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## **Policies:**

1. All items are now due on the Editor's Desk no later than 3pm Central Time, on the Sunday after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.
2. There is no word limit on club reports. **Minor editing is done** for grammar, punctuation, typos, and continuity.
3. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
4. Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area will be accepted **only** from **ASSDF** clubs and organizations as well as their Callers and Cuers.

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## **Advertisements :**

All Special Dance flyers are **FREE**, but ads for one's business/job, or other personal ads, are \$10 per month, or \$60 per year. In other words, if you buy a year's worth of ads, it's like you'll get six months free!!

**Advance Payment is required** to the ASSDF Treasurer, before the ad will run. All flyer and ad copy should be sent to the Editor before the deadline that is noted above. Be sure that all the information that's in the dance flyer, ads, etc., is **correct** before submission for publication.

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## *President's Message*

Dear Melting Dancers,

Hope you aren't really melting, but finding many places to dance in lovely air conditioned spaces!

We have been on the road for the last 3 weeks for business, which took us to 16 states, D.C., and Canada. We only got to dance once in those 3 weeks at the Maryland Star-Spangled Square Dance, north of Baltimore. We got in for the last 3 hours of "after party" and enjoyed dancing with new friends. Jet Roberts and Ken Burke were calling along with several others.

With all of that travel, we have definitely missed all of you. We did get to dance with the Maverick Mixers Saturday during the lessons and regular dance. When everyone was on the floor, we had 4 squares. Melody drove Phil over to call, as he is recovering from surgery on his knee Friday. Thanks for your sacrifice of time when you need rest!

On that note, we want to send our condolences in the loss of Gene Gancarczyk, aka Gene G, aka G.G. We often take for granted that our callers will always be there and show up to allow us to enjoy our favorite pastime. We were so saddened to hear of Gene's passing. He will be missed by so many, and he was such a kind gentleman. He certainly was patient with us. We will always remember his records, his warm smile, and his hats. We're praying for you, Carolyn, that you will be blessed with many sweet memories, and with the comfort that only God can give.

We hope to see all of you at some dances this month. **August 9<sup>th</sup>**, the

**Southern Swingers** are hosting their **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance** with caller Billy Grimsley. The **Heber Springers** are hosting an **Ice Cream Social** on **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** , with caller Phil Moorehouse.

Reminder, you have until **August 31** to dance, and get signatures on your **Arkansas Traveler Badge** form. **The forms are due by September 10.** You can email a copy of your **completed form** to [foxxden87@gmail.com](mailto:foxxden87@gmail.com) if you haven't turned them in to your club president to get to us.

Also, get signed up for the **Diamond Jamboree** for this October, to jump start getting another dangle on your badge or getting your initial badge if you didn't achieve it this year.

See you in a square soon! Stay cool!

*Tom and Kim Fox, ASSDF President, 2025*





### **In Loving Memory – Gene Gancarczyk**

**Gene, and his wife, Carolyn, were “the caller and his taw” for the Levi’s and Lace Square Dance Club for several years, and he was one of the callers at The Three Amigos Dance for several years as well.**

**As Phyllis Keeney noted on the club’s Facebook page, “Gene’s legacy is so deep, full of dedication, love, compassion, and his unique humor. We are proud that this special man, and his sweet wife, Carolyn, have been part of our lives for so long. We have been so blessed.”**

**“Thank you, Gene, for sharing so much with us. Our rock.”**

**Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers to his widow, Carolyn, and her family. He will be sorely missed.**

## Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

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

### Arkansas Clubs, Callers, and Cuers On Facebook:

Arkansas' Fall Festival, Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, Arky Cloggers, Blue Belles and Beaus, Guys N Dolls, Heber Springs Square Dance Club, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Southern Swingers, Star Steppers, The Three Amigos, Twirling Funtimers, and the Twirling Lariats.

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

Callerlab, Roundalab, National Square Dance Convention®, East Texas Square and Round Dance Association (ETSRDA), Rebel Rousers (Dallas, TX), Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, North Texas Square & Round Dance Association (NORTEX), Heart of America Single Square Dancers Association (HASSDA), & Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD).

### Caller and Cuer Websites:

Nelda Eaton

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

## *From The Editor*



First, we start this month on a sad note, as we mourn the passing of caller **Gene Gancarczyk** of the **Levi's And Lace Square Dance Club**. As Phyllis Keeney noted on the Levi's And Lace Facebook Page, Gene had a heart attack on July 6 and passed away the next day. She added that "We are crushed"...and "Gene's legacy is so deep, full of dedication, love, compassion, and his unique humor. We are proud this special man, and his sweet wife, Carolyn, have been part of our lives for so long. We have been so blessed. Thank you, Gene, for sharing so much with us. Our rock." Gene will be sorely missed, and our thoughts and prayers to Carolyn and her family during this difficult time.

Second, the phrase "something new has been added" was the case at **The Three Amigos Dance** on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Nelda Eaton stepped up to join Phil Moorehouse for a fun evening of Mainstream, Plus, and Line Dancing, to the 3 squares in attendance. Plans are being worked on for the first big special of 2026, which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026...more details will be published as soon as possible.

Third, for those traveling this summer, there are several dances inside and outside of Arkansas. Please check the **Upcoming Events** page at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> and the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue for more info. Be sure to take your **Arkansas Traveler** form with you, as you travel dance. The **deadline** to turn this in is at **the end of this month**, so we can prepare the badges to be presented at the **ASSDF Fall Festival**. Please take flyers of Arkansas dances with you as you travel.

Fourth, speaking of which, the **75<sup>th</sup> ASSDF Diamond Jubilee Fall Festival** is just 2 months away now, and the **pre-registration deadline** is at the end of next month, Sept. 30, 2025. All the nearby hotels are basically **SOLD OUT**, due to a **UAPB Homecoming Football Game** in the area that weekend; so one may end up driving back and forth from hotels near the Little Rock National Airport, if they don't have rooms



already. From what I understand, the **2026 Fall Festival** should **NOT** have that problem, but I can't mention details on that until the release of the October 2025 e-Editions on Sept. 28. Information on the **2025 Fall Festival** is sent after one's registration is received.

Fifth, we are in the middle of summer, and the month of August also means it will be **Back To School** time soon. For some clubs, it also means a fall set of lessons. If you club is planning lessons, whether square dance, round dance, line dance, or clogging, please email the info to the Editor at [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) -- it will be placed in The Modern Square, and on the ASSDF website under **New Dancers**, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers>

**The Special Dance Photos** for much of **July, 2025**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were from the emails, Facebook pages, club and special dances from **Aunty Acid**, **NORTEX**, the **74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**® (some missed the July 2025 issue deadline), **The 3 Amigos Dance**, **New Kids Block Party Dance**, **Southern Swingers**, **Star Steppers**, **Heber Springers**, **Levi's And Lace**, **Guys N Dolls**, **Twirling Funtimers**, **River City Squares**, and the **Maverick Mixers**.

Thanks to Daryl Stout, Ginny Short, Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, Mike and Lanita Hammett, Mike and Ellen Lewis, Phyllis Keeney, Carole Baker, Theresa Muth, Millie Marlin, Jean Coy, Kim Deane, Amanda Throgmartin, Anieta England, plus CorBen Geis, and Elaine Cox, for the photos.

You can download the full, compact, or Special Dance e-Editions from <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

Lastly, I want to personally extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to **74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**® General Chairpersons Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, as well as to Publicity Chairpersons Phil and Melody Moorehouse, for the special **Certificate Of Recognition** that I received at **The Three Amigos 249, A Country, A Hobby, Oh So, Fine Dance**, on July 5.

I had originally planned to attend...but with numerous events in my life outside of square dancing, I had to cancel the plans...but I had left my registration in place as a donation to the 74th NSDC. I figured if I could

not attend, the least that I could do was to promote it in The Modern Square, and on the **ASSDF website**. Looking at all the photos from the July 2025 **Special Dances e-Edition**, and in talking to several folks who attended, I was just sick that I had to miss such a good time. Thanks to everyone else for all their work for the 74th NSDC. Info on the 75th NSDC is elsewhere in this issue, and in **National Squares Online**, starting with the August 2025 issue...the URL is elsewhere in this issue. Please visit our **Facebook** page and our **website** for any last-minute changes/updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas, and contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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*Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman*



## Where are your special events?

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

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



# National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2026 - June 24-27, 2026

75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Waco, Texas

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

76<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Loveland, Colorado

2028 - June 28 to July 1, 2028  
\*\* CORRECTED DATE \*\*

77<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Daytona Beach, Florida

2029 - June 27-30, 2029

78<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
To Be Announced

Registration Forms for the next NSDC are in the full e-Edition. The costs **INCREASE** (and **no refunds**) on May 1 before the next NSDC. Links to upcoming NSDC websites are located at <https://nsdcnec.com>

**National Squares e-Magazine** is published from August through May in the interest of the NSDC, by the host city of the upcoming NSDC. Go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> for links to thumbnails of the last **10** issues; then click on the desired issue(s) to view, or download and print the PDF file(s). Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (held prior to the NSDC), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (unmarried or without a dance partner), Program Books/Daily Schedules (individual and total), Souvenirs, Vendors, Dance Facilities Map, Wednesday Night Dinner And Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Pre/Post Convention Events, Restaurants, Travel Options, Places To Visit, Various NSDC Committees, Upcoming NSDC Info, Mobility Scooters, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.

**75th National Square  
Dance Convention®**



Due to vision issues, I no longer drive, and can't be at dances, etc. unless someone offers transportation. Please advise me if your info (club contact, dance day/time) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website, is wrong; as I can't fix it if I'm not told.

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

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

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

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will EVER send emails, Facebook messages, etc., asking for money, gift cards, etc.; those are SCAMS! Clubs with Facebook pages MUST police them, as scammers are posting things like "club T-Shirts", "death of a celebrity", "deleting all inactive members", "wanting part time work," (NOTHING to do with square dancing). These posts/emails have viruses to steal your identity, delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, where you'd have to pay a HUGE cost to get it back.

If you see these emails, DELETE them. And, if you see these ads, DON'T click on ANY part of them. Instead, report them to the group administrators, so the post can be deleted, and the poster can be banned from the group. Then, BLOCK that person in your email spam filter, and your Facebook profile. This helps keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity/data stolen, your Facebook page could get hacked, or you could be "left on the hook, financially".

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE CONVENTION \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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AREA I, (Mountain Home, Lakeview)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

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AREA II, (Fort Smith, Charleston)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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AREA III, (New Boston, TX; Shreveport, LA)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

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AREA IV, (Hot Springs, White Hall)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

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AREA V, (Little Rock, Benton)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

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AREA VI, (Judsonia, Rose Bud)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### ARKANSAS TRAVELER

- ALL dancers who have earned their Arkansas Traveler badge and/or Dangle, or Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle will be listed in the State Festival Program each year.
- All dancers who have earned 10 Dangles will receive a 10 year bar.
- See [www.arkansassquaredance.com](http://www.arkansassquaredance.com) for a listing of clubs within the state.
- Only one card is needed per person or per couple.
- The awards will be made at the State Festival.

### ----- Earn an Arkansas Traveler Badge

1. Earn 5 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states, and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. Have this card signed and dated by a Club Officer in the Area visited.
3. Present your completed card to your club president by September 10.
4. You may earn only one badge or dangle per person per year.

### ----- Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle

1. Earn 7 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. All other rules are the same as above.

## Special Dances/Festivals

**Please call before traveling**, to check for last-minute dance or festival cancellations, especially around the holidays. If you're feeling ill, or if bad weather's an issue, please stay home. Info on Club Contacts, plus Callers and Cuers are elsewhere in this issue. Please **support your ASSDF clubs** with a visit to them; and have your **Arkansas Traveler Badge** form (noted on the previous page).

The listings of dances/festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then **non-ASSDF dances/festivals** in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). Please note that the **National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)** events are always listed, no matter what state it's located in.

Please send flyers on out of state dances and festivals to the Editor at [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) – dances that have been **CANCELED**, or that are in the past, have been **REMOVED** from this listing.

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

### *ASSDF Club Special Dances*

AUGUST 2025

**Aug. 9, 2025 – Southern Swingers 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Billy Grimsley. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 22, 2025 – Heber Springers Ice Cream Social Dance,** Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**Aug. 30, 2025 – The Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.**

## SEPTEMBER 2025

**Sep. 1, 2025 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.**

**Sep. 12, 2025 – Heber Springers Hillbilly Dance,** Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**Sep. 12-13, 2025 – Southern Swingers Fall Dance Extravaganza,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Joey Duhamel, and Tim Tyl. Cues: Ken Vantiger. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## OCTOBER 2025

**Oct. 9-11, 2025 – 75<sup>th</sup> ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival,** White Hall, AR. Sponsored by the Maverick Mixers. Trail-End Dance Thursday, Oct. 9. Friday Night (Oct. 10) Caller: Justin Russell. Saturday Night (Oct. 11) Caller: Charlie Robertson. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 10, 2025 – The Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are DARK tonight.**

**Oct. 11, 2025 – The Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.**

**Oct. 24, 2025 – Heber Springers Halloween Dance.** Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West. Dance at 7pm.  
Caller: Dan Nordbye

**Oct. 31, 2025 – Louisiana Lagniappe at the Southern Swingers,** Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## NOVEMBER 2025

**Nov. 8, 2025 – Southern Swingers Special Dance,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl.

**Nov. 14, 2025 – Heber Springers Give Thanks Dance,** Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**Nov. 21, 2025 – Louisiana Lagniappe at the Southern Swingers,** Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 26, 2025 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.**

## DECEMBER 2025

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

**Dec. 13, 2025 – Southern Swingers Christmas Dance,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Joey Duhamel.

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

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



## JANUARY 2026

**Jan. 3, 2026 – The Three Amigos New Years Kicks In 2026 Dance**, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock, AR). Callers and other details will be announced as soon as possible.

## MAY 2026

**May 29, 2026 – The Twirling Lariats are DARK** tonight.

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

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

## OCTOBER 2026

**Oct. 8-10, 2026 – 76<sup>th</sup> ASSDF Fall Festival**. Location and other details will be announced as soon as possible.

### *Non-ASSDF Special Dances and Festivals*

## AUGUST 2025

**Aug. 1, 2025 – Kissin Kuzzins Dance Into August Dance**, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 1, 2025 – Tsquare Gadabouts Special Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: David Toms. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 1, 2025 – Texas Reelers Letter N Dance**, Richardson, TX. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 1, 2025 – Triangle Squares Autumn Leaves Dance**, Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 2, 2025 – Circle 8 Squares Scream For Ice Cream Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Toby Thomason. Club Caller: Melton Luttrell. Club Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 2, 2025 – Rambling Roses National Friendship Day Dance**, Tyler, TX. Caller: Joey Duhamel. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 7, 2025 – Roadrunners Dog Daze Of Summer Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 7-9, 2025 – Heart Of America Singles Square Dance Association (HASSDA) 2025 Fall Festival**, Emporia, KS. Trail-End Dance Aug. 7 – Caller: Curt Braffert – Cuer: Betty Skillett. Main Festival Aug. 8-9 – Callers: Mike Bramlett, Eric Henerlau, Curt Braffert. Cuers: Carolyn and Tony Ahart. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 8, 2025 – Stonesteppers Luau Dance**, Garland, TX. Caller: Bill Hinkley. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 8, 2025 – Swinging Stars Network Ministries Benefit Dance**, Richardson, TX. Caller: Charlie Robertson. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 9, 2025 – Heart Of Texas 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Cornhuskers Hoedown**, Waco (Speegleville), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuer: Christine Wiggins. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 9, 2025 – Circle I Squares A Casual Evening On The Beach Dance**, Irving, TX. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 14, 2025 – Double Plus Special Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 15, 2025 – Kissin' Kuzzins National Relaxation Day Dance**, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 15-16, 2025 – Warsaw On The Weekend**, Warsaw, MO. Caller: Mike Sikorsky. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 16, 2025 – Southern District BBQ Dinner and Dance**, Sulphur, OK. Caller: Bobby Willis. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 16, 2025 – Texas Reelers Letter O 50's Dance**, Richardson, TX. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 16, 2025 – Rebel Rousers Summertime Blues Dance**, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mile Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 16, 2025 – Trailblazers Ice Cream Social Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Toby Thomason. Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 17, 2025 – Summertime Afternoon Youth Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Ray Savell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 17-21, 2025 – Eureka Springs Round Dance Vacation**, Eureka Springs, AR. Cuers: Pamela and Jeff Johnson, plus Bill and Beth Davenport. Round Dance Phases III, IV, V, and VI. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 21, 2025 – Roadrunners Dance In Your Polka Dot Pants Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Joey Duhamel. Guest Cuer: Jan Toms

**Aug. 22, 2025 – Fort Worth Squares Aw Shucks Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Charles Crockett. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 22, 2025 – Swinging Stars Beach Party Dance**, Richardson, TX. Caller: Charlie Robertson. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 23, 2025 – Tri-City Promenaders Favorite Sports Team Dance**, Hurst, TX. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 23, 2025 – Yam Jammers and Single Hinges Flood Relief Dance**, Mineola, TX. Caller: Gary Sanders \*\* All proceeds will go to support victims of the Texas Hill Country Flooding \*\* See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 24, 2025 – NORTEX Flood Relief Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. \*\* All proceeds will go to support victims of the Texas Hill Country Flooding \*\* See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 28-31, 2025 – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual An Evening In Paris Weekend**, Paris, TX. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Tony Oxendine,

Buddy Weaver, Tim Tyl, and Jet Roberts. Cuers: David and Jan Toms. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 30, 2025 – Roadrunners 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Potluck Picnic Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. Cuer: Karen Gloodt. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 30, 2025 – Old Fashioned Barn Dance**, Wichita Falls, TX. Caller: Jeff Holley. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## SEPTEMBER 2025

**Sep. 5, 2025 – Kissin' Kuzzins Barn Dance**, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 19-20, 2025 – Pioneer Festival**, Wichita Falls, TX. Callers: Jeff Holley and Toby Thomason. \*\* Line Dance Instruction on Saturday Afternoon \*\* See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 19-21, 2025 – Brazos Bash**, Waco, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones, Ken Burke, Tim Tyl, and Juergen Weissenborn. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 19-21, 2025 – Kicks On Route 36 Dance Weekend**, Brookfield, MO. Callers: Scott Bennett, Leroy Conrad, Kenny Bailey, and Doug McCart. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 22, 2025 – Single Squares 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance**, Tulsa, OK. Caller: Jim Howard. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 27, 2025 – Young At Heart Square And Line Dance Club Hawaiian Luau Dance**, Mountain City, TN. Caller: Tony Oxendine. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## **OCTOBER 2025**

**Oct. 4, 2025 – Log Cabin Swingers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance**, Tool, TX. Caller: Dan Nordbye. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 9, 2025 – 66<sup>th</sup> Missouri Square And Round Dance Convention “Fight Cancer” Trail End Dance**, Cape Gireadeau, MO. Callers: Don and Doug Sprosty. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 10-11, 2025 – 2025 Houston Hoedown**, Katy, TX. Caller: Buddy Weaver. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 10-12, 2025 – 66<sup>th</sup> Missouri Square And Round Dance Convention**, Cape Gireadeau, MO. Caller: Jason Raleigh. Cuer: Natalie Sprosty. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 11, 2025 – Tulsa Fall Dance Extravaganza**, Tulsa, OK. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Monty Hackler, and Bill Powell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 24-25, 2025 – NORTEX Roundup**, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Jack Pladdys and Vernon Jones. Cuer: Karen Gloodt. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 26, 2025 – Oklahoma State Square Dance Federation Shriner Benefit Dance**, Oklahoma City, OK. OKSSDF Callers. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info. \*\*  
**Afternoon Dance \*\***

## NOVEMBER 2025

**Nov. 2, 2025 – Toys For Tots Afternoon Benefit Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 7-9, 2025 – Oklahoma State Square Dance Federation Festival**, Ardmore, OK. OKSSDF Callers: Mike Shultz, Darryl Lipscomb, Bobby Willis, Jim Howard, and Jonathan Marshall.  
**\*\* Pre-Party Dance Nov. 7 \*\*** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 29, 2025 – East Texas Callers Association Fund Raiser Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. ETCA Callers and Cuers. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 30, 2025 – ETSRDA Toys For Tots Afternoon Dance**, Mineola, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## JANUARY 2026

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

## FEBRUARY 2026

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

## MARCH 2026

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

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

## APRIL 2026

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

## MAY 2026

**May 22-24, 2026 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mineola Railers Mainstream Extravaganza**, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Monty Hackler. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## JUNE 2026

**June 4-6, 2026 – 64<sup>th</sup> Texas State Federation Square And Round Dance Festival**, Longview, TX. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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



## AUGUST 2026

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

## JUNE 2027

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

## JUNE 2028

**June 28 to July 1, 2028 – 77<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention** ®, Daytona Beach, Florida. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration Form are at <https://77nsdcfl.com/>

## *Club Reports*

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

### **Arky Cloggers**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn Gancarczyk, in the loss of her husband, Gene, in early July. Gene and Carolyn were an integral part of Arkansas Square Dancing...and his wisdom, talent, calling, and sense of humor, will be sorely missed.

On a brighter note, congratulations to Arkansas' own Shaina Morgan, along to Lagenia French DeRossett from Indiana, who both will be **Introductory Instructors** teaching at the **National Clogging Convention** in Nashville, Tennessee during Thanksgiving Weekend.

If you were at the workshop in Mabelvale in April, you know how great both of these girls are.

Our own Lanita Hammett was recognized as a graduate of the **GSI Callers School** at the recent **74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention** ® in Shrevport in late June...several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We dance each Tuesday at 1490 South Donaghey Avenue, with our Boost Class from 3:30pm to 5pm, our Intermediate/Advanced Class level from 5pm to 6:30pm, and our Beginner Class from 6:30pm to 8pm.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7366350676716921> for further updates.

*Lanita Pettey Hammett*

## **Blue Belles and Beaus**

As with the other clubs and dancers, we mourn the loss of Arkansas Caller Gene Gancarczyk, of the Levi's And Lace Square Dance Club. Our thoughts and prayers with Carolyn and the family during this time of loss.

We normally dance on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, at the Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street. Please note that, for now, we have **suspended** the clogging classes prior to the dance for now; but please join us at 7pm for our regular dance with our own Phil Moorehouse. We hope to see you in a square real soon!!

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100052996541923> for any last-minute changes or updates.

*Robert and Cheryl Shaver*

## Guys N Dolls

We are saddened by the recent passing of longtime Arkansas Caller Gene Gancarczyk last month. Gene's talent, insight, sense of humor, and many other attributes, will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers to his taw, Carolyn, and the family.

Our own Nelda Eaton teamed up with Phil Moorehouse at "**The Three Amigos 249, A Country, Hobby, Oh So Fine**" Dance in Little Rock, on July 5. Harmonizing with Phil on some of the singing calls, and also calling a fun evening of mainstream and plus dancing, plus several line dances, made it a fun evening for everyone there. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Also, congratulations to Nelda Eaton's "**Nailed-It**" group. She has 10 new students for lessons at the Carlile's Plantation in Texarkana! Three photos are in the special dances e-Edition.

We appreciate **ASSDF Publicity Chairs** Mike and Ellen Lewis joining us at our July 19 dance...a photo is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Nelda Eaton will be guest caller at the Roadrunners Dog Daze Of Summer Dance in Fort Worth, TX, on August 7, for those dancers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in early August.

We dance on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Plentiful Harvest Church, 500 North Merrill, New Boston, TX, at 7pm, with our own Nelda Eaton providing a fun evening of square and line dancing.

*Rhonda Bailey*

## Heber Springers

The Heber Springers extend our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, to the family of Arkansas caller Gene Gancarczyk, who passed away in early July. Gene had been joined by our own Phil Moorehouse at several of **The Three Amigos** Dances in Little Rock over the years. He will be sorely missed.

We had a square for our **Red, White, And Blue Dance**, with National Caller Greg Hatmaker on July 12, but it was the best square on the floor!! Several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

The July 25 Dance was exceptional! **MANY THANKS TO GUEST CALLER Roy Hestand!!** He never disappoints us!! We even had some surprise visitors, one of the "new kids on the block", **Lanita Pettet Hammett**, who razzle dazzled us with calling a tip! **Art Ritter** stopped by with his lay friends! And, last but certainly not least, Triston Deane (my grandson) who, by the looks on his face, had a grand Ole time! Wouldn't you agree? Several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

This month, we'll have our **Ice Cream Social and Dance**, at our regular dance place, on August 22, with ice cream and all the trimmings. Then, next month, we'll have our **"Hillbilly Dance"**, at our regular dance place, on September 12. Wear your overalls, "Appalachian Attire", and join us for a fun evening.

We'll have some exciting news to reveal in the October 2025 issue, but note that we will be **DARK** on Oct. 10, for the **ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall.

To close out the year, we'll have our **Giving Thanks Dance**, on Nov. 14...and **as of now**, we plan to dance the Friday after Thanksgiving, so please join us, and forget about the Black Friday Madness!!

Then, our Christmas Dinner and Dance will be on Dec. 12...with dinner at 6:30pm and a dance at 7pm. Note that we will be **DARK** on Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday.

Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings, unless otherwise noted, at the Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, in Rosebud, with our own Phil Moorehouse calling a great dance.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/487782943047841> for last minute updates.

*Theresa Muth*

## Levi's And Lace

We begin this report on a sad, somber note, with the passing of our longtime caller and friend, Gene Gancarczyk. Gene and his wife, Carolyn, were "the caller and his taw" for our club for several years, and he was one of the callers at The Three Amigos Dance for several years as well.

Gene's legacy is so deep, full of dedication, love, compassion, and his unique humor. We are proud that this special man, and his sweet wife, Carolyn, have been part of our lives for so long. We have been so blessed.

**Thank you, Gene, for sharing so much with us. Our rock.**

We want to thank everyone for the kindness shown, for the Facebook posts, emails, etc., plus everyone who came to the graveyard service to help us say "goodbye"...and who joined us for a time of fellowship and comfort afterwards. Square dancers are the best people in the world!!

Ted and I feel blessed to call these two our friends. We've been close friends for so many years, but they made each day special. There was never a time when we didn't feel like we were an extension of each other. **Thank you for all the memories.**

Now we will make new ones with Carolyn, but Gene will be part of those, too. We will always be talking about him, remembering him, and laughing at something he did or said. He will be part of us and Levi's and Lace until we are called home. Then we will all be together again. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our condolences to Henryetta Norman in the loss of her husband, Don. Henryetta was a member of the Levi's and Lace for several years.

On a brighter note, many thanks to Amanda and Blake Throgmartin as well as Ron Wise for calling at our July 25 dance. Several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition. Also, there are several **"flashback photos"** from **"after dance after parties"** at several area restaurants, in years gone by, are on our Facebook page.

We dance at Lake Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at 2891 Airport Road, in Hot Springs, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month.

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

*Phyllis Keeney*

## Maverick Mixers

First, our condolences, thoughts, and prayers go out to the Levi's And Lace square dance club, and the Gancarczyk family, in the passing of their caller Gene Gancarczyk. Gene called several times with our own Phil Moorehouse at **The Three Amigos** Dances, and when joined by fellow caller Joey Duhamel, it made for a motley crew, plus a fun dance. He will be sorely missed.

Thoughts and prayers with Harry Atchley, recovering from kidney stones and UTI's. Unfortunately, in the intense summer heat, and as we get older, they tend to become more frequent. Pain wise, kidney stones are as close as a man can get to a woman with childbirth labor pains. Since yours truly quit drinking carbonated beverages on a regular basis 5 1/2 years ago, I've only had one small stone since then...and I don't wish this on anybody.

Our own Phil Moorehouse was joined by fellow caller Nelda Eaton on July 5, at **The Three Amigos 249, A Country, Hobby, Oh So Fine**, Dance. Yours truly was presented with a special certificate (which I was not expecting) for promoting the recent **74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**® in Shreveport, Louisiana. On several tips, Nelda and Phil did the singing calls together, with Phil on the melody, and Nelda on the harmony. Numerous photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We were **DARK** on July 12, as our own Phil Moorehouse "took a step back in time" with the **Southern Swingers 70s Summer Fun Dance**. While I never wore tie-dyed shirts, I still remember those days, and it made me feel "old" (LOL!). Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Then, our own Greg Ward and Millie Marlin, along with Mike and Lanita Hammett, traveled to the **River City Squares Special Dance** in Fort Smith on July 15, with Guest Caller Monty Hackler. Numerous photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Patti Cummings, Lanita Hammett, and Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, along with Roger Garner, honed their skills at the "**New Kids Block Party**" dance on July 20...thanks to the dancers who attended. Several photos from that dance are in the special dances e-Edition. Also there, are photos of Lanita, Blake, Amanda, and **Twirling Funtimers** Caller Donna Gellenbeck, receiving their **GSI Callers School** certificates at the **74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ®** from National Caller Tony Oxendine...congratulations to each of them!!

We had 4 squares at our July 26 dance, with our own Phil Moorehouse calling. Numerous photos from the dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Several dancers will be attending the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual "An Evening In Paris" Square Dance Weekend during the Labor Day Weekend, so we will be **DARK** on August 30. Currently, we're not sure if we'll be **DARK** on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and Christmas, as both are on a Thursday this year. Watch our Facebook page, this report, and the **ASSDF website** for updates.

Just over 2 months remain until the **75<sup>th</sup> ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival**. Our club will be sponsoring the Trail End Dance, Crystals and Gems, on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 7pm to 10pm at the White Hall Community Center, at 9801 Dollarway Road, in White Hall. Come dance with your favorite callers from all over the region...with Mainstream and Announced Plus tips.

Then, the main **Fall Festival** will have Arkansas Callers and Cuers during the day Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11...with **National Caller Justin Russell** on Friday evening, and **National Caller Charlie Robertson** on Saturday evening. And, to top off the weekend, a beautiful handmade quilt (twin/couch size) will be raffled off on Saturday night, Oct. 11, 2025. See Lanita Hammett or any Maverick Mixers member for tickets (\$1 each). Note that we will be **DARK** on Oct. 11 for the **ASSDF Fall Festival**.

Our students are making progress through class, under the excellent instruction of our own Phil Moorehouse. They should be ready to join us at the Fall Festival. In the meantime, we are doing square dance lessons each Saturday, and before our regular dances...and we can always use angels.

We dance at American Legion Post 128 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays...with lessons beforehand, and on our "off dance nights"...with our own Phil Moorehouse calling a great dance. We hope you can take a break from the summer heat and stress, by joining us for a fun evening of square dancing.

Please call before you travel, and check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2402030760029886> for last minute updates.

*Daryl Stout*

## Pioneers

We grieve at the loss of Arkansas Caller Gene Gancarczyk last month, and we extend our thoughts and prayers to Carolyn and the family during this time. Gene's calling, legacy, sense of humor, and other things, will be sorely missed by all.

Our own Roy Hestand was Guest Caller at the Heber Springers for their July 25 dance, with a Flash Square Dance Fashion Sale. It was good to visit with our dancing friends from central Arkansas.

Note that we will be **DARK** on September 1, 2025, for the Labor Day Holiday. Speaking of holidays, we will probably have Thanksgiving and Christmas-related dances in November and December, respectively, but the exact details are not known at this time. Watch this report, and our Facebook page for updates.

We normally dance on Monday evenings at 6:30pm at the Ramada Inn at 1127 Highway 62 East, in Mountain Home, Arkansas, with our own Roy Hestand calling a great dance.



Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/859216584467625> for any last-minute updates.

*Becky Hestand*

## River City Squares

We join the rest of the **ASSDF Clubs** in mourning the passing of long-time caller Gene Gancarczyk. Gene, and his wife Carolyn, were a fixture with the Levi's and Lace for many years, visting several clubs, and calling at The Three Amigos Dances over the years. Gene will be sorely missed.

Guest Caller Monty Hackler called a Special Dance for us on July 15! Great calling, great dancing, and great eating!!! Thanks to Monty, all our visitors, and our club members for such a fun evening. We appreciate our visitors, who traveled from both the Little Rock and Tulsa areas. Monty always makes the drive worth it! And a very special Thank You to all our club members. We couldn't do it without you! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We'll be starting square dance lessons on Tuesday, October 7, at our regular dance place, the Fort Smith Senior Center, at 2700 Cavanaugh Road.

Please see our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470785299916715> for updates.

*Jody King*

## Southern Swingers

We join the other **ASSDF clubs** in mourning the loss of Arkansas Caller Gene Gancarczyk. Our own Joey Duhamel had joined him and caller Phil Moorehouse for several of **The Three Amigos Dances** in Little Rock over the years. Our thoughts and prayers to his taw, Carolyn, and the family.

Our **70's Summer Fun Dance** with Guest Caller Phil Moorehouse was a hit. We had a blast square dancing and line dancing...it was "**Groovy!**". Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

A photo of our 3 birthday ladies for July is in the Special Dances e-Edition. Then, the last weekend of July was busy, with Tim Tyl doing another fun **Louisiana Lagniappe** dance on July 25...several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition)

Then, several dancers attended the **Roaring 20s Teen Scholarship Dance** in Mineola on July 27. Congratulations to all the winners. Additional **Louisiana Lagniappe** dances are scheduled for October 31 and November 21. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Several dancers are planning to attend special fund raiser dances in north Texas this month to raise funds for victims of the tragic flooding in the Texas Hill Country, especially around Kerrville, Texas. Our thoughts and prayers to those affected by this tragedy

You're invited to join us for our **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dance** on Saturday, August 9, at Promenade Hall, at 5400 Benton Road, in Bossier City, Louisiana...with Guest Caller Billy Grimsley. Please see the flyer in the full e-Edition, on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Our own Joey Duhamel will be Guest Caller at the Rambling Roses National Friendship Day on August 2 in Tyler, TX...and at the Roadrunners Dance In Your Polka Dot Pants Dance in Fort Worth, TX on August 21, for those who are traveling those weekends. Then, we are starting **square dance lessons** on Tuesday, August 25, at our regular dance place, with our own Joey Duhamel instructing the prospective dancers. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under New Dancers for more info.

With the change of seasons in September, we invite everyone to our **Fall Dance Extravaganza** on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12 and 13, 2025...with our own Joey Duhamel being joined by fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Tim Tyl...with Ken Vantiger cueing the Round Dancing. Please see the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Our remaining special dances in 2025 will be on November 8, with Caller Tim Tyl...then our own Joey Duhamel will do our Christmas Dance on December 13, at our regular dance place.

We dance on Tuesday evenings at Promenade Hall, at 5400 Benton Road, in Bossier City, Louisiana, with our own Joey Duhamel calling...and we have special dances planned on selected second Saturdays. We hope to see you in a square real soon!!

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064404143648> for last-minute updates.

*Carole Baker*

## **Star Steppers**

We start this report noting the passing of long time Arkansas Caller Gene Gancarczyk, last month. Our own Phil Moorehouse joined Gene, and was joined by caller Joey Duhamel, at several Three Amigos Dances in Little Rock over the years. Gene will be sorely missed, and our condolences, thoughts, and prayers to Carolyn and the family.

We had a square of dancers at our July 14 dance...several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, at 7pm at the White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), in White Hall City Park, 700 Andersen Avenue, with our own Phil Moorehouse, calling a great dance. We'd love to have you join us. Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/306734347493720> for any last-minute changes or updates.

*Kathy Tankersly*

## **Twirling Funtimers**

We join other dancers in remembering the legacy of Arkansas caller Gene Gancarczyk, who passed away in early July. Gene, and his taw,

Carolyn, were a part of Arkansas dancing for many years...and extend our thoughts and prayers to Carolyn and the family.

On a brighter note, photos of our own Donna Gellenbeck, graduating from the **GSI Callers School**, at the recent **74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ®**, along with other new Arkansas Callers, Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, and Lanita Hammett, are in the Special Dances e-Edition...congratulations to each of these individuals!!

We had two full squares for our Ice cream social. Our members danced mainstream and soft Plus the whole evening. The Missouri group that attends many of our special dances didn't make this one due to a new Wednesday night Beginning Square dance class, followed with Plus lessons for the Angels.

It was a fun night, the ice cream was very good, and Monty Hackler calls with energy and humor that's every infectious. A few photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Offhand, I don't know of any other "specials" for 2025, but we normally do them on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Watch our Facebook page, the Special Events Calendar, and the **ASSDF website** for updates.

As we're looking toward cooler weather and the holidays, we will likely have a Thanksgiving-related dance in November, and our Christmas party dance in December, but the dates aren't known at this time. However, we will be **DARK** on Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and **DARK** on Dec. 24 for the Christmas holiday.

We normally dance every Wednesday, with special dances on the 3rd Wednesday, starting at 6pm, at the Loyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane, in Lakeview, Arkansas...with callers Ken Jarman, and Donna Gellenbeck, plus round dance cuer Marge Sherill.

Note that if there is hazardous weather (severe weather or especially winter weather), we will be **DARK** if area schools are closed. Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers> for updates.

*Anieta England*

## Twirling Lariats

We start this month on a sad note, mourning the passing of Arkansas Caller Gene Gancarczyk. Gene, and his lovely taw, Carolyn, were part of the Levi's and Lace square Dance Club for many years, and came to several of our dances. His kindness, legacy, talent, and sense of humor will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers to Carolyn and the family during this time...but we have all the wonderful memories of Gene that no one can take away. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Several of our dancers attended "**The Three Amigos 249, A Country, Hobby, Oh So Fine**" Dance on July 5 at our regular dance place. Our own Nelda Eaton joined fellow caller Phil Moorehouse for a fun evening of Mainstream and Plus square dancing, plus several line dances...with 3 squares in attendance. Numerous photos from that dance are in the Special Dance e-Edition. Plans are in the works for the first big dance of 2026 on January 3, and details on that will be posted as soon as possible.

Yours truly, joined other "**new kids on the block callers**" Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, Patti Cummings, and Lanita Hammett on July 20, at our regular dance place. Thanks to everyone who came out to support us, as we embark on calling. Several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Nelda Eaton will be guest caller at the Roadrunners Dog Daze Of Summer Dance in Fort Worth, TX, on August 7, for those dancers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in early August.

Several members have been helping with lessons on Saturday evenings, and we look forward to having these prospective dancers graduate and join us at our regular dances...as well as the **ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall, from Oct. 9-11, 2025.

While it's still several months away, make your plans now for our **2026 June Bug Jamboree** on Saturday, May 30, 2026, with Guest Caller Tim Tyl. Our own Carolyn Cullins has "retired" from preparing the BBQ related meal items, but we may have a potluck instead.

Watch this report, and our Facebook page for updates. We will be **DARK** on Friday, May 29, 2026, the night prior to the dance.

We normally dance at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, with our own Nelda Eaton providing for a fun evening of square and line dancing.

Please call before you travel and check our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/432398663471503> for any updates.

*Roger Garner*

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Is your club planning on doing **New Dancer Lessons** soon?? If so, please email the class info at least a month before the classes begin, to [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) – the info will be at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> on the **ASSDF website**, and in **The Modern Square**.

Info needed is the date, time, location, caller/cuer/instructor, plus a contact person for info. Lessons can be either square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging.

For links on **how to get youth involved in square dancing**, and for **promotional videos** that can be **customized for your club or organization website**, or for a **New Dancers Manual**, go to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

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The **River City Squares** plan to start lessons in early October, 2025. Further details will be posted as the class date gets closer.

The **Southern Swingers** will be starting lessons on Tuesday, August 25. Further details in the full e-Edition, and on the **New Dancers** page on the **ASSDF website**.

# ASSDF Club Directory

Note that **USDA Insurance** for clubs is due by December 1 of each year, and **Club ASSDF Membership Dues** is due by January 1 of each year. Please contact the ASSDF Treasurer for more information.

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

Note that clubs that are **DANCING** may have to cancel a regular dance, or change the dance days, times, and locations, at the last minute, or during certain times of the year, for various reasons.

Again, **please call before you travel** to avoid making the trip for nothing. And, if you feel ill, or if bad weather is an issue on a dance night, please stay home.

Please advise the Editor if info for the clubs noted, or for the info in the Callers And Cuers section (following this listing), 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).

## Conway

Arky Cloggers – Tuesday, 3:30pm to 5pm (Boost Class), 5pm to 6:30pm (Intermediate/Advanced), and Beginner (6:30pm to 8pm) **DANCING**

1490 South Donaghey Avenue

Instructor and Contact: Lanita Hammett (501) 889-4679

## **Fort Smith**

River City Squares – Tuesday, 6:30pm **DANCING**

Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road

Caller: Jay King

Contact: Jay King, 1402 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Van Buren, AR  
72956 (479) 883-2380

## **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: Guest Callers

Contact: Ted and Phyllis Keeney, 1807 Nubbin Ridge Road,  
Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

## **Judsonia**

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Dance at 7pm  
**DANCING**

Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Robert and Cheryl Shaver, 146 Opie Road, Bald Knob,  
AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

## **Lakeview**

Twirling Funtimers – Wednesday, 6pm to 8:30pm **DANCING**

Mainstream/Plus, with Round Dance Phases 1, 2, and 3

Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane -- \$7 per  
person (Special Dances on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman

Cuer: Marge Sherrill

Contact: Anieta England (870) 449-5135



## **Little Rock (Mabelvale)(1)**

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: Nelda Eaton

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

## **Little Rock (Mabelvale)(2)**

Maverick Mixers – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 7pm

### **DANCING**

Mainstream with announced Plus

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$8 per person

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Daryl Stout, P.O. Box 55655, Little Rock, AR 72215 (501) 690-8325

## **Mountain Home**

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

Ramada Inn, 1127 Highway 62 East

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 Muth (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: Kathy Tankersly (870) 718-0571

## Bossier City, LA (Shreveport)

Southern Swingers – Tuesday, 7pm (Special Dances 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) **DANCING**

Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Contact: Alitia Becker, 8008 Cardigan Way, Shreveport, LA 71129 (318) 547-9478

Contact: Carole Becker (318) 780-3997

## New Boston, TX (Texarkana)

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

Plentiful Harvest Church, 500 North Merrill, New Boston, TX

Caller: Nelda Eaton

Contact: Rhonda Bailey, 111 Wood Duck Lane, Texarkana, TX 75501 (903) 276-3422



## ASSDF Club Callers And Cuers

**Bownderville, Boyce** -- (870) 530-2444 -- M/P

**Cummings, Patti** – 270 Morrison Street, Ward, AR 72176 (501) 628-1089 [ninapcummings@gmail.com](mailto:ninapcummings@gmail.com)

**Duhamel, Joey** – 479 Country Farm Road, Baskin, LA 71219  
Cell: (870) 209-3646 [jdcalls@yahoo.com](mailto:jdcalls@yahoo.com) M/P: Yes  
*Southern Swingers*

**Eaton, Nelda** – P.O. Box 1118, New Boston, TX 75570  
Home: (903) 628-2425 Cell: (903) 278-8068 M/P: Yes  
*Guys And Dolls, Twirling Lariats*

**Gellenbeck, Donna** – 139 Dogwood Lane, Lakeview, AR  
72642 (870) 620-0037 [speedshots@hotmail.com](mailto:speedshots@hotmail.com) M/P: Yes  
*Twirling Funtimers*

**Hammett, Lanita** – 1533 Highway 300, Houston, AR 72070-8307 (501) 889-4679 [lnthmmtt13@gmail.com](mailto:lnthmmtt13@gmail.com) *Arky Cloggers*

**Hestand, Roy** – 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653  
(870) 329-1143 [hestandroy@gmail.com](mailto:hestandroy@gmail.com) M: Yes  
*Pioneers*

**Jarman, Ken** – 127 Muscovy Drive, Mountain Home, AR  
72653 (870) 404-8480 [korcjarman@yahoo.com](mailto:korcjarman@yahoo.com) M  
*Twirling Funtimers*

**King, Jay and Jody** -- 1402 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Van Buren, AR  
72956 (479) 883-2380 [jayking@cox.net](mailto:jayking@cox.net) P/A, Rounds 1-3  
*River City Squares*

**Moorehouse, Phil** – 4660 Stagecoach Road, Redfield, AR  
72132 (501) 960-4476 [philmoorehouse@aol.com](mailto:philmoorehouse@aol.com) P: Yes

*Blue Belles And Beaus, Heber Springers, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers*

**Ritter, Art** – 1213 Oak Acres Drive, Bryant, AR 72019  
(501) 326-8003

**Throgmartin, Blake and Amanda** – 153 Walker Court, Hot Springs, AR 71909 -- Blake – (501) 622-9402  
[squareupwithblake@gmail.com](mailto:squareupwithblake@gmail.com) Amanda – (501) 655-9767  
[amandacallssquares@gmail.com](mailto:amandacallssquares@gmail.com)

**Vandergriff, Anita** – 8215 Tyro Road, Hackett, AR 72937  
(479) 274-9775 [anitav@centurytel.net](mailto:anitav@centurytel.net)

**Ward, Tommy** – 347 Vineyard Street, Hot Springs, AR 71913  
(501) 672-9403 [tomlifetime@yahoo.com](mailto:tomlifetime@yahoo.com)

**White, Gordon and Susan** – 6 Perfecto Place, Hot Springs Village, AR 71913 (501) 822-0803 [white3297@hotmail.com](mailto:white3297@hotmail.com) P

**Wise, Ron** – 4800 Highway 104, White Hall, AR 71602  
(870) 267-0702 [ronwise@prodigy.net](mailto:ronwise@prodigy.net)

**Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:**

**M – Mainstream    P – Plus    A – Advanced (A1/A2)**

**1-6 – Round Dance Phase Cueing**

**If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances**



There are flyers for the following **ASSDF Club Special Dances** as well as dances for the National Square Dance Convention ® at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> and in the full e-Edition. Other flyers will be added as soon as possible.

**Southern Swingers 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance**, Aug. 8, 2025.  
Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller:  
Billy Grimsley

**Southern Swingers Fall Dance Extravaganza**, Sept. 12-13, 2025. Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA.  
Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Joey Duhamel, Tim Tyl. Cuer: Ken Vantiger

**75<sup>th</sup> ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Weekend**, Oct. 9-11, 2025, White Hall, AR. Thursday Night Trail End Dance Sponsored by the Maverick Mixers. Arkansas Callers and Cuers Friday and Saturday with daytime workshops. Friday night Caller: Justin Russell. Saturday night caller: Charlie Robertson. More details to follow as soon as possible.

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



## ***Club Special Dance Photos In The Last Month***

Please email these [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Due to **space limitations, photo quality, or page formatting**, I can't use all of them sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view them (and videos, where available) on the various Facebook pages (including the **Arkansas Square Dance** page, **The Three Amigos** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group). Also, note that **not everyone** is on Facebook.

**The Special Dance Photos** for much of **July, 2025**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were from the emails, Facebook pages, club and special dances from **Aunty Acid**, **NORTEX**, the **74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ®** (some missed the July 2025 issue deadline), **The 3 Amigos Dance**, **New Kids Block Party Dance**, **Southern Swingers**, **Star Steppers**, **Heber Springers**, **Levi's And Lace**, **Guys N Dolls**, **Twirling Funtimers**, **River City Squares**, and the **Maverick Mixers**.

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