

Photos From Recent Special Dances

The **MODERN SQUARE**



June 2025

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The Club Special Dance photos will be placed in a separate file each month, as will photos from recent **ASSDF Fall Festivals**.

Club Special Dances In The Last Month

Please email these assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – please let me know who took the photos, as I want to give them credit, especially if they come from the 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 from late **April** through **May, 2025**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were from the emails, Facebook pages, as well as the club and special dances from **SquareDanceUSA**, the **Arky Cloggers**, **Maverick Mixers**, **River City Squares**, **Twirling Lariats**, **Heber Springers**, **Twirling Funtimers**, and the **Southern Swingers**. **Many thanks** go to Mike and Ellen Lewis, Mike and Lanita Hammett, Jody King, Daryl Stout, Carolyn Birdsong, Ginny Short, Carole Baker, Anieta England, CorBen Geis, and Elaine Cox for the photos. Also, **many thanks** to Phil and Melody Webb Moorehouse for all the info on the 74th NSDC.

At the back of this issue, besides some humor, there's a link to a **New Dancers Manual** for new or recent graduates...thanks to Mike and Ellen Lewis for preparing this document. Lastly, with the **summertime heat approaching**, there is the **ECMA (Emergency Call For Medical Aid)**, and several **Hot Weather Safety Tips** from the National Weather Service at <https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat>

Note that the first two sets of photos from the **Maverick Mixers** and **River City Squares** late April dances weren't noted on Facebook until

after the deadline for the May 2025 issue, so they are in this issue. First, photos from the Maverick Mixers April 26, 2025 dance:



















Next, photos from the River City Squares late April dance:







Next, several photos from the Arky Cloggers at the Pioneer Days. In the first photo, I wonder what they did to land in the local jailhouse??









Next, 2 photos from the Arky Cloggers at Toad Suck Daze in Conway.



Next, several photos from the Heber Springs Cinco De Mayo Dance on May 9, with National Caller Tim Tyl.



Regina Turner, capturing the perfect atmosphere for the dance.





National Caller Tim Tyl, who also did the May 31 June Bug Dance.





Next, several photos from the Maverick Mixers Halfway Hoedown on May 10, a halfway dance for the students going through classes. Please see their club report for details.









Next, several photos from the Southern Swingers Patriotic Dance on May 10, with National Caller Tim Tyl.



















Next, congratulations to the new graduates from the Southern Swingers. Club caller Joey Duhamel is in the middle of the photo.





Happy “May” Birthday to Tom and Nathan of the Southern Swingers.

Next, several photos from the **River City Squares** visit to Talequah, Oklahoma, for a special tribute dance to their caller Bob Loyd. As it turns out, the **River City Squares** stole the club banner of the Kuntry Kuzzins!! Some videos are also on their Facebook page.









Next, several photos from the Maverick Mixers New Kids Block Party. Congratulations to all the new callers!! See their report for details.













Next, several photos from the River City Squares May 20 dance...see their club report for details. With “Today” on each photo, that means “Today Is Always A Good Day To Square Dance”!! 😊



Today



Today

A dance class



Today



Today



Today



Today



Next, several photos from the Southern Swingers Memorial Day Picnic and Bean Bag Toss Ballgame Competition. A video of the winning team is on their Facebook page.











































































Next, some photos from the Twirling Funtimers T-Shirt Dance with Guest Caller Phil Moorehouse. See their club report for details.







Next, several photos from the May 30 Louisiana Lagniappe Dance at the Southern Swingers, with National Caller Tim Tyl.























Next, many photos from the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Jamboree Dinner and Dance** on May 31, with National Caller Tim Tyl. Both Ginny Short and Daryl Stout provided a whole slew of photos.













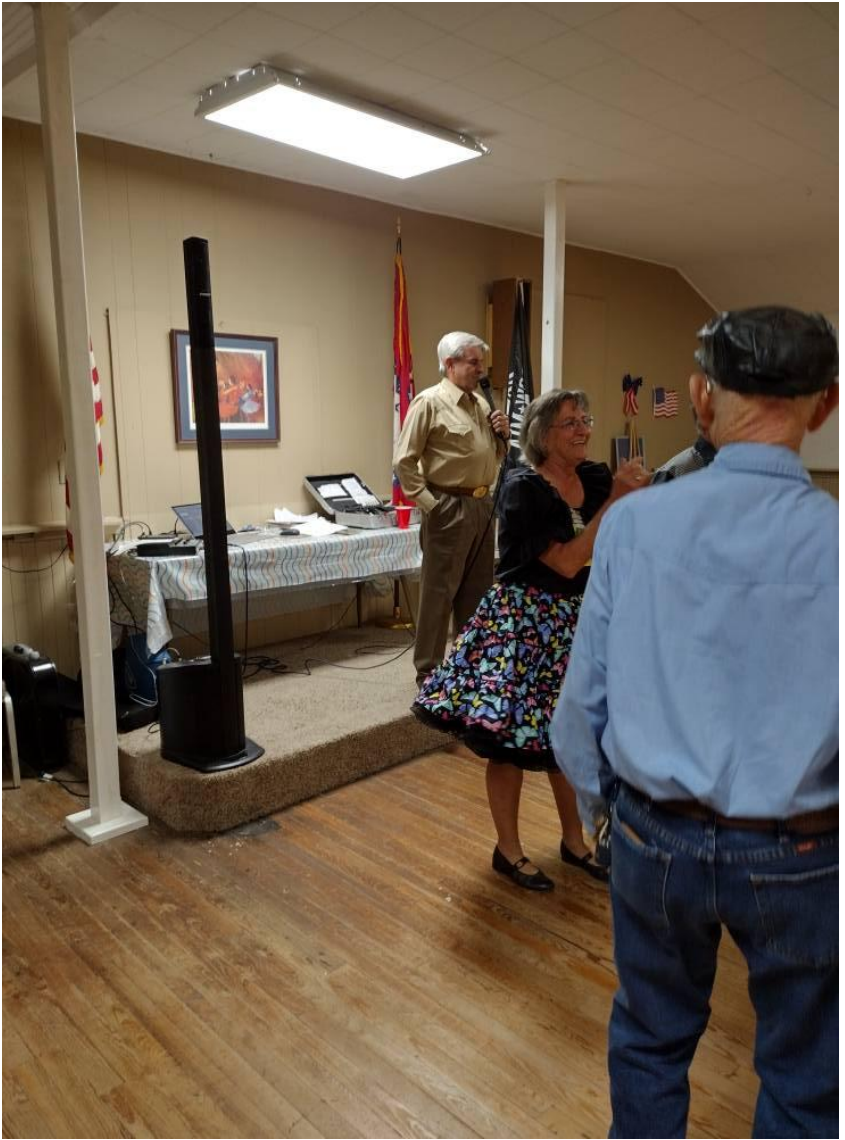
























































































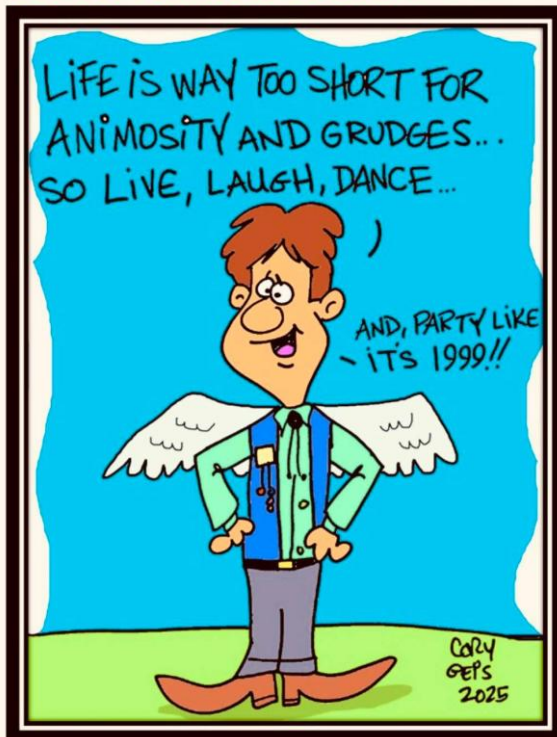






Jerry and Ginny Short

SPIN CHAIN SPOofs by CorBen Geis



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM AN ANGEL DANCER



WELCOME

NEW DANCERS

Presented by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

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2025



For those **new dancers who have just graduated** from class, or for those **going to graduate from class soon**, the ASSDF has prepared a **New Dancers Manual**. It includes **General Guidelines, Resources And Websites, The Ten Commandments Of Square Dancing**, a list of **ASSDF Clubs**, plus a **QR code** and links to the **ASSDF website**.

It's a 7 page **PDF** file, downloadable from the **Resources** page on the **ASSDF website** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>), that you can print out for your new graduates, or you can give these to recent graduates. They are sure to appreciate this information.



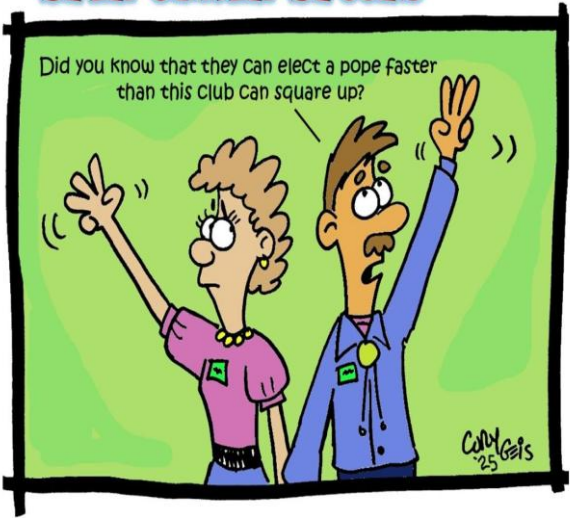
I guess this is where the Advanced/Challenge Level Dance will be.



To finish off, here's some humor from Corben Geis and Elaine Cox. First, since there were some photos from late April (that didn't make the May issue), here are some "Spin Chain Spoofs" from Corben Geis.



SPIN CHAIN SPOOFS



Next, some humor from Elaine Cox.

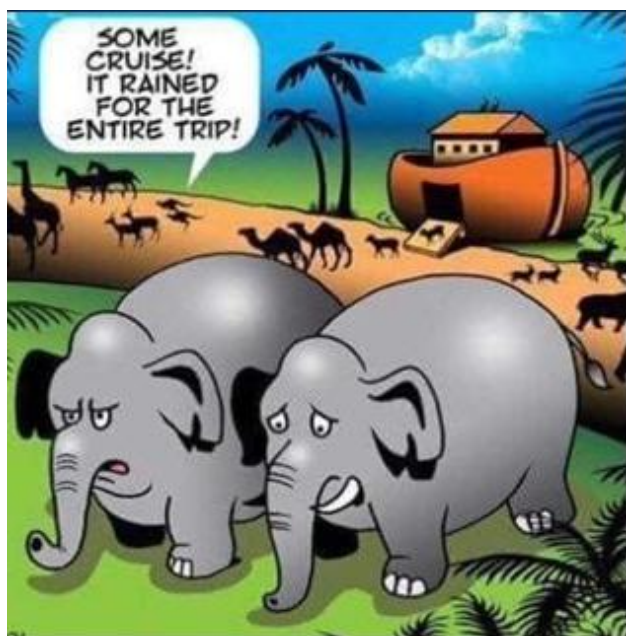
We should start referring to "age" as "levels". Because "I'm at level 74" sounds cooler than just being an old person.

sometimes I wonder what happened to the people who asked me for directions?

And they wonder why the caller isn't calling what I'm dancing!!

Thank goodness I
don't have to hunt
for my food. I
don't even know
where tacos live...

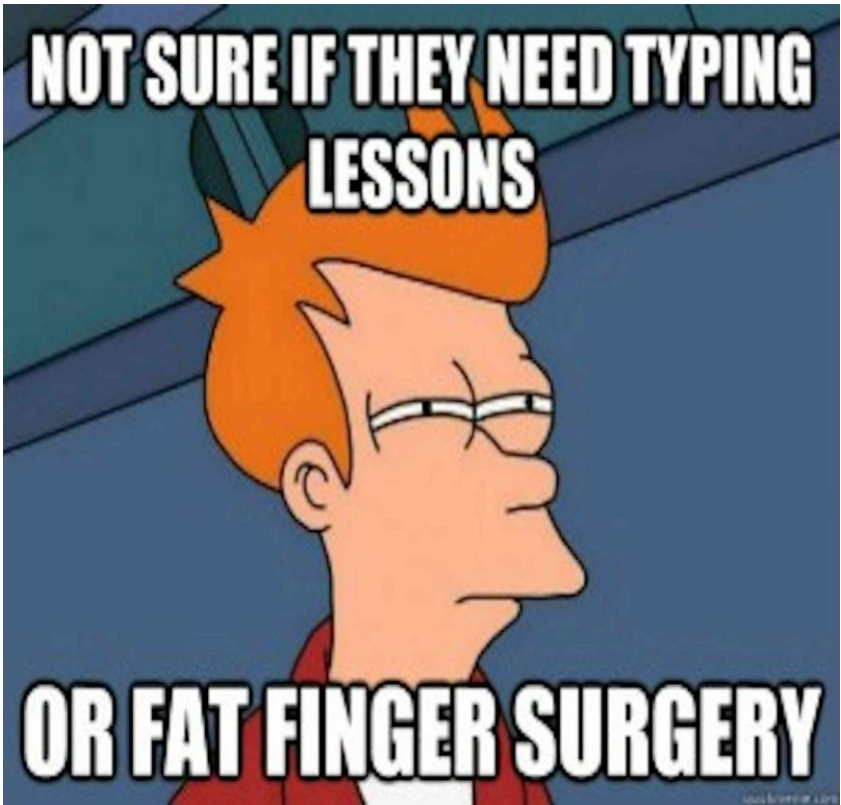
With all the rain we've had lately, this sure sounds familiar!!



Whenever you work with computer keyboards, typographical errors are bound to occur. While there is a **serious medical condition** known as “**fat finger syndrome**”, I equate it to one making all the typographical errors. You can create a document, and look at it **100** times, and you’ll **never** see an error. But, when someone else looks at it, **they spot the error immediately!!** So, **I appreciate it** when such errors are brought to my attention.

I joke that “without fat finger syndrome, how do you pick up the food and the silverware on the duty square at the dance??!!”.

I never took a typing course in high school or college, but I became a touch typist working with a computer bulletin board system (BBS).



Lastly, with the **summertime heat**, here are things to keep in mind. First, the **ECMA (Emergency Call For Medical Aid)**. I have been to

dances where paramedics had to be called, because someone “overdid it”, ignoring their bodies “warning signs” that it was “time to quit”.



Emergency Call for Medical Aid

**E
C
M
A**

1. When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends to him/her.
2. Remaining Dancers join hands and take a step backward. This will allow the injured person and attendant air and room.
3. Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arch.
4. On seeing this signal, the caller or hall monitor will immediately place an emergency call for aid.

Note: If you send for medical help or an ambulance, be sure to put a “spotter” outside the building to help them find the location where they are needed.

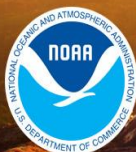
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Lastly, **hot weather affects all of us during the summertime.** For more Info and graphics, go to <https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat>

"I decided to hike
Mt. Talac, 10 miles, often
running. I chose to hike alone,
without water, and I did not check
the weather. When I returned, I
was clammy, shaking, ash gray, had
a splitting headache and felt
nauseous. It took over a day to
recover. Don't be lazy.
Always have plenty of water."

SABRINA

LAKE TAHOE, CA, 1991



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HEAT DANGER BEYOND HEATWAVES



*Most heat-related deaths occur outside of
heat waves. Stay Weather-Ready!*



Avoid overexertion and stay hydrated.

Heat stroke can occur even during
moderate heat.



NEVER leave people or pets in a vehicle.

Hot car deaths occur year-round.



Assist those who are at higher risk
for heat-related illness, including children,
pregnant people, and older adults.



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Practice HEAT SAFETY Wherever You Are

Heat related deaths are preventable.
Protect yourself and others from the
impacts of heat waves.



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Job Sites

Stay hydrated and
take breaks in the shade
as often as possible



Indoors

Check up on the
elderly, sick and those
without AC



Vehicles

Never leave kids or
pets unattended -
LOOK before you LOCK



Outdoors

Limit strenuous outdoor
activities, find shade,
and stay hydrated

PET HEAT SAFETY

SAVE A PET'S LIFE IN A HOT CAR

Animals can die of heatstroke within 15 minutes.

Cracking the windows does not help, the inside
still gets dangerously hot.

During hot weather, keep your pets at home.

If you see a pet in an unattended vehicle, do not
leave until the problem has been resolved!



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Heat Related Deaths **ARE** Preventable *LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK*



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The temperature in your car
can quickly become deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°



Time Elapsed:
10 Minutes



Time Elapsed:
20 Minutes



Time Elapsed:
30 Minutes



Time Elapsed:
60 Minutes

YEAR-ROUND: **NEVER LEAVE KIDS IN CARS!**



*Roughly a third of child hot car deaths
occur outside of the summer months.*



Check the backseat year-round. Hot car deaths have occurred each month of the year.



Lock parked cars year-round. Deaths have occurred due to a child entering a parked car.



Be on guard **even if it's not hot outside**. Hot car deaths can occur even when the outside temperature is below 70°F.



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Heat can escalate quickly.

Warm temperatures can quickly become dangerous. Heat is one of the most deadly weather hazards — don't underestimate it.



NEVER leave people or pets alone in a closed car



Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty



Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing



Spend time in air conditioning and in the shade



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PROTECT YOURSELF FROM HEAT & SUN



Drink plenty of **water** and avoid alcohol. Beverages with electrolytes can also help protect against heat stress.



Apply **sunscreen** (SPF 30 or higher) every two hours.



Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, and **light-colored clothing**.



Take regular breaks in the **shade**.



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HELPING OTHERS: **EXTREME HEAT**



NEVER leave anyone (or pets) alone in a locked car



Monitor others exercising or playing sports, ensuring frequent breaks



Bring water to outdoor activities to keep everyone hydrated



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Heat Impacts: *Vulnerable Populations*



PREGNANT



NEWBORNS



CHILDREN



ELDERLY



CHRONIC ILLNESS

Everyone is at risk from the dangers of extreme heat, but these groups are more vulnerable than most. Age and certain conditions make the body less able to regulate temperature.



NEVER leave anyone alone in a closed car



Use air conditioners and stay in the shade



Drink plenty of water, even if not thirsty



Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing

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DANGEROUS HEAT & NO POWER?



Keep blinds closed to prevent sunshine from heating the indoors



Stay hydrated and wear lightweight, light-colored clothing



Go to the coolest part of the house or building (usually the basement)



Find local cooling centers: malls, libraries, movie theaters, etc



Reduce body temperature by taking a cool shower/bath, or putting hands/feet in cool water

Always monitor yourself and others for symptoms of heat illness.
Call 911 in the event of heat stroke!



During **Extreme Heat**



Find air conditioning.

Avoid strenuous activities.

Wear light clothing.

Check on family members and neighbors.

Drink plenty of water.

Watch for heat cramps - exhaustion - stroke.

Never leave people or pets in a closed car.



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EXTREME HEAT WATCH

An Extreme Heat Watch is issued when **dangerous heat is possible**.

Reschedule outdoor activities in the coming days. Make sure that children, the elderly, and pets have a place to cool off during the heat.

Be Prepared.



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EXTREME HEAT WARNING

An Extreme Heat Warning is issued when **dangerous heat is happening or about to happen**.

Avoid heavy activity & direct sunlight. Stay hydrated, find a cool indoor place, and check on children, elderly & pets.

Take Action!

Heat Exhaustion

ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

Dizziness

Thirst

Heavy Sweating

Nausea

Weakness



Confusion

Dizziness

Becomes Unconscious

ACT FAST

CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.

Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.



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Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!

