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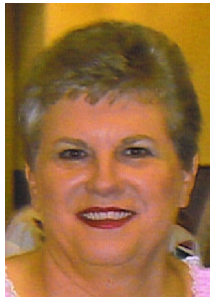
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April 1, 2009 - Deadline for submissions to the May 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

April 5, 2009 – West Coast Membership Dance – Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Red Bates with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

From the Editor



I apologize that this issue is late getting to you; I decided at the last minute to attend the Fuzzy Navel in Jekyll Island, GA, over the weekend and I didn't get home until late yesterday afternoon. I was too exhausted to work on this newsletter then, so I have been working all day to get it out to you.

We had 10 or 11 squares this weekend dancing to Bud Whitten and Shirley Williams, both from Georgia. Bud and Dee, his wife, along with several of their club members did skits for the Friday night after party and then at the Saturday night after party, there was an Unwoman Beauty Contest for Ms. Jekyll Island 2009.

A joint meeting of the Georgia Singles and Florida Singles was held Saturday morning to determine if the Fuzzy Navel will continue or not, as the attendance has been declining and we have been losing money. It was decided that the Fuzzy Navel will continue, but Florida has decided that we will no longer co-sponsor the weekend. We will, however, support it by promoting the dance, selling ribbons and attending.

The new *West Coast Dancer* is now available; please be sure to pick one up at the next dance you attend..

The Baxters have been busy scheduling the West Coast Membership Dances for the next dance season. The ones that they have already booked are now listed below under "What's on the Calendar?". Please try to make every attempt to support these dances by not scheduling other dances that will conflict. If your club dances in the area of one of these dances, please consider canceling your dance in support of these dances. These dances are scheduled far enough in advance for you to take this into consideration when preparing your dance schedule for 2010/2011.

Club presidents, callers and cuers please consider inviting a West Coast representative i.e. officer or county rep to your class graduations to tell the new dancers about joining the West Coast Square and Round Dance Association. We have brochures available to hand out to the new dancers and will be able to take their membership applications at the graduation.

Can you believe it? It's that time of the year again; time to find new officers for the West Coast Square and Round Dance Association. Luckily, this year we don't have as many offices to fill as we did last year. The Baxters have agreed to move up to president; the Haars are moving to secretary; and I have agreed to be vice president. We still need someone for the office of treasurer. If anyone is interested in this position (it doesn't have to be a couple) or if you know of someone who would be a perfect fit for the position, please let someone on the Nominating Committee know. The Nominating Committee members are Flo Byington and Ann and Don Slocum. I will write an article in the next issue regarding the duties of each office.

Some additions/corrections on the pictures from the 30th Anniversary Dance at Strawberry Square:



L – R: Dave and Betty Bradley, Ona Gunter, Linda Lynn, Don and Barbara Huff, Nicki Horne, Thelma and Dan Ogilvie.



L – R: Elsa & Ray Huddleston, Federation VP; Terry Bishop, Chairman of the Board; Don Huff, Chairman of the Dance Committee; Cheryl Miller, Federation President

Health Updates

Jeanne Morton – former cuer and former owner of the Oxbow Square Dance Hall in Largo – while Jeanne was having her carotid arteries unblocked, she suffered a stroke and then had pneumonia. She is now on a feeding tube as her entire right side is paralyzed. The neurologist

reports she is improving but she will be in the nursing home for a very long time. She had been working at Walgreens as she is financially unable to retire, but now she is unable to work at all. (NOTE: Please see the information below under "What's on the Calendar?" (May 3, 2009) regarding a benefit dance that is being held for Jeanne.)

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2009 Shamrock Swing

Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association welcomed over 400 dancers from all over Florida and many from other states to their 9th Annual Shamrock Swing. Orange Blossom Squares of The Villages were very proud to host this annual event in The Villages this year. Festivities were held in La Hacienda Recreation Center. Callers were Tony Oxendine from South Carolina and Bob Stern from Leesburg. Round Dance Cuers Joanne & Ken Helton were from Eustis. Dancing took place Friday evening March 20th and Saturday afternoon and evening March 21st. There were three halls of dancing on Saturday afternoon and two halls on Friday and Saturday evenings simultaneously.

Look for full information soon on the 10th Annual Shamrock Swing which again will be held in The Villages on March 19 & 20, 2010. Callers will be Tim Marriner and Bob Stern. Cuers will be Jimmy & Carol Griffin.

Bob & Liz Wilson, Shamrock Swing Media



Cuers: Joanne and Ken Helton



A full dance floor!



Greeters:
Bob & Jean Biddenger & Norb & Patt Metzger



Callers: Bob Stern and Tony Oxendine

From the [Grapevine] Editors' Desk

...when was the last time you clapped your hands, I mean REALLY clapped your hands after finishing a dance?

When I went through square dance lessons so long ago, one part of the etiquette portion had to do with clapping when you finished a dance – as a signal that you enjoyed what you just did. Dancers would give a nice round of applause and then thank each other with handshakes and hugs. In essence, you were clapping for yourself, but more importantly, you were telling the caller or cuer how much you enjoyed the dancing. Nowadays when a tip ends, it's Clap, Clap, "Thank You!" (sometimes even before the music has faded). The handshakes and hugs then ensue. Don't get me wrong, the "Thank You!" thing and the hugs are great. It's the Clap, Clap that bothers me.

Can you even conceive of being at a concert where when the performer finishes a piece, the audience goes Clap, Clap?! And that's it! I can't. And yet I have attended square dances where the caller or cuer has sung his/her heart out or wowed the dancers with terrific choreography and all he/she gets for the effort is Clap, Clap. If you enjoy the patter call, show it. If you enjoy the singing call, show it. If the performance only rates a Clap, Clap, so be it. But if it deserves more, give it. The caller is a part of your square every tip. Your applause is his/her handshakes and hugs – until he/she can collect real ones later!

Sarah & Charlie [Pergrossi], Editors

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(Editor's Note: See I'm not the only one that feels this way!)

Sadie Hawkins Out did Herself This Year

By Janette Sparrow

The 7th Annual Sadie Hawkins Dance was held on January 20, 2009 and this year the Seabreeze Singles Square Dance Club had an extra special event.

Erv and Jan Oermann have chaired the event for seven years and each year the dance gets bigger and better. We should rephrase that to say that Erv has chaired it from the beginning. Then Jan started square dance lessons one fall and soon Erv had a partner to help set up his Moonshine Still, but this year they outshined themselves.

A real shotgun wedding was held in the Sadie Hawkins tradition. Bill Barker was forced to the altar at the point of the Sheriff's wooden shotgun (Jim Weismore in disguise) to await the arrival of his beautiful bride, Belinda Glisson. She was given away by the couple's two daughters, two sons, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

Erv, a retired ordained minister, performed the ceremony. Jan made the bride's beautiful wedding dress, a white square dance outfit. The groom was clad in the traditional jeans coveralls. A reception was held immediately after the wedding with road-kill stew and collards among the favorite dishes. The bride and groom provided a beautiful wedding cake for dessert. A champagne (non-alcoholic, of course) toast was given for the couple.

Many of Bill's and Belinda's relatives, friends, and co-workers attended this non-traditional wedding. Bill's son traveled from Arizona and his daughter arrived from Missouri to be a part of this festive day.

The rest of the evening was spent square dancing with the club's caller, Jim Cosman. Even the many guests joined in and learned about the fun of square dancing. We will all be watching closely next year to see Erv and Jan follow this outstanding evening.

Congratulations, Bill and Belinda. Thanks for sharing your special day with us.

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Cuer's Comments

By Lisa Wall

In a perfect dancing world the man would give a clear decisive lead, with the woman anticipating his every movement. On an Open dance floor with just music playing this can work to perfection. In Round Dancing it is slightly more difficult. On the Open dance floor the Woman is not aware of what the Man will lead. On the Round dance floor she hears the same Cue as the Man. This to me is a very hard point to ignore if you are the follower. I am a very strong follower and this is not a good thing in either the Open or Round dance world.

Leading is accomplished through a strong frame. In closed position, the arms are up, the back is a bit arched, and the hips are touching. John keeps telling the man he gets to polish his belt buckle, and both man and woman have their muscles well-toned. Ladies this means you have to hold your frame too. Spaghetti arms are not allowed. Gentlemen don't try to steer your partner by pushing and pulling with the left hand. Don't pump your left arm up and down to the beat of the music as if you are trying to get water out of a well. Don't pull or shove with the right hand. Don't lift or drop a shoulder. As the man starts to step he lowers slightly, this is felt by the woman and she also lowers and starts to move. She must wait for the man to stop before placing weight on her foot. No matter what you do ladies you must learn to wait for the man. Practice this by having the woman close her eyes and let the man lead a few steps. Dancing is supposed to be fun, when it is no longer fun take a step back and remember a quote from Brent Moore (Round Dance Leader) "Lead what you want, but dance what you get."

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Presentation to Rountree – Moore Toyota

By Ouida Taylor – Thomas Tramel
Presidents of Northeast Square and Round Dance Association

The Dixie Dancers Square Dance Club hosts an annual dance in conjunction with the Olustee Festival. Square dancers from nineteen area clubs including two square dance camping clubs, Square Wheels and Gypsy Squares, come into Lake City for this dance. We always invite the Blue-Grey Re-Enactors to the dance including Tad Allen portraying President Abraham Lincoln and Jim Adams appearing as General Robert E. Lee. The two camping clubs host a dance at Teen Town on Friday Night. On Saturday afternoon the square dancers participate in the entertainment downtown at the park. Saturday Night is the Blue-Grey Dance and the Dixie Dancers have been very fortunate to hold their annual Blue-Grey dance in the beautiful showroom at Rountree-Moore Toyota in Lake City for the past three years. This was something that was beyond our wildest imagination, but we all know it did happen.

We open the showroom at 6:00 p.m. for square dancers and the Blue-Gray Army members to come pouring in, we feel like its 'SHOWTME folks!'. Lisa Wall and Ralph Beekman start the evening off with early rounds at 7:00 p.m. Bill Chesnut gets the Grand March going at 7:45 and we are all set for a night of fun. Our guest caller this year, Bob Poyner, made it just that – a night of great fun. As usual, Pinky Moore made sure we had a great layout in the silent auction room and on the door prize tables. This year we had to increase the number of serving tables for our famous buffet layout. Nobody ever leaves the Blue-Grey dance hungry. Aubry Parrish and Imogene Lawrence made sure the "buffet tradition" continued. Thanks to our own Dixie Dancers and to our merchant sponsors, we again had lots and lots of food.

Due to high rent the Dixie Dancers were paying for other buildings and were looking for a new place to hold their annual Blue-Grey Square and Round Dance. Thomas and I were out looking with no success and were on our way home when we passed the new Toyota dealership. Thomas made the comment that there was the place we needed to hold the dance. I just laughed and said, "Sure, you know that will never happen." However, upon arriving home I called the dealership and asked to speak with the manager. He wasn't there and I was told to call back the next day. I informed the person on the phone what I wanted and asked if there would be any need to call back or was this too far off the wall. He said I was right on target. So the next day I made the call and was asked to have our officers come in and talk. We did and the dance has been held at the Rountree-Moore Toyota dealership for the past three years at no cost to the Dixie Dancers. We have been told as long as we want to hold our dances there, the building is available. The dealership moves their vehicles out of the showroom and off the parking lot, and then turns the building over to us. What a deal!

The Dixie Dancers are very appreciative of the arrangement. However, there is more to the story. Ken Hazen, the manager of the Toyota dealership made the building available to us for any dance we host. The next dance planned for this fantastic facility is the 5th Saturday Dance in August. Also, Ken placed an ad for Rountree-Moore in the annual Fall Festival Square Dance Directory. He also placed a full page personal ad for the North Florida Christian Business Coalition program which he helps sponsor.

As you can see, Ken Hazen, manager of Rountree-Moore Toyota, has rolled out the red carpet not just for the Dixie Dancers, but for square dancing as a whole. With much excitement, I Ouida Taylor and Thomas Tramel, Presidents of the Northeast Florida Square and Round Dancers Association (NEFSARDA) and a member and past presidents of the Dixie Dancers Square Dance Club presented Rountree-Moore with a plaque to show our appreciation for their support to our activity of square dancing.

Stress

A lecturer when explaining stress management to an audience raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance.

In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can."

So, my friend put down anything that may be a burden to you right now. Don't pick it up again until after you've rested awhile.

Here are some great ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply being kind to others.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well, just get up and dance.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

We could learn a lot from crayons...Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

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Setting Customer Expectations

By Rick Hampton

Having been a caller and square dance recording artist for Fine Tune and Gold Wing Records and with 30 plus years [experience] I have viewed, experienced and lived through many changes and obstacles to square dancing.

Recently, I have been watching the recent comments about the ABC program failures, as many of my CALLERLAB friends are unhappy, and they feel that the ACA “One Floor” is the right approach.

Let me share a unique perspective – I am a member of the team who wrote the first CALLERLAB ABC Callers’ School curriculum. At the same time, I am an American Caller’s Association Caller Training Specialist and after a many year absence a CALLERLAB member. I am also a full time traveling caller and teach two to three “Entry Level” classes per year, as well as parties and social events regularly.

Over a lengthy period of time I have come to several, well-thought out yet humble and informed observations. 1) The American Callers’ Association, CALLERLAB and its ABC program have versions of an entry level program. (ABC is slightly different with the entry level being the destination.) 2) CALLERLAB Lists/Definitions “tented” to be interpreted with a higher “technical” approach, especially our overseas friends and/or (many are newer) higher level callers. 3) The American Callers’ Association relies on the “original authors” i.e. what is in the Burleson Encyclopedia for Square Dancing definitions. The impetus for American Callers’ Association and its “One Floor” Program was a feeling that Square Dancing and the call lists were not being managed in the best interest of the activity. This feeling was a long time ago. Today it seems that many feel that it is the case again. The desire was to keep more dancers!

The Impetus for CALLERLAB was to create a basic program that would keep more dancers.

The impetus for the CALLERLAB ABC Program was to attract more dancers. Thus the intents and patterns surface.

I suggest that the American Callers’ Association’s “One Floor” Program, which may need a revision, more accurately reflects what occurs at “Plus” dances in a large, large part of the US and will likely occur overseas soon. Many dancers and callers report that his has already started. So if it is accurate, why not embrace it? Why not make it universal first year destination for traditional classes. This approach would attract and recruit more dancers. Advance and Challenge type programs could be fed more effectively because more dancers are dancing all together.

As far as the ABC Program goes, it is a single dance. It is not an entry level program. When callers and square dance leaders show square dancing programs as a “better-higher-neater” to an ABC group, they further using a dancing program to attract folks to what many agree is a flawed dancing and learning program.

As far as the American Callers’ Association “One Floor” Program is concerned, it does not and never has claimed to cure all. Nevertheless, the American Caller’s Association “One Floor” Program is committed to unify the dancers and to preserve square dancing. It is based upon the premise that a square dance “Renaissance” can begin by unifying the dancers into a one floor program dancing together. The American Caller’s Association works to work with caller

organizations, square dance organizations and others to reverse the growth and energize square dancing.

Any individual club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject is encouraged to contact the American Caller's Association at mac@americancallers.com or Dr. Patrick Demerath at pdemerath@uwa.edu. Please visit the American Callers' website and newsletters at AmericanCallers.com/news. Please visit my website www.rick.caller.com.

My time is up. I thank you for yours.

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The Twelve Commandments of Square Dancing

1. You shall square dance only for the fun you will find in it.
2. You shall not be a snob, considering yourself too good to dance with any and all, sitting out the mixers, or leaving a square if you are required to dance with those you think are unworthy of your talents. YOU, too, can be the dancers to goof a square!
3. You will enjoy dancing, but not offend others
4. You will visit other clubs and dance to other Callers/Cuers so that your opinion will be based on fact.
5. You will bathe diligently so that others may enjoy the fragrance of soap and antiperspirant.
6. You will not have a "visitor" arrive and sit on the sidelines, nor fail to speak to him/her.
7. You shall take care that your breath is not scented with an alcoholic beverage.
8. You will be faithful and loyal to your club and if you cannot do this, it will be better for you to leave the club and join one whose methods and members are more to your liking.
9. You will not harm the club by bickering and fault finding.
10. You will not forget that YOU were once a beginner.
11. You will not push, pull or drag a dancer around the square. Merely point the correct direction he/she should be taking.
12. You will always wear your club badge to all square and round dances.

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All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

Skirt Work – Where to do it

Two months ago we looked at skirt work on Weave the Ring, which we said was the most common place it is used. It was noted that skirt work adds a high degree of elegance to the dance, and those who do it correctly are admired. This month we look at other places where skirt work can be used.

PROMENADE: Instead of holding both of the man's hands in front in the typical skater's position, hold the man's right hand in your left hand. This leaves your right hand free to raise your skirt. Do not move the skirt back and forth – just hold it outstretched. It looks great.

IF YOU ARE ON THE END OF A LINE FACING IN: Raise your skirt with your free hand when the caller says "up to the middle and back."

RIGHT AND LEFT THRU; ALSO LADIES CHAIN: When you do the right hand pull by, use your left hand to raise your skirt. During the Courtesy Turn, use your right hand to raise your skirt.

TEACUP CHAIN: Use skirt work with your free hand, especially when working in the center.

GRAND SQUARE: When walking in to the center of the set, or backing out from the center; raise your skirt with the hand that is AWAY from your partner. In most cases this will be your right hand. When by yourself on the outside of the square, raise the skirt on the side AWAY from the center of the set.

OTHER CALLS: a GOOD GENERAL RULE IS TO USE SKIRT WORK ANY TIME YOU ARE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE SET. Ideal places are when you on the outside in an Allemande Thar or Wrongway Thar. You can also use skirt work if you are on the outside for calls such as Circulate and Load the Boat. From facing lines, on the command "Pass Thru – Wheel and Deal", skirt work looks nice if you are on the right end of the line. You probably should lower the skirt prior to completing the Wheel & Deal so as to not brush the left-side couple.

In all cases, the skirt is simply held out and up slight. The skirt is NEVER swished back and forth.

As you can tell, I am a big fan of skirt work, since it makes square dancing look elegant. Unfortunately, in these days of women wearing pants to dances, skirt work is not as common as it once was. While I understand the desire of some women not to have to wear the big fancy dresses and petticoats, I still think that women should at least wear an informal skirt. If the skirt they choose is a loose flowing one, then skirt work can still be done.

Skirt work keeps the beauty and elegance in square dancing, and makes the person doing it look very impressive. If I see someone doing good skirt work at a dance, I always make a point to congratulate them after the tip.

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Life is a Dance

We didn't start square dancing to include all 50 states (and beyond), but that is exactly what has happened.

Taking lessons in 1990 we had no idea that it would lead us to so many places. We both agreed that we wanted to dance wherever we could and with as many different people as possible. Venturing from the familiar Clubs in the Daytona Beach, Florida, area to other Clubs in other Countries and then to other States we thought it would be interesting to dance in all 50 states. During this time we also included other countries.

Vividly we remember the first time we were exposed to Callers (other than the local two that we took lessons from) – Larry Patten at Fellowship Squares and John Barrett at Dixie Squares. We were anxious to see how much we knew at a Class-Level event call the Spring Fling, held in Apopka, Florida. One Caller that stands out so vividly in our minds was the late (and Great) Danny Robinson. He was in full regalia with his guns and holster and we remember looking at him and wondering if he was or we were in the wrong place. Danny had a “twang” and it was our first exposure to really understanding what one of our first lessons had been “listen to the Caller!

As with any event some dances are more memorable than others. One that quickly comes to mind was in Lafayette, Louisiana, and the Cajun Caller was Lem Gravelle. Once we tuned into his accent we could relax a bit. We were invited to join a group after the dance at a restaurant for refreshments. While being escorted through the restaurant we wondered why we were being taken to a backroom. It was not long before we realized that this was a fun, boisterous group and there was continuous laughter from that room as there were three true Cajuns among the dancers, which meant there was never a dull moment. We had so much fun at the dance and at that “laughter-filled get-together” afterward.

On another occasion we were traveling with a bus group (non-dancers) to Branson and we were staying overnight in both Tallahassee and Birmingham. We had dinner with old friends who then dropped us off at a local dance in Tallahassee. Entering the hall just at the moment the dancing was to start we found out one couple was needed to fill a square. Not even hesitating we jumped in. Much to our surprise the Caller, Peter Richardson, had a very thick British accent. We were too shocked because, if anything, we expected a Southern accent because the

contact person had a Southern accent and in the conversation I had to ask him to repeat several details on how to get to the dance location. Between the two of us we laughed our way through the tips and found that we understood most of the calls toward the end of the dance.

We had the opportunity to dance at English Mountain when it was well known as a Square Dance Resort (in the Tennessee Mountains). We chose the weeks when Callers that were there were from other parts of the country that we would ordinarily not get a chance to dance to. On the trip to Branson, stopping in Birmingham, we rushed to have dinner, changed into our square dance clothes and hailed a cab to take us to the dance. We never queried who the Caller was and were astonished to find that it was none other than John Paul Bresnan, one of the English Mountain Callers. He didn't recall our names, but did recognize us from being at English Mountain the previous year. John Paul did some All Position calls which blew our minds as we had not experienced much, if any, of this at that time in our dancing.

About the same time, another Call, Paul Marcum in Nashville, made us take notice of All Position dancing when he called several things that challenged our thinking of knowing that we knew how to square dance!

Several years later we met a man who brought back memories of our hurrying to get off the bus going to Branson, changing into square dance clothes and dashing off to a dance. He was so impressed at our eagerness that he remembered what we had told him of why we did what we did. According to him, we inspired him to eventually take lessons and join those of us who to square dance. It actually led him to meet and marry his wife. They even had a square dance wedding/reception.

The New England States were the easiest to travel and we managed to dance in each State on the same trip. However, there was one snag. We arrived in Maine and called the contact who had bad news for us. The Club we had planned on dancing with had changed their night and we had missed it. They had let us know by mail and we had not received the information before beginning our trip. Not being one to linger in Maine as we had other dances to attend, we asked if there might possibly be another dance within 100 miles that we could attend. The gentleman called back and informed us that indeed there was and so we were able to dance in Maine with Ray Hilton on that trip.

We flew to Baltimore, Maryland, and having previously talked to the contact we were told that someone would pick us up at the hotel and drive to downtown Baltimore for the dance with Bill Harrison as the Caller. The night of the dance a couple did pick us up and casually commented during the drive that this would be an All Position Plus Dance. Since we had ventured to the Advance Level and had learned quite a bit of All Position dancing, we felt it would not be difficult. Bill always calls a most interesting dance it did not take us long to understand that this was not any ordinary Plus dance. We really had to concentrate and we believe we did our hometown Callers proud by not "goofing up" at all – but it was a true lesson in what we first learned – "Listen to the Caller."

Our contact for North Dakota informed us that there were no dances held during the summer although that was when we were going to be there. Somehow our request to locate a dance went to a new Caller, Roger McNeil, and he and his wife decided to accommodate us by having a dance in their backyard. They would invite the dancers who had most recently graduated and otherwise would not have a chance to dance all summer, have a Pot Luck Supper and they extended the invitation to the local dancers. What a wonderful idea! We felt honored to have a special dance enabling us to dance in Fargo, North Dakota. Many of the dancers wanted to know when the next “summer” dance would be!

On that same trip for the purpose of dancing at the National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, the McNeil’s were kind enough to drive us to another dance. Obtaining Larry Johansen’s signature he wrote in our book that the location was Minnesota. We were sure that we were in North Dakota but later found that we had been driven across the border to Detroit Lakes and did, indeed, dance in another State (to add to our list) without realizing it.

Dance in Juneau, Alaska, happened as a result of the National Convention in Portland, Oregon. We joined the 750 dancers cruising the Inside Passage. The ship had 840 passengers so easily the square dancers were the majority. A special “Hootenanny” was held in Juneau for our group. While we boarded ship we had signed up for a helicopter ride to a glacier while in Juneau and we would be able to spend some time walking on the ice. Arriving on the glacier we realized that we were all square dancers and 24 people mean three squares of square dancers. At the same time we realized that we had three Callers among us. “Let’s have a square dance on the glacier.” The pilot for our helicopter offered to take a video on our camcorder of the event so we have a portion of our “once-in-a-lifetime” experience of actually dancing on a glacier. We do remember that Ron Black of North Hollywood, California (a most colorful personality) was one of the Callers making this such an eventful thrill for all of us.

In Michigan, our contact, Dave Magee, was the Caller in Lansing and he held the dance in the basement of his home. That was fun, interesting and different.

Pascagoula, Mississippi’s dance hall was where we felt welcome as soon as we walked in the door. Most memorable about the evening was the fact that two ladies who were identical twins, wearing identical outfits (because it was Club Night) made it impossible to know if we had danced with both or only one lady and her husband. We found out that these ladies were married to brothers – although not twins. Both ladies were hairdressers and worked in the same salon. We couldn’t help but think of the Mississippi Squirrel song by Ray Stevens when we were visiting Pascagoula! The Caller for this Club was Larry Gardner.

The State of Washington was difficult for us to get to dance in. For the Alaskan cruise we had been bussed from Portland, Oregon, through Washington to Vancouver, British Columbia. How we wished we had a Caller with us so that he could have an impromptu dance. No such luck.

However, we flew to Vancouver several years later and drove to Spokane for a dance. It was our first time to A-2 with tapes and it was a laughter-filled night.

On that same trip the area around Lolo, Montana, was experiencing forest fires and many of the roads were blocked. Luckily, when we encountered the road block and told the Ranger the location of the dance and just how far we were going he allowed us to go that distance, but warned us to not go any further. Strangely enough we got into a square with a couple visiting the area from Florida (Orlando). The Caller in Lolo was Bill Helms.

The dance in Nevada was in Las Vegas at a gay bar with a gay group – such a high-level dance even with dancing to tapes. We truly were welcomed by the members of this Club and experienced great dancing.

To dance in New Mexico we had to travel as far north as Red River. The dances in the summer are often attended by tourists who, perhaps are dancing for the first time and eager to learn. The Caller was Sharon Murphy.

At the dance in St. George, Utah, Lee Gordon was the Caller. The dancers were complaining of the humidity. We were, too, as our skin was itchy. The Utah dancers complaint was that the humidity was so high – 24%. Being from Florida we thought it was terribly dry.

Not long after we started dancing we decided that we'd like to collect Caller's Signatures. Having heard of certain Florida Callers we wanted to get their signatures. For a dance in Vermont we traveled to the northern part of the State – to South Burlington. Upon arriving we called the Contact and he informed us that the Club had a Guest Caller – the one and only Red Bates. We had traveled all the way from Florida to get a Florida Caller's signature. It was worth it as we had a fun-filled evening – and have had the opportunity to dance to Red many times since, but the first time is always exciting.

Many of the States we danced in were a result of attending the State Conventions and we combined traveling to nearby States to add to our list. It has been a great way to see America.

Our 50th State to dance in happened to be The 50th State – Hawaii, purely by coincidence. As usual, we had a contact in Honolulu and the gentleman assured us that if we called him when we arrived at the hotel, he would pick us up for the dance that evening. WHEEW! We had time to unpack, change our clothes and were off to the dance. At the 2007 Florida State Convention in Lakeland we were walking through the hotel lobby and who should we recognize but David Lemon, the gentleman and his lady friend, Kim, who had made sure that we got to two dances while visiting Oahu, Hawaii (David truly lives and loves to promote square dancing is now living stateside.) The Callers in Hawaii were Andy Scott and Jerry Quam.

In hearing that we wanted to dance in all 50 States most dancers asked us if we have a motor home. No, sometimes we drove to nearby States, but usually we flew to a major city and

rented a car. The norm was to travel to three or four nearby States and dance wherever there might be a dance on a specific night that would coincide with our travels. In looking back, the New England States were the easiest to dance through.

The danglers that we've received at dances and the badges from special weekends have been put on a wall corkboard – surrounding a blank map of the United States. As we danced in each State we colored in the map.

Of course, there are far too many memories to write and tell about, but they have all been learning experiences and mostly were laughable, fun times.

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May 22 - 24, 2009 - 55th Florida State Conventions - Lakeland, FL

October 23 - 24, 2009 - 30th Annual Single-Rama - Sebring, FL.

November 13 - 14, 2009 - 35th Annual West Coast Fall Fun Fest - Bartow, FL

What's Happening This Week?

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

Monday – **Sebring DBD/Advanced Final Workshop & Dance of the Season** –

Location TBA – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – casual attire – caller: Sam Dunn. For info:

http://samdunn.net/advanced_dancing.htm.

Sun-n-Fun Squares – Woodland Hall, Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, Fruitville Road (SR 780), Sarasota – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Burl Lally, cuer: **Pat Hagen**. For info: midgewebb@cs.com.

Buccaneer Squares – Buccaneer Mobile Home Park, 2210 N. Tamiami Trail,, N. Ft. Myers – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Len Siegmann, cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: 239-997-7319 or 239-567-1320 or lenru@embarqmail.com.

Twilight Twirlers Final Dance of the Season – Bonita Springs Community Center, corner of Reynolds & Old 41, Bonita Springs –Mainstream dance 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, Rounds and lines on tape. Following the dance, everyone will be going to Perkins for dinner. For info: hwcole@att.net or 239-691-5670.

Hampton Promenaders – 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. – square dance attire preferred. This is a gated community; the gate closes at 7:00 p.m. If you arrive after the gate closes, there will be a car at the entrance with a yellow flashing light on top. Stop and tell the driver you are there for the square dance and he will open the gate for you. He leaves at 7:45 p.m. For info: dmountain@tampabay.rr.com.

Temple Twirlers Birthdays/Anniversaries – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

Tuesday – J & C Spin-a-Rounds – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Phase IV – V 6:30 – 8:15 p.m., Advance – Beginners Mixed Rhythms 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. For info: spinards@tampabay.rr.com or 727-525-7809.

Betmar Belles & Beaus Final Dance of the Season – Betmar Clubhouse 2, Rt. 54, Zephyrhills – A-1 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – A-2 tip at 9:00 p.m. – caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: Russ Bunker 813-780-8036.

Glen Haven Squares Final Dance of the Season – Glen Haven RV Park, 37251 Chancey Road, Zephyrhills – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. - caller: George Varney, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: George Varney 813-782-0885 or Jackie Geisler 813-782-9818.

Horizon Village – 9200 Littleton Road, N. Ft. Myers (south of Shell Factory & west side of 41) – Plus and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Len Siegmann, cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: 239-567-1320 or lenru@embarqmail.com.

Ding-a-Lings – Rice Creek RV Park, 10714 Hwy. 301S, Riverview – Plus/Rounds – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Allen Snell – square dance attire preferred. For info: 813-677-9179 or chrounds@capital.net.

R&R Gators Final Dance of the Season - Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda - Plus/Rounds 10:00 - 12:00 noon - caller: Dave Magee, cuer: Russ Collier. For info: Dave Magee at phonemoves@juno.com or 517-646-0402

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates. For info: redbates@juno.com, 941-828-0481 or 941-223-0987.

Sun City Center - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Room 3, Sun City – Rusty Hinge and Dance – covering Mainstream from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – covering Plus from

8:30 – 9:30 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 – **Potluck 6:45 p.m.** - Mainstream and Plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.

Wednesday – Strawberry Square Club – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – MS/Easy Plus Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **Jimmy Lee** – we are pleased to welcome all square dance clubs to join us and banner raid the Wednesday night club. Please call ahead and let us know you are coming. Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491

Strawberry Square C2 – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 n – caller: Art Springer. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813—752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan/Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350 or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905/813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square C1 – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller: Art Springer. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813—752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan/Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350 or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905/813-727-6210.

Timber Pines Twirlers – Hwy. 19, Spring Hill – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: Judy Doane – for gate access and directions call 352-688-2995. For info: foxtrotr@bellsouth.net.

Cultural Center Squares - Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - caller: Art Miller; cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday – Shufflin' Squares – Lake Ashton Clubhouse, Thompson Nursery Road (across from Eagle Ridge Mall), Lake Wales – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire optional – caller: Danny Miller, cuer: Carl Rod. For info: cakitts@hotmail.com or 863-326-1046.

Citrus Park Snobirds Happy Trails Dance – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander – casual attire – share your favorite snacks. For info: Ada Haskell amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

NEW CLUB – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Beginners 6:30 – 7:30 – Squares (all sets) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – caller: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.

Charlotte Promenaders – Port Charlotte County Cultural Center, Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – caller: **Len Siegmann**, cuer: **Ruth Siegmann**. For info: sqdbird@aol.com.

Pine Ridge Promenaders – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yds. East of US 27), Lake Placid – Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **Mike Doughty** – **casual attire**. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

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 - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginner Class 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: sqdancegranny@juno.com or 727-546-5966.

Friday – Strawberry Square A2 Dance – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **Jimmy Lee**, cuer: Pat Hagen - \$6 per person. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square C2 Dance and Workshop – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 n – caller: Gary Brown/Brown's Bunch. For info: Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Curliques – Corkscrew Woodlands Park, 21500 Corkscrew Road, I-75 Exit 123, Estero – Rusty Hinge workshop 6:30 p.m., Plus dance 7:00 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole – Rounds and lines on tape. For info: hwcole@att.net or 239-691-5670.

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Blvd., Venice – C1 – 10:00 – 12:00 noon – caller: Red Bates. For info: redbates@juno.com, 941-828-0481 or 941-223-0987.

Spinning Wheels – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: **Art Springer**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

B & S 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 rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.com.

Snell's Bo's & Bell's – Largo Community Center, 65 – 4th Street NW, Largo – 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – callers: Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Fiyalko - wear your brightest colors – please bring finger foods. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.

Sun City Swingers "Some Bunny Loves You" Dance – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – members will provide cake and cup cakes; club will supply the beverages – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Bill Webb. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Saturday – Strawberry Square Plus Dance – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – ER 7:00 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Jimmy Lee, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin - \$6 per person. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Palace Promenaders – 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin – finger food - square dance attire preferred. For info: 863-494-2749.

Strawberry Square Ph 5 Dance/Workshop Dance – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – cuer/instructor: Charlie Lovelace. For info: luvrds@embarqmail.com or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Sunday – West Coast Membership Dance – Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Red Bates with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

Strawberry Square Beginner/Mainstream Dance – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Jimmy Lee (Canada). For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

The Motivators – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17th Street, St. Cloud – A2: 2: - 4:00 p.m.; C-1 Tips 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. – square dance attire optional – donation: \$8 per couple. For info: 407-344-9260 or 407-892-9665 or loisdancer@aol.com.

Strawberry Square Ph 4 Dance/Workshop Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – cuer/instructor: Charlie Lovelace. For info: luvrds@embarqmail.com or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Pioneer Village – Pioneer Village RV Park, 7974 Samville Road (off of Bayshore/west of I-75), N. Ft. Myers – Mainstream/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Len Siegmann, cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: lenru@embarqmail.com, 239-567-1320, 239-940-6121.

Cloverleaf Leprechauns – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., A-1 tip 4:15 p.m. – caller: **Bob Stern**, cuer: Judy Doane – finger foods. For info: slerner3@tampabay.rr.com or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>.

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 rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.com.

Huggables - King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19, Port Richey - casual dress – lessons 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or settarose1@verizon.net.

Orange Blossom Squares – LaHacienda Center, The Villages – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **Bob Stern**, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

West Coast Classes & Workshops

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.

What's on the Calendar?

April 2009

April 6 – 8, 2009 - **36th Annual CALLERLAB Convention** – Airport Hilton Hotel, Kansas City, MO. For info: www.callerlab.org or Callerlab@aol.com.

April 8, 2009 – **Promenade Squares Easter Bonnet Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: sqdancegranny@juno.com or 727-546-5966.

April 9, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27), 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 – 11, 2009 – **Strawberry Travelers 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 813-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

April 11, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Tax Poor Party** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

April 11, 2009 – **Palace Promenaders Easter Parade**– 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

April 13, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Easter Parade and Anniversary Dance** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – attendees are invited to wear their best, prettiest, finest Easter bonnets and there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place - caller: Bob Schlenker, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

April 14, 2009 - **Ding-a-Lings Final Dance of the Season** – Rice Creek RV Park, 10714 Hwy. 301S, Riverview – Plus/Rounds – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 813-677-9179 or chrouds@capital.net.

April 14, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Spring Hat Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - square dance attire – wear your spring hat! - caller: Danny Miller, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

April 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the May issue of American Square Dance Magazine.** For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

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 24 – 25, 2009 – **51st New England Square and Round Dance Convention** – Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. For info: www.nesrdc.org or Jay and Sandi Silva 603-942-7226.

April 25, 2009 (Saturday) – **Promenade Squares Annual Club Picnic** – Freedom Lake Park, 9990 – 46th Street, Pinellas Park – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – bring a covered dish. Directions: Park is located at the entrance to Mainlands Community. Turn off 49th Street North at Lake Boulevard. Then turn right immediately on to 102nd Avenue. Go about .3 miles to a small sign on the right saying Freedom Lake Park and 46th Street. For info: sqdancegranny@juno.com or 727-546-5966.

April 25, 2009 – **Palace Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

April 25 – 27, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Hitch ‘n Go Chapter #082 at Theme World, I-4 & Rt. 27 in Davenport, FL. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

April 26, 2009 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns Final Dance of the Season** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: slerner3@tampabay.rr.com or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>

April 27, 2009 – **Sun-n-Fun Squares Final Dance of the Season** – Woodland Hall, Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, Fruitville Road (SR 780), Sarasota – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Burl Lally, cuers: Bill Webb or Pat Hagen. For info: midgewebb@aol.com.

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

April 30, 2009 – **Charlotte Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Port Charlotte Cultural Center, Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: 941-423-6243.

April 30, 2009 – **Deadline for submission of all updates, additions, changes, ads and articles to the West Coast Dancer.** Please limit Club News to 150 words (approximately 15 lines). For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

May 2009

May 1, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Anniversary Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

May 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the June 2009 issue of the Bow & Swing.** For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

May 1 - 3, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Chapters 168/128 at Ocala Sun RV Park in Ocala, FL. Chapter 168 will be hosting the weekend. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

May 2, 2009 – **Paul Place Memorial Dance** – City Island Recreation Center (home of the Dixie Squares), 108 E. Orange Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL – 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – John Swindle, Host Caller – dance to be programmed with Guest Callers and Cuers - Paul Place was a member and supporter of CALLERLAB and the CALLRRLAB Foundation for 25 years. This dance and the proceeds will honor Paul’s commitment to square dancing and calling. Donations will be accepted at the door or can be mailed to Paul Place Scholarship Fund, c/o The CALLERLAB Foundation, 467 Forrest Avenue, Suite 118, Cocoa, FL 32922. Please make checks payable to The CALLERLAB Foundation. All proceeds from the dance will go to the Paul Place Scholarship Fund, which will be administered by the CALLERLAB Foundation. For info: johncaller@bellsouth.net or minimercury@embarqmail.com.

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 3, 2009 – **Jeanne Morton Benefit Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Sponsored by the West Coast Square and Round Dance Association and the Suncoast Callers and Cuers

Association – 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. – minimum donation of \$5 per person - callers: Bob Barnes and area callers and cuers. For info: brassy1012@aol.com or stocker38@att.net.

May 3 – 7, 2009 – **Special Plus Square Dance Week** – Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC – this is the only “Dance Only” week available – no split sessions – dance package ONLY - \$60 per person. For reservations contact Linda or Kristy 828-926-1645. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

May 7 - 9, 2009 – **33rd Annual Panama City Beach Ball** – Thursday: hot dogs & dance on the patio of the Flamingo Motel, 15525 Front Beach Rd., Panama City, FL – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Friday & Saturday: dance at the Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach, FL – callers: Tony Oxendine, Bill Terrell & Darryl McMillan, Cuers: Sandy & David Sturgis – for a full flier or info, please call Darryl McMillan 256-227-0908 or dcmillan@aol.com.

May 7 – 9, 2009 – **48th Annual Canadian International Square and Round Dance Convention** – Brock University, 500 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines, Ontario. For info: Ken and Rose Marie Robinson, 54 Kensington Ave. nue, S. Hamilton, Ontario L8M 3H2; k.j.robinson@sympatico.co.

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 8 – 10, 2009 – **62nd Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival** - Grand Sierra Resort, 2600 E. 2nd St., Reno, Nevada – callers: Tim Marriner (South Carolina), John Marshall (Virginia), Dan Nordbye (Arizona), cuers: Kay and Joy Read (Texas and Arizona) - \$40 per person prior to April 7, 2009, \$25 for youth 18 & under; \$45 per person after April 7, 2009 – split sessions available. For info: silverstatesquaredancefestival@hotmail.com.

May 10, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Mothers' Day Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

May 12, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland 50's Party** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food – get out those poodle skirts and jeans! - Caller: Allen Snell, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

May 14, 2009 - **Promenade Squares May Flowers Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginner Class 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: sgdancegranny@juno.com or 727-546-5966.

May 15, 2009 - Deadline for submissions to the June issue of *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

May 15 – 16, 2009 – **27th Anniversary Dance/GA Single State Convention** – Commerce Civic Center, 110 State Street, Commerce, GA – caller: Rudy Saunders (Monroe, GA), cuer: Rita Mason (Rome, GA) – Friday: 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – noon; 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; 7:00 – 10:30 p.m. Wonderful wood floor for dancing and excellent AC. For info: Dot Williams 706-216-4374.

May 18, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers 50's Dance & Birthdays/Anniversaries** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 p.m., 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

May 22 - 24, 2009 - **55th Florida State Convention - "Rock & Roll Time in 2009"** - The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL – ribbons are \$27 per person until April 30, 2009; they are \$30 per person at the door.

Refunds are cheerfully made until the doors open at 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 22, 2009. Cash or checks only accepted at the Box Office. One day ribbons sold at the Box Office. Spectator ribbons are free and can be picked up at the Box Office. For info: John and Becky Cole 386-532-8532 or jobeco@embarqmail.com.

May 27, 2009 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: brassy1012@aol.com or zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

May 27, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Armed Forces Day Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Gary Brown, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

May 30, 2009 (this is not a fourth Saturday) – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Biker Bash** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

June 2009

June 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the July 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing***. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

June 1, 2009 – **Deadline for submissions to the July issue of *The Grapevine***. For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

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 6 – 7, 2009 – **Watermelon Festival** – Chiefland, FL. For info: Peggy Ligon 352-377-1828 or Mary Chesnut 352-475-2550 or grandsquares@bellsouth.net.

June 7 – 11, 2009 - **Silver State Caller College** – Livingston, TX - complete CALLERLAB curriculum, covering all Essential, Important and Desirable topics. Classroom presentation and plenty of "Mike Time" for each student. Instructors: Guest instructors and Nasser Shukayr of Harlingen, TX CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach. Tuition: \$350 per caller. A \$50 refundable deposit holds your place. For info: nshukayr@gmail.com.

June 7-11, 2009 -**Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Jimmy Roberson, Jim & Priscilla Adcock, Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road. Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town) – **Plus Squares & Round Dancing**- Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights is off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress. Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package:\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable - tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

June 7 – 11, 2009 – **United Kingdom Caller & Cuer School** – St. IVO Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU. For info: www.gsi-england.co.uk.

June 11 – 13, 2009 – **50th International Squares & Round Dance & Clogging Convention “Dance and Shine in 2009”** – TCU Place, 35 – 22nd St. E., Saskatoon’s Arts & Convention Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. For info: Garry & Joan Wacker, GJ.wacker@sasktel.net or 306-374-1747.

June 12, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Ice Cream Social** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

June 12 & 13, 2009 – **Colorado State Square Dance Association’s 54th State Festival** – Greeley, CO – Friday and Saturday. THE THEME IS SAFARI SWING. **FEATURED CALLER JERRY JUNCK & FEATURED CUERS LARRY & ADRIENNE NELSON.** THERE WILL BE A TRAILS END DANCE ON JUNE 11TH. REGISTER NOW AND SAVE MONEY, HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE MOTEL ROOM OR RV PARKING SPACE AS WELL AS RECEIVING FREE TICKETS TO THE TRAILS END DANCE. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2009 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE INCENTIVES. ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT www.squaredancing.com/safari2009.

June 12 – 14, 2009 – **12th Annual International June Jamboree Square & Round Dance Weekend** – Community Center, Clute Memorial Park, Watkins Glen, NY. For info: Joan Newman, 315-789-8531 or flmcd@rochester.rr.com.

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 14 - 18, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Darryl Lipscomb & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town) - **A2 Dancing** - 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 dress - Air conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package:.....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

June 15, 2009 – **Deadline for submissions to the July, August, September issue of the *Panhandle Press*.** For info: terriwilaby@cox.net.

June 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the July issue of *American Square Dance Magazine*.** For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

June 21, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Father’s Day/Pie Night** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Don Hanhurst, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

June 21 – 24, 2009 – **Roundalab Convention** – Knott’s Berry Farm Conference Center/Theme Park, Buena Park, California - \$215 per person includes convention fee, all printed materials and 6 meals (breakfast on your own) – early bird drawing for \$100 refund if registered by 11/20/08 reduced tickets to the me park will be available – room rates: \$104 per night + tax –. For info: roundalab@roundalab.org.

June 22, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Western Round-up** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus (all singing calls) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Dan Wilkerson, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

June 23, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Western Party** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food – casual attire – wear your western duds! - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

June 24 -27, 2009 - **58th National Square Dance Convention** - Long Beach, California. For info: 1220 Caleta Way, Palm Springs, A 92262 or www.58nsdc.org.

June 27, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Firefly Dance** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: George Varney, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

July 2009

July 5, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Red, White & Blue Night** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bobby Keefe, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

July 6, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Patriotic Dance** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

July 12, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Ice Cream Night** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

July 14, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Red, White & Blue Dance** – Magnolia Building 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - casual attire – wear your patriotic colors! – caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

July 17, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Luau** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

July 20, 2009 – **Deadline to submit nominations for West Coast Distinguished Service Award.**

July 21-23, 2009 – **52nd International Camporee** – Rayne, Louisiana. For info: www.nsdca.org or www.rayne2009.9f.com.

July 22, 2009 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the

Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: brassy1012@aol.com or zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

July 25, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Luau** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

July 26 - 30, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Randy Dougherty & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **Plus DBD Workshop - This will be a learning week for Plus dancers who wish to explore more challenging choreography - Tired of "Plain Old Vanilla"? If so, this week is for you!** - 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 dress - Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package:\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

July 29 – 31, 2009 – **17th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention (Halifax National Festival 2010)** – World Trade & Convention Center Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. For info: 902-543-5278 or rvvjbrown@eastlink.ca or www.squaredance.ns.ca (press 2010 button)

July 31 – August 2, 2009 – **26th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention** – Clarion Convention Center, 5202 Brady Street, Davenport, IA. For info: 309-799-3128 or bobkristie@mchsi.com.

August 2009

August 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the September 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing*.** For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net.

August 2 - 6, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tim Crawford & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **C1 Blast for A2 Dancers! - This week is for A2 dancers wanting to learn as much C1 as can possibly be covered during this week.** - 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 dress - Air conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package:\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

August 7, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Back to School Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

August 7 – 9, 2009 – **50th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention** – D.C. Everest High School, 6500 Alderson Street, Weston, WI (Near Wausau). For info: Joe & Phyllis Kretschmer at 715-536-2768 or jphyllis1@charter.net or Bernie and Carolyn Coulthurst at 715-824-3245 or heretic@wi-net.com or www.wisquaredanceconvention.org/2009.htm.

August 9 - 13, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **Plus Dancing** - 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 dress - Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax Cabin Rental Package:\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

August 14 - 15, 2009 - **20th North Carolina State Convention “Salute to the Troops”** – North Raleigh Hilton Convention Center, Raleigh, North Carolina - all forms of dancing and other activities: Mainstream, Plus, DBD Plus, Advance, High Energy, Rounds, Line dancing, Contra, Education Seminar, Sewing Clinic, Fashion Show, Parade of Clubs, After Parties, Hard wood floors, 14,000 square feet in four dance halls, fully air conditioned - visit web site www.ncfederation.org for a downloadable registration flyer (Just click on NC State Convention) - General Chairman: Lesley & Debbie Green (919-598-1104) - NC Federation Publicity Chmn: Paul & Nita Walker (704-782-2616) Goo627@aol.com.

August 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the September issue of American Square Dance Magazine.** For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

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: Sam Dunn, cuer: Dick Chase - EVERYONE FREE . – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

August 16 - 20, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town) - **Plus DBD Dancing - This week is for the square dance enthusiast.) BE WARNED! NO HOLDS BARRED!** - 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 dress Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package:\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages.). For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

August 17, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Hawaiian Luau** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

August 20 – 24, 2009 – **NORCAL Callers School**, San Jose, CA. For info: Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.norcalcallerschool.com.

August 21 - 23, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be Chapter 128 at Wilderness RV Park in Ocala, FL. This is a location change; was scheduled at Old Colby Woods Campground. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

August 22, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Dog Patch** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Gary Murphy, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

August 25, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Ice Cream Sundaes** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - casual attire – caller Art Springer, CUER: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

September 2009

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September 3 – 6, 2009 – **39th National Singles Dance-A-Rama** – 5202 Brady Street, Davenport, IA – callers: Bill Harrison (MD), Matt Worley (VA), Mike Hogan (NE), Ken Burke (IN), Curt Braffet (IL), Don & Doug Sprosty (IA), cuers: Adrienne & Larry Nelson (IA), Tony Speranzo (TX), Natalie Sprosty (IA), Lines: Joe Saffel (IA), For info: dar2008@ssdusa.org for general questions; reg2009@ssdusa.org for registration questions.

September 4, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Labor Day Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

September 6, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Patriot Day** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bobby Keefe, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

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September 11 – 12, 2009 – **Advanced Square Dancing Weekend** – Pride RV Resort, I-40, Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – C-1 Star Tip at each session – dance package only \$50 per couple – caller: Jerry Story – camping, cabbies and park models available with square dancer discounts. For reservations call 800-926-8191. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

September 11-13, 2009 – **30th New Mexico State Round Dance Festival – Albuquerque Square Dance Center**, 4915 Hawkins, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico – cuers: BRENT & JUDY MOORE - PHASE IV – VI – hardwood dance floor – limited registration – weekend pkg - \$85 per couple (before August 1, 2009) \$90 per couple (after August 2, 2009). Refunds - Available prior to August 1, 2009 -- Rollovers available anytime. For more Info contact Richard & Patsy Jarnagin, 1137 Marigold Drive. Albuquerque, NM 87122; Telephone: (505) 856-9308 E-mail: pjarnagin1@comcast.net.

September 12 – 13, 2009 – **Birmingham Blast 2009** – BSDA Friendship Hall, 1024 Old Walker Chapel Road, Fultondale, AL. For info: Pat and Gale Davis, P. O. Box 10, Cottondale, AL 35453; 205-454-1081 (AT&T cell) or 205-394-2017 (Verizon cell); patgaled@yahoo.com.

September 13 - 17, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Bob Asp, Curt Braffet, and Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town). - "**Plus**" **Dancing** - 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 dress Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax Cabin Rental package:\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

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September 17 – 19, 2009 – **38th Annual GSSDA Convention** – Macon Centreplex Coliseum & Convention Centre, 200 Coliseum Drive (Exit 2 off I-16), Macon, GA – advanced two-day tickets \$20 per person; advanced Friday or Saturday split tickets \$12 per person; two-day at the door tickets \$25 per person; split tickets for Friday or Saturday at the door \$15 per person – 17 & under with square dance family – FREE – spectators \$1 per person – RV parking at Coliseum lot will have a designated location – parking courtesy of GASSDA. For info: www.gssda.com or 912-437-8273. Mail registrations to Nancy Feek, 111 Lake St., Rockmart, GA 30153, 770-684-6661, nifeek103@wmconnect.com.

September 17 – 19, 2009 – **Inaugural Kentucky Square & Round Dance Convention** – Lexington Convention Center, 430 West Vine Street, Lexington, KY. For info: 502-803-5719 or deerdancer55@yahoo.com.

September 18, 2009 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: brassy1012@aol.com or zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

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 – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

September 20 - 24, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Johnny Preston & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina - I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **A2 Dancing** - 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 dress - Air conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - cabin Rental Package:\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

September 21, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Hobo Dance** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

September 22, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Mexican Fiesta** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - casual attire – dress for a Mexican fiesta! - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

September 26, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) School Daze** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

September 27 - October 1, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine, Marshall Flippo, and Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town - **Plus Level Dancing** - 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 dress - Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package:\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages.). For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.



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October 2 – 3, 2009 – **6th Annual “Thrill in the Ville”** – (exact location will be determined when number of registrations is known) Jacksonville, FL – Phase 2 and 3 – featured cuers: Kristine and Bruce Nelson - \$50 per

couple (no advance split sessions – limited space available - Saturday lunch will be provided by First Coast Rounds. For info: 904-699-7833 – ljwall@comcast.net – www.2FWD2.com.

October 4, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Anniversary Dance/Past Presidents** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

October, 4 - 8, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **Plus Dancing** - 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 dress - Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - 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 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package:\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package:\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package:\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages.). For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com. For info: www.PrideRVResort.com or www.ThePrideCenter.com.

October 8 – 12, 2009 – **Northeast Callers School** – Manchester, NH. For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.northeastcallersschool.com.

October 10, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) 46th Anniversary** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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October 17, 2009 – **Florida Callers' Association Clinic Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Plus w/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Tom Miller (Pennsylvania), cuer: TBA. For info: Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

October 17 – 18, 2009 – **Fall Weekend of Rounds** – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City, FL – cuers: Barbara and Jerry Pierce – 5,000 square feet of floating hardwood floor – Phase 3 & 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics – weekend package \$75 per couple – Saturday: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Warm Up Rounds with Council Cuers; 10:00 – 12:15 p.m. Clinic for All conducted by Jerry and Barbara; 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch provided by Round Dance Council of Florida; 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Warm Up Rounds with Council Cuers; 2:00 – 4:15 p.m. Clinic for All conducted by Jerry and Barbara; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Round Dane Council Meeting for Council Members; 7:30 – 10:00 Phase 3 – 4+ Dance conducted by Jerry and Barbara – Sunday: 9:-- - 9:30 a.m. Warm Up Rounds with Council Cuers; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Clinic for all conducted by Jerry and Barbara; 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Phase 3/.4+ Dance with Jerry and Barbara – continental breakfast will be provided both mornings – Hotels: Red Rose Inn & Suites (Host Hotel), 2011 N. Wheeler St., 813-752- 3141 - \$79 + tax per night; Holiday Inn Express, 2102 N. Park Road, 813-719-3800, \$112 + tax per night – partial weekend prices available up to sellout – refundable until day of event mail check payable to RDCF to Ken and Joanne Helton, P. O. Box 97, Yalaha, FL 3417-97-0097. For info: ljwall@comcast.net.

October 22 - 25, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be at the State Camporee at Blueberry Hill RV in Bushnell, FL. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

October 22 – 25, 2009 – **Florida Camporee** – Blueberry Hill RV Park, Bushnell, FL. For info: johnide@embarqmail.com.

October 23 – 24, 2009 – **30th Florida Singles Single – Rama** – Kenilworth Lodge, Sebring, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Lisa Wall. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com.

October 24, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Halloween Dance** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods – caller/cuer: Mike Cox. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

October 25, 2009 – **West Coast Member Dance** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: Van Coble and area callers and cuers – West Coast Members FREE – guests \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

October 25, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Halloween Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dee Dee Dougherty, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

October 26, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Halloween & Birthdays/Anniversaries** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

October 30, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Halloween Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

October 30-31, 2009 - **2009 NWFSARDA 35th Annual Round Up** - DeFuniak Springs Community Center, 361 N. 10th Street, Defuniak Springs, Florida – Featuring Tom Miller and Northwest Florida Callers Berlon Graham, Ted Kennedy, Bob Poyner and Cuer: Sandy Sturgis – Friday: Costume Contest, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Early Rounds & Squares, 8:00 – 10:30 Squares & Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Advanced) – Saturday: 9:45 a.m. – NWFSARDA meeting, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Roundup cookout, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Workshops – Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Intro Advanced – Saturday Evening: 7:00 – 7:45 Early Rounds & Squares, 8:00 – 10:30 Squares & Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Advanced – Best Western 850-892-5111 – Best Value Inn 850-892-3125 – Sunset King Campground 800-774-5454 – Super 8 850-892-1333. For info: Muriel 850-549-5517 murielrvpsrc@mchsi.com; Paul & Cheryl 850-939-6688 or Dave 850-455-5160.

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

November 6, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Veterans' Day Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

November 6, 2008 – **Strawberry Square A2 First Dance of the Season** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Bob Barnes. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

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

November 8, 2009 – **MacDonald Benefit Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – callers donating their time: Art Springer, Sam Dunn, Bob Barnes, cuers donating their time: Charlie Lovelace, Jimmy and Carol Griffin and Pat Hagen. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com or grannyola@aol.com.

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.

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November 20, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Thanksgiving Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

November 20 – 21, 2009 – **Northeast Association’s Fall Festival – “Walk on the Wild Side”** – Jacksonville, FL – caller: Tom Roper, cuers: Joanne & Ken Helton. For info: Sam & Mary Starling at 904-786-3311.

November 20 – 21, 2009 – **36th Annual Turkey Strut** – Grand Hotel & Resort, Pigeon Forge, TN – callers: Jerry Story, Tony Oxendine, Bob Baier, Jerry Biggerstaff; cuers: Bev and Bob Casteel, Glen & Rosalee Kelley. For info: www.turkeystrutsquaredance.com or jjibigger@charger.net

November 21, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Turkey Trot** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: SusanElaine Packer, cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

November 23, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Thanksgiving Dance** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Sharon Short, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

November 24, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Pie Night** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire – caller Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

November 29, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Sunday Classic Rounds (and Pot Luck)** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Phases 2 – 4+ - 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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December 11, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Toys for Tots Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer and Mike Cox, cuer: Charlie Lovelace and Mike Cox. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

December 14, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Christmas Party – Installation of 2010 Officers – Birthdays/Anniversaries** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Sharon Short, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

December 15, 2009 – **Deadline for submissions to the January, February, March issue of the *Panhandle Press***. For info: terriwilaby@cox.net.

December 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the January 2010 issue of *American Square Dance Magazine***. For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

December 19, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Snowflake Ball** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Dave Buys, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

December 22, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Christmas Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food – square dance attire – wear your Christmas colors! - caller Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

January 2010

January 10, 2010 – **West Coast Membership Dance** – Bahr Mobile Home Park, Zephyrhills - Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: Bob Barnes and area callers and cuers – West Coast Members FREE – guests \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com

January 15, 2010 – **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years **statewide** involvement in the Florida Square and Round Dance activity. Their contributions must encompass the entire state of Florida, not just 1 or 2 areas. This should require unselfish dedication of time and labor. **Being an Area president, Federation president, Caller/Cuer Association president and/or State Convention chairman is not enough.** The Hall of Fame is seeking individuals or couples whose efforts have affected the majority of the State of Florida. The fact that one is nominated is a very high honor, whether or not they enter the Hall of Fame. 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.

January 29 - 30, 2010 - **Lottie's Louisiana Hoedown 8th Annual Square & Round Dance Weekend** at the beautiful Ruston Civic Center in north central Louisiana featuring Lottie Ainsworth and Mike Seastrom calling squares and Patti and Ray Wheelington cueing Rounds - Mainstream w/Announced Plus, II-IV Rounds - Friday & Saturday - Early Rounds each night at 7:30 PM, Squares with Rounds at 8:00 PM., Squares & Rounds workshops on Saturday – join us for a full weekend of FUN festivities!!! - PRIZES!!! - VENDORS!! - Rounds WORK SHOPS!!! – Squares WORKSHOPS!!! AFTER PARTY!!! - Shopping, Dining, RV and lodging locations nearby!!! - Registration \$25 per person (\$30 at the door) - Limited Admission - No split sessions - \$5 cancellation fee - No cancellation after January 1, 2010 - Be sure to mention LOTTIE'S LOUISIANA HOEDOWN when you make reservations at these hotels: DIRECTIONS TO CIVIC CENTER: Interstate 20 Exit 85 - go south on Hwy 167 - Civic Center is on west side of Hwy 167 about one mile south of Interstate 20 at 401 North Trenton Street (plenty of free parking). For more information, call (318)249-4157 or email lotTNray@centurytel.net.

February 2010

February 1, 2010 – **Deadline for Extra Mile award nominations.** To show appreciation to both Callers and Cuers who go beyond the norm in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance activity. Nominee must be a member of the Florida Callers Association or the Round Dance Council of Florida. For info: pe.miller@mchsi.com.

February 7, 2010 – **West Coast Membership Dance** – Bartow Civic Center, Bartow - Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: Keith Stevens and area callers and cuers – West Coast Members FREE – guests \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com

February 12 - 13, 2010 – **31st 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 Recreation 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: Jack Lewis - cuers: TBA - advance tickets - \$7 each, tickets at door TBA. For info: www.dixiedancers.net.

February 19 – 20, 2010 – **50th Annual Knothead Konvention** – Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL – caller: Ken Ritucci, cuer: Larry Chatos – Mainstream, Plus and Phase II – IV Rounds - \$25 per Knothead person – split package available at door. For info: 407-894-2227 or flaknothead@bellsouth.net.

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: 96 Floyd Street, Carrollton, KY 41008 or www.59thnsdc.com.

July 2010

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

July 29 – 31, 2010 – **17th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention (Halifax National Festival 2010)** – World Trade & Convention Center, Halifax, Nova Scotia. For info: Ralph & Valerie Brown, 652 Pine Grove Road, Pine Grove, Nova Scotia, Canada, B4V 7Z7; 1-902-543-5278; rwvjbrown@eastlink.ca; www.squaredance.ns.ca.

August 2010

August 15, 2010 – **West Coast Association VIP Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – kick off for the 2010 Fall Fun Fest and recognition of all the volunteers in our activity. Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller: TBA, Cuer: TBA – ALL DANCERS FREE. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

September 2010

September 19, 2010 – **West Coast Association President's Ball** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – installation of new officers - Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller: TBA, cuer: TBA – West Coast Members FREE – guests \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com

November 2010

November 12 – 13, 2010 – **West Coast Association 36th Annual Fall Fun Fest** – 2250 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Advanced/Phase 2 – 4 Rounds – callers: TBA, cuer: TBA – workshops – evening dances - Grand March – vendors – door prizes – after party on Saturday night - \$18 per person in advance - \$20 per person at the door - \$10 per person Friday or Saturday night after 6:00 p.m. - \$15 per person Saturday all day. Blue light special ribbons will be sold at the 2009 Fall Fun Fest.

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 22 - 25, 2011 - **60th National Square Dance Convention** – Cobo Center, One Washington Blvd., Detroit, Michigan - Great Lakes Great Dancing. For info: generalchairman@60nsdc.com; www.60nsdc.com.

June 30 – July 3, 2011 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers** – Atlanta, GA

June 2012

June 27 – 30, 2012 – **61st National Square Dance Convention** – Spokane, WA. For info: www.61nsdc.com.

Links

Associations/Organizations

<http://www.fcallersassoc.org/> (Florida Callers Association)
<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)
www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)
www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd (Florida Singles)
<http://www.callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)
<http://www.americancallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)
<http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)
http://floridadancing.com/html/west_coast_squares.html (West Coast Assn.)
<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA)
<http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)
<http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional & Square Dance [ARTS])

Vendors

<http://usda.fundlinklic.com/> (online shopping mall)
www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)
<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.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores & catalog)
www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

Websites

<http://www.floridadanceweb.com/> (Florida Dance Web)
<http://floridasquaredance.com/> (Florida Federation)

Square Dance Halls

www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Sam Dunn)
<http://web.tampabay.rr.com/jcspin> (Jimmy & Carol Griffin)

Miscellaneous

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

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