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Please send any club reports, photos, or questions about The Modern Square (including e-Edition notification emails, ad copy, or for the **ASSDF website**) to Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, And Circulation Chairman, via email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – other contact info for the Editor, and the **ASSDF Officers** is elsewhere in this issue.

Policies:

1. Ads, Club Reports, etc. are due on the Editor's Desk by 9pm Central Time, on the last Saturday of the month, prior to 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 are accepted **only** from ASSDF member clubs, organizations and their Callers, and Cuers.

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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. Please be sure that all of the information in the flyer, ads, etc., are **correct** before submission for publication.

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If you'd like to give back to this wonderful hobby, and serve as an ASSDF officer, please contact any ASSDF Board member. A photo of the 2024 ASSDF Executive Board is in the Jan. 2024 full e-Edition.



President's Message

Happy Easter, fellow dancers!

What a glorious beginning to April!

In answer to prayer, we're glad to hear that Gene and Roy seem to both be on the mend. Hopefully, the improved weather is bringing everyone back to full health.

Dancing in March included the 74th Pre-Convention in Shreveport. We had 24 squares up and dancing! How exciting! We got to see the excellent location, and ate great food. We cannot wait for Nationals in 2025 there!

As April rolls in, we are looking forward to several big dances. April 8th is the Eclipse Dance at the Hut in Mabelvale...April 12th is the April Showers Dance with the Heber Springers in Rosebud...The Twirling Funtimers are having a Parade of Memories Dance on April 17th in Lakeview...and the Swinging Cavaliers in Charleston are having a special on April 25th with caller Richard Lane. So come out and dance with some of your friends in different locals. You might even take a square from your club, and go together; so you can walk away with another club's banner. Remember that old tradition?!? See how many banners your club can gather. Let the challenge begin... 😊

How are your lessons going? We've heard that they've been going well around the state. Several new students, and several students who are returning to dancing after a few years away, have been doing well, and have begun attending regular dances. In addition, several clubs have been adding in Plus lessons before regular dances, which is a lot

of fun. Come try it out! It's good brain and body exercise!

Now for some big news: Please mark your calendars now for the **June Bug Dance** on June 1st, with caller Tim Tyl, and the Twirling Lariats at the Hut in Mabelvale. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship with old friends.

The **ASSDF Spring Delegates Meeting** will precede the dance at 4pm. Each club should choose 2 delegates from their membership to represent them at this meeting. If you have any ideas for the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, or for square dance in general, please share them with us, or another officer. We'd love to hear from you.

Speaking of memberships, if you're a new dancer, a student, or a returning dancer, we hope you'll take the time to join one or more of our 13 clubs as a paying member. It doesn't cost much, and it helps to support our callers, plus keep square dancing going and growing all over the state.

For now, we hope you have a blessed day and month of dancing. We hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

When you're reading this newsletter, or attending your dances, look for the flyer for Twirling Under the Stars, and sign up now of the Fall Festival in October. It promises to be a fantastic weekend!

Yellow Rocks to you,

Tom and Kim Fox, ASSDF President, 2024

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The featured trivia in the Special Dances E-Edition this month is on the history of **IHOP**, better known as the **International House Of Pancakes** Restaurant...where some folks may go to eat on Easter Sunday after church.

Thanks to Elaine Cox of the Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (NEOSDA) for this information.

Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

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

Arkansas Clubs, Callers, and Cuers On Facebook:

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

Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:

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

Caller and Cuer Websites:

Nelda Eaton

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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 of the e-Edition links are **clickable**. Please advise the Editor if your email changes; as you won't get the notifications on club updates (special dances, changes, cancellations), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as "**undeliverable**".

From The Editor



I admit my posts via email, on Facebook, and in **The Modern Square** are lengthy/wordy...but **there's no question about the points that I'm trying to get across**. If your question isn't covered, I'll try to answer it, or find someone who can.

Thoughts and prayers to Pioneers caller Roy Hestand, who had a serious injury in late February. See the **Pioneers** club report for more info.

The **ASSDF Spring Delegates Meeting** will be on June 1, prior to the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Jamboree Dinner and Dance**, with Tim Tyl. And, an **Eclipse Celebration Dance** is on April 8, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane. Phil Moorehouse will be calling, and you can buy an Eclipse Dangle for your badge. Information on these and other special dances, inside and outside Arkansas, are in the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, as well as the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**. Flyers for some of the upcoming Special Dances are elsewhere in this issue. Please call before traveling, and if you're feeling ill on a dance night, or if weather's an issue, stay home.

Special Dance Photos from late February through late March, 2024, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> are from club regular and special dances with the Blue Belles And Beaus, Heber Springers, River City Squares, Twirling Funtimers, Bluebird Squares, and Maverick Mixers. Many thanks to Ellen Glover Lewis, Mike Lewis, Kim Deane, Jody King, Anieta England, Ginny Short, Jerry Short, Daryl Stout, and Elaine Cox for the photos.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website, noted below, for any last minute updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas.
ASSDF Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/hootenandrea/>
ASSDF Website: <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman

Where are your special events?

Please notify *The Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events with all pertinent information included. The sooner **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear. Further information is at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2024 - June 26-29, 2024

73rd NSDC Host City:
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2025 - June 25-28, 2025

74th NSDC Host City:
Shreveport, LA

2026 - June 24-27, 2026

75th NSDC Host City:
Waco, TX

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

76th NSDC Host City:
To Be Announced

Registration forms for next NSDC are elsewhere in this issue. The costs **INCREASE** (and no refunds) on May 1 prior to the next NSDC. Links to upcoming NSDC websites are located at <https://nsdcnec.com>

National Squares e-Magazine is published from August through May in the interest of the NSDC, by the host city of the upcoming NSDC. Go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> for links to thumbnails of the last 10 issues; then click on the desired one to view, or download and print the PDF file.

Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (before the NSDC), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (not married or without a partner), program books/schedules (individual & total), souvenirs, vendors, dance facilities map, the Wednesday Night Dinner And Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Pre/Post Convention Events, Restaurants, Travel Options and Places To Visit, Various NSDC Committees, Info on the Upcoming NSDC's, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.

Due to vision issues, I can no longer drive, and can't be at dances, unless someone provides transportation. If announcements on lessons, special dances, cancellations, clubs that are going to be dark, or resuming dancing, etc., are made at the dances, someone needs to let me know of such, as I may not get it in time, otherwise, to send out an email blast, to alert other dancers. Please let me know if the info for your club contact, regular or special dance day, time, location, etc. is wrong in either The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website, so it can be corrected. Sending an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com is the best way to contact me, as I can't always check the Facebook pages, due to various issues. Most of the Special Dances e-Edition photos are from the Facebook groups, and not everyone is on Facebook.

If your email bounces due to a bad address, you won't receive notices on releases of The Modern Square, or ASSDF club updates (including special dances, last minute cancellations or changes etc.), until you contact me with the corrected/updated email address. And, please let me know if you no longer want to receive any of the notification emails. The issue publication deadline is at 9pm, US Central Time, on the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue.

Please CALL BEFORE YOU TRAVEL, to check for any last minute changes OR cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or if bad weather or icy roads are an issue, please stay home.

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will ever send out an email, or a Facebook message, asking for money, gift cards, etc. -- those are SCAMS!! Clubs with Facebook pages MUST be DILIGENT policing them; as scammers are posting things like "club T-Shirts", "deleting inactive members", "death of a celebrity", "looking for part time work", etc. (NOTHING related to square dancing). These are scams, that are filled with malware/clickbait, etc. to steal your identity, place malware on your computer to delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, etc., where you'd have to pay a HUGE cost (in the tens of thousands of dollars, or more) 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. I highly recommend Facebook group administrators set it to "pre-approve" all posts, then automatically approve future posts from recognized square and round dancers. This helps keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity or data stolen, your Facebook page could get hacked, or you could be "left on the hook, financially".

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF

**Follow the "Stars" to the 74th Trail End
Dance in White Hall, Arkansas!!!**

**Hosted by Levis & Lace, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers,
and Twirling Lariats**

October 10, 2024

7 pm to 10 pm

White Hall Community Center

9801 Dollarway Road, White Hall, Arkansas 72601



**Gene Gancarczyk, Joey Duhamel, and Phil
Moorehouse**

**Three GREAT callers one fantastic evening of mainstream with
announced plus and line dancing!!**

Everyone welcome. \$10 per dancer. Free for non-dancers.

Questions call Rick Gesing (870-883-1363) or Sheila Gesing (512-968-4876)

Arkansas State Square Dance Federation Fall Festival

TWIRLING UNDER THE STARS

Hosted by Levis and Lace, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers, and the Twirling Lariats

JOIN US OCTOBER 11-12, 2024

Come early for the Trail End dance October 10th, at the same location,
with three Arkansas callers from 7pm - 10pm, \$10 per person at the door

9801 Dollarway Rd, White Hall, AR 71602

(870) 883-1363



Ken Burke



Tim Tyl



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

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

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Club Name _____

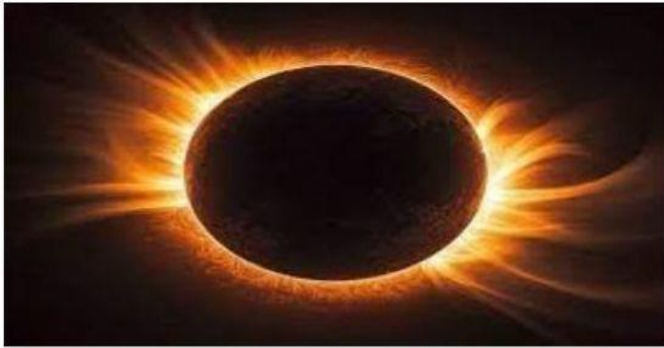
Tickets (per person) *18 & Under free with adult*

Full Weekend (early registration) \$30 x _____ = _____

Friday only \$20 x _____ = _____

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

Saturday only \$20 x _____ = _____



**Come Celebrate the Total Eclipse with Caller
Phil Moorehouse**



To benefit the American Legion Hut

Corner of Mann Road and Leah Lane

Monday, April 8th from 7pm-9pm

\$5 for Singles/\$10 per couple

For more information call Tom Fox 501-416-3769 or Phil Moorehouse 501-960-4476

***Eclipse square dance dangles will be available for purchase.**



April Showers Bring May Flowers Dance

April 12, 2024 7:00- 9:00 PM

Admission: \$5/dancer

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Heber Springers

Rose Bud Community Senior Center

5916 – AR 36

Rose Bud, AR

Contact: Kim Deane: (501) 757-2030



Bring a cake for
the cakewalk!



THE SWINGING CAVALIERS

IS HOSTING A MAINSTREAM w/PLUS TIPS, SQUARE DANCE

"RICHARD LANE", a guest caller

FROM TUSCON, ARIZONA



Thursday, April 25th 2024 at 7:00-9:30PM

At HUG CHEVROLET

In CHARLESTON, ARKANSAS

5\$ per dancer, For More Information,

CALL ANITA AT 479-274-9775

SQUARE DANCING

For Everyone!





Saturday, June 1, 2024
American Legion Post 128
9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane)
BBQ Dinner at 6pm - Dance at 7pm
\$15 per person (includes dinner and dance)



Caller: Tim Tyl

ASSDF Spring Delegates Meeting Before The Dinner/Dance at 4pm

Please send 2 delegates from your club to be at this meeting

Note that the Twirling Lariats will be DARK on Friday, May 31

More Info: Carolyn Cullins at 501-847-2157

The Three Amigos Liberty Freedom Dance



Saturday, July 6, 2024
American Legion Post 128, Mabelvale, AR
9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane)
Dance at 7pm \$10 per person

Callers: Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk
Info: Joey (870) 209-3646, Phil (501) 960-4476, Gene (501) 767-6354



Special Dances/Festivals

Please call before traveling, to check for last-minute cancellations. If you're feeling ill, or if bad weather's an issue, please stay home. Info on Club Contacts, plus Callers and Cuers are elsewhere in this issue. Please **support your ASSDF clubs** with a visit to them!!

The listings of dances/festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then the out of state dances/festivals in states close to Arkansas (Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). Note that the National Square Dance Convention® events are always listed, no matter what state it's in. Please send flyers on out of state dances and festivals to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

Flyers that are not yet on the **ASSDF website** will be placed there as soon as possible, and will be noted as such 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

APRIL 2024

April 1, 2024 – Pioneers are **DARK** tonight.

April 8, 2024 – Pioneers are **DARK** tonight.

April 8, 2024 – **Eclipse Celebration Dance**. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. \$5 for singles, or \$10 per couple. Eclipse square dance dangles will be available for purchase at the dance. See the flyer elsewhere in

this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Proceeds will benefit the American Legion Hut.

April 12, 2024 – Heber Springers April Showers Bring May Flowers Dance. Rosebud Senior Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Dance at 7pm, with a cakewalk during the dance. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 17, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Parade Of Memories Special Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

April 25, 2024 – Swingin' Cavaliers Special Dance. Hug Chevrolet, 415 East Main, Charleston, AR. Casual or Square Dance Attire. \$5 per person. Caller: Richard Lane. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for info.

MAY 2024

May 11, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Celebrate Mother's Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

May 15, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers On The Road Again Special Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Dance at 6pm. Guest Caller: Kenton Sullivan. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

May 20, 2024 – Pioneers Red White And Blue Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

May 27, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

May 31, 2024 – Twirling Lariats are DARK tonight.

JUNE 2024

June 1, 2024 – Twirling Lariats Annual June Bug Jamboree BBQ Dinner and Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane). **ASSDF Spring Delegates Meeting at 4pm**, Dinner at 6pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 8, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Celebrate Father's Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

June 10, 2024 – Pioneers Straw Hat Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

June 15, 2024 – Bluebird Squares Anniversary Dinner And Dance. Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Caller: Carolyn Birdsong

June 19, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Summer Picnic Special Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

June 29, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 5th Saturday Red White And Blue Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller TBA.

JULY 2024

July 6, 2024 – The Three Amigos Liberty Freedom Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk, and Joey Duhamel. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 24, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Christmas In July Special Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

July 27, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Watermelon And Hot Dogs Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Watermelon and Hot Dogs prior to the dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

AUGUST 2024

Aug. 21, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Look To The Stars Special Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

Aug. 24, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Backpack School Supplies Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Benefit School TBD.

Aug. 31, 2024 – Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sep. 2, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Sep. 14, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 50's Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Square Dance or 50s Attire Welcome. **** Note Revised Date ****

Sept. 16, 2024 – Pioneers Hobo Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Sept. 18, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Fabulous 50's Special Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Dance at 6pm. Guest Caller: Jay Wright. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

OCTOBER 2024

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

Oct. 11, 2024 – Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are DARK tonight.

Oct. 12, 2024 – Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

Oct. 16, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Anniversary Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

Oct. 25, 2024 – Heber Springers Dan Nordbye Dance.

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Dan Nordbye.

Oct. 26, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Halloween Dance.

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Oct. 28, 2024 – Pioneers Halloween Special Dance.

St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Guest Caller: Dan Nordbye.

NOVEMBER 2024

Nov. 9, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Celebrate Veteran's Dance.

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. All Veterans will be recognized at the dance.

Nov. 11, 2024 – Pioneers Veteran's Day Dance.

St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Nov. 20, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Thanksgiving

M*A*S*H* Special Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Curer: Marge Sherrill.

Nov. 27, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Nov. 30, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 5th Saturday Thanksgiving and Giving Back Dance.

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

DECEMBER 2024

Dec. 14, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mann Road and Leah Lane, Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Dec. 18, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Christmas Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

Dec. 21, 2024 – Bluebird Squares Santa And His Elf Christmas Dance. Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Carolyn Birdsong and Phil Moorehouse

Dec. 23, 2024 – Pioneers Christmas Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Dec. 25, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 28, 2024 – Maverick Mixers End Of The Year Celebration Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Out Of State Special Dances/Festivals

APRIL 2024

April 5-7, 2024 – Plus And Advanced Retreat Weekend, Sulphur, OK. Callers: Charlie Robertson and Jim Howard. Note: **Casual Attire -- Limited to 12 squares.** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 5, 2024 – NEOSDA Trails Inn Extravaganza Dance, Tulsa, OK. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Shane Greer, Darryl Lipscomb, Monty Hackler, Tim Tyl, and Bill Powell. Plaid Theme, in conjunction with the 77th NEOSDA Festival. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <http://www.nesquaredance.com>

April 6, 2024 – NEOSDA 77th Festival (Cowboys and Cans), Tulsa, OK. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <http://www.nesquaredance.com>

April 6, 2024 – Mid-South Mini Fest Square/Round/Line Dance Festival. Oak Lane Christian Church, 10611 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN. Callers: Jet Roberts and Justin Russell. Cuers: Connie and Robert Wise. See the file on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 19-20, 2024 –71st Heart Of America Federation Festival. Osage Trail Middle School, 2101 North Twyman Road, Independence, MO. Local Callers Friday, Saturday Caller Ken Burke. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 27, 2024 – NEOSDA A-2 Afternoon Dance and Mainstream Evening Dance, Tulsa, OK. Caller: Richard Lane. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2024

May 5, 2024 – 75th National Square Dance Convention ® Benefit Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones and Charlie Robertson. Cuer: Jan Toms. Donations will be used to fund the cost of The Ghost Riders Band to perform at the 75th NSDC in Waco, TX in June, 2026. Note that The Ghost Riders Band will **NOT** be at this dance. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 10, 2024 – Swinging Stars “Dancing With The Stars” 49th Anniversary Dance. Network Ministries Building, 1500 International Parkway, Suite 300, Richardson, TX. Guest Caller: Jet Roberts. Club Caller: Charlie Robertson. Club Cuer: Jan Toms.

May 24-26, 2024 – Mineola Railers 2024 Mainstream Extravaganza, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Shane Greer. Cuer: Martin Philyaw. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://www.mineolarailers.com>

May 31-June 1, 2024 – 70th Kansas State Square Dance Convention, Salina, KS. Caller: Justin Russell. Cuers: Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://kansasstatesquaredanceconvention.com/>

May 31-June 1, 2024 – Circle 8 “Let’s Boogie 70’s Style” 77th Anniversary Dance Weekend, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Tony Oxendine. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2024

June 2, 2024 – 74th National Square Dance Convention ® Fundraiser Dance, Bossier City, LA. Callers: Tony Oxendine and Joey Duhamel. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 13-16, 2024 – 62nd Annual Texas State Square And Round Dance Festival, Bryan, TX. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://www.squaredancetx.com/festival.html>

June 26-29, 2024 – 73rd National Square Dance Convention ®, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Info at <https://73nsdc.com> – a registration form is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF**

website. Take note that there has been a **CHANGE** in the 73rd NSDC Registration form, especially related to **RV Camping**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, the **ASSDF website**, or the URL noted for more details.

JULY 2024

July 12-14, 2024 – 2024 Royal Rendezvous, Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 Rockford Road, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Charlie Robertson, and Jet Roberts. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 25-27, 2024 – 2024 Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Dance Weekend, Springdale, AR. Trail-End Dance on July 25 (separate admission, pay at door). Callers: Tom Manning and Bob Asp – Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. Main Dancing July 26-27. Callers: Mike Hogan, Darryl Lipscomb, & Tom Manning -- Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. For more info, see the flyer on the **ASSDF website**, or go to http://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA_Festival/

AUGUST 2024

Aug. 1-3, 2024 – Tennessee State State Square and Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, TN. Tennessee State Callers And Cuers. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for info, or go to <https://www.tnsquaredance.org/convention>

Aug. 24, 2024 – Texas Po' Boys Reunion Dance, Klein United Methodist Church, 5929 FM 2920, Spring, TX. Callers: Gary Sanders, Pat Kotal, Stu Ringer, and K.O. Jeanes. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2024 – 28th Annual “An Evening In Paris” Square And Round Dance Weekend, Love Civic Center, Paris, TX. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Tony Oxendine, Buddy Weaver,

and Gary Shoemake. Guest Callers: Tim Tyl and Tim Polch. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 18-19, 2024 – Missouri State Square Dance Festival, Sedalia, MO. Caller: Ken Burke. Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri/Flyers/Missouri-Festival-2024/>

NOVEMBER 2024

Nov. 22-23, 2024 – Oklahoma Square Dance Federation State Festival, Ardmore, OK. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <http://oksdf.org>

JANUARY 2025

Jan. 24-25, 2025 – 13th Annual General Butler Bash Plus And Advanced Square and Round Dance Weekend, Center For Rural Development Convention Center, Somerset, KY. Callers: Jack Pladdys, Travis Cook, Tom Davis. Guest Caller: Tony Oxendine. Cuer: Elaine Wintrow. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://www.generalbutlerbash.com>

JUNE 2025

June 25-28, 2025 – 74th National Square Dance Convention ®, Shreveport, Louisiana. More info as well as a Registration Form are at <https://74thnsdc.com>

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

Club Reports

Bluebird Squares

Spring is here! My sister gleefully said that years ago, and our Mom asked, “who’s here?”. Mom was a bigger nerd than me! I always wait until after Easter to plant...and this year, Easter was early. So, I will wait two weeks just to make sure! Pulaski County MG Plant Sale will be April 19th and 20th, two blocks east of War Memorial Stadium.

Our April dance will be on the 20th. It feels like it has been years since we’ve danced, but it actually will be just a month and a half! Lol! But that’s a long time in between dances!

After our April dance, the next two dances will be May 18th, and then on June 15th, we will have a simply marvelous dinner with dance in celebration of FIVE years dancing at the Saline County Fairgrounds! Planning on eating at 6:15, and working it off at 7:00! The menu is not set yet, but I will have a flyer Spring ready in May. I love it when square dancers get to sit, and enjoy visiting with each other over a good meal!

I’ll also be teaching another ‘advanced’ line dance. Ya’ll will love it! Of course, you’ll never know what music I’ll have! I really enjoy calling the hits we remember from our ‘younger days’, and I love it when the dancers sing with me! “What Goes Up, Must Come Down” (Spinning Wheel), “Somebody’s Knockin; Should I Let Him In?”, “Give Me A Ticket For An Airplane”, and “Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog” (Three Dog Night’s version of “Joy To The World”)! How many of ya’ll just sang those? I know I did!

Bluebird Squares actually started dancing on April 15th, 2017, at the

Bishop Center from 2-4pm. So, this month, Bluebird Squares will be seven!

Funny, but I always knew my square dance club would have a bird name! It was between Bluebird and Hummingbird! I chose Bluebird because Hummingbird wouldn't have fit on a regular sized badge! Lol! Bluebird is a good name too; because Bluebirds are lucky! I've got a couple with their five babies in a birdhouse in my front yard right now! They are set to fledge around April 6th.

I love dancing with other clubs too! I've visited the Heber Springers, Maverick Mixers, and the Twirling Lariats! It's always good to see everyone, and get to square and line dance!

My bird nerdiness really showed up again when I saw a Rufous on my hummer feeder March 18th (picture on the next page)! Holy moly! I hadn't seen a Rufous since 2009! In 2009, I called the Rufous Jezebel! My friend told me Jezebel was really Jed, so I had to change his name! He stayed five months! I was thinking the one I had this time was a young male so I was calling him Jed again, and my friend said, this one's Jezebel, Carolyn! Jed had little patches of orange on his throat (gorget) and what I thought was actually the same this time were spots on a female Rufous throat! So, I'm still learning! Jezebel only stayed about four days. I'm so glad I was able to help her on her travels. That's why I keep a feeder up ALL year with fresh sugar water on my front porch! It's amazing how they can see it!

My Pileated Woodpeckers, Fred and Wilma (pictures on the next page), are doing very well. I'm glad I finally calmed down, and don't go screaming through my house anymore, when I see them on my feeder! They do come eat on the bark butter every day. I was disappointed they did not build a nest in the dead tree in the back, but I am very happy they come to eat at my feeder!

Be ready for the Orioles (Baltimore & Orchard) the end of April! They love the hummer sugar water, but they love orange halves and grape jelly too!

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

Carolyn Birdsong



Jezebel



Fred



Wilma

Heber Springers

Photos from our March 8, 2024 St. Patrick's Dance, with nearly 3 squares, are in the Special Dance Photos e-Edition.

Kim Deane

Maverick Mixers

We had 3 squares, at our Spring Fling and Spaghetti Supper on March 30. Several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition. Several members are planning to attend the Special Eclipse Dance on Monday, April 8, at our regular dance site.

Note that there has been a **CHANGE** in the date for our **50's Dance**. Originally on August 31, it has been **MOVED** to Sept. 14. We will be **DARK** on August 31. And, we have several other special dances that are coming up this year.

For both the Eclipse Dance noted above, as well as our other special dances this year, please see the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more info. Flyers for the dances will be placed online, and in the full e-Edition, as soon as possible.

We dance at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), on the 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturdays. We have a pre-dance workshop at 6:30pm, then dance from 7pm to 9pm, with our own Phil Moorehouse always calling a great dance.

Be sure to check our Facebook page, or call before you travel, for any last minute changes or cancellations.

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

We've had to cancel several dances recently, and are **DARK** until at

least April 15, as our caller Roy Hestand suffered serious injury in an accident at his home recently. Thanks to Ken Jarman for calling one of the dances, while Roy was hospitalized. Please call before you travel, to be sure that we are dancing.

Thoughts and prayers for Roy are greatly appreciated, as well as blood donations at your local Red Cross chapter in his name. Please see our Facebook page for the latest updates.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

We celebrated St Patrick's Day a little early on March 12th. Several pictures from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition...and the first picture (with Missy and Perry) says more than I can say with words.

We're doing a Plus Workshop before our dances each Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7pm, and our regular dance follows, at the Fort Smith Senior Center, at 2700 Cavanaugh Road.

Jody King

Swingin' Cavaliers

We're having a **special dance** on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at our regular dance location at Hug Chevrolet, 415 East Main, in Charleston, with Guest Caller Richard Lane. Admission will be \$5 per person, and casual or square dance attire is welcome. A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**.

Eva Keeling is doing really well after recent knee replacement surgery, and hopes to resume dancing again very soon.

Our final dance until autumn will be on Saturday, June 1, at AuxArc State Park near Ozark...then we will be **DARK** until sometime after Labor Day. Please call before traveling once September arrives...we'll

announce when we resume dancing.

Anita Vandergriff

Twirling Funtimers

Twirling Funtimers St. Patrick's dinner dance was a happy and fun evening. The meal consisted of traditional Irish dishes Colcannon, and green cabbage mixed with mashed potatoes, Irish soda bread, corn beef and cabbage, and topped off with a moist apple spice cake. Photos of the food and the group of dancers are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

April is dedicated in one way or another to our physical, mental and spiritual well-being. It is a time to reflect on ways we renew, reflect, and honor our place in this world.

Come! join us, as we dance to the sounds, sights, and joys of Spring. On April the 19th, from 7:00-9:00pm, Donna Gellenbeck, will be caller for this dance "Parade of Memories". Dress to visually reflect on a favorite memory, event, or time you have experienced in the Spring. We're looking forward to this dance, and its memories.

Our list of 3rd Wednesday **Special Dances** for the rest of 2024, is now available in the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**.

Marge Sherrill instructs round dancing Phase II, III, and IV Tuesdays 5-7pm, at the Lutie High School Cafeteria at 5802 Highway 160, in Theodosia, Missouri. Also, final preparations are being made for our next set of lessons...the details will be announced on the Twirling Funtimers Facebook page when everything is ready.

Twirling Funtimers dance every Wednesday evening at the Lloyd Travis Municipal building located at 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, Arkansas. Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman are the callers and Marge Sherrill is the cuer. Square dancing levels; mainstream, Plus tips and phase I, II, III round dancing.

Follow us on our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers>

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

The Twirling Lariats dance on the first, third and fifth Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. They dance at the American Legion Hut Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, in Mabelvale, AR. Joey Duhamel is our caller.

The two clubs have combined lessons The Twirling Lariats and the Maverick Mixers. Phil Moorehouse is teacher and caller. Lessons are every Wednesday from 7 to 9. The cost is \$5 per person, per night, and Angels are needed. Lessons are held at the American Legion Hut in Mabelvale, AR, the same place both clubs hold their regular dances.

Once again, the Twirling Lariats is having their June Bug Jamboree on Saturday June 1st, with special caller Tim Tyl. The Twirling Lariats will be **DARK** on Friday, May 31. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue for details.

The 54th Louisiana Square Dance Association State Convention was held March 14-16. There were 24 squares on the floor. The callers were Phil Moorehouse, Joey Duhamel, Tim Tyl, and Larry Marchese. Many of our Arkansas Dancers attended, and there were both happy dancers, and lots of sore feet.

Put on your dancing shoes and join 8 people for some special dances in April (details of these and more are on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**):

April 5, 2024 -- NEOSDA Trails Inn Extravaganza Plaid Theme Dance, Tulsa, OK. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Shane Greer, Darryl Lipscomb, Monty Hackler, Tim Tyl, and Bill Powell

April 8, 2024 -- Solar eclipse Celebration Dance Mabelvale AR Caller Phil Moorehouse

April 12, 2024 -- Heber Spring April Showers Brings May lowers Day, Rosebud, AR, Phil Moorehouse, Caller

April 20, 2024 -- April Fools Dance Bluebird squares, Carolyn Birdsong

The Pioneers Square Dance club in Mountain Home, with Roy Hestand as caller, are **DARK** at least until April 14, 2024. Thoughts and prayers for Roy as he recovers from an injury several weeks ago.

Industrialist Henry Ford popularized the form. Ford believed that Jews invented jazz as a plot to corrupt society, and that this plot could be counteracted by returning America to dances and musical styles that he saw as traditional and white. As a result, beginning in the early 1920s, he used his wealth to promote square dancing, through books and square-dancing events. Ford also promoted square dance classes in public school, which were present in half of all American schools by 1928 as part of the standard physical education curriculum. Modern western square dance evolved in square dance events funded by Ford, using direction and guidance prepared by Colorado school superintendent Lloyd "Pappy" Shaw.

It should be April Fool's Day, cause you've been fooling me.
All the things you promised just weren't meant to be.
You lied you lied you cheated you never could be true.
It should be April Fool's Day & the joke should be on you.

It hurt me so to see you go your secret love and you.
As in the past for now at last I found someone too.
Your secret love has left you and I found someone new.
It should be April Fool's Day, and joke should be on you.

Song By Marty Robbins

In April, Spring is officially here. Diving into days of watching, looking, and watching the trees...first naked, then soon becoming clothed with leaves, birds migrating to and soon watching their eggs become baby birds. It's a magical world. You do not have to travel around the USA or Paris or parts unknown. We have the world at our doorstep. It is the magic of spring. It comes sneaking up almost while blinking an eye. One is in for a wonderful ride.

Bald Knob, AR at the Bull Dog Restaurant every year is to die for "strawberry shortcake". Located 3614 Highway 367 North. The 2024

Strawberry shortcake season started Thursday, March 28. It is well worth the road trip. They have good food too, so have lunch and strawberry shortcake.

But don't forget to save room for SHORTCAKE.

RECIPE:

Oven Roasted Vegetables

Servings: 6 servings

Ingredients

2 medium bell peppers cut into 1-inch pieces (I recommend red, yellow, or orange)

2 medium zucchini ends trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1 small sweet potato scrubbed and cut into 3/4-inch pieces

1 small red onion cut into 1-inch cubes

1 small head of broccoli cut into florets

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

2 teaspoons Italian seasoning

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Salt and pepper

Parmesan cheese

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Generously coat baking sheet with non-stick spray.

Place the vegetables in a great big bowl. Toss to coat. Pay special attention to the broccoli, as it easy to burn.

Roast the vegetables at 400 degrees F for 25 to 35 minutes. The vegetables should be turning brown and crispy at their edges and tender inside (oven). Sprinkle with the Parmesan cheese

Jokes:

1) I just flew in from a ravioli convention -- boyardees arms tired.

2) Ran out of toilet paper. And now using lettuce leaves.

Today was just the tip of the iceberg. Tomorrow remains to be seen.

Ginny Short

Is your club planning on doing New Dancer Lessons soon?? These can be square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging. A dance partner is normally not required, but check with the contact person noted to be sure.

If so, please email the class info at least a month before the classes begin, to 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. Each club decides how many “free lessons” to offer...the date noted is “the first night of the class”. The fee is set by the club, per night, but it’s usually around \$5. Classes last around 20 weeks, with graduation afterwards.

Go to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources> for a link on how to get youth involved in square dancing...and for a link to **promotional videos**, that can be **customized for your club**, or organization website, to introduce people to square dancing.

Lakeview, AR: Twirling Funtimers – check their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers>) for more info...lessons are planned for sometime in the spring of 2024. Caller/Instructor: Donna Gellenbeck.

Fort Smith, AR: River City Squares. Starting October, 2024. Further details will be posted as the class start date gets closer. Caller/Instructor: Jay King.

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).

Benton

Bluebird Squares – 3rd Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**
Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road (Exit 116 & I-30)
Caller: Carolyn Birdsong
Contact: Carolyn Birdsong, 28912 Bandy Road, Little Rock, AR
72223 (501) 813-7239

Charleston

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

Hug Chevrolet, 415 East Main

Callers: Anita Vandergriff and Ron Keeling

Contact: Anita Vandergriff, 8215 Tyro Road, Hackett, AR
72937 (479) 274-9775

Contact: Ron Keeling (479) 629-4736

Note: The club will be **DARK** after the June 1 dance, until
sometime after Labor Day. See the club report for details.

Fort Smith

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

Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road

Caller: Jay King

Contact: Jay King, 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR
72956 (479) 474-8500

Hot Springs

Levi's And Lace – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport
Road

Caller: Gene Gancarczyk

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

Judsonia

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday, 7pm

DANCING

Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

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

Lakeview

Twirling Funtimers – Wednesday, Dance 6pm to 8pm January through March; April through December, Pre-Rounds 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm **DANCING**

Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane

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

Cuer: Marge Sherrill

Contact: Donna Gellenbeck, 139 Dogwood Lane, Lakeview, AR 72642 (870) 620-0037 or Anieta England (870) 449-5135

Little Rock (Mabelvale)

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

DANCING

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

Caller: Joey Duhamel

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

Maverick Mixers – 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturday, 7pm

DANCING

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

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

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

Mountain Home

Pioneers – Monday, 6:30pm **CALL BEFORE TRAVELING**

Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, 511 Coley Drive

Caller: Roy Hestand

Contact: Roy Hestand, 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 329-1141

Rose Bud

Heber Springers – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Kim Deane, 4326 Highway 92 West, Bee Branch, AR
72013 (501) 757-2030

White Hall (Pine Bluff)

Star Steppers – 2nd and 4th Monday, 7pm **DANCING**

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

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

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

New Boston, TX

Guys N Dolls – 3rd Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**

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

Caller: Nelda Eaton

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



Arkansas Club Callers And Cuers

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Bluebird Squares

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M/P

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M/P

Twirling Lariats

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River City Squares

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Blue Belles And Beaus

Maverick Mixers

Star Steppers

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71913

(501) 822-0803

squareup8.yolasite.com

White3297@hotmail.com

P: Yes

Wise, Ron

4800 Highway 104

White Hall, AR 71602

(870) 267-0702

ronwise@prodigy.net

Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:

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

1-6 – Round Dance Phase Cueing

If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances

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 73rd NSDC
 7209 W. Wisconsin Ave.
 Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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 Registration # _____
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Reg Form 07/02/23

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____
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 *E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC Check if you do not want your email shared.

First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES

No. of NSDC's prior to 73rd	Adult	Adult/Youth	Adult/Youth	Adult/Youth	DOB	DOB	DOB
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 Round Dance Syllabus - USB Drive or _____ # _____ @\$15.00 \$ _____
 Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2024) # _____ @\$20.00 \$ _____
 Print copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/24) # _____ @\$30.00 \$ _____
 Sew & Save Book - USB Drive or Digital Download # _____ @\$15.00 \$ _____
 Cookbook # _____ @\$15.00 \$ _____
 Hearing Assistance Device # _____ @\$15.00 \$ _____
 Wednesday Eve. Entertainment - "Wisconsin Singers" # _____ @\$25.00 \$ _____
 Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing # _____ @\$ 3.00 \$ _____
Total \$ _____

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

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

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this form and pay online at www.73nsdc.com. Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please complete this form also. Enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
- If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and correctly calculated amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)
- Registration fees: Adult \$65; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/26/2024 - \$32.50 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2024 - Adult: \$60 - Youth ages 5-17: \$40. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth: Only need birthday or Youth.
- Registrations are non-refundable.
- Not for the use of: _____
- A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be assessed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2024. No refunds after April 30, 2024.
- Registrations received after April 30, 2024, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check or money order payable in U.S. funds to 73rd NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

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

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

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

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

Name: _____

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

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

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)
 S 6/22 S 6/23 M 6/24 T 6/25 F 6/26 T 6/27 F 6/28 S 6/29 S 6/30

Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____
 Room request: _____ Single _____ Double _____ Queen _____ King _____
 _____ King Suite (Hilton only + \$75) _____ Handicap Accessible

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

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.

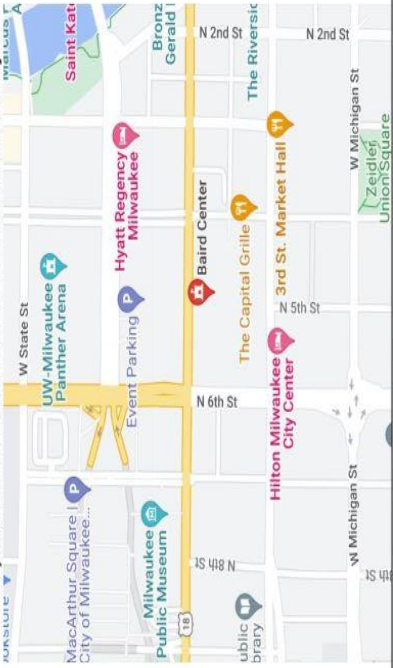
BLOCK HOUSING: Group blocks on hold must be booked by individuals no later than September 15, 2023. After that date, rooms in the block that are not reserved will be released to the general attendee pool. If you are registering as part of a group or block, please complete the following:
 Block Name: _____

Block Leader Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

No airport shuttle services provided. There are a variety of cab and shuttle services available at the airport. Uber and Lyft services are also available for the short ride to downtown.
 Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and no later than May 20, 2024. A web link and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees in the order of convention registration. The hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to choose & hold your room. You **must be registered** for the convention to receive the convention contracted rate. No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the web link and phone number which will be provided by convention Housing Vice-Chairman: housing@t.73nsdc.com. Convention registrations will be verified.

More information available at www.73nsdc.com

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



RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

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

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



74th National Square Dance Convention®
 Shreveport Convention Center - June 25-28, 2025
 400 Caddo Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Come Dance on the Wild Side
 Register online at 74nsdc.com

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Rhonda Bailey
 74th NSDC
 111 Wood Duck Lane
 Texarkana, TX 75701
 Email: RhondaW25@outlook.com
 Rev Form 12/10/23a

For Convention Use Only

Registration # _____
 Date Received _____
 Payment Processed _____
 Check# or Ref # _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
 City: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC Check if you do not want your email shared.

First Name & Last Name for **CONVENTION BADGES**

No. of past NSDC's prior to 74th	1. Adult	2. Adult	3. Adult/Youth	** DOB	#	@ \$2.00

- Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)
- Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$25 after 4/30/2025)
- Round Dance Syllabus - USB Drive or Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2025)
- Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/25)
- Sew & Save Book - USB Drive or Digital Download Cookbook
- Hearing Assistance Device
- Wednesday Night Special Event - Dennis Swanberg
- Dinner & Show \$60 per person
- Show only \$30 per person
- RV Camping from back side of form (4 night minimum)
- Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing

Total Due \$

Check Enclosed Cash (in Person) - Receipt # _____ Credit Card

Name on Card: _____

Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm. Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.

74th NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.

Shoes must be worn at all times.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this form and pay online at www.74nsdc.com.
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
- If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer and correctly calculate amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due.
- Registration fees: Adult \$70, Youth ages 5-17 by 6/25/2025 - \$35.00 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2025 - Adult: \$85 - Youth ages 5-17: \$42.50. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth.**
- Registrations are non-transferable.
- No One-, Two-, or Three-Day Registrations. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2025. No refunds after April 30, 2025.
- Registrations received after April 30, 2025, will receive e-mail confirmation. If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 74th NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at 74nsdc.com/tours

DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.

- SSD Only Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge Contra
- Lines Clogging Rounds Handicapable Solo

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/24 at adconvention.com.

Name _____ Type: _____

Name _____ Type: _____

Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

Convention Hotels and Campgrounds must be reserved through 74th NSDC Registration & Housing for 74th NSDC rates.

Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

More information available at www.74nsdc.com

Name: _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Code	Hotel	Rate
1	Hilton Shreveport Hotel - Headquarters	\$169
2	Sam's Town - <i>Weekday Rate (Sunday - Thursday)</i>	\$115
	Caller/Cueer Hotel - <i>Weekend Rate (Friday - Saturday)</i>	\$145
3	Holiday Inn - Shreveport (3-minute - 0.7 mile)	\$115
4	Holiday Inn Express - Shreveport (3-minute - 0.7 mile)	\$115
5	Hampton Inn - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$139
6	Hilton Garden Inn - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$139
7	Homewood Suites - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$169

Indicate choice of hotel preference by specifying number: #1 #2 #3
 Hotel assignments will be made in order of registration form received & according to availability. This form must be received, and rooms booked by March 1, 2025 for Sam's Town or May 1, 2025 for other hotels to guarantee 74th NSDC pricing.
 Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)
 S 6/21 S 6/22 M 6/23 T 6/24 W 6/25 T 6/26 F 6/27 S 6/28 S 6/29

Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____
 Room request: Single Double Queen King Handicapable

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

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.

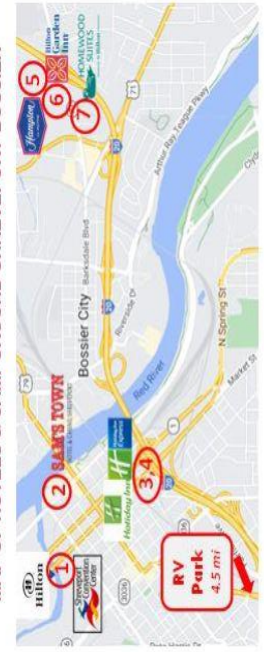
BLOCK HOUSING: All Block Housing requests are due by **July 15, 2024** and must be filled by **Sept 15th**, include the name, email, and phone number of Block Housing Leader.
 Block Name: _____
 Block Leader Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

No airport shuttle services provided. See www.74nsdc.com for transportation information.
 Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and no later than May 1, 2025. A weblink and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees in the order that the forms are received.

Do you prefer email or text notification? Email _____ Text _____

Note that hotels will not take your reservation for our convention until July 1, 2024. The hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to hold the room. **You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention contracted rate.** No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the weblink and phone number which will be provided by the convention Housing Vice-Chairman.

MAP OF HOTELS & CAMPGROUND SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER



RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Campground	Distance	Rate per Day
State Fair of Louisiana 3701 Hudson Street, Shreveport, LA 71109	4.5 miles / 9-minute drive	\$35.00

Each site is roughly the same size with full hookups including water and sewer with 30 or 50-amp electrical connections. 30 amp requested 50 amp requested.

Assignments will be made in the order of registration form received & according to availability to make sure we have plenty of 50-amp connections. This form must be received, and sites must be booked by May 1, 2025, to guarantee the 74th NSDC pricing. We have over 200 sites available, so no issue of availability.
 Site night needed: (4 Night Minimum)
 S 6/21 S 6/22 M 6/23 T 6/24 W 6/25 T 6/26 F 6/27 S 6/28 S 6/29

Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____
Buses Not Available. Parking Available at Convention Center \$5 per day (in/out).
GROUP CAMPING requests must be received by January 2, 2025. Everyone that is part of the group must fill in Group Name and Group Leader Name. To camp together, best to arrive together.
 Group Leader Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Your confirmed campground may assess a one-night penalty fee for cancellations received less than 72 hours of arrival, including early departure. On-line registration available. All site reservations will be coordinated through RV & Camping Vice-Chairman with this form. For further information see web site: www.74nsdc.com.

The e-Edition is released on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue.

You can download the e-Edition (full or compact)), 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 in size.

Club Special Dance Photos for April, 2024

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

Because of **space limitations, I can't use all photos** (sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view all of these (plus any videos, where available) on the various club Facebook pages (including the ASSDF page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group).

Special Dance Photos from late February through late March, 2024, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> are from club regular and special dances with the Blue Belles And Beaus, Heber Springers, River City Squares, Twirling Funtimers, Bluebird Squares, and the Maverick Mixers.

Thanks to Ellen Glover Lewis, Mike Lewis, Kim Deane, Jody King, Anieta England, Ginny Short, Jerry Short, Daryl Stout, and Elaine Cox for the photos.

