth Video - <https://youtu.be/FRkuFqmTFPM>

5) Fifth Video - (In production)

Dr. Douglas Lee notes that Square Dancing helps improve the quality of life for people suffering from early dementia. Square Dancing involves physical activity and requires participants to make mental decisions, both of which help fight early dementia.

Note: The links on the above graphic are **NOT** clickable, but were from screenshots of the PDF file, downloadable from the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

Dr. Douglas Lee and his wife are retired medical doctors affiliated with the Marshfield Hospital, and Marshfield Clinic Health System.

They have done research on square dancing including all of the studies that they cite in these videos. Much of their research was what brought them into square dancing and they continue to dance on a regular basis."

For more information about The AR\TS visit: <https://www.ARTS-Dance.org>

Other web sites which provide important information include:

1) <https://www.You2CanDance.com> - includes information about the various forms of dancing

2) <https://www.ReimagingSquareDance.com> - includes a wealth of information about the activity including where to dance

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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 Dance 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	75th NSDC Host City: Waco, TX
2027 - June 23-26, 2027	76th NSDC Host City: To Be Announced

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>

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), souvenirs, 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 Events

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.

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

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

Note: With the e-Edition released around the 15th of the month, I'll include dances in the e-Edition of the prior month from the 15th to the end of that month. With this issue being the **last** print edition, this is the last month for this "partial month data".

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

NOV. 15-30, 2023

Nov. 15, 2023 – Twirling Funtimers Thanksgiving Dance.
Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Lessons at 6pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

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

Nov. 24-26, 2023 – 57th Thanksgiving Square L Round Weekend, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Melton Luttrell, Ken Bower, Jay King, Gary Shoemake. Cuers: Carolyn and Tony Ahart. After Party Entertainment: Suzanne Barnes Fleming. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 25, 2023 – Maverick Mixers Thanks and Giving Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Donations will be taken for “Toys For Tots”. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

DECEMBER 2023

Dec. 15, 2023 – Twirling Lariats Christmas Party and Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR). Meal then “Dirty Santa” at 6pm, Plus Lessons at 7pm, Dance at 7:30pm. Caller: Joey Duhamel

Dec. 16, 2023 – Bluebird Squares Santa And His Elf Christmas Dance, Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road (Exit 116 and I-30), Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Carolyn Birdsong and Phil Moorehouse. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 18, 2023 – Mineola Railers Ugly Sweater Dance, Mineola, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 20, 2023 – Twirling Funtimers Christmas Songs Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Lessons at 6pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

Dec. 23, 2023 – Maverick Mixers Ho Ho Hoedown Christmas Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mann Road

and Leah Lane. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

Dec. 30, 2023 – Maverick Mixers New Years Eve Eve Dance.

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Blackeyed peas and cornbread at 6pm, Workshop at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JANUARY 2024

Jan. 1, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Jan. 6, 2024 – The Three Amigos “Start The Floor In 24”

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 flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

FEBRUARY 2024

Feb. 16-18, 2024 – Red River Special Plus Square Dance

Weekend, The Lake Murray Lodge, 3323 Lodge Road, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Charlie Robertson and Jet Roberts. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MARCH 2024

Mar. 16, 2024 – 74th National Square Dance Convention ®
Pre-Convention Dance, Shreveport Convention Center, 400

Caddo Street, 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 flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2024

May 24-26, 2024 – Mineola Railers 2024 Mainstream Extravaganza, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Shane Greer. Cuer: Martin Philyaw. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2024

June 26-29, 2024 – 73rd National Square Dance Convention®, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Info at <https://73nsdc.com> – a registration form is in the **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 e-Edition, the **ASSDF website**, or the URL noted above for more details.

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 flier 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 & Fred

Fisher. For more info, see the flier on the **ASSDF website**, or go to http://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA_Festival/

OCTOBER 2024

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

JUNE 2025

June 25-28, 2025 – 74th National Square Dance Convention®, Shreveport, Louisiana. Info and an Early Bird Registration Form are at <https://74thnsdc.com>

JUNE 2026

June 24-27, 2026 – 75th National Square Dance Convention®, Waco, Texas. Info and an Early Bird Registration Form are at <https://75nsdctx.com/>

Club Reports

Bluebird Squares

I wish all square dancers the happiest and holiest of Christmases! Jesus is the reason for the season.

Our Life is Good Taco Dinner And Dance was really fun! I had every taco topping known to man and womankind, and there were some really awesome looking tacos! My strawberry dessert was pretty good too!

I had some new singing music that did pretty good. Phil Moorehouse

danced and called a six-couple tip and did his usual awesome job! He joined me the last tip in Margaritaville....“some people claim there's a 'man' (yep, that's what I said) to blame, but I know, it's all Phil's fault! (I said that too!) Lol!

December 16th will be our Santa And His Elf Dance. It's always so much fun, with so many Christmas songs to dance to. The Bluebird Square Choir will perform the 12 Days of Christmas, Redneck Style again...we had a ball with it last year! I'll have my taco soup as usual.

The Fall Festival in Mountain Home was wonderful! I loved the dance and hotel being under one roof! My Saturday line dance workshop went well. I taught them a few intermediate line dances and the line dancers enjoyed them.

I still have one hummingbird feeder up on my front porch, and it's a good thing because I have TWO girl hummers (both ruby-throats). It could be the difference between death and survival for a hummer. The temperatures have gone down to 28 degrees each night, and I worry about them, but they keep showing up! I've ordered a heated hummer feeder.

Winter is a very important time to feed the birds. It's when they need it the most, with nature being dormant. When we start having the winter precipitation, the birds act like they are starving, and will empty out feeders quickly! So I really stock up on sunflower seeds and my homemade bird food that I make. I am rewarded by watching the birds!

Ya'll come on over and laugh and dance with us!

Carolyn Birdsong

Heber Springers

Several photos from our demo at the Roundup For Renewal Ranch in Conway, on Oct. 21, and from our Oct. 27 Halloween Dance with National Caller Dan Nordbye, are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Kim Deane

Maverick Mixers

As this report goes to press, yours truly will be preparing for left hip replacement surgery. The good news is that the surgeon feels that my walking around the house will suffice for the “physical therapy”, and I won’t need knee replacement surgery. The best part is that, in the long run, if all goes well, by next autumn (if not before), I can square dance again, instead of “just sitting” at all the dances, which I’ve done over at least the last few years.

Thoughts and prayers to the family of Ramona Hestand. Late on Oct. 28, her car was hit by a drunk driver. She had to be cut out of the car, and was hospitalized for a time. She’s home now, and while she’s healing, it’ll be a long road of recovery for her, and we wish her the best.

A shout out to visiting dancer Keith Reinschmiedt at our Halloween Oct. 28 dance. At our Nov. 11 dance, we had 2 squares there...and congratulations go to Kim Fox, who won the Silent Auction for the Christmas Nativity Scene Tapestry, done by Ellen Glover Lewis. At that dance, we also recognized the following square dancers that were in attendance who were veterans, and we thank them for their service to their country...Steve Coy, Ernest (Stan) Stander, Ron Wise, Cliff Taylor, Patti Cummings, Jerry Short...and caller Phil Moorehouse. Photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We hope that everyone got plenty of turkey and all the goodies at Thanksgiving. Now, it’s time to dance it off; and I’ll have a report on our Nov. 25 Thanks and Giving Dance in the January, 2024 e-Edition of **The Modern Square**.

Our Ho Ho Hoedown Christmas Dance is set for Saturday, December 23, and we’ll have a New Years Eve Eve Dance on Dec. 30. See the fliers in the e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. A report on these 2 dances, will be in the January, 2024 report. Thanks to Lanita Hammett for the fliers for these dances.

Several members are planning to attend “The Three Amigos Start The Floor in 24” Dance on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024. It’ll be at our regular dance place, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane). We’re there on the 2nd, 4th, & selected 5th Saturdays,

at 7pm, with a fun night of calling by our own Phil Moorehouse. At the special dance, Phil will be joined by Gene Gancarczyk, and Joey Duhamel.

Be sure to check our Facebook page, or call before you travel, to check for any last-minute cancellations...especially since the winter season is now upon us. The Maverick Mixers wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

Several photos from our Oct. 30 Halloween Dance are on our Facebook page, and in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

Our Oct 31, 2023 Halloween Dance/Party was a blast!! Many thanks to everyone for participating, and bringing the refreshments. Our Prize Winners for Male and Female Best Costume were Greg Smith, and Carol Reed. They were dressed up as a Gangster and a Flapper, and were the sharpest looking couple in the building, for sure! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Jody King

Swingin' Cavaliers

Well the heat is gone, and we're grabbing for jackets and hats. Glad we have Square Dance to warm us up. We had a wonderful time at the ASSDF Fall Dance in Mountain Home and the hotel was awesome. You could pull back your curtain and watch whoever was on the dance floor which was fun; and the Pioneer Square Dance Club did a great job of hosting the dance. Great callers and lots of fun.

This week, we were lucky to have plenty dancers brave the rain and come out. We are missing Brent and Phan who have been out a few weeks since Brent hurt his shoulder so hope they'll be back soon.

We'll soon have our Thanksgiving dance with snacks and dress up, and we're so looking forward to seeing everyone, as Thanksgiving and Christmas remind us how Blessed we are. Thank the Lord for His Grace, Mercy, and Joy, as we lift each other up.

Anita Vandergriff

Twirling Funtimers

Our November dance celebrated Thanksgiving with Turkey and all the trimmings. We also had dancers that were members of the Twirling Funtimers about 20 years ago. They had even dug out their old badges and **WORE THEM!** There were lots of laughs and memories going around. They're planning on returning at times and dancing with us as they are able. We even have another couple that danced 30 years ago that moved into the area from Wisconsin. They brushed off the cobwebs, got in a square, and realized they remembered more than they thought they would. They're thinking they'll probably keep coming back and dance with us.

Several photos from our Oct. 18th Halloween Dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition. Note that we'll be **DARK** on November 22nd for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and we'll resume dancing on November 29th.

December 20th will be our all Christmas Songs Dance. Lots of sing-alongs, Christmas designed treats, and fun foods are on the agenda. Our Students will also be graduating that night. Come and help us celebrate this step with them, as we welcome them into our club as official members! Come and celebrate all related holidays with us, and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Unless otherwise noted, we dance every Wednesday at the Lloyd Travis Municipal building at 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview AR. Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman are our callers, and Marge Sherrill is our Cuer. Current square dance lessons are one hour, from 6-7pm, with Mainstream and Plus Square and Round Dancing from 7-9pm.

Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers> on Facebook.

Donna Gellenbeck

Twirling Lariats

Dec. 15, 2023: Twirling Lariats will have their Christmas Party at American Legion Hut Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR. We'll play Dirty Santa. Gift will be no more than \$20 -- Meal is going to be a pot luck, sign-up sheet at dance for bringing food. The Christmas meal will start at 6 p.m. and dance at 7:30. Everyone welcome!! After putting down the "feed bag" put on your dancing shoes, dancing from 7:30 to 9:30 with Joey Duhamel, as our caller.

Plus lessons have started at the Hut with Twirling Lariats on Nov. 17 before regular dance from 7:00 to 7:30, Joey Duhamel, caller...and then regular dance from 7:30 to 9:30.

The Three Amigos "Start the Floor in 24 dance" will be once again with Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse & Gene Gancarczyk on Jan. 6, 2024, at 7 pm. Cost \$10. Place: American Legion Post 128, Mabelvale.

Birthdays for December: Terri Hargrove and Mike Lewis

Eggnog recipe: Ingredients

- 4 large pasteurized eggs
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Instructions: In a large bowl, beat the eggs until they are thick and lemon colored. Whisk in the sugar, nutmeg, lemon juice and salt. Add the milk and cream. Beat with a hand mixer for 1-2 minutes or until the eggnog is frothy. Serve with ice. Makes 6 large glasses.

Ginny Short

Club Directory

Clubs that are **DARK** are **NOT** in the **Google Events Calendar** on the ASSDF website (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>).

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, for various reasons. **Please call before you travel**; 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, Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance
at 7pm **DANCING**

Loyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane

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

Contact: Rob and Donna Gellenbeck, 139 Dogwood Lane,
Lakeview, AR 72642 (870) 620-0037

Little Rock (Mabelvale)

Twirling Lariats – 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Friday, 7:30pm

DANCING

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$7 per person

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Contact: Clifton Taylor and Carolyn Cullins, 9027 Highway 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

Maverick Mixers – 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 **DANCING**

White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700 Andersen Avenue

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Sheila Gesing, 9760 Grant 7, Sheridan, AR 72150
(870) 942-2273

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

Bossier City, LA

Southern Swingers – Tuesday, 7pm **DANCING**

Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Contact: Carole Baker (email) sssquaredance@gmail.com

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Is your club planning on doing **New Dancer Lessons** soon??

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

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Little Rock, AR 72223
(501) 813-7239

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Arkansas.bluebird@yahoo.com

Bluebird Squares

Bownderville, Boyce

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M/P

Pistols N Petticoats

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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
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Cell: (903) 278-8068

M/P

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Guys And Dolls

Gancarczyk, Gene & Carolyn

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Percy, AR 71964
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Blue Belles And Beaus
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Star Steppers
Heber Springers

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Hot Springs Village, AR

71913

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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.**



73rd National Square Dance Convention*
Baird Center - June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2024
400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203
A Great Convention, In a Great City, On a Great Lake
Register online at 73nsdc.com

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
Jim & Katie Green
73rd NSDC
7209 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

For Convention Use Only
Registration # _____
Date Received _____
Payment Processed _____
Check# or Ref # _____

Reg Form 07/02/23

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC ☐ Check if you do not want your email shared

First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES		Subtotals
No. of past NSDC's prior to 73rd	1. Adult _____	\$ _____
	2. Adult _____	\$ _____
	3. Adult/Youth _____ ** DOB / /	\$ _____
	4. Adult/Youth _____ ** DOB / /	\$ _____
	5. Adult/Youth _____ ** DOB / /	\$ _____

Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)
Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$25 after 4/30/2024) # _____ @ \$ 2.00 \$ _____
Round Dance Syllabus - ☐ USB Drive or ☐ Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2024) # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
☐ Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/24) # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____
Sew & Save Book - ☐ USB Drive or ☐ Digital Download # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
Cookbook # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
Hearing Assistance Device # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
Wednesday Eve. Entertainment - "Wisconsin Singers" # _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____
Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing # _____ @ \$ 3.00 \$ _____
Total \$ _____

PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))
☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Cash (In Person) ☐ Credit Card
Name on Card: _____
Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____
Card Number: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm.
Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.
73rd NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.

- INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM**
- You can complete this form and pay online at www.73nsdc.com. Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
 - If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please complete this form also. Enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
 - If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and correctly calculated amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)
 - Registration fees: Adult \$65; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/26/2024 - \$32.50 Under 5 Free.
 - Prices will increase May 1, 2024 - Adult: \$80 - Youth ages 5-17: \$40. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth.**
 - Registrations are non-transferable.
 - No One-, Two-, or Three-Day Registrations. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2024. No refunds after April 30, 2024.
 - Registrations received after April 30, 2024, will receive e-mail confirmation. If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 73rd NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
 - If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at 73nsdc.com/tours

DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.
SSD _____ Mainstream _____ Plus _____ Rounds _____ Handicapable _____ Solo _____ Hex _____ Contra _____ Lines _____ Veteran _____

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS
You must update your profile online by 12/31/23 at sdconvention.com

Name _____ Type: _____
Name _____ Type: _____
Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE
☐ Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

Name: _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS		
1	Conv Hotel - Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 Parking fee - \$5 per day (in & out) for Hilton guests.	\$169+tx
2	Leader Hotel - Hyatt Regency Milwaukee – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 No discounted parking	\$169+tx

This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by May 20, 2024, to guarantee 73rd NSDC pricing. **See instructions below.**

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

☐ S 6/22 ☐ S 6/23 ☐ M 6/24 ☐ T 6/25 ☐ W 6/26 ☐ T 6/27 ☐ F 6/28 ☐ S 6/29 ☐ S 6/30

Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____

Room request: _____ Single _____ Double _____ Queen _____ King _____

_____ King Suite (Hilton only + \$75) _____ Handicap Accessible

SHARED ROOMS - only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request. Please list all room occupants here: _____

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 _____

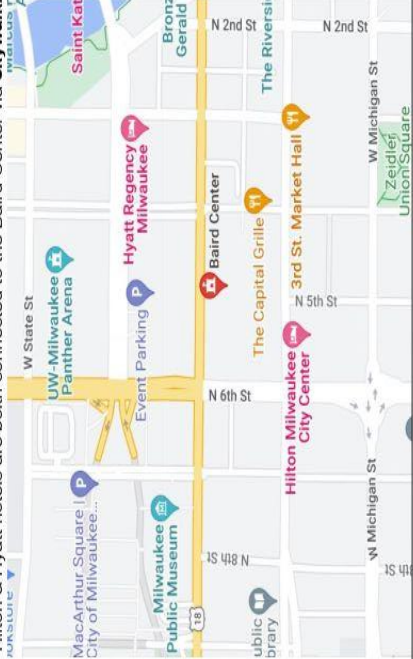
Email _____

No airport shuttle services provided. There are a variety of cab and shuttle services available at the airport. Uber and Lyft services are also available 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 hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to choose & hold your room. You **must be registered** for 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.

More information available at www.73nsdc.com

Hilton & Hyatt hotels are both connected to the Baird Center via skywalk.



RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

The 73rd NSDC will not be holding or making camping space reservations. Below is a list of area campgrounds. There will be no shuttle service to or from campgrounds.

WI State Fair RV Park 6 miles from Baird Center	https://wisstatefair.com/wsfp/rv-park/ (Full & partial hookups)
Jellystone Park Caledonia 18 miles from Baird Center	https://www.jellystone-caledonia.com/ (Includes a waterpark)
Cliffside County Campground 22 miles from Baird Center	https://www.racinecountycity.com/departments/public-works-and-development-services/parks-department/camping/cliffside-campground (No full hookups)
Country View Campground 29 miles from Baird Center	https://countryviewcampground.wordpress.com/ (Full & partial hookups)
Jefferson County Fair Park 50 miles from Baird Center	https://www.lcfairpark.com (Full & partial hookups)
Reserve America Online campground reservations	https://www.reserveamerica.com/

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 December, 2023

Please email these assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com as I want to give credit to the photographers for the photos, especially if they come from the various club Facebook groups. Because of **space limitations, I can't use all photos** (sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view all of these (and 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 are from dances with the Twirling Funtimers, Heber Springers, Pioneers, Southern Swingers, River City Squares, Twirling Lariats, Bluebird Squares, and the Maverick Mixers. Thanks go to Loree Kant, Suzette Darlin, Kim Deane, Becky Hestand, Carole Baker, Jody King, Carolyn Birdsong, Ellen Glover Lewis, and Ginny Short for the photos.

These are now in a separate PDF file on the ASSDF website at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

