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Spotlight

Today?

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President's Message



Hello Square Dancers! March has arrived, for so many it has been a very long winter, but to others it's just an excuse to stay inside, and stay warm. Angela and I have enjoyed some pretty awesome dances this past winter.

We would like to thank all the club reporters, all of us enjoy being in the know, and the photos are very good too! I know there are dedicated people in the clubs who take their time to prepare this information, and to those people we want to say a big THANK YOU!!!

It was very good to hear that Phil Moorehouse will be filling the void left with the Maverick Mixers. Phil accepted the spot as the club caller!! I want to say if you have not visited the Mabelvale Square Dance Hall, boy are you missing out!! Sound is GREAT, and the floor is wood! The Twirling Lariats and the Maverick Mixers both hold their dances there.

Well, it's time to get down to business! Promoting Square Dancing is our objective. Angela and I will be doing an Interview on KATV (channel 7) Midday 11:30-noon segment to promote Square Dancing in Arkansas!! I will keep you posted on the date. We are super excited about this opportunity! I cannot express how much it means to our clubs as well as callers to recruit members. When we accepted the President's position, it was about three things for us. 1) Get Dancers! 2) Pull clubs closer together and 3) make sure we have fun! After all that's what it's all about right?? Later this year, closer to the State dance we will be setting up something with the news media to show a Square Dance in Action! Hopefully this will spark interest to get the ball rolling for all clubs. We will have phone numbers and email addresses to contact at that time to direct people to the club closest to them. If anyone has any new ideas they would like us to try please feel free to call us anytime.

As always we would like to see you in our square soon!!

Scott & Angela Blackshear
President – 2016

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Spring Delegates Meeting!

May 7th 3 PM

Salem United Methodist Church
1018 Salem Rd
Conway

FROM THE EDITOR



A question for all of you ...

“Are you dancing tall and proud?”

The quick response is “Of course ... We always dance tall and proud!” My next question is ...

“Do you dance tall and proud when NOT on the dance floor?”

The quick response is ... “What are you talking about?!?”

When you get down to basics, no matter what kind of dancing you are doing, it is walking to a beat. There is of course, a bit more to it than that. However ... in essence that is what it is.

One important aspect of dancing beyond the basics of “walking” that Cathy and I always emphasize with our dancers is to dance tall and proud.

Why tall? Because when you dance or walk tall you feel better about what you are doing and people notice.

Why proud? Because if you are not proud of what you are doing then why the **** are you doing it!

When you are out in public going about your daily life, do you walk tall? Do you walk proud? ... To be a dancer?

Are you a little bit embarrassed to have someone know that you are “Square Dancer”? A “Round Dancer”? A “Line Dancer”?

How many of your friends, neighbors, relatives, people you meet each day ... know that you are a proud dancer who is walking “tall”? Have you ever told them? If not are you truly proud to be a dancer?

Word of mouth has always been the best advertisement. Are you DANCING AND WALKING tall and proud for Squares? Rounds? Lines?

We all are responsible for advertising and for recruiting new students. Are you doing your part?

Fred Fisher



Education & Publicity

The Social Media....

- It's a new world, the largest personal referral network in history. Facebook has 500 million users, half of them logging on daily.
- Consumers use references & recommendations from friends.
- People want to know what others are doing, thinking.
- We value acceptance and personal connections.
- We know our friends values and trust they won't respond like a paid shill.
- Our friends understand their social standing and reputation will be damaged if they lie or mislead
- We can use our friends' experiences to ease our own purchase decision anxiety, as well as the learning curve after committing.
- Facebook users are generally younger and relatively affluent; employ social media and mobile devices to find services.
- It's not marketing: it's engagement and dialog.
- Engagement keeps future dancers in touch until your next open house or class (new dancer program)
- Cheap, easy way to keep in contact with lapsed dancers who have moved away: they may come back again if they have the opportunity.
- Practically free of cost – can be a time sink.
- **Facebook Best Practices....**
- Build a fan page to promote your club & dances, event page, for specific festivals. Fan page can be linked by others and can be kept separate from your personal Facebook page.
- Encourage linking to your fan page by placing a link and/or

Facebook icon on your blog, web site, etc.

- Encourage engagement and calls to action, asking people to repeat your news, copy your links, add their own photos & videos, etc.
- Ask your fans to click “suggestions to friends” to spread the word.
- Keep your profile picture small & clear.
- Sync with your Twitter account.

Brian Jarvis Jarvis@office-assist.com @bjarvis

CALLERLAB Convention,

April 2011 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Gordon & Sue White

Heber Springers **Spring Special**

featuring guest caller from White Oak, TX

TIM TYL



Friday April 8, 2016

7:00 pm-9:00 pm \$7.00 each

Rosebud Community Center

5916 Hwy.36 W- Rose Bud, AR Contact Theresa 501-592-2600



Spotlight On

The Sixty Swingers

The Sixty Swingers would like to introduce everyone to our new caller ...

Ron Wise

Welcome to the Sixty Swingers! We are so happy to have you Ron!

Come dance with Ron & the Sixty Swingers.

Thursdays
2-4 pm

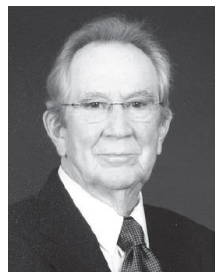
The Centre
At University Park

6401 West 12th St.
Little Rock

*We'd love
to see you!*



J. K. Fancher



Alternative Music

Last month I reported on some of my end of the year soul-searching reflections on the state of square dancing today. I suggested that we consider a couple of areas as starters:

FIRST. The paperless society is clearly here and is the wave of the future. That presence made possible the production of the FIRST E-MAIL EDITION ever of the *Modern Square*. The E-edition will now be online every month in addition to the regular printed edition. Here are three advantages:

1. Full color on all pictures and ads.
2. All pictures submitted to the Editor will be published. Think about that for a moment. ALL PICTURES WILL BE PUBLISHED. Now visualize this picture (pun intended). What if all seventeen clubs in Arkansas each submitted a half a dozen pictures. WOW! All can be submitted as an email attachment and the bonus – photo quality far superior to the printed results in the magazine.
3. The E-edition will be available about the 15th of each month. A couple of weeks BEFORE you receive the printed edition.

SECOND. I reviewed the status of what could have been a couple of disastrous blows to the international square dance community. The future of two important suppliers of square dance audio equipment, records and accessories (Hilton Audio and DOSADO.COM) was uncertain. Paul & Mary Ellen Cote stepped in, purchase the assets and are in the process of bringing both back to earlier premier levels.

NOW. As promised last month let's look at another of my new year reflections: alternative music.

Alternative music is best defined as any music that a caller opts to use that does not come from traditional square dance sources or record labels and that we do not consider "square dance music". So what is square dance music? A quick answer is music created and recorded by callers that follows the conventional 64 count phrase structure that has

been in place for at least 65 years for singing calls.

The alternative music used today seems to include music of any genre without or WITH vocals. Music with vocals is gaining popularity. Callers who opt to use non-square dance modern music (country, pop, jazz, etc.) have to contend with overriding the record vocals so that dancers can understand the commands. That seems to me to be adding unnecessary trouble. Luckily alternative music is being used for patter calls for the most part.

I remember that I was doing that very thing in the distant past. To further refresh my memory I made a trip to my basement in search of old LPs that I used as “alternative music” to gussy up my programs. For kicks, here are some of the albums and selections:

<i>Hot Butter</i>	1972	Popcorn, Apache, Tomatoes, Pipeline
<i>Saturday Night Fever</i>	1977	Stayin’ Alive, A Fifth of Beethoven, You Should Be Dancing
<i>Switched On Country</i>	1970	Steel Guitar, Born to Lose, Cattle Call, Careless Love, etc.
<i>Dirty Dancing</i>	1987	Be My Baby, The Time of My Life

I find it very interesting as I look back through my file of hoedowns that they are mostly non-country and non-traditional in the accepted sense of the terms. So that may make them alternative!

What bothers me most about current modern hoedowns being offered is that so many are nothing more than a continuous rhythm track with no melody. How monotonous can we get? I can do that with my “drumdrops” tapes or from any cheap electric organ.

Some of the singing call music offered today is not much better. There again it’s a boring rhythm track with an equally weak and boring melody line. One record reviewer will rave about the excellence of a record and end with the caution “the caller needs to know the melody”. So all of a sudden, would be callers have to be a singer before they can become a caller.

But you see, I can’t be too critical when the subject of alternative music comes up. My advice ... if it fits ... use it. But there is a warning. The square dance community may not be ready to move too far in that direction. For after all, we are a folk dance. I don’t think we can dump that heritage at the grass-roots level. Any time we use a section of alternative music we are cutting out the caller artist that records and the record producers that have been the lifeblood of our activity. So we need

to keep it family most of the time.

The round dance community has always been able to use alternative music. The voice-over downside has never a problem.

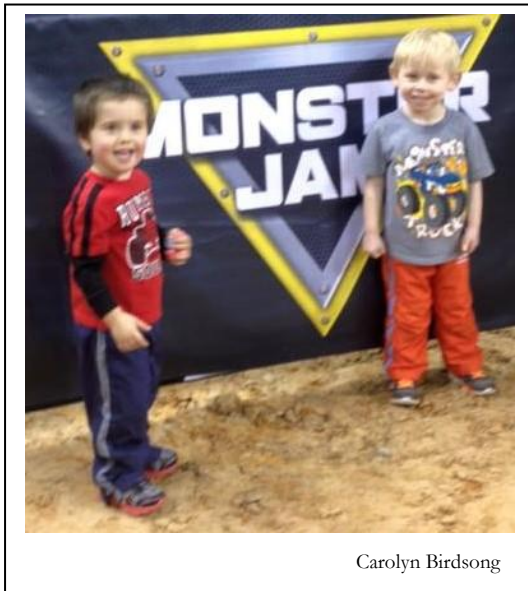
Last month I promised an interesting connection between the use of alternative music and square dancing. Here it is.

I have written about Paul Cote and his wife Mary Ellen and their acquisition of the Hilton Audio and Dosado.com companies. Interestingly, Paul is an advocate for the use of alternative music. He has presented detailed information in lectures at Callerlab and other settings on alternative music. I find it interesting and wonder how he will reconcile his position as square dance music vendor and alternative music advocate. He may need to adjust his priorities.

Next time we will look at MP3 music. Music is the common core element that drives our square dance. Just how far can we go as we tinker with it? The use of social media to our advantage is still to come! Remember ... Dance often and with style!

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Carolyn Birdsong

WHERE IS THE DANCE TONIGHT?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Hot Springs Village	Little Rock Royal	
2nd	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Searcy Hot Springs Village	Royal Texarkana Rose Bud	Little Rock
3rd	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Hot Springs Village	Little Rock	Harrison
4th	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Searcy Hot Springs Village	Royal Texarkana Rose Bud	Little Rock
5th	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Searcy Hot Springs Village	Little Rock	Harrison Little Rock



"Special Events"

MARCH 2016

9th Twirling Funtimers

Start Time – 6:00

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

Cookie Time Dance

Caller - Jay Wright

11th Heber Springers

Start Time – 7:00

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

St. Patrick's Day Dance

Caller – Ron Wise

APRIL 2016

5th Heber Springers

Start Time – 7:00

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

4th Annual Jerry Story Dance

Caller – Jerry Story

8th Heber Springers

Start Time – 7:00

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

Spring Special Dance

Caller – Tim Tyl

13th Twirling Funtimers

Start Time – 6:00

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

April Showers Dance

Caller – Ron Wise

MAY 2016

7th Conway Rounders Lilly Pad Square & Round Dance
Start Time – 7:00 Caller – Philip Moorehouse
Pre-Rounds – 6:00 Cued – Cathy Fisher
Location – Salem United Methodist Church, 1018 Salem Road, Conway

11th Twirling Funtimers Spring Fling Dance
Start Time – 6:00 Caller – Philip Moorehouse
Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

13th Heber Springers Anniversary Dance
Start Time – 7:00 Caller – Ron Wise
Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

JUNE 2016

8th Twirling Funtimers Roll Your Own Sundaes Dance
Start Time – 6:00 Caller – “Cherokee” Bill Cochran
Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

JULY 2016

8th Heber Springers Red White & Blue Dance
Start Time – 7:00 Caller – Ron Wise
Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

13th Twirling Funtimers Watermelon Splash Dance
Start Time – 6:00 Caller – James “Jammer” Cochran
Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

AUGUST 2016

10th Twirling Funtimers “Hot&Dry” Ice Cream Floats Dance
Start Time – 6:00 Caller - Doug Mallory
Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

26th Heber Springers Ice Cream Social
Start Time – 7:00 Caller – Ron Wise
Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

SEPTEMBER 2016

14th Twirling Funtimers

Autumn Fest Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Dave Roush

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

OCTOBER 2016

5th Twirling Funtimers

Club Anniversary Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Pat Christe

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

21st Heber Springers

3rd Annual Dan Nordby Special

Start Time – 7:00

Caller – Dan Nordby

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

28th Heber Springers

Halloween Dance

Start Time – 7:00

Caller – Ron Wise

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

NOVEMBER 2016

9th Twirling Funtimers

Red, White & Blue Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller - “Cherokee” Bill Cochran

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

11th Heber Springers

Can Goods Admission Dance

Start Time – 7:00

Caller – Ron Wise

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

25th Heber Springers

DARK

DECEMBER 2016

9th Heber Springers

Christmas Dinner Dance

Start Time – 7:00

Caller – Tim Tyl

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

14th Twirling Funtimers

Holiday Celebration Party Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller - James “Jammer” Cochran

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

The
HEBER
SPRINGERS



Present The 4th Annual
Jerry Story
Special

April 5th 2016 * 7 PM – 9 PM

Rose Bud Community Center - 5916 Hwy 36 W. Rose Bud, AR

Contact: 501-556-3011 * 501-592-2500 * 501-230-7114

Put On Your Dancin' Shoes!
Come One Come All!

Road Kill Chili Supper & Square Dance



Saturday, March 12
Chili Supper - 6:00 PM
Dancing - 7:15 PM

Teacup Auction

Split-The-Pot

Silent Auction

Maverick Mixers
Legion Hut - Mann Rd, Mabelvale
Caller - Phil Moorehouse
Admission - \$5.00

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Where are your special events?

Order of Listings for Special Events Section

Date, Club Name, Dance Name, Start Time, Caller, Location

Please notify the *Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events (up to one year in advance) with all information included as listed above. The earlier all information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear.



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Club Reports

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Judsonia

CIRCLE UP SQUARES

Charleston

CONWAY ROUNDERS

Conway

Fred and I cannot be happier with our new students. They are energetic, fun loving, and fast learners. Three weeks into Foxtrot and they have mastered most of phase III. Some nights I am hard pressed to keep up with them! All they want is more .. more ... more! The intermediate Cha lessons are advancing nicely as well. Soon they will have caught up with the club dancers. That will be FUN!

2016 is becoming a GREAT year for the Conway Rounders.

The club dancers are enjoying watching and helping our class dancers. Of course once the class is done they are ready to tear up the dance floor. Jive, Cha and Rumba seem to be the favorites at the moment.

Get on your feet and move to the beat! Dancing is what it is all about!!!

Cathy Fisher

DIAMOND SQUARES

Hot Springs Village

It has been eight years since we moved to Arkansas from Marion, New York. We are still getting used to mid-winter temperatures in the sixties and seventies. On the other hand, there are words that send southerners into hibernation...snow, freeze, and ice. That's what happened on the night of our free open house fun night to launch our second new dancer program. Because of the amount of promotion we had done, cancelling was not an option, so we showed up at the Coronado Center at 6:30, as advertised. Two couples came to dance, which was two more than I had expected. We had a nice chat, and called it a night. The weather was better the next week, and our new dancer

program is now under way with some enthusiastic new dancers, some barely rusty "returning dancers," and some very dedicated angels.

Among our dedicated angels are Sheryl and Kenneth White. They are also dedicated to each other, as they are celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary today. Congratulations!

If your club teaches new dancers, remember that angels are very important. Angels are needed to fill out the square, so that the new dancers can dance. It is so disappointing to dancers who have to sit out a tip, when there are not enough dancers to complete another square. If you are comfortable dancing the program that your club is teaching, be an angel if you can.

Diamond Squares dances Thursdays at Coronado Center, 150 Ponderosa Lane, Hot Springs Village. New dancers at 6:30, followed by mainstream dancing until 9:00.

We'd love to have you around our square!

Sue White

GUYS 'N DOLLS

Texarkana

HEBER SPRINGERS

Rose Bud

Greeting from the Heber Springers.

Another year has gotten off to a great start. I hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying winter as much as I am. The snow we had was so nice. It was a perfect snow the kids got a day off of school and old men got to build a fire in the fireplace. Then zoom, the sun turned it all into history. Warm weather got us dreaming about a garden for spring.

I love talking to these old timers about gardens. When to plant the seeds and all is a great conversation subject. It is really wonderful living up here on forty acres after a lifetime on a city lot. Every chore becomes a pleasure to do as time just sort of slips by. There is never a deadline or a need to hurry. My problem is just getting in all the fun dancing, going to classes and not being late to Nancy's great meals.

March 11 is our St. Patrick Day Dance. Find yourself a little green and show up in Rose Bud for a great dance. On April 5, Jerry Story will be here and April 8, Tim Tyl will be calling. Boy, these two dances will

be super!

Lueen Skipper's Birthday will be March 29, Maria Rudio's on March 18, and Jim Murphree on March 7. Eulas and Faye Abbott's anniversary will be March the 19th.

I talked to Wilma Sanders down in Texas today. She and Jim have both air conditioners goings. It is 40 degrees up in these hills with a stiff breeze blowing up your coat tail. Eulas Abbott is not doing well. We want to keep him in our thoughts. Phillip Alvis and Joyce Shaw are down in Texas as well. Wilma says that they are busy taking lessons.

I want to thank Jim Murphree for all he does for Square dancing. He is always there, always helping out the new dancers and being a swell person. And yes our caller, Ron Wise, always needs a thank you. His devotion to his new hobby is fantastic.

I hope I did not miss anyone. I do not have a list of all of our members. Have a good one!

Robert Hall

KINGSDALE SQUARES

Bella Vista

LEVIS & LACE

Royal

February Report

Editor's note: *Due to an error on my part, this report did not appear in the February edition. My apologies to the Levis & Lace and Phyllis Keeney.*

Since Christmas & New Year's both fell on our dance night, we missed some dances. We are really ready to dance!

Gene called for the Maverick Mixers on Dec. 12th. It was a special time, although bittersweet, since this was the first dance since we lost Bill. Gene did a fantastic job. He ended the evening by reading a poem written by Bill. He purposely read it at the end of the evening. He knew that there would be a lot of tears.

We danced to Phil Moorehouse on Dec. 26th at the Maverick Mixer's. It was a joyous, fun time. Carolyn Birdsong called two tips that she had called with Bill. She was awesome. I mean it. She was really good. Once again ... a lot of teary eyes.

The Three Amigos Dance was a smashing success. It payed a sincere tribute to Bill Strawn. Bill was looking forward to this dance. A few days before we lost him, he told me that he had to get to feeling better. He

wanted to be full of energy for the Amigo dance. Well, it was all of what Bill would have wanted. Gene & Phil joked & kidded & talked about Bill. Bill's sombrero & picture had a special place of honor. Phil did his own rendition of Pink Cadillac as a tribute to Bill. So, now we can joyously dance to Pink Cadillac & remember Bill. There are a lot of firsts to get through when someone you love is no longer with you. But, we are helping each other. Gene & Phil still say there are Three Amigos. Bill's part of the dance money is being donated to the ASSDF. I know Bill was smiling when that decision was made. We are so proud of you two Amigos & miss the third one immensely.

I am writing this at the hospital because my dad is really sick. So, I am copying off an old Modern Square for birthdays. I hope I get them all. Brooke Blackshear has a birthday on the 5th & Bailey Blackshear has a birthday on the 7th. Ted & I celebrate our anniversary on the 14th. So, do not scrimp on the yellow rocks. If I missed you, let me know, & I will double yellow rock you.

March Report

March is here. The year is speeding by. Happy early Spring!

Our students will be graduating on February 26th at 7:00 p.m. during our regular dance at the Royal Baptist Church. Those of you who get the E Edition of the Square should be able to get this info before that Friday night. We have had fun teaching these students. Hopefully, we will be adding new members to Levis & Lace. We have a lot of fun things planned, so come and join us.

Our Chili Winter Night in Royal was an awesome dance with a very good turnout. Everyone reported that the dancing was excellent & the food exceptional. Thank you to everyone who attended. Special thanks to everyone who decorated & brought delicious food. Gene always calls a wonderful dance. He gets bragged on quite a lot. Thank you, Gene.

We will be having our annual Maypole Dance in May (of course). We don't have a date set (possibly Friday, May 13th?). We have to schedule around other dances & Church functions.

We have had a lot of talent displayed at our regular dances lately. Bailey Blackshear has been singing & calling. Scott Blackshear has called a few for us. Jerry Chitwood has entertained us with several gospel songs plus "Amarillo by Morning" that were outstanding. Brooke Blackshear & Madeline Pogue also sang for us. You can see some of these performances on our Facebook page. We have a lot of talent in our club. Bailey wants to start clogging lessons soon. We are working with the youth to get them interested in knowing how much fun clogging &

square dancing is. We are very proud of our members. They contribute so much to our dance nights. Big yellow rocks to all of them.

Hoppie Hopkins celebrates his birthday on the 10th & Joan Cranford celebrates hers on the 25th. Make sure you give them lots of yellow rocks.

Please come & visit us. We love to dance with each one of you. You add so much to our dance nights.

Phyllis Keeney

MAVERICK MIXERS

Little Rock

Happy March!

March 20th is the first official day of Spring. I hope you are looking at Spring as a chance for your love of square dancing to awaken! Hopefully, the winter doldrums are behind us and we can come alive on the dance floor! I know a perfect place! The Maverick Mixers are already showing signs of new life and we sure hope that you are a part of it.

By now you may probably already know that we have a new caller. Phil Moorehouse is bringing a lot of excitement to the Maverick Mixers. You may have enjoyed his calling some time at the Blue Belles & Beaus and the Star Steppers. We are so proud that he is now calling the Maverick Mixers home too!

Our next big dance is just around the corner. Our annual RoadKill Chili Supper and Dance will be on March 12th. The chili masters will delight you with various culinary concoctions. But don't let the name fool you, there will be a pot of chili for all taste palettes. We'll be ready to start serving around 6:00. This will give you plenty of time to delight your taste buds before we start dancing at 7:15. Phil Moorehouse will thrill you with his calls and singing. We're even going to have a silent auction, teacup auction and, of course, split-the-pot. The meager \$5 admission will be well worth a FULL evening of FUN!!

We are always glad to see our visitors. You might wear a different badge, but we love calling you part of our extended square dance family! You are always welcome! We've even enjoyed our "guest" callers Ron Wise, Gordon White, Gene Gancarczyk and Carolyn Quinney. Martha Wyre and Mic Watts are leading lots of line dancing too!

Have you had a chance to look at the list of "special events" in the MODERN SQUARE? Our members are planning to do some traveling! Spring is going to be a great season for square dancing!

Speaking of the MODERN SQUARE. If you don't already have a

subscription, now is a good time to subscribe. It contains club listings and a calendar of special events to help you plan your dancing fun.

As always, we would love to have you stop by the Legion Hut in Mabelvale. Our workshops start at 7:00 and dancing starts at 7:30. The workshops are proving to be a great, fun time to loosen us up for calls used during the dance. There is always a “plus” tip or two as well. We’re saving a place for you in our square! See you soon!

Lanita

PISTOLS & PETTICOATS

Jonesboro

Hello Square Dancers!

It has been a little while since I have written anything so I decided I better get back on track.

Pistols and Petticoats are still dancing on Thursday nights at St. Paul United Methodist Church at 7:00pm. Please come and square dance with us. We really need your help. We don’t have enough men in our group. So if you can, please come and have a lot of fun square dancing. Some of our square dancers are out sick and we really need them. We miss them and hope they get well soon.

We had our United Cerebral Palsy Dance of the 23rd of January. We had our own Boyce Brownderville along with Dan Nalliburton calling. Thanks Dan for helping out! We all had a lot of fun dancing and eating.

Our special guests were the Dalton Family (Grayden, Christeen, Nikki and Brian) representing the UCP. Grayden and helping others is what our dance is all about. They had a great time and we enjoyed having them. We want to thank everyone for coming out and helping us make UCP dance something special once again.

We have two birthdays in March! Janet Baker (20th) and Royce Beasley (22nd)

Linda Bland

SKOKOS PROMENADERS

Kibler

STAR DUSTERS

Harrison

What a beautiful snow we had in January -- are we going to outdo that in February or March? Be sure and call before coming or going to another club.

Several couples are learning to Square Dance at our club and having lots of fun. Isn't that great? It is energizing our club! One night we had Joey Duhamel from Star City (and Louisiana) to call – WOW – What another great caller! And even better, we had three good callers -- Phil Moorehouse, Ron Wise, and Joey Duhamel! What a wonderful night! Ron had dug through his older records and called “Davy Crockett” We were all singing and forgot to dance to it – okay – that was ‘me’ If you haven’t heard it, sung by Ron – be sure and ask him –he really can sing to it good – and was so easy, slow, and fun! I loved it, as I love all of the old ones!

Every caller has an agenda each night – so you might have to “request” the song before hand. Be sure and thank your caller at the end of the dance. And, if possible, stay until the end of the dance and the final “Thank You” circle by everybody.

Also, give some thanks to those who write these articles. Me, for instance, takes up to one to two hours to write these articles, two hours – four hours to type this, and correct all of the mistakes.

All of the specials coming sounds great – hope that we and you can make more dances out of town. We may have fewer square dancers, but we’re having just as much fun as they did in “the good old days.” Aren’t we?

I know that a woman “should” wear the “proper” square dance attire, but it is good to know that you still welcomed to dance wearing “casual attire”. (I hate to put on panty hose!)

Let’s keep the fun rolling – smiles showing, and a great attitude in our minds!

I am missing seeing all of you – my special and loving friends. Hope to see you soon.

Roana

Well, groundhog extraordinaire Punxatawney Phil said “spring has sprung”...and it's also time to do another club report.

Virginia Thennes and Daryl Stout share the March birthday yellow rocks this month. Apologies to anyone I may have missed.

Carolyn Birdsong has been doing some singing calls at recent dances. She has a beautiful voice. Our own Ron Wise gets a “quick break” when Carolyn is at the mic. Thanks also to Carolyn for doing line dancing between tips.

We had two special visitors at a recent dance. One of the students, Ralph Kees, and Bill McNeil visited, and danced.

Yours truly is slowly getting back into dancing after 2 recent surgeries. It's going to take a while to get back up to full speed! A lesson for all dancers to take note of ... don't overdo it when you've been off the dance floor awhile. Several others are still recovering from, or dealing with various medical issues. We wish them a speedy recovery, and hope they'll be back with us real soon.

While winter weather should be (for the most part) behind us, if we do get a late winter storm on Thursday, chances are we won't be dancing. Please contact Jerry and Ginny Short at 501-888-8013 for any last minute changes. Thanks also to Jerry and Ginny for keeping me in the loop on club news.

Please join both our members and visitors each Thursday from 2pm to 4pm at The Centre at University Park, at 6401 West 12th Street in Little Rock, where our own Ron Wise will help you put “some spring in your step”, where the yellow rocks are as plentiful as the springtime flowers.

Another item to note is to “spring forward”, is that Daylight Savings Time returns on Sunday, March 13. So, while our dance time will remain the same, if you forget to “spring forward”, you'll arrive to the dance an hour late, even though there'll be more daylight after the dance!! Personally, I wish they'd decide on one time, and leave it that way.

Daryl Stout

TWIRLING FUNTIMERS

Mountain Home

TWIRLING LARIATS

Little Rock

Top of the morning to you! Could you hear my Irish accent in honor of St. Patrick's Day? Just think Green!

Happy birthday yell rocks go to our March babies: Henry Heritz (6th), Carolyn Cullins (18th), Lucy Lehman (23rd) and Leonard Garrison (29th).

Also the best to Jerry & Ginny Short (18th) and Joe & Judy Dreher (29th) as they celebrate their anniversaries this month!

On the Twirling Lariat's 5th Friday in April (the 29th) we will host a huge dance with Dave Towry & Tim Tyl calling. What fun! There will be limited tickets sold. Carolyn Cullins is handing the tickets.

By the time you see this, we will have graduated a great class! Welcome to the wonderful world of square dancing Heidi Whitman, Larry Whitman, Ralph Kees, John Darbough, Emily Izard & Melinda Kaney!

By popular demand, we are starting another set of lessons immediately following graduation, Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30. Come on over!

Ya'll come on over the 4th & 18th this month! We have a great time and it's not unusual for us to have six squares! We also have some great line dancing with Martha Wyre! Hope to hear you laughing in a square real soon!

Carolyn Birdsong

VILLAGE A-TEAM

Hot Springs Village



The Lilly Pad Square and Round Dance

Saturday May 7, 2016

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Cuer – Cathy Fisher

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Squares & Rounds
7:00 – 9:30 PM

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L	Line	P	Plus
O	Open to couples & singles	A	Advanced
		2-6	Round Dance Phases

BELLA VISTA

Kingsdale Squares S-M/P Mondays 7:00p.m.

Riordan Hall, 2 Riordan Drive

Contact – Bill Allen

Caller - John Eubanks

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CHARLESTON

Circle Up Squares S-M/P Thursdays 6:30p.m.

Hug Chevrolet, 407 East Main

Contact - Patsy Burris

Caller - Danny Burris

19408 US Highway 271, Spiro, OK 74959 (479) 462-2317

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ConwayRounders R-2/3/4 Lessons ___ Thursdays 6:30p.m.
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Salem United Methodist Church, 1018 Salem Rd.

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ConwayRounds.com

HARRISON

Stardusters S-M CALL FIRST Sundays 4:00p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Capps Rd. & Arbor Dr.

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407 Skyline Drive, Harrison, AR, 72601

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

Diamond Squares O_S-M Thursday 6:30p.m.

(dancing September through June)

Coronado Center Room 6

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Coronado Center

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JONESBORO

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Judsonia

Blue Belles & Beaus O_S-M/P 2nd 4th 5th Thursdays 7:00p.m.
Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street
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146 Opie Road, Bald Knob, AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

KIBLER

Skokos Promenaders S-M/P Tuesdays 7:00p.m.
Kibler United Methodist Church, Skokos Center
Contact - (479) 474-8500 **Caller** - **Jay King**
1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR 72956

LITTLE ROCK

Maverick Mixers S_L_O 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays 7:00p.m.
American Legion Building, Mann Road & Leah Lane, Mabelvale
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Sixties Swingers S-M/P Thursdays 2:00p.m.
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6401 West 12th Street
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Mabelvale Legion Hut, Mann Road & Leah Lane, Mabelvale
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9027 Hwy 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

MOUNTAIN HOME

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Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street
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39 Crestview Road, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 424-2957

PINE BLUFF

Star Steppers S-M Mondays 7:00 - 9:00p.m.
Central Presbyterian Church, 6300 Trinity Drive
Contact - Bill and Roana Petrie **Caller** - **Phil Moorehouse**
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Earl & Lynn Milroy (870) 879-1608

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Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36W
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ROYAL

(Hot Springs area)

Levis & Lace S-M/P 1st, 2nd, & 4th Fridays 7:30p.m.
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Note from the Editor

Sorry Folks!

No photos were submitted this month.

You attend dances!

Why not be the “official” Photographer for your club. I’ll even send you a certificate of appointment!

Fred