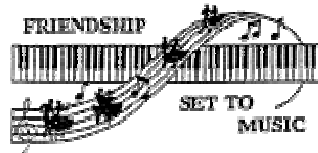


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Square & Round Dance News for the West Coast of Florida

Editor: Penny Green

"Square Dancing - Friendship set to music"



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AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

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dance on this date and showing your support by attending. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

Words from the Editor

I think it's always great to hear what other clubs and organizations do, and I think some of their ideas are worth sharing. I received a newsletter from one of our local clubs with some ideas you might want to consider:

- Friends of Friends Campaign – a “contest” to see which member can bring the most friends to a class. The winner gets a prize.
- Fun Badge Tour – this was done at a convention. The dancers take a bus tour to see the highlights of the host city. At each stop, the dancers get off the bus and dance a couple of tips. This could also be used as a club special event.

I've just received confirmation from Grande Square Inc., through Linda Saunders, that they will again award \$200 each to the Florida club and the out-of-state club with the most pre-registrations for the Winter Festival in January. The details of the weekend are below under Future Planning. Since the Winter Festival is held in Lakeland it would seem like a simple thing for one of the local clubs (West Coast) to receive this award.

Please take the opportunity each week to scroll through the Future Planning Section of this newsletter for any new dances or information that is added. Updated information is highlighted so you can find it quickly.

Please take note of the Carol Rod Memorial Dance that Carl has scheduled for Saturday, November 1st in Winter Haven. Proceeds from this dance will be donated to the Grace Lutheran Church Debt Reduction Fund. Lots of great callers and cuers will be there (in addition to Carl) – Bob Barnes, Sam Dunn, Allen Snell and Keith Stevens. Details are below under Future Planning.

Some of the classes are starting this week. I hope you are doing your part to invite people and be there to angel. This is something that needs to be worked on by ALL of us, not just the officers of the clubs, the callers and cuers. If you enjoy dancing and attending the conventions, don't you want to share the fun with your family, friends and neighbors? I believe all the classes start with a free night. Why not just invite your neighbors to come to a party and take them to the fun night? You need to go with them for encouragement.

This is the time of year when many clubs are holding elections for new officers or elections were held in the spring for the seasonal clubs and they are preparing for opening in the Fall. If you haven't done so already, don't forget to send me your Fall schedule so it can be added to my Master Calendar. There are so many things to do when the incoming president takes office

– update your information in the *West Coast Dancer* and the *Bow & Swing*, update your website on the Florida Dance Web and notify me of the new contact information for your club so I can update the DANCERgram. It is very important to keep your club information current in these publications and on this website so that visitors looking for a place to dance will be able to find current information.

If your club doesn't have a website, you might consider starting one. It doesn't have to be anything fancy – just include your dance schedule for the year, contact information and the current address of where your dances are held. Some websites contain additional information, like a listing of all their officers with pictures, pictures from banner raids, etc. Just log on to www.floridadanceweb.com and look at some of the other websites to get some ideas of how to create yours. You can just forward the information to Tom Perry and he can set the site up for you. If your club already has a website, why not contact Tom about linking your site to the Florida Dance Web?

There are so many ways to advertise your club that are either free or very low cost, so why not take advantage of them? This newsletter alone has approximately 350 names on the distribution list and some of those people then forward it on to even more people. During the “peak” season of printing the *West Coast Dancer*, we distribute around 2,000 copies; the next issue will be our first one of the “peak” season. Please make sure your information in the *Dancer* is correct by August 22nd so it will be included in the next issue.

Health & Sympathy Updates

Larry Patton – There will be a memorial held for Larry on August 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at Zellwood Station in Zellwood, FL. Please bring finger food. Please call 407-619-5949 (Barbara Roney, president of Garden Patch Squares) and let her know if you are going and how many.

Sarah Pegrossi – wife of Caller Charlie Pegrossi and editor of the *Grapevine* – she is still doing physical therapy after her knee surgery. She is doing well but still moving slow and with some pain.

Elsa Huddleston – Florida Federation Secretary – lost her mother last Wednesday.

Don Slocum – West Coast Polk County Rep and past West Coast president – has had some severe problems with an eye and may have lost all or part of his vision in that eye.

Lawton Smith – caller in the northeast part of Florida – is still recovering from his cancer treatments.

Roland and Toni Blanchette – he’s a caller and she’s a cuer in the Lakeland area – their daughter was diagnosed with cancer about a year ago and then given a clean bill of health. She has just learned that she has three new tumors and is being treated with chemo by pill.

West Coast Association

Will there be a President’s Ball in September? Will there be a West Coast Association next year? Will publication of the *West Coast Dancer* continue?

The answer will be “No” to all of these questions if we don’t have officers to run the organization. Elections will be held at the next Folding/Business meeting on Wednesday, September 17th, with installation at the President’s Ball on September 21st.

I know there are a lot of really hard workers out there in the square dance community who would be excellent officers of the West Coast Association. Why not step up and make a difference at the association level?

Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association (SCCA)

Do you use a laptop for your calling or cueing or are you contemplating switching to a laptop? You might be interested in attending a **DanceMaster Seminar on Calling/Cueing with a Computer** led by Clark & Sandy Godfrey on November 15 -16, 2008 at Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL. This seminar is being brought to you by the Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association (SCCA) and the Florida Round Dance Council (FRDC).

The session starts on Saturday from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m., with a second session from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. The Sunday session will be from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. You can either bring your lunch on Sunday or purchase a bag lunch for \$5.

Subjects to be covered are Music on Computers, DanceMaster Family (Librarian and Porter), Introduction to DanceMaster Player and Advanced DanceMaster.

The cost for this two-day seminar is \$50 per caller/cuer, or if you are a member of the SCCA or FDC there is no charge. **Registration deadline is November 1, 2008.** For a full course outline

and registration form, please contact Pat at cuerhagen@juno.com. Please send your registration/check payable to Patricia Hagen, 15666 – 49th St. N. #1124, Clearwater, FL 33762.

Rates have been negotiated at the Red Rose Inn & Suites (formerly the Ramada Plantation Motel) at \$79. Please mention Strawberry Square/DanceMaster Seminar to get this special rate. Red Rose Inn & Suites is located at 2011 North Wheeler Street, Plant City, 813-752-3141. You can call or email Jennifer White at Jennifer@redroseinnsuites.com to make your hotel reservation.

Out-of-state participants: please remember that you are coming to Florida – keep an eye on the weather.

Don't forget to bring a power strip and your NOTEBOOK and all equipment (plus cables) that you want to practice on.

Club Newsletters

Does your club have a newsletter? If you don't, you might consider starting one. This is a great tool for keeping your club members "connected", especially if they travel or no longer attend the dances. Of course, email is the best way to distribute a newsletter but don't forget the members who don't have email. You will want to be sure a copy is mailed to them too. And print some extra copies to put on your flyer table for visitors to see. This helps them see what your club is doing.

A newsletter can contain not only club business, but birthdates and anniversaries of members, highlight new members, health and sympathy updates, etc.

If you have a newsletter or will be starting one, I would like to be added to your distribution list. I already receive newsletters from one club and I learn a lot of things about what they are doing by reading it. You never know, something in your newsletter may be reprinted in the DANCERgram; of course, you will be given credit for it!

Florida Federation History

Update on FL Square Dance History online:

As most of you know I am in the process of putting all the past Florida Square Dance publications on the Federation Web site, www.floridasquaredance.com. If you go to the home page and click on the history link you will find a list of publications that I have started on. This will be a time consuming proposition and will not be done over night.

I just found some very old issues of *Bow & Swing*. It looks like the magazine started in the early part of 1951. The earliest issue I have is June - July 1951 and it is listed as Volume 1 Number 4 so there must have been 3 issues before this one. This issue and, through at least 1956, cost only 2 cents to mail. Subscriptions started in 1952 and they were \$1.00 for a 1 year (10 issues) subscription.

There are a lot of other interesting facts in these old issues. Please check them out and pass the word to all the dancers in your area.

Please check back often as I add additional issues almost daily.

Bruce Morgan

Youth Dancers

Thank You for Your Efforts Rick and Scott

By

Patrick Demerath

Nov, 2007

The American Callers' Association in its attempt to be of service to all callers, dancers, and associations provided current, timely, and effective information on new dancer recruitment,

winning ways to retain club dancers, and pitfalls to drive square dancers away for most 2001 to the present. The American Callers' Association continues to relish and appreciate the positive comments, encouragement to continue, and contributions from callers and dancers all over the country and from abroad to continue these initiatives. The American Callers' Association will continue to provide information that will help the square dance community recruit, retain and retrieve square dancers as well as encourage the dancers to speak out on the cumbersome dance programs.

This month's American Callers' Association Viewpoint offers thanks and appreciation as well as endorsements from the American Callers' Association for their insights, efforts, and accomplishments to expand the customer/dancer base of square dancing. These two individuals along with their friends prepared realistic music and dance timelines for youth square dancers.

How many times have we heard square dancers, callers and square dance leaders say "we need to attract younger, much younger dancers?" Their comments normally fell on the rocks or under thorn bushes as the biblical story of the Parable of the Mustard Seed resulting in nothing being created to facilitate growth of the mustard seed or the recruiting of youth dancers into square dancing.

The first person I would like to spotlight and offer ACA thanks is to ACA caller Rick Hampton of Fine Tune and Gold Wing records. He and his friends under took the hard work and expense to develop and market music for the youth dancers. They created a CD and Mp3 format of 14 singing calls and 8 patter records of music designed and preferred by younger dancers. This was a gigantic undertaking from a lot of dedicated people. Please contact Rick Hampton at rickcaller@yahoo.com for more information and to purchase his music for youth dancers.

The second person I would like to spotlight and offer ACA thanks is Caller lab caller Scot Byars. Scot and several of his friends developed a program called "Blast Class." Scot's idea was to recognize that the current majority of dances are either seniors or senior baby boomers. They require a teaching method suited to their needs and abilities. Scot and his friends recognized that in order to attract and retain younger dancers a new time line had to be developed, published for younger dancers. Scot created a matrix of frequency of lessons per week, number of weeks of lessons, number of months of lessons and number of calls taught per week. He further broke down his segmentation by various age groups and applied it to the above criteria. The result is that a caller of younger dancers can follow Scots matrix and develop his own timelines and frequency of lessons. ACA encourages you to contact Scot at scot@4dance.net to learn more about his statistical program to personalize square dance lessons to the dancers ages and abilities.

As far as I can remember this is the first time that a caller program was developed to meet the dispersions of the market /dancers based upon demographic elements of age with corresponding abilities. Both Rick's music and Scot's Blast Concept would work very well with the ACA one-floor dance program which is shorter and less stressful than the other programs.

ACA would like to thank both Rick Hampton and friends and Scot Byars and his friends for the foresight, commitment, and hard work in developing music for younger dancers and a timeline matrix for teaching younger dancers.

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association at loulet@aol.com or Patrick Demerath at pdemerath@uwa.edu. Please visit the American Callers' Association Website and Newsletters at American Callers.com. Read about the International One-Floor Program.

Reprint from American Callers' Association Website.

Looking for ribbons?

I am carrying ribbons for the following weekends and special dances. If you pick up any flyers with my name, email address and phone number stamped on them, I have the ribbons.

- September (Labor Day Weekend) – **2008 Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama**, Nashville, TN
- October 24 – 25, 2008 – **29th Single-Rama**, Sebring, FL
- November 2, 2008 – **23rd Annual Macdonald Benefit Dance**, Strawberry Square, Plant City, FL
- November 7 – 8, 2008 – **West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest**, Bartow, FL
- November 21-22, 2008 – **ALOHA! Northeast Association's Fall Festival**, Jacksonville, FL
- January 22 – 24, 2009 – **Florida Winter Festival**, Lakeland, FL
- March 20 – 21, 2009 – **Central Association's Shamrock Swing** – The Villages, FL
- March 27 – 28, 2009 – **18th Annual Fuzzy Navel** – Jekyll Island, GA

This Week's West Coast Dances

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

Monday - **Temple Twirlers** **Hobo Dance** - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **George Varney**, 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. – square dance attire optional for the month of August – finger foods – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. 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, FL - Mainstream and plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.

Wednesday - **Port Charlotte Cultural Center** - 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), CR. 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 Hot Hawaiian Nights - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - **join the island festivities** - 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 Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: peto1936@yahoo.com.

Friday - **Spinning Wheels Luau Dance** - 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 50's Dance Featuring Elvis Presley - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - tastefully casual dress – **bring finger food** - mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - callers: Allen Snell. Contact settarose1@verizon.net

Sun City Center Square Dance Club Fruit Fest - 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. – the club will provide a Chocolate Fountain and the members will provide cut up fruit for dipping - caller: **Van Coble** - cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Saturday – **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 - **West Coast Association VIP Dance**- Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – ER 1:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/squares 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer; cuer: Charlie & Leona Lovelace – **FREE ADMISSION FOR EVERYONE** – kick-off for Fall Fun Fest and recognition of all volunteers in square and round dancing. **IF THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR DANCE ON THIS DATE AND SHOWING YOUR (CALLERS, CUERS AND DANCERS) SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE.** For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

B&S Flutter Wheelers - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - A 2 workshop 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - A 2 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, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Lon Ligon**, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: sharonandron579@gmail.com

West Coast 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.

August 7, 2008 - **Promenade Squares Plus Workshop** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Dick DeMerritt. For info: peto1936@yahoo.com.

September 4, 2008 – **Shufflin' Squares Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales – first three (3) nights FREE – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. For info: cakitts@hotmail.com.

September 11, 2008 – **Spinning Wheels Basic/Mainstream Class** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa – first night FREE – “Get off the couch and on your feet and let's Dance.” - \$4 per person per session – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Art Springer. For info: 813-613-8987 or 813-223-1955.

September 11, 2008 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Beginner Square Dance Class** – Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – first night is FREE – caller/instructor: Van Coble. For info: patti_bruce@yahoo.com.

DATE CHANGE - October 2, 2008 - **Promenade Squares Beginner Class** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - first night FREE - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Dick DeMerritt. For info: peto1936@yahoo.com.

October 7, 2008 - **Sun City Center Square Dance Club Beginner Class** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City - first night is Open House 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - class begins October 14 - beginner class 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.; Plus 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller/instructor: Van Coble. For info: gail3357@gmail.com.

October 8, 2008 – **City of Auburndale Beginners Round Dance Class** – Senior Center, 109 W. Park Street (across from the basketball courts), Auburndale – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. - \$3 per person per session – cuer/instructor: Carl Rod. For info: sqdnxfan@aol.com or 863-967-5004.

October 26, 2008 - **Hampton Promenaders Beginner Square Dance Lessons** - Hampton's Community, 1094 Hwy 92 W., Auburndale - 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - \$3.50 per person per session - caller/instructor: Danny Miller. For info: chraller56@aol.com.

October 26, 2008 - **Hampton Promenaders Plus Workshop** - Hampton's Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale - 3:30 p.m. - \$3.50 per person per session - 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. – 8:30 p.m. - \$4 per person per session – caller/instructor: Clyde Stocker. 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. - \$4 per person per session – caller/instructor: Clyde Stocker. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net or 407-766-5659.

November 6, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Lessons** (Choreographed Ballroom) - Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - cuer/instructor: Charlie & Leona Lovelace. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

December 8, 2008 – **Ft. Meade Squares Beginner Lessons** – Ft. Meade City MHP Activity Center – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Russ Young. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

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Future Planning

August 2008

August 22, 2008 – **Deadline for submission to the October/November issue of the *West Coast Dancer***. For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com

August 22-23, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082 Social Weekend** - No Dancing – Disney Ft. Wilderness, Kissimmee, FL. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

August 26, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Summer Sizzler** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - root beer floats - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

August 28 – 30, 2008 – **38th National Singles Dance-A-Rama** – Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, TN. For info: www.dar2008.ssdusa.org or 38dar@charter.net.

September 2008

September 1, 2008 – **Deadline for submissions to the *Grapevine***. For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

September 1, 2008 – **Deadline for submissions to the *USDA News***. For info: usdanews@usda.org.

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

September 5 – 7, 2008 – **29th New Mexico State Round Dance Festival** – Albuquerque, New Mexico – Phase 4 – 6 - \$80 per couple before August 1, 2008 – Cuers/instructors: **Curt & Tammy Worlock**. For info: pjarmagin1@comcast.net.

September 8 – 12, 2008 – **New Mexico Extravaganza of Rounds** – Red River, New Mexico – morning and afternoon workshops and evening dances - \$100 per couple payable to New Mexico Rounds – Cuers/instructors: **Curt & Tammy Worlock**. For info: imccarty1@juno.com.

September 7 - 11, 2008- **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - Plus dancing - callers: Bob Asp & Curt Braffet - 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 attire. 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 - horseshoes - 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.

September 11, 2008 – **Promenade Squares Back to School Dance** - 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 – dancers are asked to bring school supplies to be distributed to needy children in the coming school year - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: peto1936@yahoo.com.

September 13, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Tailgate Party** – Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

September 14 - 18, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - A2 dancing - callers: Johnny Preston - 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 attire. 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 - horseshoes - 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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September 18 - 20, 2008 - **Georgia State 37th Annual Convention** - Macon Centreplex Coliseum & Convention Centre, Exit 2 off I-16, 200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA - 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday - Mainstream/Singing Calls, Easy Mainstream, Advance, Plus, DBD, Contra, Line Dancing, Phase I - VI rounds - \$20 per person in advance; \$25 per person at the door, youth 17 and under with square dance family are free. For info: njfeek103@wmconnect.com. NOTE: There is a Trail End Dance on Thursday, September 18th, from 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. - free to GSSDA members and \$5 for non members.

September 19 - 20, 2008 - **Nebraska State Convention** – Adams County Fair Grounds, Hastings, NE. For info: msturner@nebi.com

September 21, 2008 – **West Coast Association President's Ball** – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – ER 1:30 p.m. – mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Hagen – West Coast members FREE, guest \$4 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

September 21 - 25, 2008 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - C1 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 attire. 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 - horseshoes - 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.

September 23, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Mardi Gras Celebration** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

September 24, 2008 - **Square Dance Special** - St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 - 17th Street, St. Cloud, FL - 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - mainstream/plus - caller: Lottie Ainsworth ("a little Louisiana sunshine coming to Florida"), cuers: Pete and Jan Shankle - admission: \$5 per person (pay at the door). For info: Shankle 407-855-3300 or Tottie Hasson 321-246-5151 or Lili-Ann Gallagher minimercury@embarqmail.com.

September 25-27, 2008 - **32nd Myrtle Beach Ball** - Ocean Dunes Resort, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina - plus/advanced/rounds - callers: Tony Oxendine, Keith Rippetto, Dee Dee Dougherty, cuer: **Curt & Tammy Worlock**. For info: Barbara Harrelson at bharrelson1@juno.com.

September 26 -28, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Square Dance Camping Chapter #082** - Floridian RV Resort, St. Cloud, FL - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com

September 28 - October 2, 2008 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - Plus dancing - caller: Tony Oxendine - 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 attire. 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 - horseshoes - 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.

October 2008

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October 3 - 4, 2008 - **Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** - Sumter Oaks, Bushnell, FL - 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night - visitors welcome - squares/rounds/lines - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 863-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

October 3 - 4, 2008 - **5th Annual "Thrill in the Ville" Round Dance Weekend** - 431 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville, FL - cuers: Kristine & Bruce Nelson - lunch will be provided by First Coast Rounds - \$50 per couple (no advance sessions) - limited space available. For info: ljwall@omcast.net or 904-241-0384.

October 5, 2008 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 p.m. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

October 9 - 12, 2008 - **33rd Annual Camp-O-Ree** - Blueberry Hill RV Park, Bushnell, FL - callers and cuers from all over the state - Registration deadline: October 1, 2008 - 3 day registration: NSCDA Members \$90/couples; non member \$100/couple \$90/single member; 2 day registration: NSDCA members \$70/couple, non member \$80/couple single member \$60. All inclusive package includes camping fees & dancing, after parties, catered dinner & pancake breakfast - dance only: Thursday, Friday or Saturday \$10/couple per night. For info: Bill & Carolyn Olson 305-245-6331 or [hpt://www.pergrossi.com/camper/cevents.html](http://www.pergrossi.com/camper/cevents.html).

October 9 - 13, 2008 - **Northeast Callers School** - Mill-a-Round Dance Center, Manchester, NH - Instructors: Ken Ritucci, Norm Poisson, Randy Dougherty, Todd Fellegly - whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help with your calling career - \$295/student - space is limited - for an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write Ken.Ritucci@aol.com or www.northeastcallersschool.com.

October 10 - 11, 2008 - **Daytona Beach Ball** - Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL - \$35 per person – Plus and Rounds - caller: Tony Oxendine, cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin – Friday: ER 7:30 – 8:00 p.m., Squares/Rounds 8:00 – 10:30 p.m.; Saturday: Rounds 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Squares 10:30 – 12:00 n, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Rounds 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., ER 7:30 – 8:00 p.m., Squares/Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – limited squares – no split sessions - Hotels: Holiday Inn, 930 N. Atlantic Ave., 800-804-7851 - \$99 + tax; La Quinta Inn & Suites, 816 N. Atlantic Ave., 386-944-0060, \$79 + tax – ask for Daytona Beach Ball Rates – after party Saturday night - sponsored by Grand Square Inc. For info: ladybirdDB@cfl.rr.com or 386-767-2266.

October 12 - 14, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Square Dance Camping Chapter #082** - State Camp-o-Ree, Bushnell, FL - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

October 12-18, 2008 - **Gatlinburg Fun Fest** – callers: R.J. (Joan) Hogan, Lon (Peggy) Ligon, Ken (Joan) Perez, cuer: Irene Knapp-Smith & George Smith - \$975.00 per couple/Double Room * \$730.00 one person/one room - Includes 7 days/ 6 nights at the Riverside Motor Lodge. Gatlinburg, Tennessee - admission to Dollywood, Dixie Stampede, Dinner Show (Transportation from hotel to Dixie Stampede) - Smoke Mouny Arts & Crafts Festival, Ripley's Aquarium - Three dinner meals & one breakfast - *Plus Squares & Round Dancing (work shops &/ or dances) - Advanced Reservations Required - Limited Availability For more Info call Joan Hogan 352-376-2428 or George & Irene Knapp georgeandirene@cfl.rr.com

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October 17 – 18, 2008 – **Florida Callers Association Clinic** - Howard Johnson Executive Center, Howard Johnson Executive Center, 3311 J.S. Highway 98 North, Lakeland, FL (863-688-7972) – Clinic will commence at 2:00 p.m. Friday and will end at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday – Clinician: John Saunders. If you wish to make a reservation at the hotel, inform them you are with the Florida Callers Association to receive a reduced room rate. For info: j.h.morris@embarqmail.com.

October 19, 2008 – **Florida Callers Association Meeting** - Howard Johnson Executive Center, 3311 J.S. Highway 98 North, Lakeland, FL (863-688-7972) - 10:00 a.m. - election of officers. For info: j.h.morris@embarqmail.com

October 17 - 19, 2008 - **12th Annual Tumbling Leaves Festival** - Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont - five halls entire festival (Plus, A1, A2, C1, C2 - limited) - new Mainstream Hall - round dance workshops - varied

packages available - square dance shop - RV space available on campus - campground nearby - larger outstanding staff: Red Bates, Bill Harrison, Tim Marriner, John Marshall, Don Moger, Ken Ritucci, Ralph & Joan Collipi, Steve & Irene Bradt. For info: redbates@juno.com.

October 17 - 19, 2008 - **49th Missouri State Festival** - Jefferson City, MO. For info: www.squaredancemissouri.com/flyers/missourifestival/index.htm

October 17 - 19, 2008 - **19th Annual Indiana Square Dance Convention** - Horizon Convention Center, Muncie, IN. For info: www.insquaredanceconvention.com.

October 18, 2008 - **Florida Callers Clinic Dance** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: John Saunders - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

October 18 - 19, 2008 - **Fall Weekend of Rounds** - Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City, FL - cuer: Richard Lamberty - 5,000 square feet of floating hardwood floor - phase 3 & 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics - weekend package \$75 per couple - lunch provided by the Round Dance Council of Florida on Saturday - continental breakfast provided both mornings - host hotel: Red Rose Inn & Suites 813-752-3141 \$79 + tax per night: Holiday Inn Express 813-719-3800 \$112 + tax per night - partial weekend prices available up to sellout - refundable until day of event. For info: ljwall@comcast.net or 904-241-0384.

October 19, 2008 - **West Coast Membership Dance** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City, FL (home of the Sun City Square Dance Club) - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - for this dance only a second hall has been scheduled for advanced dancing (this is a first for West Coast) - MC: Van Coble with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

October 24, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the December 2008/January 2009 issue of the West Coast Dancer**. For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

October 24 - 25, 2008 - **29th Annual Single-Rama** - Kenilworth Lodge, 1610 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL - \$25/per person in advance (\$30/person at the door) - 2 after parties w/DJs - finger foods at the after parties - round dance workshop Sat. morning - square dance workshop Sat. afternoon - dance Friday night and Saturday night - all dancers welcome single, married, solo, couples - **the Florida Association of Single Square & Round Dancers (FASSRD) is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year, which will be recognized at the Single-Rama** - caller: Mike Doughty (West Palm Beach), cuer: Charlie & Leona Lovelace (Dade City). For info: sqdnfan@aol.com or 863-967-5004.

October 24 - 25, 2008 - **Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Assn. 34th Annual Round-up** - DeFuniak Springs Community Center, 361 North 10th Street, DeFuniak Springs, FL - mainstream/plus/advanced/rounds - Saturday afternoon workshops/dance - callers: Larry Belcher, Patty Ping, Bob Poyner, Willis Simmons, cuer: Lisa Wall. For info: terriwilaby@cox.net.

October 25, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Halloween Party Dance** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: TBA - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

October 25, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Halloween Dance** - Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - caller: Gary Brown, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

October 27, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Birthday/Anniversary and Halloween Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - caller: Gary Murphy, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

October 28, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Hobo Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00- 10:00 p.m., club will provide meet and stew stock, everyone bring a can of vegetables to add to the pot - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

October 31 - November 2, 2008 - **55th O'Leno Hoedown** - O'Leno State Park, High Springs, FL - callers: Bill Chesnut, Bob Poyner, cuer: Lisa Wall - Friday night: 8:00 - 10:30 p.m. - Halloween Costume Party and Dance; costume contest - witches brew - haunted house and maybe a broom ride; Saturday: breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 a.m., rounds workshop and dance 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - cash lunch at noon - \$1 burgers and dogs, maybe some other stuff - squares with guest callers 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Advance Dance 2:00 - 4:00 - dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - dances: 8:00 - 10:30 p.m. - 2 dance halls, plus with rounds - rustic cabins available - meals - dancing - camping available - come join in all the fun at one of Florida's most beautiful and natural state parks. For info: Mary Chesnut - 352-378-2577 (days) 352-475-2550 (eves).

November 2008

November 1, 2008 – **Carol Rod Memorial Dance** – Grace Lutheran Church Gym, Winter Haven, FL – ER: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$4 per person – proceeds will be donated to the Grace Lutheran Church Debt Relief Fund – callers and cuers: Carl Rod, Bob Barnes, Sam Dunn, Allen Snell and Keith Stevens. For info: November 1, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the December issue of the Bow & Swing.** For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

November 2, 2008 - **23rd Annual MacDonald Benefit Dance** - Strawberry Square 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - squares/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - callers donating their time: Sam Dunn, Art Springer and Bob Barnes; cuers donating their time: Charlie and Leona Lovelace and Jimmy & Carol Griffin - door prizes. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com or 813-810-5548.

November 2 – 6, 2008 – **Pocono Caller's School "A Mountain of Information"** – Ramada Inn, Lake Harmony, White Haven, PA – Caller Coaches: Tom Miller, Roy and Betsy Gotta, Mike Callahan. For info: 7362-249-2086 or ugottadance@optonline.net.

November 3, 2008 – **Hampton Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

November 6, 2008 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Lake Placid, FL – casual attire – caller: Mike Doughty. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

November 7 - 8, 2008 - **West Coast Fall Fun Fest** - Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, FL - callers: Tim Crawford (Canada), Art Springer (Tampa) and cuers: Charlie & Leona Lovelace (Dade City). For info: nfas31@aol.com.

November 7 - 8 , 2008 - **Pensacola Twirlers 22nd Anniversary Dance** - Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL - caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuer: Sandy Sturgis; Friday: ER 7:00 - 7:45 p.m., squares w/alternating rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Saturday: Fun Square Dance 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Rounds Workshop: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.; ER 7:00 - 7:45

p.m.; Squares w/alternating rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - \$20 per person in advance; \$25 per person at the door. For info: terriwilaby@cox.net.

November 9, 2008 – **Happy Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Naples, FL – caller: Don Smith, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: playwalt@comcast.net.

November 13, 2008 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Red, White and Blue Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

November 14 - 16, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Square Dance Camping Chapter #082** - Sanlan Ranch, Lakeland, FL - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

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November 15 - 16, 2008 - Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association & Florida Round Dance Council present a **DanceMaster seminar** on how to use computers in square and round dancing. Instructors will be Clark & Sandy Godfrey. Location will be Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL. **Saturday: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** – subjects to be covered: **Music on Computers, DanceMaster Family (Librarian and Porter), Introduction to DanceMaster Player and Advanced DanceMaster.** For full course outline, seminar and hotel registration information, please contact Pat Hagen at 727-466-3115 or cuerhagen@juno.com.

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November 20, 2008 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Thanksgiving Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Dave Angell – FREE ADMISSION. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

November 20 - 24, 2008 - **Silver State Caller College** - John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel and Casino, Sparks, Nevada - complete CALLERLAB curriculum, covering all Essential, Important and Desirable topics. Classroom presentation and plenty of "Mike Time" for each student. Instructors: Doug Davis, of Colbert, WA, CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach; Vic Kaaria of Redlands, CA, Guest Instructor for 2008; Nasser Shukayr of Harlingen, TX CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach. Tuition: \$350 per caller. A \$50 refundable deposit holds your place. For info: Doug Davis 509-979-2612 or DDavisP@aol.com or Vic Kaaria 909-335-8705 or VicKaaria@aol.com

November 21-22, 2008 - **Northeast Assn. Fall Festival - Aloha!** - Christ the King Catholic Church, 742 Arlington Road, Jacksonville - caller: Tim Crawford (Ontario, Canada), cuer: Kit & Sandy Brown (Murphy, NC) - advance tickets \$12; \$15 at the door. For housing info: stovaldd@aol.com; for camping info: brow8644@bellsouth.net, for registration info: newsome.charles@comcast.net.

November 22, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Turkey Trot** – Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - caller: SusanElaine Packer, cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

November 23, 2008 – **Florida Federation Meeting** – Piccadilly's, 200 Monument Road, Jacksonville, FL – 9:00 a.m.
For info: carpoole@earthlink.net.

November 24, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Thanksgiving Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL -
caller: Sharon Short, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

November 25, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Pie Night** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL -
ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info:
bevanlee@aol.com.

November 29, 2008 – **Strawberry Square Thanksgiving Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller:
Bob Barnes, cuer: TBA – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

December 2008

December 1, 2008 – **Deadline for submissions to the Grapevine.** For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

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Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – squares/rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and
Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 863-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

December 13, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Home for the Holidays** – Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street,
Brandon, FL - caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

December 14, 2008 – **Happy Promenaders Christmas Party** – Naples, FL – caller: Don Smith, cuer: Mike
Alexander. For info: playwalt@comcast.net.

December 15, 2008 – **Hampton Promenaders Christmas Dance** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W.,
Auburndale, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 –
9:30 p.m. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

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For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

December 15, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Christmas Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL -
caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

December 17, 2008 – **Strawberry Square Club Christmas Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

December 18, 2008 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Christmas Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Carl Brewer. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

December 19, 2008 – **Strawberry Square A2 Christmas Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: TBA – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

December 20, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Plus Christmas Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA, cuer: TBA – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

December 23, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Christmas Party** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

December 28 – 31, 2008 – **22nd Annual Holiday Round Dance Ball** – Ocean Dunes Resort & Villas, Myrtle Beach, SC. For info: bharrelson1@juno.com.

December 31, 2008 - **Snell's Bo's & Bell's 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Potluck Dinner Dance** - Largo Community Center, 4th St. NW & West Bay, Largo, FL - callers: Allen Snell, SusaneElaine Packer & Lon Ligon, cuer: Pat Fiyalko - \$15 per person. Call Rosie for reservations at 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323.

December 31, 2008 - **Strawberry Square A Hawaiian New Year's Eve** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - hot buffet dinner - coffee and snacks all evening - plus squares and an A-1 tip with rounds - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: Charlie Lovelace - reservations must be received no later than December 15, 2008 - NO EXCEPTIONS - \$30 per person or \$25 per person if received by April 30, 2008. For info: 813-752-0491.

January 2009

January 8 – 10, 2009 – **Whale of a Dance** – Ocean Dunes, 201 – 75th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC – for a tradition of Big Fun on the Grand Strand – reservations must be made by December 15, 2008 – callers: Tony Oxendine, Jerry Biggerstaff, Jimmy Roberson; cuers: The Whetsells – Plus, Plus DBD and Advanced – Early Bird Special on Thursday – dance, eat, sleep...all under one roof – over 20 hours of scheduled dancing - \$235 per couple (Friday and Saturday) or \$285 per couple (Thursday – Saturday) – price includes all tax, lodging, and dance sessions – all rooms are ocean view - ocean front rooms add \$10 per night – no partial packages. For info: tony@tonyoxendine.com or 803-840-0746 or 704-377-5554.

January 11, 2009 - **West Coast Membership Dance** - Bahr's Mobile Home Park, Zephyrhills, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – MC: Bob Barnes with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

January 15, 2009 – **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart dsnihart@comcast.com.

January 15, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Lee Kopman Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: C2 Dance/Workshop – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; A2 w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

– cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday: Plus w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: TBA; Sunday: All Day C1 w/lunch – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

January 22 - 24, 2009 - **Florida Winter Festival** - The Lakeland Center, Lakeland, FL – Plus, Plus DBD, Advanced, C1, Phase II – V Rounds – vendors from across the country – drawings for square dance weekends - **\$200 award each to the Florida club and the out-of-state club with the most pre-registrations** - callers: Jerry Story, Jerry Haag, John Saunders, Tony Oxendine, Tim Crawford, Dee Dee Dougherty and Bill Harrison; cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin, Bill & Martha Buck, Jerry and Barbara Pierce - \$75 USD/couple in advance, \$37.50 USD/single in advance, Thursday night only \$25 USD/couple, \$12.50 USD/single, Friday all day and night \$45 USD/couple, \$22.50 USD/single; Saturday all day and night \$45 USD/couple, \$22.50 USD/single – tax included, parking and lodging not included – split packages can only be purchased at the door - sponsored by Grand Square Inc. For info: johnnysa@aol.com

January 23, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Mike Jacobs Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: C2 Dance/Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; A2 w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday: C2 Weekend, Sessions 1, 2 and 3 – 10:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.; Sunday: C2 Weekend Session 4 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

January 23 – 24, 2009 – **34th Annual South Carolina Square and Round Dance Convention** – Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC – 843-315-7100, Ed & Joan Redman, 210 Jimbo Road, Summerville, SC 29485; 843-871-0323; edjoanredman@aol.com.

January 27, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Mike Jacobs Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: C2 Dance/Workshop – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, A2 Dance w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday: C1 Weekend, Sessions 1 and 2 w/lunch 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Plus w/rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares w/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: TBA; Sunday: C1 Weekend, Session 3 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 2009

February 7, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Flea Market** – Strawberry Square Dance Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 8, 2009 - **West Coast Membership Dance** - Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – MC: Clyde Stocker with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

February 12, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Valentine's Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net

February 13 – 14, 2008 – **Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Lake Oklawaha RV Resort, Ft. McCoy, FL – 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – squares/rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 863-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

February 13 - 14, 2009 - **49th Annual Knothead Konvention** - Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL - caller: Nasser Shukayr, cuer: Anne & Earl Helm. For info: flaknothead@bellsouth.net.

February 13 -14, 2009 - **30th Annual Blue-Grey Square Dance** - Rountree - Moore Toyota Indoor Showroom, 1232 West U.S. Highway 90, Lake City, FL - Friday night: Trails End Dance: caller: Bill Chesnut - 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Teen Town Rec Center, 533 NW Desoto Street, Lake City - sponsored by the Square Wheels; Saturday afternoon: Street Dance as part of Olustee Battle Festival: caller: Bill Chesnut - Downtown Olustee Park - approximately 2:00 p.m. - sponsored by the Dixie Dancers; Saturday night: grand march: 7:45 p.m. - dancing until 10:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Poyner - cuers: Lisa Wall & Ralph Beekman - advance tickets - \$7 each, tickets at door \$8 each. For info: www.dixiedancers.net.

February 15, 2009 – **Snowbird Dancearama** – Strawberry Square Dance Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – caller: Red Bates, cuer: TBA – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 20, 2009 – **Strawberry Square A2 Strawberry Night** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA, cuer: TBA - 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 20 – 21, 2009 – **11th Annual Grand Canyon Square Dance Festival** – Phoenix, AZ. For info: 602-222-9339 or harryedna@msn.com.

February 21, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Plus Strawberry Night** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA, cuer: TBA - 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 21 - 23, 2009 - **58th NSDC Pre-Convention** - Long Beach, CA. For info: www.58nsdc.com.

February 26, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Hobo Stew Night** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

February 28, 2009 – **2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Benefit Dance** – Stardust Center, Plant City, FL – details TBA.

February 28 – March 1, 2008 – **Florida Federation Working Weekend**.

March 2009

March 1, 2009 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:00 n – immediately preceding the SCCA Beginners' Ball at 2:00 p.m. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

March 1, 2009 – **SCCA Beginners' Ball** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers' Association will be calling. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net or www.floridadanceweb.com.

March 2, 2009 - **Square Dancing at the Polk Senior Games** - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales, FL - Games: 1:30 p.m. - FREE dance 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. - anyone can enter - Polk County residency not required - events for Mainstream, Plus and Advance. For info: Margot and Keith Stevens - 863-326-9774 or keithuns@yahoo.com.

March 6, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Tim Crawford Weekend** – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: A2 w/rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday:

Plus w/rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Sunday: Beginner Ball – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

March 12, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders St. Patrick's Day Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

March 15, 2008 – **West Coast Membership Dance** – NEW LOCATION in Sebring, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – MC: Sam Dunn with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

March 16, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders Anniversary Dance** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker; cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

March 19 – 20, 2008 – **WASCA 50th Spring Square and Round Dance Festival** – Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22311; Anne and Andy Giancoli, 12204 Northbrook Dr., Glenn Dale, MD 20769, 301-262-1978; 2009FestivalDirector@wascaclubs.com.

March 20, 2009 – **Strawberry Square A2 Dance w/Ken Ritucci** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

March 20 - 21, 2009 – **Central Association's Shamrock Swing** – La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL. – Mainstream, Plus, DBD & Advance – callers: Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern; cuers: Joanne & Ken Helton - \$17 per person in advance; \$19 per person at the door – daily admission available at the door: \$13 per person all day Saturday; Friday or Saturday evening only: \$11 per person – host hotel: Microtel Inn & Suites, 850 S. U.S. Hwy 27/441 Lady Lake, FL, 352-259-0184 – approximately three miles south of The Villages – rates: one queen bed \$72 per night + tax; two queen beds \$82 + tax, suite \$92 + tax – includes continental breakfast – ID yourself as a square dancer – code DFA – other area hotels: Marriott Towne Place The Villages; Holiday Express; Comfort Inn – Campgrounds: Recreation Plantation on 466 or Southern Oaks RV Resort on 27/441. For info: courjl4720@thevillages.net. I should have ribbons and flyers soon.

March 21, 2009 – **Strawberry Square 30th Anniversary Party** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Bob Barnes – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

March 21 - 22, 2009 – **18th Annual Fuzzy Navel Dance** – Oceanside Inn & Suites, 771 N. Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA – Mainstream/announced Plus and Rounds – Caller: Bud Whitten (Georgia); cuer: Shirley Wilson (Georgia) – Friday: ER 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., After Party 11:00 p.m.; Saturday: Rounds Workshop 10:00 – noon, Fun Square Dance 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:45 p.m., Grand March 7:45 – 8:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., After Party 11:00 p.m. – please bring finger foods for both after parties (to be served in the dance hall) - \$25 per person in advance - \$30 per person at the door – Host Hotel: Oceanside Inn & Suites – 866-553-5955 - \$88 + tax until 2/20/09. For info: Mary Lou Pelz at 904-733-1869/maryloupelz@aol.com or Penny Green at 863-967-5004/sqdnfcfan@aol.com or Ailene Picheco at 321-452-7963/apicheco@uwbrevard.org.

April 2009

April 1, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Club** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - mainstream/easy plus – caller: Jimmy Lee – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

April 3, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Jimmy Lee Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: A2 Dance w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday: Plus w/rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: TBA; Sunday: Beginner Ball – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

April 5, 2008 – **West Coast Membership Dance** – Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, Sarasota, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – MC: Red Bates with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

April 9, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Lake Placid, FL – casual attire – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

April 9 – 12, 2009 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers DC Diamond Circulate** – Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. For info: www.dcdiamondcirculate.org – dcdcinfo@dcdiamondcirculate.org.

April 10 – 1, 2008 – **Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Theme World RV Resort, Davenport, FL – 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – squares/rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 863-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

April 17 – 19, 2009 – **FSSRDC Party Weekend** – Deerhaven Retreat, 47924 NFS 540-2, Paisley, FL – Friday night: pot luck dinner – 5:30 p.m., bingo – 7:00 p.m. - \$5 per person; Saturday: full breakfast – 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. - \$5 per person, lunch served at noon - \$5 per person, bar-b-q pork dinner – 6:00 p.m. - \$10 per person, square and round dancing – 7:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – callers: Bill Chesnut, Charlie Pergrossi and Whit Brown calling mainstream/plus, cuer: Lisa Wall; Sunday: full breakfast \$5 per person; gates open at noon on Friday – come for the evening, stay the night or the weekend – all proceeds benefit the 2008 & 2010 State Conventions – tent and RV camping available as well as rustic type dormitory and motel type rooms. For info: carpoole@earthlink.net or 386-734-5295 – www.floridasquaredance.com/central/convention/deerhaven.html.

April 27, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: George Varney. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

May 2009

May 3, 2009 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – time TBD. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

May 8 – 9, 2009 – **49th Buckeye Dance Convention** – Northern Kentucky Convention Center, One W. River Center Blvd., Covington; Ron and Emily Henry, 513-256-2605; emilyh2@fuse.net; www.so-nkysdf.com.

May 22 - 24, 2009 - **55th Florida State Convention - "Rock & Roll Time in 2009"** - The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL. **For info: John and Becky Cole, 1551 Lavilla Street, Deltona, FL 32725.**

June 2009

June 4 – 8, 2009 – **50th Australian National Convention** – Leederville, Western Australia; Anthea Mathews (08) 6278-1957; P. O. Box 237, Beechboro, WA 6063; antheam1@optusnet.com.au; www.squaredance.org.au.

June 12 – 14, 2009 – **GSI UK Festival** - St. IVO Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU – Mainstream, Plus, A1, A2, Rounds, After Parties – callers: Tony Oxendine (USA), Paul Bristow (GB), Kenny Reese (D), Walt Burr (USA), Trevor Day (GB), Deborah Carroll-Jones (USA), Jon Jones (USA), Trudy Fielding (GB), Simon Fielding (GB); cuer: Martin Prufer (D) – sponsored by Grande Square Inc. and Triple A Squares – First Ever GSI Caller & Cuer School Sunday – Thursday June 7 – 11, 2009 - payment in Pounds Sterling payable to Grand Square UK. For info: www.gsi-england.co.uk.

June 24 -27, 2009 - **58th National Square Dance Convention** - Long Beach, California. For info: www.58nsdc.org.

August 2009

August 16, 2009 - **West Coast VIP Dance** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Kick-off for 2009 West Coast Fall Fun Fest and recognition of all square dance volunteers - Caller and cuer to TBA - EVERYONE FREE. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

September 2009

September 3 – 6, 2009 – **39th National Singles Dance-A-Rama** – Davenport, IA – details TBA.

September 19 - 20, 2009 - **Nebraska State Convention** – Adams County Fair Grounds, Hastings, NE. For info: bcnu@gpcom.net or nstairs@hotmail.com.

September 20, 2009 - **West Coast President's Ball** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – caller: Gary Brown, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

October 2009

October 23 – 24, 2009 – **30th Florida Singles Single** – Rama – Kenilworth Lodge, Sebring, FL – details TBA.

November 2009

November 2, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

November 6 – 8, 2009 – **56th O'Leno Hoedown** – O'Leno State Park, High Springs, FL – details TBA.

November 13 - 14, 2009 - **West Coast Fall Fun Fest** - Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, FL - caller: Tim Marriner and Sam Dunn, cuer: Dick Chase. For info: anndonslocum@juno.com.

November 20 – 21, 2009 – **Northwest Association's Fall Festival** – Jacksonville, FL – details TBA.

January 2010

January 15, 2010 - **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart dsnihart@comcast.com.

January 21 – 23, 2010 – **Florida Winter Festival** – The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL – sponsored by Grand Square, Inc. For info: johnnysa@aol.com or 386-428-1496.

June 2010

June 22, 2010 - **Mid-America Square Dance Jamboree REUNION Trail In to the 59th National Square Dance Convention** - Crown Plaza (formerly Executive West Hotel), Louisville, KY - LIMITED SQUARES - \$10 donation per person. For info: JELZY@aol.com

June 23 - 26, 2010 - **59th National Square Dance Convention** - Louisville, KY. For info: www.59thnsdc.com.

July 2010

July 1 – 4, 2010 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers** – Chicago, IL.

January 2011

January 15, 2011 - **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart
dsnihart@comcast.com.

June 2011

June 2011 - **60th National Square Dance Convention** - Detroit, Michigan - Great Lakes Great Dancing. For info:
luckeyracer@comcast.net or nsfriedlander@comcast.net

June 30, 2011 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers** – Atlanta,

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<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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