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"Square Dancing - Friendship set to music"

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Words from the Editor

I danced, visited with old friends and attended meetings during the Convention last weekend, but I also picked up flyers, received ribbons to sell and information to pass on to all of you so there's a lot of new information in this issue.

Be sure to check out the Future Planning section for upcoming dances as well as the West Coast Membership Dances for 2008-2009. Also check out the attachment; I added a lot of new dances to that list too so this email wouldn't be so long. I highlighted the new listings on the attachment too.

Health Updates

Mary Dow - West Coast DeSoto/Hardee/Charlotte County Rep is home from the hospital and now has a staph infection following her surgery for diverticulitis (sp?). Cards can be sent to: P. O. Box 1333, Arcadia, FL 34265.

Betty Binder - West Coast Pinellas County Rep has been in the hospital for tests. Cards can be sent to: 1338 39th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL 33703

Celebrate in 2008!

The numbers are in! Don and Ann Slocum reported we had 902 dancers enjoying the calling and cueing of the Florida Callers Association and the Florida Round Dance Council over the Memorial Day Weekend in Lakeland. If you weren't there, sorry you missed the fun! Hope you're making plans for a "Rock and Roll Time in 2009!"

SCCA Elect New Officers

The Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association elected (drafted? volunteered? comandeered?) new officers for the 2008/2009 year. New officers are:

President: Caller Clyde Stocker, Winter Haven Vice President: Cuer Pat Hagen, Clearwater Secretary: Cuer Patricia Fuller-Gardner, Plant City

Treasurer: Caller Burl Lally, Wimauma (where in the world is Wimauma?!!)

I hear this very active group of people have some great things planned for this year so stay tuned for the details!

P.S. Wimauma is east of Sun City.

2008 West Coast Fall Fun Fest

Now that the State Convention is over, the West Coast Fall Fun Fest on November 7th and 8th is the next big weekend we have to focus on. The Chairman, Fred and Jan Smith, and their committee have already been working on it for quite some time, but now it's time to start selling advertisements, booster ads, confirm the vendors, sell ribbons, and promote - promote - promote.

Anyone can purchase **advertisements**; you don't have to own a business. Maybe you would like to recognize someone in your club for a job well done; advertise your club; recognize an anniversary or birthday, etc. Do you frequent a restaurant or store; perhaps you could encourage them to purchase an ad in our Program Booklet.

Booster ads are \$1 per line; you can have one or two names per line. We can't make it to each and every club in the West Coast; so why don't you designate someone in your club to collect the money from each of your members and send a neatly printed or typed list of the names to Fred and Jan and your names will be listed in the Program Booklet as a booster of the Fall Fun Fest?

Registration - you can either mail your registration in or purchase your ribbon from a West Coast officer or a West Coast County Rep or me. The ribbons are \$18 per person in advance and \$20 per person at the door. Start wearing your ribbons now; what a great way to start advertising for us. People will ask you what the ribbons is for and you explain and ask them if they are coming.

Host Hotel is the Davis Brothers Motor Lodge - 1-800-424-0711 or 863-533-0711.

There is also limited dry **camping** at the Bartow Civic Center; first come first serve. If you want full service camping, Sanlan Campground is just up the road on Hwy. 98 S. in Lakeland. I understand one of the square dance camping groups is planning their weekend for November to be at the Fall Fun Fest; what a great idea!

Solos: there will be a section for you; please take advantage of it!

Themed Baskets: These have been such a big hit in past years, not only for those bidding but for those creating them! We're doing them again this year. Start putting your thinking caps on! If you have too many items for one basket, think about splitting them into two or three baskets. Please let Fred and Jan know what your plans are.

Oh yeah! It will be at the Bartow Civic Center at 2250 S. Floral Avenue. **Tim Crawford** and **Art Springer** will be calling and **Charlie and Leona Lovelace** will be cueing. There will be a hall for

Advance dancing and Mainstream and Plus will be alternated in the main hall. Rounds will be Phases II - IV. There will also be vendors for the weekend.

Callers and Cuers, hopes you'll plan to join us just to spend some dancing with your spouse/partner. I know he/she will enjoy that!

West Coast Association

We had our Folding/Business Meeting this past Wednesday; some highlights:

- Voted to increase the guest fees for the West Coast Membership Dances to \$5 per person effective with the October 2008 dance.
- Voted to increase the West Coast membership fee to \$12 per person and renewal to \$6 per person effective with the 2009 dues.
- All offices need to be filled for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. A summary of duties for each
 office will be published in a future issue of the West Coast Dancer and the
 DANCERgram. New officers will be installed at the Presidents Ball on September 14th at
 Strawberry Square.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 23rd at the Barksdale Center in Tampa.

57th National Square Dance Convention

The 57th National Convention is fast approaching! Promenade on the Prairie in Wichita, KS - June 25th - 28th.

Federation Presidents Randy and Carol Poole report in their President's Message in this month's *Bow & Swing* that as of December 31st, there are 125 Floridians registered. If you are going, please plan to participate in the Parade of States. The parade will be outside and anyone who wants to walk the .4 of a mile is welcome to participate. If you have a Florida State outfit, please wear it; if not, just wear your favorite outfit. The parade starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Century II, then proceeds across the river to the Lawrence-Dumont Ball Park. Florida will have several tables on display in the Showcase of Ideas Exhibition Area, so please plan to stop by and visit that area.

Let's be sure Wichita knows that Florida is there!

Rock & Roll Time in 2009

55th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention - May 22, 23, and 24, 2009

Get out those poodle skirts and saddle shoes, put some beat in your feat, and join us for the best Rock and Roll party you've ever attended.

No matter what your choice of style we know you will find plenty of "oldies but goodies" to swing to. The callers and cuers that have signed up to be part of this convention will see that you will continue to "rock around the clock", and leave exhausted..but smiling..and looking forward to Lakeland again in 2010.

We wish to thank Don and Ann Slocum for their dedication and hard work this past year and also for all the assistance given us in preparing for this year's convention. Volunteers are a vital part of any organization, without them, we could not plan and carry out all of the fun weekends at the State Convention. Maybe you would be interested in volunteering to assist in some way so you can get that feeling of satisfaction and appreciation also. Randy and Carol would be happy to oblige you!

It is with a heavy heart that we notify you that due to illness Paul and Linda Place will not be our Assistant Caller Chr. Please keep them in your prayers. We are happy to report that Don and Loretta Hanhurst have agreed to fill those "big" shoes.

We would like to remind everyone to get their ribbons early, and by so doing you will save some dollars that you can use for gas. There is a money back guarantee right up until the ticket office opens on Friday. It is \$27.00 per person in advance and \$30.00 per person at the door. We also will have theme logo golf shirts in pink for the ladies and white for the guys available at all major dances.

Convention chairmen Randy and Carol Poole have a fun year of preparation planned to join in and you will be thanking them each time you do.

Yellow Rocks, Joanne Engum, Publicity Chr.

BettyLee Talmadge's History Lessons

Every week or so during the 29 years I spent working at Walt Disney World a phone call would come in asking for square dancers to perform some place on the property. It was a big surprise when I received a call from an official of the Canada pavilion in EPCOT who said they would like to have two squares of dancers for one entire week to dance two times each evening for their guests. We were told that some official in Canada who was a square dancer thought we would greatly add to the atmosphere of their area.

SusanElaine and I made a few calls and found dancers to dance each evening. Then I got an even bigger surprise. The Canadian official said that if this turned out to be the crowd pleaser they thought it would be - they would like to continue for an entire month. A month? That's thirty-one days. Could we do it? Well, maybe. During the first few years we performed in the Magic Kingdom we did not keep names and addresses. Now, it was becoming apparent that we needed lists of dancers throughout Florida. Then we were told we might be invited to do this for the entire year. Could we find dancers for a month or year of shows? We decided not to say anything till the question came up and an answer was needed. But what about our clubs, and their raids and retrievals?

The first evening we arrived SusanElaine was invited to park her van with all the equipment behind the pavilion and I rode in with her. The rest of the dancers were bussed in. We were ready, almost. I had had foot surgery and was not walking yet, so one of the dancers took me out to the dance site and placed me in what could be called a corner.

That night many of the employees that had been working for the company were having their final night at EPCOT before heading home to their prospective countries. Many of them wanted to experience the "square dance" and our dancers had a blast helping them find their way around the square.

Now it was the fifth and final night. Jeff appeared and gave each dancer two American Adventure EPCOT medallions as a thank-you gift for being so gracious about the changes that had occurred. The music was set up, the dancers were ready when Jeff received a radio call. It seems someone had neglected to pass the word that there was a stage show ready to start and our music would clash with theirs. So Jeff asked "would we mind dancing inside the American Adventure building?" Naturally we agreed on the location change.

Jeff made arrangements for me and my wheel chair to be taken inside but before that happened, ever the stage mother who wants the best stage look for her daughter when she is performing, I mentioned to SusanElaine that I wish she had worn her red crystal organza dress instead of the white with its read and blue stars because the room was cream color and the red, white and blue outfit just wouldn't do.

Time for the dancing to start. There stood SusanElaine in her red dress. It seems she had dashed out to her van where she always has another dress or two in case of a problem and she changed. The first tip went great! Then our square dancers completely amazed everyone. They started giving their special medallions to the guests watching. One went to a man laying on a hospital gurney, several to men, women and children in wheel chairs and finally to some youngsters who were so bright-eyed at what was happening. We did the final dance of the show to thundering applause and we promenaded off after thanking the crowd for their applause.

To our grateful surprise, Jeff was waiting for us back-stage. He had been up to his office and had additional medallions. He thanked everyone for giving their medallions to a grateful audience. He said that was truly a big and unusual surprise for everyone.

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Looking for Graphics?

Do you need graphics but always have problems finding what you need?

I just received word that some graphics have been added to the Florida Federation website for our use. Just go to www.floridasquaredance.com and click on Graphics. There's not a whole lot there now, but hopefully, Bruce will keep adding more.

Looking for ribbons to a festival?

I am carrying ribbons to the following dances if you are interested in purchasing any:

- September (Labor Day Weekend) 2008 Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama, Nashville, TN
- November 2, 2008 23rd Annual MacDonald Benefit Dance, Strawberry Square
- November 7 8, 2008 West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest Bartow
- November 21 -22, 2008 ALOHA! Northeast Associations's Fall Festival Jacksonville
- March 20 21, 2009 Central Association Shamrock Swing The Villages, FL

NOTE: If you see any flyers with my name, email address and phone number stamped on them, I have the ribbons (or will be receiving them shortly) to sell. I always have the ribbons with me.

NOTE: Yellow highlighting is a change from last week's email.

THIS WEEK'S DANCES

Monday - Temple Twirlers - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com

<u>Tuesday</u> - *Sun City Center* - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Room 3, Sun City - mainstream dance and plus workshop - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Van Coble. For info: <u>gail3357@gmail.com</u> or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue). <u>Suncoast Squares</u> - Metro Center, 3170 3rd Ave. N., St. Pete - Mainstream and plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: <u>suncoastsquares@yahoo.com</u>.

Wednesday - Port Charlotte Cultural Center - Cultural Center of Charlotte County, Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. mainstream/plus/rounds - caller: Robert Arias; cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday - Shufflin' Squares - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales - square dance attire optional - mainstream/plus - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Keith Stevens. For info: cakitts@hotmail.com.

King's Point Swingers - Kings Point Health Room (main Clubhouse), Rt. 674 (east of I-75), Sun City Center - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Mike Cox. For info: 813-649-0754 or hlhtfh@yahoo.com.

Citrus Squares - First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: lalecl@aol.com.

Promenade Squares - Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - Plus workshop 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - casual attire - caller: Dick DeMerritt; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: peto1936@yahoo.com.

<u>Friday</u> - *Spinning Wheels* - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

Flutter Wheelers - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - ER 6:30 p.m., plus/rounds 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - AS tip at 9:00 - relaxed attire June to October - caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: John Ayers. For info: Bob Bourassa 352-796-8254 or bobbourassa@bellsouth.net..

Snell's Bo's and Bell's - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - tastefully casual dress- callers: Allen Snell. Contact settarose1@verizon.net

Sun City Center Square Dance Club - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Mary Wiewora. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

<u>Saturday</u> -*New Port Richey* - New Port Richey Rec Center, 6630 Van Buren St., New Port Richey, 34653 - 1:30 - 1:00 workshop, 2:00 - 4:00 Dance (mainstream/plus/rounds) - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net.

Sunday - *B&S Flutter Wheelers* - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - A2 workshop 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - A2 Dance - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - relaxed attire - caller: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254 or bobbourassa@bellsouth.net. *King of Kings Church* - 10337 U.S. 19, Port Richey - casual dress - 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Tips are alternated. Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or settarose1@verizon.net.

Orange Blossom Squares - The Villages La Hacienda Center, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Stern, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: sharonandron579@localnet.com

CLASSES:

Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (beginner, mainstream, plus, etc.) exact address (with city) where class and/or workshop will be held, instructor's name, contact name, email address and phone number.

CLUBS, CALLERS, CUERS: IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START ADVERTISING YOUR CLASSES!

DANCERS: IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START TALKING TO YOUR FRIENDS, ACQUAINTANCES, CO-WORKERS, ETC.

ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING TO DANCE!

August 5, 2008 - **Suncoast Squares Beginner Class and Plus Workshop** - Metro Center, 3170 3rd Ave. N., St. Pete - first night is a free fun night from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - classes start the following week - mainstream 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - plus workshop 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. - \$5 per person donation - caller/instructor: Mike Cox. For info: suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.

October 26, 2008 - Hampton Promenaders Beginner Square Dance Lessons - Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy 92 W., Auburndale - 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - caller/instructor: Danny Miller. For info: chraller56@aol.com.

October 26, 2008 - **Hampton Promenaders Plus Workshop** - Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale - 3:30 p.m. - caller/instructor: Danny Miller. For info: chraller56@aol.com.

November 3, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Mainstream Square Dance Class** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City - first night FREE - call fee will be \$4 per person per session - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

November 3, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Introduction to Plus Movements** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City - class fee will be \$4 per person per session - 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. - call/instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

November 4, 2008 - **City of Auburndale Basic & Mainstream Lessons** - Auburndale Senior Center, 119 Park St. (across from the basketball courts), Auburndale - 7:00 p.m. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net or 407-766-5659.

November 4, 2008 - **City of Auburndale Plus Workshop** - Auburndale Senior Center, 119 Park St. (across from the basketball courts), Auburndale - 8:30 p.m. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net or 407-766-5659.

FUTURE PLANNING:

Please include dates, exact address of location where dances are held (including city), themes, level(s), if rounds are included, times, callers and cuers (exact names - not 'guest callers'), attire, contact information (include email and phone number). IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR SCHEDULE DURING THE YEAR, I.E. CANCELLATIONS, CHANGE OF CALLERS OR CUERS, CHANGE OF DANCE LOCATION, PLEASE NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THE WORD CAN BE PASSED TO AS MANY DANCERS AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE ENSURE THE INFORMATION IN THE WEST COAST DANCER IS CURRENT AND ACCURATE.

June 12 - 15, 2008 - 46th Annual Texas State Federation Square & Round Dance Festival - a Rose Promenade in Tyler 2008 - Harvey Convention Center & Rose Garden, Tyler, Texas - Advanced Registration must be in by May 15, 2008 - Thursday Night: Trail End Dance - Texas State Callers Association - Friday: Pre Festival - East Texas Square & Round Dance Federation - Saturday: Texas State Festival: Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers - All Day Activities - For more Info Contact William & Gene Villyard 31 Pegues Place. Longview, Texas 75601

June 13-14, 2008 - **53rd Colorado State Square Dance Festival** – Mesa State College Campus, Grand Junction, CO. For info: cwatkins@acsol.net.

June 13, 2008 - Snell's Bos & Bells Black Cat Dance - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - callers: Mike Doughty and Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Fyalko - wear black - bring finger food and a flashlight - tastefully casual dress. For info: settarose1@verizon.net.

June 14, 2008 - Montgomery, AL, Association Dance Featuring Paul Place - A group of dancers from Orlando and another group from Lake Placid are making plans to attend this dance. The dance starts at 7:00 p.m. (Central). Location of the dance hall will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

June 14, 2008 - *Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Firefly Dance* - Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie St., Brandon, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rouns 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dan Wilkerson, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

June 15, 2008 - Deadline for submissions to the August issue of *American Square* Dance Magazine. For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

June 15 - 19, 2008 - Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - A2 dancing - caller: Darryl Lipscomb - prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open mainstream dance.) Casual dance. RV Package - \$495 + applicable tax; cabin rental package - \$695 or \$745 + applicable tax; park model package - \$795 or \$845 + applicable tax; \$50 deposit for RV package + \$100 deposit for cabin and park model packages. Enjoy mini golf - heated pool and hot tub - fishing - wireless internet - picnics along Jonathan Creek - horsehoes - Hillbilly Golf - Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and check out Friday at 10:00 a.m. New hall with wood floor. Air conditioned. For info: squaredance@pridervresort.com or 1-800-926-8191 and ask for Linda.

June 20 & 21, 2008 - Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals "DoubleHeader" Friday, June 20th, 2008 - Althen's Pea Pickers Presents Jerry Story & Sonny Ezelle - For info Allen & Carolyn 903-675-4519 - Saturday, June 21st, 2008 - Log Cabin Swingers Presents Joe Saltel & Kathy Stevens - For info Ronnie & Velma 903-887-2691 or Joyce 972-790-2961 - Joe Saltel Saturday Plus & DBD W/S 1-3pm \$3.00 donation all day - Food served both night 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Dance 8:00 p.m. \$8.00 donation each night all pay - Early Rounds 7:30 p.m. each night. For info: www.logcabinsquaredanceclub.com.

June 20, 2008 - **Tiger Squares Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals** - with International Caller Nasser Shukayr of Harlingen, TX - Columbia Senior Center 1121 Business Loop I-70 East. Columbia, Missouri - For more Info Contact: Jack & Mary Ellen Harper 573-234-2306 club website: http://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri/Club/Tiger Squares/index.php

June 21, 2008 – Levis & Lace Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals – Senior Rec Center, 1000 Eunice, Arlington, TX – caller: Nasser Shukayr – mainstream & Plus. For info: 972-358-1416.

June 22 – 25, 2008 – Roundalab Convention – Wichita, Kansas.

June 23, 2008 - Temple Twirlers Pecos Promenade Hoedown - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dan Wilkerson - all singing calls; cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com

June 24, 2008 – **Green Country Squares Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals** – Grove Community Center, 104 W. 3rd St., Grove, OK – caller: Joe Saltel of Pharr, Tx. For info: 918-314-0592 or trw95eaw@hotmail.com.

June 24, 2008 – Perry Promenaders Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals – Perry, OK – caller: Nasser Shukayr. For info: 580-336-4056.

June 24, 2008 - Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Red, White & Blue Dance - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - finger foods - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

June 25-28, 2008 - **57th National Square Dance Convention** - Wichita, Kansas - "Promenade On the Prairie". For info: Registrations@57nsdc.com or www.57nsdc.com.

June 26 -28, 2008 - Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082 Social Weekend - No Dancing - Jetty Park, 9035 Campground Circle, Cape Canaveral, FL. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

July 1, 2008 - Deadline for submissions to the August issue of the *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

July 3 – 6, 2008 – Touch a Quarter Century – 25th Annual IAGSDC® (International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs) Convention – Cleveland, OH. For info: www.iagsdc.org.

July 7, 2008 - Temple Twirlers Patriotic Dance - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

July 8 – 10, 2008 – National Square Dance Campers Camporee – 262 Sprague Street, Coldwater, MI. For info: aebentley@amazinisp.com.

July 11 – 13, 2008 – **Alaska State Square & Round Dance Festival** – Kenai Peninsula Fairgrounds, Ninilchik, AK. For info: <u>Lenora_regeon@yahoo.com</u>.

July 12, 2008 - Christmas in July - Keystone Heights High School, 700 Orchid Ave., Keystone Heights, FL - square dance to help others walk - to benefit the Shriner's Crippled Childrens' Hospital - Touch a Quarter - Touch a Heart - Chinese auction, raffles, door prizes - non stop dancing - \$9 per couple - sponsored by the Rural Callers Association and Gateway Callers. For info: Mary Chesnut 352-378-2577.

July 13 - 15, 2008 - CALLERLAB's Canadian Mini-Lab - Best Western Stoneridge Inn & Conference Center, 6675 Burtwistle Lane, London, Ontario, Canada - attend sessions with CALLERLAB'S John Marshall, VA, Chairman of the Board; Tim Marriner, SC, Past Chairman; Bill Harrison, MD, Executive Committee Member; Jerry Reed, FL, Executive Director - sessions include: digital music, showmanship, choreography, recruitment, marketing and voice coaching - registration: \$159 per caller + \$80 per partner (CDN or USD) - package includes: all sessions, welcome party, two continental breakfasts, Monday lunch, Monday banquet, refreshment breaks, counts toward CALLERLAB full membership -

make your own hotel reservation at Best Western Stoneridge - 1-888-471-2378 or 1-519-652-6022. For info: Pam Clasper - pam@clasper.ca - 800-331-2577 - 416-498-0007 - www.callerlab.org.

July 14, 2008 - Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Shipwreck Dance - Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

July 15, 2008 - Deadline for submissions to the September issue of *American Square Dance* Magazine. For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

July 17 - 19, 2008 - **16**th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention - London, Ontario. For info: www.swosda.ca/2008 or stanley.down@sympatico.ca.

July 22, 2008 - Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beach Party - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - finger foods - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

July 23, 2008 - West Coast Folding and Business Meeting - Barksdale Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - Folding 6:00 p.m., Business Meeting starts as soon as the folding is completed. PLEASE SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR CLUB OR FORWARD A REPORT TO BE READ AT THE MEETING! EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. For info: brassy1012@yahoo.com

July 24 - 26, 2008 - **11th National Handicapable Square Dance Convention** - Mobile, AL. For info: ush2@ushandicapable.org or 251-633-8212.

July 25 – 26, 2008 – **25th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention** – Lincoln Christian College, 100 Campus View Drive, Lincoln. For info: 217-645-3302 or swrtz@adams.net

June 26 -28, 2008 - Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082 Social Weekend - No Dancing - Florida Camp Inn, 48504 Highway 27, Davenport, FL. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

July 27 - 31, 2008 - Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - Plus DBD workshop. This week is a learning week for plus dancers who wish to explore more challenging choreography - caller: Randy Dougherty - prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open mainstream dance.) Casual dance. RV Package - \$495 + applicable tax; cabin rental package - \$695 or \$745 + applicable tax; park model package - \$795 or \$845 + applicable tax; \$50 deposit for RV package + \$100 deposit for cabin and park model packages. Enjoy mini golf - heated pool and hot tub - fishing - wireless internet - picnics along Jonathan Creek - horsehoes - Hillbilly Golf - Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and check out Friday at 10:00 a.m. New hall with wood floor. Air conditioned. For info: squaredance@pridervresort.com or 1-800-926-8191 and ask for Linda.

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www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd (Florida Singles)

http://usda.fundlinklic.com/ (online shopping mall)

http://www.usda.org/ (United Square Dancers of America)

http://www.samdunn.net/ (Caller Sam Dunn's personal web site)

www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

<u>http://www.nsddirectory.com/</u> (National Square Dance Directory - information & contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/ (Aron's Square Dance & Western Wear Shop)

<u>http://www.calyco.com/</u> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

<u>http://www.tictactoes.com/</u> (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)

www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

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