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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 2023 ASSDF Executive Board is in the January, 2023 e-Edition.

### 2023 Fall Festival

Roy Hestand 55 Fletcher Street Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 329-1141 hestandroy@gmail.com



### President's Message

We've seen several tragic events in the past few months in our square dance family; with Nelda and Jon Eaton from New Boston, TX losing their home in November to a tornado. But, it was heart wrenching to see one of our Twirling Lariats members, Connie Backstrom, almost lose her life last month. Connie and Paul are with Family Life, and they recently moved to northwest Arkansas to continue their ministry. Paul wrote an article, "When Life Changes In An Instant"; on how Connie went to the hospital for a seemingly routine procedure, being scheduled for 15-20 minutes, and ready to go home in 45 minutes. It turned into a "code blue", and a fight for her life. Ultimately, Connie had to have her leg amputated above the knee. Their faith is strong, but they still need our prayers and support. If you would like to help out Connie and Paul with a financial gift for medical costs, and needed changes to help Connie's mobility in their house and outside, please visit: <a href="http://give.cru.org/0002193">http://give.cru.org/0002193</a> -- your gifts are tax deductible.

Several special square dances are coming up...see the **ASSDF website** at <a href="https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events">https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events</a> as well as the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue for additional information.

Thank you to all the clubs that have paid their ASSDF Membership Dues and USDA Insurance...all active clubs are paid for 2023!!

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

7ed and 7onia Hofmeister, ASSDF President, 2023

### Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

Here are club Facebook pages (search for the groups), plus websites for square and round dance clubs, organizations, callers, and cuers. A full file with links is at <a href="https://www.arkansassquaredance.com">https://www.arkansassquaredance.com</a> under **The ASSDF**. If you, your club, or organization isn't listed below, please send an email to <a href="mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com">assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com</a> with the info.

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Arkansas' Fall Festival, Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, Blue Belles & Beaus, Heber Springers Square Dance Club, Jubilee Squares, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Star Steppers, Twirling Funtimers, and Twirling Lariats.

### **Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:**

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### Caller and Cuer Websites:

### Nelda Eaton

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Please advise the Editor if your email, or if your mailing addresses change; as you won't get these again, if either the mailing or email addresses are returned as being "undeliverable".

### From The Editor



Spring has sprung...meteorologically, and soon on the calendar. And, so have subscription renewals to **The Modern Square**...thanks to **ASSDF Vice Presidents Steve and Jean Coy** for going to the Blue Belles And Beaus Subscription Dance. If your club wants to do a Subscription Dance, please contact any member of the **ASSDF** Board. As noted last month, we need both subscribers and ads to keep the print edition going. A renewal form is located toward the back of each issue, and at also at <a href="https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square">https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square</a>

Much of north and west Arkansas received from 4 to 15 inches of snow on Jan. 24, followed by an ice storm statewide from Jan. 30 through Feb. 2. Before you travel to a dance or festival, please take the time to check <a href="https://www.idrivearkansas.com">https://www.idrivearkansas.com</a> for the road conditions and any related closures, and <a href="https://www.weather.gov/lzk">https://www.weather.gov/lzk</a> for the weather information. Please call before you travel, in case of last-minute cancellations, so you don't make the trip for nothing. Basically, if bad weather is an issue, or if you don't feel well on a dance night, please stay home.

The **Special Events Calendar** is very **BUSY** with dances; in the print and e-Edition, and at <a href="https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events">https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events</a> --please support these dances if you're able to do so. The print edition has only **ASSDF** club dances (unless these events buy an ad), while the e-Edition and the **ASSDF** website has the print edition dances, and others from states nearby to Arkansas, along with links to available PDF fliers. Also, see the updated **ASSDF Fall Festival** flier elsewhere in this issue.

The e-Edition photos this month are from the Twirling Lariats Jan. 20 and Feb. 3 Dances, the Levi's And Lace Jan. 27 Dance, the River City Squares Feb. 7 Dance, and the Maverick Mixers Jet Roberts Special Pre-Valentine's Day Dance on Feb. 13. Thanks to Jody King, as well as to Jerry and Ginny Short for the photos.

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman

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

### HOSTED BY THE MOUNTAIN HOME PIONEERS

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







Thursday - Saturday - October 12 - 14, 2023



### Ramada Inn by Wyndham



### 1127 North East Highway 62 B - Mountain Home, AR

Stay & Dance at the same location - Ramada & Convention Center
For room reservations, call the hotel at (870) 425-9191 – and mention the code MOONDANCE.

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

Early Registrations MUST be TICKETS (PER PERSON)	postmarked by Sept 30, 2023 YOUTH 18 and	Please make checks out to under, FREE with an adult. # attending (please is	
Weekend Early Registration	@ \$30.00 = \$	Weekend after 10/1/23 @ \$35.00 = \$	. 40.00
Friday at the Door	@\$20.00 = \$	Saturday at the door@ \$20.00 = \$	
Name(s)		Phone	
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### Headquarters Hotel

Country Inn & Suites 196 University Ave Tavarkana, TX 75503 903-290-7433

Hampton Inn & Suites 460 Couhern Creek Rd Texarbana, TX 75501 909-832-3499



The mighty rate at Country Inn is 489 and Hampton Inn is 495 per might.

Hampton Inn is also pat Frandly with a non-refundable fac of 475.

Reservations must be made by 2,177,23.

Add for our Taxantana Spann Dancing rate when reserving.



Sunday, March 5, 2023

8.30 am Devotional at Country Inn & Suites 10:00 am FBC Wake Village worship service

### Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers®

Square - Round the World \_\_ Texas Style

### Conclave Meeting



March 3-4, 2023 Texarkana, Texas





### Friday, March 3, 2023

### Hospitality

200pm-500pm Country Inn & Suites, Host Hotel 98 Unison As Texarkana, Texas 75501 (haids Lobu)



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### Friday Evening Dance

### First Baptist Church (oun)

820 Male Ale, Male Maye, Texas 7:00 pm. - Early Roands 730 pm. - 930 pm. Square with Rounds

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### Saturday Morning, March 4, 2023



### Business Meeting

### First Baptist Church, Wale Village

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### Saturday, March 4, 2023

200 pm - 3:30 pm

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### Saturday Evening Dance

### First Baptist Church (yun)

820 Mala Ave, Mala Villace, Taxas 630 pm - Early Rounds

700 pm - 730 pm - Arrouncements & Grand March 730 pm - 930 pm - Squares with Rounds

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## ™ 53rd LSDA CONVENTION

### March 17-18, 2023

Rayne Civic Center
Rayne, LA
I-10, Exit 87
Friday & Saturday Dances
\$15 per night, per dancer
Registration Opens Friday at 12:30 pm

### Trail in Dance

Civic Center Pavillion March 16 2023 7-9 pm

For more information contact: Mike or Becky Vantiger 318-529-9147 tigercontroller@sbcglobal.net or rebeccavantiger@gmall.com Louisiana Callers & Cuers Invited Out-of-State Callers & Cuers Hotels nearby RV hookups, \$22 per night, includes taxes





### 2023 Square Dance State Convention

20 Rooms Blocked for 3 nights for Convention Attendees Check-in Thursday March 16th, Check-out Sunday March 19th

<u>Discounted Room Rates</u> Single King - \$102/night Double Queen - \$112/night

Address 1422 N. Polk St. Rayne, LA 70578 (337) 334-0060

Discounted Rates will not apply after Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Cancellations must be made before March 13<sup>th</sup>

Free Breakfast, Free Wi-Fi, Internet Access, Free Parking, Less than 5-minute drive to Convention Center



Days Inn 1125 Church Point Hwy. Rayne, LA Phone: (337) 334-0000

Must call HOTEL directly for Group Rate Group Name: LSDA State Convention

Located 1.2 miles from Rayne Civic Center

Room Rates for March 16-18, 2023 for reservations made by February 24 \$75 / night + tax King non-smoking\* \$75 / night + tax 2 Doubles non-smoking\* \$80 / night for smoking rooms

Cancellations 24 hour hours prior to 4 p.m.

### EAST TEXAS SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOC. 60th ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL

March 24th & 25th, 2023

Marshall Civic Center 2501 East End Blvd. South Marshall, Texas

Friday Night
Squares and Rounds
Featuring callers and cuers
of the East Texas Callers Assoc.
7:00 – 10:00 PM



Saturday Morning & Afternoon Square & Round Workshops with special dances 10:00 AM - NOON 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Saturday Night - LIVE BAND DANCE - Squares & Rounds Featuring COUNTRY DRIVE BAND from Mineola Texas

> Tim Tyl – caller Martin Philyaw – cuer 7:00 – 10:00 PM

> > Vendors and Exhibits



Put A Spring in Your Step



### 2023 ETSRDA Festival, Marshall, Texas, March 24 – 25, 2023 Email Diane for a list of Hotels – diane71914@outlook.com



### Advance Registration Form

### Camping:

### Marshall RV Park

4812 Elysian Field Rd, Marshall TX. 4 Miles from Marshall Convention Center Full Hockups 903-923-0044

### Timberland R V Park

4000 Elysian Fields Ave, Marshall, TX 4 Miles from Warshall Convention Center Full Hookups 903/630-6640

### Cypress Valley R V Park

8838 US Highway69 N Warshall, TX 7 Miles from Menshall Convention Center Full Hookups 903-936-8844

### Festival Chairman

Gary & Connie Brewster Phone: 903-738-6226 brewsterc55@gmeil.com

### Registration Chairman

Richard & Diane Doyle Phone: 903-948-1223 diane71914@outlook.com

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Saturday Only		\$ 12.00		\$ 6.00		
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### Where are your special events?

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

### **National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)**

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

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

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

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

### **Special Events**



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

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

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

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

### **MARCH 2023**

March 3-4, 2023 – Texas State Federation Of Square And Round Dancers (TSFSRD) Conclave Meeting, Texarkana, TX. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website for more dance and lodging info. Callers: Nelda Eaton and Phil Moorehouse

March 4, 2023 – Bluebird Squares March, 2023 Dance. Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Carolyn Birdsong. The March dance has been **MOVED** to March 4, due to a conflict on the 18<sup>th</sup> (the club will be **DARK** that night).

March 16-18, 2023 – 53<sup>rd</sup> LSDA (Louisiana Square Dance Association) Convention, Rayne, LA -- Rayne Civic Center, Interstate 10 and Exit 87. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website for more dance and lodging info.

March 18, 2023 – Bluebird Squares are DARK tonight.

March 24-25, 2023 – East Texas Square And Round Dance Association Spring Festival, Marshall, TX. Marshall Civic Center, 2501 East End Boulevard South. Saturday Night Caller: Tim Tyl. Saturday Night Cuer: Martin Philyaw. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website for more dance and lodging info.

March 24-25, 2023 – Swing Thru Spring Mainstream/Plus Square Dance Weekend. Jamestown, KY -- Lake Cumberland State Resort Park. Callers: Travis Cook, Kristy Williams, Chuck Woods, and Wesley Fenton. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more dance and lodging info.

### APRIL 2023

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

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

### April 29, 2023 – Maverick Mixers Spring Fling Dance.

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

### **MAY 2023**

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

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

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

May 29, 2023 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

### **JUNE 2023**

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

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

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

### **JULY 2023**

July 1, 2023 – The Three Amigos United We Stand Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Dance at 7pm. \$10 per person. Callers: Joey Duhamel, Gene Gancarczyk, and Phil Moorehouse.

July 3, 2023 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

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

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

July 31, 2023 – Summer Nights Dance, Sponsored by the Star Steppers, White Hall, AR (Location TBA). Caller: Jet Roberts.

### AUGUST 2023

Aug. 3-5, 2023 – 48<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Square And Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, TN. The event will be at the W.L. Mills Conference Center. See the flier on the ASSDF website for more info, or <a href="http://www.tnsquaredance.org/convention">http://www.tnsquaredance.org/convention</a>

### SEPTEMBER 2023

Sept. 4, 2023 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

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

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

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

### OCTOBER 2023

Oct. 12-14, 2023 – 73<sup>rd</sup> ASSDF Fall Festival, Mountain Home, AR. Sponsored by the Pioneers Square Dance Club and the ASSDF. Trail-End Dance Oct. 12 – Caller: Gary Shoemake. (Separate Admission, payable at the door). Oct. 13 – Arkansas

Callers and Cuers. Oct. 14 – Caller: Charlie Robertson. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, as well as on the ASSDF website for more info.

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

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

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

### NOVEMBER 2023

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

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

### DECEMBER 2023

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

### JANUARY 2024

Jan. 1, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

### **JUNE 2024**

June 26-29, 2024 – 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention ®, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Info at <a href="https://73nsdc.com">https://73nsdc.com</a>

### OCTOBER 2024

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

### **JUNE 2025**

June 25-28, 2025 – 74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ®, Shreveport, Louisiana. Info at <a href="https://74thnsdc.com">https://74thnsdc.com</a>

### Club Reports

### **Bluebird Squares**

With warmer weather, it's great to get out and plant, watch the birds, and square dance!

You still have time to come to the Bluebird Squares' Valentine Dance Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>; it's going to be all mushy love songs, from 7 to 9pm. I'll have pictures from it in the April, 2023 e-Edition.

Our March dance will be the first Saturday (4<sup>th</sup>) due to events at the Fairgrounds on March 18<sup>th</sup> (we'll be **DARK** that night). So, let's say it all together: We shall March 4<sup>th</sup>! LOL!

Put your Bluebird specific birdhouse up by March 12th, at least  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet tall on a pole, with both a squirrel baffle, and a raccoon baffle; facing south...and no trees or bushes close, or overhanging. Please see me if you have any questions.

Jet Roberts' dance was awesome, as usual! I danced my little booted feet off!

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

### Carolyn Birdsong

### **Maverick Mixers**

I made errors in last month's report with the birthday and anniversary yellowrocks, so I'm removing them from the reports; but we will be recognizing them at the dances; sorry for any inconvenience. Our condolences to the family of long-time dancer, Jim Baxley, who passed away on Jan. 20.

Congratulations to Kim Deane of the Heber Springers who won the free admission raffle to the Jet Roberts Valentine's Dance on Feb. 13. We had 3 squares there (sometimes, it's hard to dance on a work night, with work the next day). Unfortunately, a schedule conflict that I could not resolve, and health issues, precluded my attendance. Several pictures from that dance are elsewhere in this issue.

Other special dances coming up are our Spring Fling Dance on April 29, our Barn Dance on July 29, and our 50's Dance on Sept. 30. The flier for our Spring Fling Dance is elsewhere in this issue, and fliers for the other dances are on the ASSDF website. Also, our own Phil Moorehouse will join Joey Duhamel and Gene Gancarczyk, at The Three Amigos "United We Stand" Dance on Saturday, July 1, at the same place we normally dance. Note that we'll be **DARK** on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, for the National Square Dance Convention ® in Mobile, Alabama; and on Oct. 14 for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Mountain Home.

Please call before you travel, in case of any last minute changes or cancellations. You can also find pictures/videos from recent dances on our Facebook page; thanks to Jerry and Ginny Short, among others, for the pictures and videos. Unless otherwise noted, we dance on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at American Legion Post 128 at Mann Road and Leah Lane, with our own Phil Moorehouse always calling a great dance.

### Daryl Stout

### **River City Squares**

Due to ongoing repairs to the floor at the Fort Smith Senior Center

from water damage, we've found a **TEMPORARY DANCE HALL**, thanks to Greg Smith. It will be at the Pocola Senior Center, at 700 Faye Avenue, in Pocola, Oklahoma, on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. It's only 7½ miles from our usual dance site. We'll be dancing there until we are able to return to our regular dance site (**please call before you travel, to confirm the location**).

Thanks to the dancers, who took us up on the last-minute offer to square dance! We appreciate you coming out on a rainy, dreary evening.

We were small in numbers, but large in the amount of fun we all had. We danced 6 couple squares for the last couple of tips. Jay calls these quite often, and our dancers don't miss a beat (well, maybe 1 or 2 ). I didn't get pictures of these tips, as I was dancing...but they cause a lot of giggles! We're missing those who weren't able to make it!

Several photos from our Feb. 7 dance are in the e-Edition...photos from our Feb. 14 Valentine's Dance will be in the April, 2023 e-Edition.

### Jody King

### Swingin' Cavaliers

When nature says you can't have 4 seasons in a week, Arkansas says "Hold My Beer!!" We had 7 inches of snow, then it warmed to melt the snow. Then, 2 inches of ice on the 1000 foot driveway. That melted, so now it's rain with warm and sunny next week.

We had to cancel one week, but had a great dance last week, and even had special guests. Tonia and Ted Hofmeister, the ASSDF Presidents, blessed us by coming to dance; and we always talk Ted into calling a tip, which he did, and he was so good! They are so much fun! We had a great dance, and are looking forward to Spring getting here. Lots of great dances to come!!

### Anita Vandergriff

### **Twirling Funtimers**

Lessons are scheduled to start March 8<sup>th</sup>. We 've been busy trying to recruit new members. So, if you've wanted to try Square Dancing, our first 2 lessons are free. A great time to come see what we're all about. We dance at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building at 14 Skyles Lane in Lakeview, Arkansas. Lessons are from 6pm to 7pm, and our regular dance of Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds starts at 7pm, and runs to 9pm. We dance every Wednesday evening.

March 15<sup>th</sup> will be our Family Night Dance. All of the dancers are encouraged to bring baby pictures, and early pictures of their families and younger selves. We'll have a contest to see who can match the younger dancer pictures to the mature dancer that brought them. This should take us down memory lane for sure!!

It still is only March, and the weather may still have a surprise up its sleeve; so be sure to check to see if we're dancing, or had to cancel.

Happy St Paddies day to all!!

### Linda and Ray Peacy

### **Twirling Lariats**

We start off with some sad news: long time square dancer Jim Baxley passed away Jan 20. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Also, our thoughts and prayers with Paul and Connie Backstrom; see President Ted Hofmeister's Report elsewhere in this issue for details.

The Twirling Lariats had a meeting, and it was decided to leave club dues at \$7.50 per month. Visitors raised to \$7 per dance, on 5th Friday raising cost to \$7 for all dancers.

The Three Amigos "United We Stand" Dance is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>, with our own Joey Duhamel as one of the Amigos. The Club will go **DARK** on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Birthdays in March are: Ellen Lewis, Henry Heritz, Carolyn Cullins, and Lucy Lehman. March anniversaries are Jerry and Ginny Short. March's birthstones are aquamarine and bloodstone. These stones

symbolize courage. Its birth flower is the daffodil.

Most clubs are having lessons. kick up your heels, laugh and lots of camaraderie., all you need are 8 people, we are on a high, but no need for stimulants. Yellow Rocks are a welcoming good feeling, and free!

March 17<sup>th</sup> is Saint Patrick's Day! Be Irish even for a day! March 17<sup>th</sup> turns the Chicago River green. March was named for god of war, and it lives up to its title.

The late Groucho Marx noted "When you're in jail, a good friend will be trying to bail you out; best friends will be in the cell next to you saying, "[Darn], that was fun!!"

Joey Duhamel is our caller. We dance from 7:30 to 9:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays. Come join us!

### Ginny Short

The following clubs are doing lessons (square dance, round dance, or clogging) soon. Please contact the person noted for more info.

No prior dance experience is needed, and the first 2 lessons are free of charge; after that, the listing is removed from The Modern Square, and from the **ASSDF website** under **New Dancers**, until new class info is received.

Please go to <a href="https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers">https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers</a> for more info.

**Lakeview: Twirling Funtimers** (square dance lessons). **New class starts Wednesday, March 8, 2023**. Loyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Drive. Contact: Donna Gellenbeck (870) 620-0037

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Please advise the Editor if info for the clubs noted, or for the info in the Callers And Cuers section that follows, is wrong; so it can be corrected/updated...as well as advising the Editor 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 workshop before the dance, admission cost, and if the club is "couples only" or welcomes singles (not married, or without a dance partner).

### **Batesville**

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

### **Benton**

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

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

### Charleston

Swingin' Cavaliers – Thursdsay, 7pm **DANCING** 

Hug Chevrolet, 415 East Main

Callers: Anita Vandergriff and Ron Keeling

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

72937 (479) 274-9775

Contact: Ron Keeling (479) 629-4736

### **Fort Smith**

River City Squares – Tuesday, 6:30pm DANCING Pocola Senior Center, 700 Fave Avenue, Pocola, OK

Note: TEMPORARY DANCE SITE and REVISED TIME,

while their regular dance site is undergoing repairs, as per Jay

King. Please call for updates before traveling.

Caller: Jay King

Contact: Jay King, 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR

72956 (479) 474-8500

### **Hot Springs**

Levi's And Lace – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7pm **DANCING**Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport Road

Caller: Gene Gancarczyk

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

Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

### **Jonesboro**

Pistols N Petticoats – Thursday, 7pm DARK
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2201 South Culberhouse
Caller: Boyce Brownderville

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

(870) 932-7740

### Judsonia

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) and Donna Gellenbeck (2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

Contact: Rob and Donna Gellenbeck, 139 Dogwood Lane,

Lakeview, AR 72642 (870) 620-0037 (**Updated Club Contact**)

### **Little Rock (Mabelvale)**

Twirling Lariats – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:30pm **DANCING** 

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

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Contact: Clifton Taylor and Carolyn Cullins, 9027 Highway 5

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

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

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and

Leah Lane) -- \$8 per person

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Daryl Stout, P.O. Box 55655, Little Rock, AR 72215

(501) 690-8325

### **Mountain Home**

Pioneers – Monday, 6:30pm **DANCING** 

Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, 511 Coley Drive

Caller: Roy Hestand

Contact: Roy Hestand, 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR

72653 (870) 329-1141

### **Rose Bud**

Heber Springers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7pm **DANCING** 

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Theresa Tubbs, 390 Woodvine Trail, Higden, AR

72067 (501) 238-2713

### White Hall (Pine Bluff)

Star Steppers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7pm **DANCING** 

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

Andersen Avenue

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Sheila Gesing, 9760 Grant 7, Sheridan, AR 72150

(870) 942-2273

### **Texarkana (New Boston, TX)**

Guys N Dolls – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 7pm **DANCING** 

Old Fellows Lodge, New Boston, TX

Caller: Nelda Eaton

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

75501 (903) 276-3422

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28912 Bandy Road Little Rock, AR 72223 (501) 813-7239

M: Yes

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

### **Bownderville**, Boyce

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

### **Duhamel. Joey**

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

### Eaton, Nelda

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

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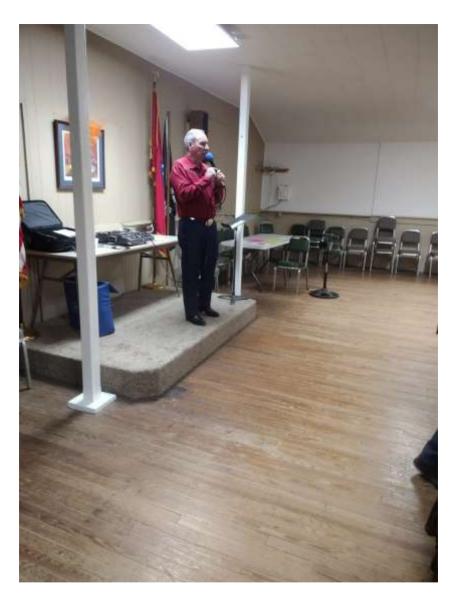
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Please email these <u>assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com</u> as I want to give credit to the photographers for the photos, especially if they come from the Facebook groups.

**Due to space limitations, I can't use all photos** (sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view these (and videos, where available) on the various club Facebook pages; and the Square Dance Events Facebook Group.

E-edition pictures this month are from the Twirling Lariats Jan. 20 and Feb. 3 Dances, the Levi's And Lace Jan. 27 Dance, the River City Squares Feb. 7 Dance, as well as from the Maverick Mixers Pre-Valentines Dance with Jet Roberts on Feb. 13. Many thanks to Jody King, plus Jerry and Ginny Short for the photos.

First, a few photos from the Twirling Lariats Jan. 20 dance, with guest caller Gene Gancarczyk.



Guest Caller Gene Gancarzyk

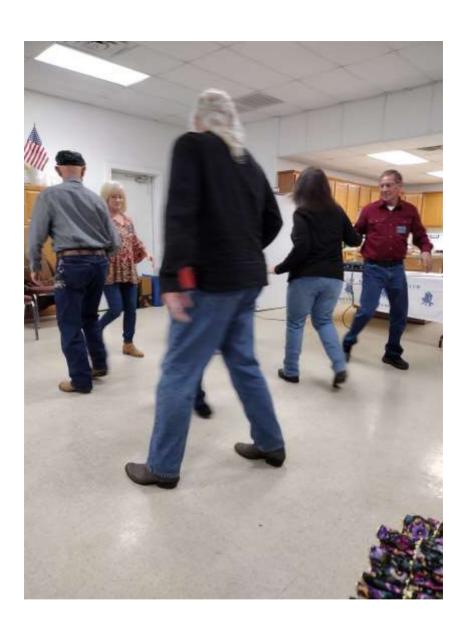






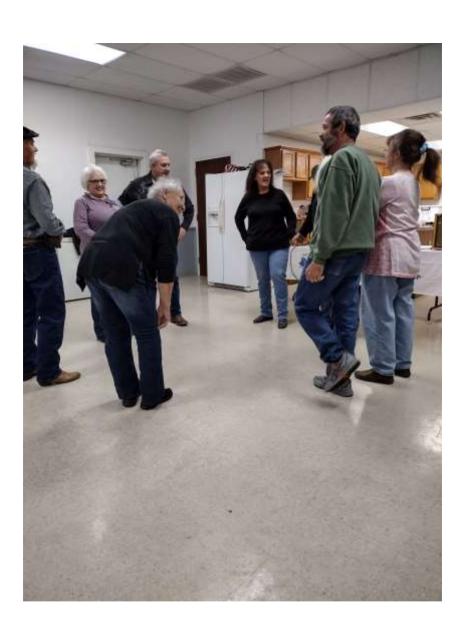


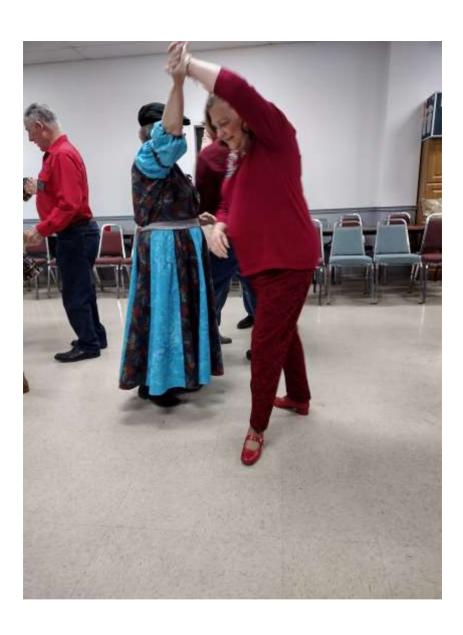
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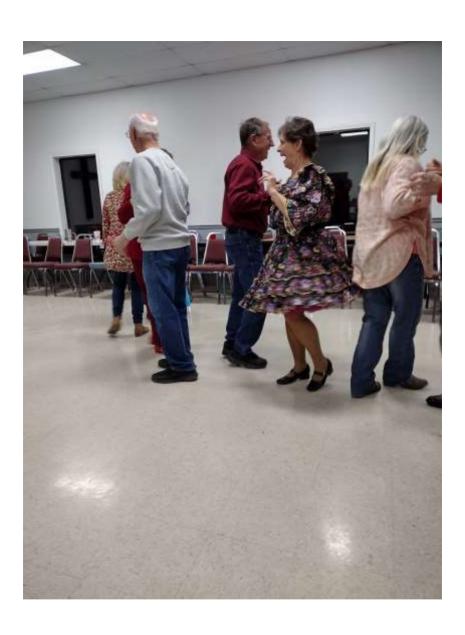














It looks like the dancers were more interested in the food with the duty square at one of the breaks between tips!!



Next, several photos from the Twirling Lariats Feb. 3 dance, with caller Joey Duhamel.

Along with the dancing, there was plenty of good snacks to be had with the "duty square"...likely similar to the above photo at the Levi's And Lace Jan. 27 dance.



















Next, several photos from the River City Squares Feb. 7 Dance; please see their club report for details. Photos from their Feb. 14 Valentine's Dance will be in the April e-Edition.















Lastly, several photos from the Maverick Mixers Pre-Valentine's Dance on Feb. 13 with National Caller Jet Roberts.



National Caller Jet Roberts



























