

DANCERgram

Square & Round Dance News for the West Coast of Florida
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"Square Dancing - Friendship set to music"

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

**Words from the Editor**

Don't you wish we could bottle up some of this heat and ship it to our friends up north? I think we have more than we need, don't you?

Our friends at Shufflin' Squares in Lake Wales have paid tribute to Paul Place by having a stone placed in his honor in the Veterans Memorial that was built by the Lake Ashton Veterans Association. You may or may not know that Paul was a Captain in the U.S. Army and served two tours of duty in Viet Nam. I asked the president of Shufflin's Squares to take pictures for me so I could include them in the DANCERgram and they are below.

If you ever have a chance to visit this Memorial, Paul's stone is at the beginning of the walk on the right hand side.

Thank you Shufflin' Squares for this tribute to Paul.

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Health Updates

Jimmy Lee - Canadian caller who guest calls at Strawberry Square, had surgery on June 3rd and is expected to be in the hospital for a week. Cards can be sent (\$.72 US postage) to: James Lee, 39 Walter Avenue South, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8H 1A4.

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## Pledge of Allegiance



From the Red Skelton Hour, January 14, 1969

"Getting back to school, I remember a teacher that I had. Now I only went through the seventh grade. I left home when I was 10 years old because I was hungry. (laughter)

And this is true. I worked in the summer and went to school in the winter. But, I had this one teacher; he was the principal of the Harrison School, in Incennes, Indiana. To me, this was the greatest teacher, a real sage of...of my time time, anyhow.

He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance one day, and he walked over. This little old teacher, Mr. Lasswell was his name. He said, "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

I - Me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge - Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance - My love and my devotion.

To the Flag - Our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

United [of the] - That means that we have all come together.

States [of America] - Individual communities that have united into 48 great states. 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

And to the Republic for Which It Stands

Republic - A state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

One Nation - Meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible - Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty - Which is freedom, the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice - The principle or qualities of dealing fairly with others.

For All - Which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

And now boys and girls let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance - "Under God."

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That is a prayer," and that would be eliminated from schools, too?"

Red Skelton (07/18/1913 - 09/17/1997)

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(Editor's Note: As I was reading this, I could just see Red Skelton doing this. So I decided to go on the internet to find his picture. What I found was a video of Red Skelton doing this presentation. If you are interested, copy this link and paste it in your search bar <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kfz2XDXaeqc> and you will be able to watch the entire presentation.)

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Ask Not What Your Square Dance Club Can Do For You

Ask What You Can Do For Your Square Dance Club!

You can help in the following ways:

1. Belong to a square dance club
2. Come to club dances as often as you can
3. Bring refreshments
4. Come early to help set up the hall
5. Stay late to help clean up the hall
6. Be friendly and be sure to greet all visitors
7. Come to all dances and all classes clean and wearing fresh-smelling clothes
8. Attend banner activities as often as you can
9. Tell your friends and acquaintances of the fun we have square dancing
10. Recruit new students
11. Angel the class of new students
12. Be patient, pleasant and polite when you get into a square that keeps breaking down
13. Take a turn serving on the Board and/or on committees
14. Escort others to the parking lot so no ladies go out alone
15. Try to include everyone. Make sure no one ever comes to a dance and sits all evening without being asked to dance.

HAVE FUN!

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(Editor's Note: I know all of you think I added #15, but honestly I didn't!)

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## New Email Address for Editor of West Coast Dancer

Please note that effective immediately Ed Henning, Editor of the *West Coast Dancer*, has a new email address. It is [evhenning@peoplepc.com](mailto:evhenning@peoplepc.com). If you are responsible for emailing information to the *West Coast Dancer*, please begin sending it to this email address. Please ensure that the person responsible for emailing your club's information is aware of this new email address.

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USDA and Long-Term Care Protection

Making Long-term Care Insurance Affordable
New Plans; New Choices

If you've looked at long-term care insurance in the past but didn't buy, it is time to take another look. There are new plans, benefits and ways to structure coverage that might be just right for your budget.

People are now buying it at a younger age - the average age of a buyer is now 58 compared to 70 years old just ten years ago. At a younger age the premiums are lower and there is a greater chance that you will be healthier and eligible for the insurance coverage.

Long-term care insurance covers the cost of your care when you can't care for yourself. While we tend to think of that happening in our later years, it can happen at any time as a result of an accident or medical condition. The costs of long-term care - which is custodial care - is not generally covered by health insurance. So unless you have long-term care insurance or are impoverished and eligible for Medicaid, you will be paying for long-term care costs out of your own savings. To put these costs in perspective, the average cost of a year in a nursing home is \$75,190, according to the MetLife Market Survey of Nursing Home and Home Care Costs.

More Ways to buy. Here are some things you should know about today's long-term care insurance plans and some tips for finding ways to fit this cost into your budget if you think it's right for you.

It is not just for nursing home care. Mistakenly, people often think that long-term care insurance is just for nursing home care. Not today. Almost all policies cover care provided in assisted living facilities, nursing homes and at home. And home is where people say they would most like to receive care. If you need round the clock care at home, you will find it more costly than a stay in a nursing home.

Sharing a policy. Couples can now take advantage of "share care" plans. How does this plan work? Rather than buying two separate policies, the couple purchases a single plan with a pool

of benefits that they share. For example, rather than purchase two separate policies with a three year benefit period for each plan, a couple can purchase a single plan with six years of benefits that they share. So, for example, one may use just two years of benefits, leaving four years of benefits for the other. While these plans are slightly more expensive (usually about 10%), they provide greater flexibility by letting people share the pool of benefits.

Insuring part of the risk. You don't have to cover the full cost of care. Instead, you might decide that you will let insurance pick up part of the cost of care and you will use your own financial resources to pay for the remaining cost of care. For example, you could purchase coverage that would pay \$100 per day. If your care cost \$150 per day, you would pay the remaining \$50. Some people find this an affordable way to mitigate the risk of long-term care cost eroding their total life savings.

Business owner benefits. If you are self-employed or own your own business, long-term care insurance premiums may be able to be paid for by the business. Some small business owners find a ten-pay policy preferable, where the policy is paid in full over ten years.

Discounts. Always ask about discounts. Many companies provide significant discounts for a couple applying together. And some groups and professional associations have discounted rates available if you are a member. Your employer may also have a group plan available. But always shop and compare group plans against individual policies to make sure you are getting the best plan for the best price. Long-term care insurance rates are based on age and health, so the younger you are and the healthier you are, the lower your premiums.

"Consumers mistakenly believe long-term care insurance protection is costly and nothing is farther from the truth," explains Jesse Slome, the Executive Director of the Association for Long-term Care Insurance. "There are discounts available today to those in good health, for non-smokers, married couples or even domestic partners," Slome notes. "You can cut costs by paying annually versus monthly, roughly nine percent, and by another eight percent simply by being accepted for coverage before your next birthday."

USDA members can get free long-term care quotes and information. Long-term Care Quote shops more than 10 highly-rated companies for you to find the best policy and most affordable rate for you. It is easy and convenient and a great way to learn more about long-term care insurance. Call 1-800-587-3279 or inquire online at www.ltcg.net. Use USDA code 518.

Send for your quote today. **When applying use USDA code 518.** Go to the USDA web site www.usda.org or call 1-800-587-3279 and create peace of mind right now!

For further information call the toll free number or contact:

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Never Forget the Soldiers



Our own Sam Dunn wrote an article which was published in the *Highlands Today* newspaper on May 29, 2008. Below is a reprint.

It's early on Monday, May 26, Memorial Day. As I sit here at my desk, I took some time to remember my own Army days in Vietnam. I distinctly remember the smell of Vietnam as I stepped off of the plane in 1970. I remember fellow buddies that I flew with in that year. I remember the landscape below us as we flew in the mornings in the helicopter. The cool air and the beautiful country below me so ravaged by war.

I remember, and still can hear, the rockets and mortars coming in from the mountains, every evening. And I remember pilots, crew chiefs and regular soldiers who flew out and did not come back. I remember the sad parts of my tour, waiting for helicopters to come back from their missions, some so full of blood that it took hours to clean it up. And I remember helping load the body bags onto the airplanes to go home to their final resting place.

To this day, when I go to Washington, D.C., I cannot hold back the tears thinking about the Vietnam Wall. Some of my friends' names are on that wall. In my room, there is the picture of a man, standing at the wall, crying with his hand upon it, with the reflection of soldiers looking at him. This is the picture that will stay with all veterans and myself all of our lives.

I took some time this morning thinking about the wars in years past, and our soldiers who served. Starting with the Civil War, of which I have always been interested in. Wars that changed the world, World War I and II, Korea, and the conflicts that we have been involved in since Vietnam, including the present war in Iraq. Even having served in battle, I can't comprehend what our soldiers thought as they walked across the meadow in Gettysburg, brother against brother, made their way onto the beaches of Normandy, flying over Germany with the flak, the snipers in Battan, the cold harsh war of Korea, and the roadside mines and suicide bombers that our soldiers are subjected to every day in the Middle East.

It is Memorial Day, a day that was created to honor the people who have served and given the ultimate sacrifice. Too many times people do not think of the day that we celebrate in May as Memorial Day in the way we should. They often think about a day off of work, a holiday, barbecues and times with the family.

Please take the time to honor, think about, and pray for the men, women, and their families who have sacrificed the greatest gift of all. Life.

Having said all of this, take the time to think about the present war in Iraq. I am taking no political sides, pro or con about this war, but I want you to ask yourself, how many soldiers have paid the price in this war? Is it worth the cost? How many mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and friends have been given the notice, just today, that they have lost a loved one, or he or she has been injured?

The answer is, as of today, the United States has suffered 33,000 casualties. Out of these 33,000, there are 4,084 deaths and 28,916 soldiers who are wounded and possible maimed with missing limbs. People who might be confined to a chair or bed for the rest of their life. These are people that will need care, which you, I, our children, and grandchildren will be paying for.

In May, we had, as of today, 18 deaths stemming from the war in Iraq. Fifty two in April. The list goes on and on. My point is, do not become jaded in the reports and news stories you read, or hear about the war in Iraq. We have become a nation that is immune to news reports in Iraq. We hear, but don't pay attention to the reports of casualties and deaths. Take time to listen and hear what is going on in our country, the greatest country in the world.

If I were young enough today, I would be in the service, proudly serving my country in any way that they needed me. Our soldiers, from all over the United States, are doing their best to fulfill their duty. Unfortunately some of these very soldiers will not be with us tomorrow. They will give the supreme sacrifice. And we, at home, give them one day to honor them. Try to let Memorial Day enter your mind every day. Honor our fallen soldiers, and never let a day go by without thinking of the cost they have paid, for our freedom. Thank a veteran every day, for their service to our country. They deserve it. They have earned it.

Sam Dunn lives in Sebring.



Rock & Roll Time in 2009

Watch as this "vintage" turntable makes its way around the west coast of Florida to promote a *Rock & Roll Time in 2009* at the Lakeland Center May 22 - 24, 2009. The first stop was Temple Twirlers in Tampa. Where will it be next? Ribbons are on sale now for \$27.



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.

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

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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: **Doc Gray**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com

Tuesday - *Buttons & Bows of Lakeland* - Magnolia Building 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Keith Stevens, cuer: Charlie Lovelace - finger foods. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

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: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Suncoast Squares - Metro Center, 3170 3rd Ave. N., St. Pete - Mainstream and plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.

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: **Wes Morris**; cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday - *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 Back to the Old West - 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.

Friday - Spinning Wheels - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Mike Cox**, 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 Black Cat Dance - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - wear black - bring finger food and a flashlight - tastefully casual dress- callers: Allen Snell, Mike Doughty, cuer: Pat Fiyalko. Contact settarose1@verizon.net

Sun City Center Square Dance Club Black Kat Dance - 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 - marble cake will be served - black cat danglers available - wear something black - casual or square dance attire - cuer: Mary Wiewora. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Saturday - Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Firefly Dance - Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - finger food - caller: Danny Wilkerson, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: JudiBrookover@regencycenters.com.

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 Father's Day/Pie Night - The Villages La Hacienda Center, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Whit Brown**, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: sharonandron579@localnet.com

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:stocker38@worldnet.att.net) or 407-766-5659.

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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 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 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 - horsehoses - 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](mailto: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@amazonisp.com.

July 9, 2008 - Whirl & Twirl Tenderfoot Dance - Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Hall, 6949 Ventura Circle, Orlando, FL - mainstream - workshop: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.; dance: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: **Paul Place**. For info: 407-679-2882.

July 11, 2008 - Whirl & Twirl Tenderfoot Dance - Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Hall, 6949 Ventura Circle, Orlando, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: **Paul Place**. For info: 407-679-2882.

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

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 - **16th 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](mailto: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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<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)

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (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)

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

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

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

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