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## **Policies:**

1. All items are now due on the Editor's Desk no later than 3pm Central Time, on the Sunday after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.
2. There is no word limit on club reports. **Minor editing is done** for grammar, punctuation, typos, and continuity.
3. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
4. Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area are accepted **only** from the **ASSDF** clubs, organizations and their Callers, and Cuers.

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## **Advertisements :**

All Special Dance flyers are **FREE**, but ads for one's business/job, or other personal ads, are \$10 per month, or \$60 per year. In other words, if you buy a year's worth of ads, it's like you'll get six months free!!

**Advance Payment is required** to the ASSDF Treasurer, before the ad will run. All flyer and ad copy should be sent to the Editor before the deadline that is noted above. Please be sure that all of the information in the flyer, ads, etc., are **correct** before submission for publication.

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



## *President's Message*

Hello Square Dance Aficionados,

What a month!! Cooler weather (sometimes), lots of football, a fabulous festival, and a birthday blast to top it all off! Who could ask for more?!?!

We want to **THANK** Sheila and Rick Gesing, and their team for the countless hours of work that they put in to making our **2024 Fall Festival** such a fun time for all of us. The decorations were outstanding, and quite elegant. We had dancers from California, Illinois, Georgia, Michigan, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas, Louisiana, and, of course, Arkansas.

The weekend kicked off with **8** squares at the Trail End Dance called by Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk, and Joey Duhamel. The Star Steppers put on a tasty burger/hot dog dinner before the dance **THANKS** to Kathy Tankersley, James and Tammy Robertson, and Ramona Huff.

Friday morning, the fun continued...**THANKS** to Nelda Eaton for providing a **Plus workshop** for 2 1/2 hours. A huge **THANK YOU** to Master of Ceremonies Phil Moorehouse, for organizing our local callers who had us dancing mainstream, plus, and lines all afternoon.

After dinner, we had a few round dancers enjoying pre-rounds and then the Grand March, to start us off with **10** squares dancing to the dynamic duo of Tim Tyl and Ken Burke. They had us laughing and dancing all evening! Saturday began with the Delegates meeting, and then more dancing all day. We discovered that the **favorite snack** of

Arkansas square dancers is **Fat Boy Ice Cream Sandwiches** (remembering that for next year!!).

Again, we cannot say **THANK YOU** enough to all who helped with decorations, food, donations of baskets and other goods, providing t-shirts for sale to commemorate the festival, advertising, and making our visitors feel welcome. You made your **74th Arkansas State Festival** a great success! Be on the lookout for information about our **75th Diamond Jamboree!!** **THANKFULLY**, Lanita Hammett has volunteered to be our chairman, and she's already on it!!

When you receive this, you'll probably still be able come celebrate **General Chairman Ted Hofmeister's Birthday** at a fundraiser dance for the **74th National Square Dance Convention @ in HOT SPRINGS on October 30!!** Jack Pladdys will be the caller. If you haven't heard him yet, please come and experience his calling. You'll be glad you did! We've heard there will be some very interesting homemade ice cream and delicious birthday cake. It should be worth your while, no matter how far you need to travel to get there.

(**Note:** A flyer in elsewhere in this issue, as while this is the November 2024 issue, the dance was on the **Special Events Calendar**, after this issue was to be released. DS).

We just attended the **Heber Springers Special Halloween Dance** with **National Caller Dan Nordbye** in Rose Bud. We had a good crowd of three squares, plus some spares. Crazy costumes, spooky decorations, and creative desserts made the evening a great time. And, Kim Deane was kept very busy, signing the new **Arkansas Traveler** program forms! Everyone brought theirs with them. It looks like we'll be buying quite a few of those **Arkansas Traveler** badges this year. We love that enthusiasm!

(**Note:** An ad is elsewhere in this issue, and you can find a PDF file at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources> with more info. DS).

So, what's going on in November? Well, it starts off with a big dance this **Friday, November 1** at the Hut in **Mabelvale** where the **Twirling Lariats** and **Heber Springers** are co-sponsoring a special dance with Phil Moorehouse and Greg Hatmaker (TN) calling. **November 9** is the **Maverick Mixers Veterans Dance** in Mabelvale, and the **Southern**

**Swingers Fall Dance** in Bossier City. The **Pioneers** will have a **Veterans Day Dance** on **November 11**, and a **Thanksgiving Dance** on **November 25**. The **Twirling Funtimers THANKSGIVING M\*A\*S\*H\* Dance** sounds like a good one on **November 20**. Closing out the month, the **Maverick Mixers** will hold their **5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Giving THANKS and Giving Back Dance** on **November 30**.

Don't forget to bring your Arkansas Traveler forms with you when you head to these dances. We've found a good practice is to leave it in your car where you can't forget it. 😊

We are very **THANKFUL** to God for you, **THANKFUL** for your friendship, **THANKFUL** for your generosity, **THANKFUL** for your kindness, and **THANKFUL** for your support of square dance. None of us can square dance alone, so we can all be **THANKFUL** for each other. **THANK YOU**, dancers, callers and cuers, and club leaders. We hope and pray that everyone has a very blessed **THANKSGIVING** celebration with your family and friends. (Psalm 7:17 and Ephesians 1:16).

With **THANKSGIVING**,

*Tom and Kim Fox, ASSD7 President, 2024*

P.S. Don't forget to go vote!!



## Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

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

### Arkansas Clubs, Callers, and Cuers On Facebook:

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

### Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:

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

### Caller and Cuer Websites:

Nelda Eaton

To download the **FREE** e-Edition, you can go to the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

The **full** e-Edition has full color on pictures/ads. The **compact** version is without these for those on **limited** data plans. Photos are from club Facebook groups, or sent in, and all these are in a **separate** PDF file for download (it can be **rather large**). Unless noted within ads, all the E-Edition links are **clickable**. Please let the Editor know if your email changes; or you won't get club updates (special dances, cancellations, changes), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as **"undeliverable"** (over quota mailbox, bad email address, etc.).

## *From The Editor*



The **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival** is now history, and we'd like to thank everyone who attended the three day event, with **The Three Amigos** (Phil Moorehouse, Joey Duhamel, and Gene Gancarczyk) at the **Trail End Dance** on Thursday, Oct. 10, followed by **Arkansas' Callers and Cuers**, plus National Callers **Tim Tyl** and **Ken Burke**, on Oct. 11 and 12. Many thanks also go to the **Maverick Mixers**, **Twirling Lariats**, **Levi's And Lace**, and the **Star Steppers** for hosting the weekend...and a special thanks to the **Star Steppers**, who prepared the hamburger/hot dog dinner prior to the **Trail-End Dance**. Further information on the weekend is in President Tom and Kim Fox's report, located elsewhere in this issue, and over **160** photos are in a **Special Dances e-Edition**. Details on the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival** (the **Diamond Jubilee**) will be posted on the **ASSDF website**, and in **The Modern Square** as soon as possible.

Elsewhere in this issue is info on the **Arkansas Traveler Badge**, plus on the **USDA Youth Scholarship Program**, which is designed for **high school seniors**, or for **college freshmen**, who are **active square, round, contra, or clogging dancers**, plus **members of affiliated clubs**. The **deadline** for the **USDA Youth Scholarship** is **Feb. 1, 2025**. Also in this issue are details on the **2025 ASSDF Dues**. Data for the **USDA Dancer Insurance** for 2025 will be published in the December, 2024 issue.

The **2025 ASSDF Officers** have been elected, and they'll assume their duties on Jan. 1, 2025. They are Tom and Kim Fox as President, Steve and Jean Coy as Vice President, Ted and Tonia Hofmeister as Secretary, Mike and Lanita Hammett as Treasurer, and Daryl Stout as Editor and Webmaster. We also welcome Mike and Ellen Glover Lewis as our new Publicity Chairpersons. A photo of each of the **2025 ASSDF Officers** will be in the January 2025 full e-Edition.

With the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years coming up, clubs will be having holiday dances or going **DARK**. Please call



before you travel, and if you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or if bad weather (thunderstorms with severe weather and/or flooding, or for the snow and ice of winter) is an issue, please stay home.

**Special Dance Photos** for much of **October 2024**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were from the emails, Facebook pages, and special dances from the **Arkansas Fall Festival, Twirling Funtimers, East Texas Square And Round Dance Association (ETSRDA), Heber Springs, Southern Swingers, Twirling Lariats**, and the **Maverick Mixers**. Many thanks go to Anieta England, Regina Turner, Elaine Cox, Judy Schaffner, Tom and Kim Fox, Phyllis Keeney, Mitzi Cunningham Elliot, Cathy Haigwood, Mike and Ellen Glover Lewis, Carolyn Birdsong, Lura Wade, Angie Engledow, Melody Webb Moorehouse, Glinda Torvik, Kim Deane, Millie Marlin, and Daryl Stout for the photos.

Congratulations go to the **Twirling Funtimers** club in Lakeview, which recently celebrated their **53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary** dancing. Many years ago, the Square Rounders club in Little Rock had done square and round dancing for 50 years, with the late Bill Lincoln as their caller. A look back at both clubs and dancers that are "**Gone, But Not Forgotten**" is on the **Resources** page on the **ASSDF website** in the "**In Memoriam**" file.

Please visit our **Facebook** page and our **website** for any last-minute changes/updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas, and contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/185342434341988>

**Website:** <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>

*Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman*



The Time Change is on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024, at 2am local time.

# Where are your special events?

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

## National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2025 - June 25-28, 2025

74<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Shreveport, Louisiana

2026 - June 24-27, 2026

75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Waco, Texas

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

76<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Loveland, Colorado

2028 - June 21-24, 2028

77<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
To Be Announced

Registration Forms for the next **NSDC** are in the full e-Edition. The costs **INCREASE** (and **no refunds**) on May 1 before the next **NSDC**. Links to upcoming **NSDC** websites are located at <https://nsdcnec.com>

**National Squares e-Magazine** is published from August through May in the interest of the **NSDC**, by the host city of the upcoming **NSDC**. Go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> for links to thumbnails of the last **10** issues; then click on the desired issue(s) to view, or download and print the PDF file(s). Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (held prior to the **NSDC**), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (unmarried or without a dance partner), Program Books/Daily Schedules (individual and total), Souvenirs, Vendors, Dance Facilities Map, Wednesday Night Dinner And Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Pre/Post Convention Events, Restaurants, Travel Options, Places To Visit, Various **NSDC** Committees, Upcoming **NSDC** Info, Mobility Scooters, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.

Due to vision issues, I no longer drive, and can't be at dances, etc. unless someone offers transportation. Please advise me if your info (club contact, dance day/time) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website, is wrong; as I can't fix it if I'm not told.

Most of the special dance photos are from club Facebook groups, although not everyone is on Facebook. If nothing's sent in or posted, nothing's published in The Modern Square, or on the ASSDF website. There's no word limit on club reports, but minor editing is done for typos, grammar, and continuity. The issue publication deadline is 3pm, US Central Time, on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.

If emails to you are returned, due to your box being full/over quota, or the address isn't valid, you won't receive notices on Modern Square releases or ASSDF club updates, until you contact me with updated info. Please let me know if you no longer want these emails.

Please CALL BEFORE TRAVELING, in case of last minute changes or cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or if weather is an issue, please stay home.

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will EVER send emails, Facebook messages, etc., asking for money, gift cards, etc.; those are SCAMS! Clubs with Facebook pages MUST police them, as scammers are posting things like "club T-Shirts", "death of a celebrity", "deleting all inactive members", "wanting part time work," (NOTHING to do with square dancing). These posts/emails have viruses to steal your identity, delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, where you'd have to pay a HUGE cost to get it back.

If you see these emails, DELETE them. And, if you see these ads, DON'T click on ANY part of them. Instead, report them to the group administrators, so the post can be deleted, and the poster can be banned from the group. Then, BLOCK that person in your email spam filter, and your Facebook profile. This helps keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity/data stolen, your Facebook page could get hacked, or you could be "left on the hook, financially".

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE CONVENTION \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA I, (Mountain Home, Lakeview)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA II, (Fort Smith, Charleston)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA III, (New Boston, TX; Shreveport, LA)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA IV, (Hot Springs, White Hall)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA V, (Little Rock, Benton)

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 AREA VI, (Judsonia, Rose Bud)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

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 OTHER STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### ARKANSAS TRAVELER

- ALL dancers who have earned their Arkansas Traveler badge and/or Dangle, or Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle will be listed in the State Festival Program each year.
- All dancers who have earned 10 Dangles will receive a 10 year bar.
- See [www.arkansassquaredance.com](http://www.arkansassquaredance.com) for a listing of clubs within the state.
- Only one card is needed per person or per couple.
- The awards will be made at the State Festival.

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 Earn an Arkansas Traveler Badge

1. Earn 5 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states, and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. Have this card signed and dated by a Club Officer in the Area visited.
3. Present your completed card to your club president by September 10.
4. You may earn only one badge or dangle per person per year.

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 Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle

1. Earn 7 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. All other rules are the same as above.



## PURPOSE

The United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers' organization – awards merit-based scholarships to students who have shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement, including square dance, round dance, contra and clogging, and are members of an affiliated club.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

The United Square Dancers of America Founders Memorial Youth Fund expects to award one or more Foundation Scholarships on the basis of merit to high school seniors or college freshmen who are active square, round, contra or clog dancers, and

- Have a record of volunteer service in square dancing, and/or school, sporting or other social organizations such as church, 4-H, FFA, scouting or similar groups.
- Have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills.

## CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Each nominee must:

- Be an active square, round, contra or clogging dancer who is a member of an affiliated club;
- Be a high school senior or college freshman planning to continue their education;
- Submit a Nomination Form signed by the President of the applicant's USDA affiliate organization, and;
- Be committed to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The following items are required for each nominee:

- Completed application.
- Signed nomination form from USDA Affiliate Organization President (download form from USDA website)
- Three letters of recommendation – One from your local square dance club of which you are a member, plus two more which can come from representatives of square dance clubs, schools, church, social clubs or long time acquaintances.
- Applicant's essay of approximately 500 words on the subject "*The impact square dancing has had on my life.*"
- If additional space is required additional pages can be attached.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE** The complete nomination package must be received by **February 1.**

## SELECTION PROCEDURES

A committee will review all nominations and selects the recipient(s) on the basis of

- Extent and quality of service to square, round, contra or clog dancing
- Leadership record for all activities.
- Demonstrated dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement.
- Future leadership potential, communication skills, and the likelihood of "making a difference" in square dancing

## SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced in June each year at the Annual USDA Board of Directors meeting held in conjunction with the National Square Dance Convention®

Visit the **USDA website** located at <https://www.usda.org/Youth.php> to download the scholarship application form, the affiliate nomination form, and the Scholarship Donation form. The **deadline** is Feb. 1.





**It is that time of year again for all ASSDF member clubs to update their annual enrollment!**

As you are aware, the ASSDF is the central organization that helps guide square dancing in the state of Arkansas. In addition, the ASSDF puts on an annual **Fall Festival** to bring the state dancers together under one roof, sponsors the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation (ASSDF) website to provide square dancing information to all individuals, publishes **The Modern Square** (published monthly), letting all know what the Clubs are doing, and helps Clubs to obtain insurance through the **USDA Dancer Insurance Program**.

The **2025 annual membership fee** is \$20, and it's due to the ASSDF Treasurer by January 1, 2025. Please make the check payable to the ASSDF, and mail to:

Sheila Gesing  
9760 Grant 7  
Sheridan, AR 72150

**IMPORTANT! In order for a Club to participate in the USDA Dancers Insurance Program, the Club must be a member of the ASSDF.** This insurance program provides Accident Medical Insurance, which helps supplement a dancer's existing medical insurance; and Liability insurance, which protects the club and its members from financial loss due to unforeseen accidents, which may develop into litigation against members and organizations.

To review the coverage in its entirety...including who and what is covered, limits of coverage, and period of coverage, among other items, go to <https://www.usda.org/Insurance.php>

**Unfortunately, the USDA has not released the annual individual dancer premium cost as of this publication.** The annual ASSDF insurance packet will be issued when the USDA provides the **2025 insurance rates**. We hope to be able to mail the insurance packets by November 15.

In the insurance information packet, there will be a blank club roster form to designate the paying insurance members. Please note any change in the venue you dance at, or if there has been a change in the insurance contact personnel when you return the roster.

Please remember if there are dancers within your club who are members of **multiple clubs**, the insurance fee **will only be paid once**. If you do not receive the insurance mailout by December 1, please contact ASSDF Treasurer and Insurance Coordinator, Sheila Gesing at 512-968-4876.

The ASSDF appreciates every clubs participation in our state organization and welcomes all feedback on how we can make the organization better to support the backbone of our organization...the Clubs!

**USDA Club Dancer Insurance:** <https://www.usda.org/Insurance.php>

# Special Dances/Festivals

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

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

Please send flyers on out of state dances and festivals to the Editor at [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com)

Flyers not yet on the **ASSDF website** will be placed there as soon as possible; and will be noted here, once they're online. Website URLs, if known, are noted with the dance listing. You can also find this info on the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

## *ASSDF Club Special Dances*

NOVEMBER 2024

**Nov. 1, 2024 – Twirling Lariats and Heber Springers Special Dance**, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Phil Moorehouse and Greg Hatmaker (Tennessee).

**Nov. 9, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Honor Our Veterans Dance**. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and

Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Plus Workshop at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. All Veterans will be recognized at the dance. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 9, 2024 – Southern Swingers November Fall Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 11, 2024 – Pioneers Veteran’s Day Dance**. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

**Nov. 20, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Thanksgiving M\*A\*S\*H\* Special Dance**. Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Dance at 6pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 25, 2024 – Pioneers Thanksgiving Week Special Dance**. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

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

**Nov. 28, 2024 – Swingin’ Cavaliers are DARK** tonight.

**Nov. 30, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Giving Thanks and Giving Back Dance**. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Plus Workshop at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.



## DECEMBER 2024

**Dec. 14, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Ho-Ho-Ho Hoedown Christmas Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mann Road and Leah Lane, Little Rock, AR. Plus Workshop at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Dec. 14, 2024 – Southern Swingers Christmas Dance,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Joey Duhamel.

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

**Dec. 21, 2024 – Bluebird Squares Santa And His Elf Christmas Dance.** Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Carolyn Birdsong and Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

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

**Dec. 28, 2024 – Maverick Mixers End Of The Year Celebration Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Plus Workshop at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## JANUARY 2025

**Jan. 3, 2025** – The Twirling Lariats are **DARK** tonight.

**Jan. 4, 2025** – **The Three Amigos Yellowrocks Alive in 2025 Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, and Gene Gancarczyk. See the flyer in the full e-Edition and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Jan. 11, 2025** – **Southern Swingers Special Dance,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Ken Burke.

## FEBRUARY 2025

**Feb. 8, 2025** – **Southern Swingers Special Dance,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Joey Duhamel.

## MARCH 2025

**March 8, 2025** – **Southern Swingers Special Dance,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

## APRIL 2025

**April 12, 2025** – **Southern Swingers Special Dance,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Ken Burke.

## MAY 2025

**May 10, 2025 – Southern Swingers Special Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl.

## JULY 2025

**July 12, 2025 – Southern Swingers Special Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl.

## AUGUST 2025

**Aug. 9, 2025 – Southern Swingers Special Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Mike Bramlett.

## SEPTEMBER 2025

**Sep. 13, 2025 – Southern Swingers Special Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl.

## OCTOBER 2025

**Oct. 9-11, 2025 – 75<sup>th</sup> ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival**, White Hall, AR. Sponsored by the Maverick Mixers. Trail-End Dance Thursday, Oct. 9. Friday Night (Oct. 10) Caller: Justin Russell. Saturday Night (Oct. 11) Caller: Charlie Robertson. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Further details to follow as soon as possible.

## NOVEMBER 2025

**Nov. 8, 2025 – Southern Swingers Special Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl.

## DECEMBER 2025

**Dec. 13, 2025 – Southern Swingers Special Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Joey Duhamel.

### *Special Dances/Festivals Outside Arkansas*

## NOVEMBER 2024

**Nov. 3, 2024 – Benefit Dance for Joe Saltel**, Fort Worth, TX. NTCA Callers and Cuers. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 7, 2024 – Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

## DECEMBER 2024

**Dec. 1, 2024 – ETSRDA Toys For Tots Dance**, Mineola, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Dec. 6-7, 2024 – NTCA Callers Calvacade and NORTEX 2024 Round Toys On Parade Dance**, Richardson, TX. NTCA Callers Calvacade on Dec. 6, Toys On Parade Dance Dec. 7. Featured Caller: Jet Roberts. Staff Callers: Vernon and Kayla Jones. Staff Cuers: Lucy and Jerry Pate. Donations will be taken for Toys For Tots at the Dec. 7 dance. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Dec. 7, 2024 – 74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ® Fund Raiser Dance**, Bossier City, LA. Callers: Joey Duhamel, Tim Tyl, and Phil Moorehouse. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Dec. 19, 2024 – Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Dec. 31, 2024 – Single Hinge and Mineola Railers New Year's Eve Dance**, Mineola, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Dec. 31, 2024 – Log Cabin Swingers New Year's Eve Dance**, Tool, TX. Callers: Scott Bennett and David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Dec. 31, 2024 – Greater Memphis Square And Round Dance Association (GMS&RDA) Out With The Old And In With The New, New Years Eve Dance**, Bartlett, TN. Caller: Travis Cook. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## JANUARY 2025

**Jan. 24-25, 2025 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Butler Bash Plus And Advanced Square and Round Dance Weekend**, Center For

Rural Development Convention Center, Somerset, KY. Callers: Jack Pladdys, Travis Cook, Tom Davis. Guest Caller: Tony Oxendine. Cuers: Elaine Wintrow. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://www.generalbutlerbash.com>

## MARCH 2025

**March 14-15, 2025 – 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Texas Association Of Single Square Dancers (TASSD) Round-Up**, Waco, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuers: Marilyn and Jerral Waguespack. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or to go <https://tassd.org>

**March 20-22, 2025 – 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ® Pre-Convention Spectacular**, Waco, TX. Trail End Dance Thursday – Callers: Chet Miles and Dale Smith. Main Dance Friday and Saturday – Callers: Tony Oxendine, Charlie Robertson, and Vernon Jones. BBQ Dinner prior to Friday evening dance. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**March 28-29, 2025 -- East Texas Square And Round Dance Association (ETSRDA) Diamond Jubilee Spring Festival**, Marshall, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**March 28-29, 2025 – 72<sup>nd</sup> Heart Of America Federation Festival**, Independence, MO. Caller: Jet Roberts. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## JUNE 2025

**June 12-15, 2025 – 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas State Federation Promenade To Friendship Festival**, Temple, TX. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 25-28, 2025 – 74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**  
®, Shreveport, Louisiana. A Registration Form is in the full e-  
Edition, on the **ASSDF website**, and at <https://74thnsdc.com>

## JUNE 2026

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

## JUNE 2027

**June 23-26, 2027 – 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**  
®, Loveland, Colorado. More info, as well as an Early Bird  
Registration Form are at <https://76nsdc.com>

# *Club Reports*

## **Bluebird Squares**

We'll be dancing on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm! Hope ya'll can come!

I hope you'll mark December 21<sup>st</sup> on your calendar! That's when we'll have our **Santa and His Elf Christmas Dance**, from 7pm to 9:30pm! I'm always so honored to have Santa Phil Moorehouse share the stage with me! He's awesome! You know when Phil's around, it's gonna be **FUN!**

We'll also have my famous taco soup, perfectly seasoned (**not hot**), sing along Christmas music for the tips, just regular music for the line dances, a surprise for the dancers, and the very popular **Redneck 12 Days of Christmas** performed by the Bluebird Squares Choir! In fact, there's so much going on, we had to add an extra 30 minutes for the fun! See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Between the **Fall Festival** and the **Maverick Mixers' Halloween Dance**, and all the great dances in-between, I was able to dance my little feet off last month! Lol! I had a great October!

I've had a wonderful time with all my birds, but I am a little sad now, because the Bluebirds have gone away for a little while; but they will be back! I've had a few still come to my Birdfy feeder/camera to snack on the dried mealworms, and I wonder if they are from another bluebird family.

Still only \$5 each! Ya'll come laugh, eat and dance with us! I would love to see ya'll!

*Carolyn Birdsong*

## **Heber Springers**

Three squares of dancers (along with a few extra dancers) joined us for our annual **Dan Nordbye Special Dance** on Oct. 25. Also, some of our dancers attended the **Maverick Mixers Groovie Goolies Dance** on Oct. 26. Several photos can be found in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Several of our dancers also attended the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival** in White Hall in October...with our own Phil Moorehouse being joined by Gene Gancarczyk and Joey Duhamel (together, The Three Amigos) at the Trail End Dance on Oct. 10...then dancing to Arkansas' callers and cuers on Oct. 11-12, joined by National Callers Tim Tyl and Ken Burke. Several photos are in the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival Special Dances e-Edition**.

We'll be co-sponsoring a **special dance** with the **Twirling Lariats** on Friday, November 1, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale, with our own Phil Moorehouse joined by caller Greg Hatmaker from Tennessee.

The Heber Springers hope that everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving!!

*Kim Deane*



## Levi's And Lace

Several dancers attended the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival** in White Hall last month. Our own Gene Gancarczyk was joined by fellow callers of The Three Amigos, Phil Moorehouse, and Joey Duhamel, for the Trail-End Dance on Oct. 10. The fun continued Oct. 11 and 12, with Arkansas' Callers and Cuers in the afternoon; with dancing to National Callers Tim Tyl and Ken Burke in the evenings. Several photos are in the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival Special Dances e-Edition**.

Several dancers, along with our own Gene and Carolyn Gancarczyk, traveled to the **Maverick Mixers Groovie Goolies** dance on **Oct. 26**. There were 3 squares, and a wide variety of costumes, which made for a fun evening. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

The Levi's And Lace wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!

*Phyllis Keeney*

## Maverick Mixers

It's always a good time for a square dance, and this month also has the time change back to Standard Time. I hope everyone remembers to "Fall Back" on Nov. 3, or they'll be an hour early to church, work, appointments, school, square dances, etc. While it gets darker earlier, it does mean cooler weather, as we head toward winter. Personally, I wish they would just decide on one time, and leave it there, as it gets so confusing!!

Several of our dancers attended the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival** in White Hall last month, with our own Phil Moorehouse being one of "The Three Amigos", joining Gene Gancarczyk and Joey Duhamel at the Trail End Dance on Oct. 10. Then, we danced to Arkansas' Callers and Cuers on Oct. 11-12, with the evening dances done by National Callers Ken Burke and Tim Tyl. Congratulations to our own Millie Marlin, who won the beautiful quilt, made by fellow dancer Tammy Robertson. A group photo is in the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival Special Dances e-Edition**.

We had **3** squares at our **Halloween Groovie Goolies Dance** on Oct. 26, with dancers in both square dance attire, and costumes. Visitors at the dance included dancers from the **Blue Belles and Beaus, Bluebird Squares, Heber Springers, Levi's And Lace, Star Steppers,** and from the **Twirling Lariats**. There were **3** Visiting callers...Ron Wise, Gene Gancarczyk, and Carolyn Birdsong. There was even a square with "3 Carols" in it...Carolyn Birdsong, Carolyn Gancarczyk, and Carol Souza. Over **75** photos from the dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with some videos on our Facebook page.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join caller Greg Hatmaker from Tennessee, on Friday, Nov. 1, at our regular dance place, American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale, starting at 7pm. The dance is sponsored by both the **Heber Springers,** and the **Twirling Lariats**.

We have 2 special dances this month. First, on **Nov. 9,** we'll have our **Honor Veterans Dance**...and every one who's a veteran, will be recognized and honored. We appreciate all of these folks for their service to their country. Then, on **Nov. 30,** we'll have our **Giving Thanks and Giving Back Dance** (to dance off all that good holiday food), with donations accepted for a charity to be announced.

Then, December, 2024 also has 2 special dances planned. First, on **Dec. 14,** is our **Ho-Ho-Ho Hoedown Christmas Dance**. Then, we'll finish off the year with an **End Of Year Celebration Dance** on **Dec. 28**. And, we'll start the new year off right with "**The Three Amigos Yellowrocks Alive In 2025**" Dance on **Jan. 4, 2025**...with our own Phil Moorehouse joined by fellow callers Joey Duhamel and Gene Gancarczyk, at our regular dance place.

Flyers for each of these are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under Upcoming Events.

We're thankful for everyone in this wonderful hobby, both dancers and officers of the club, and for the **ASSDF**. Those working behind the scenes make the hobby enjoyable for the rest of us. I personally am thankful that I wasn't hurt (aside from a minor neck strain), having been in an accident, on taking Lyft back from a doctor's appointment last month. While I had the card for the appointment, they either forgot

to enter it into the computer, or it got deleted...but at least I got a flu shot while there, and I was able to reschedule the appointment.

We dance on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month, unless otherwise noted, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane, at the intersection of Mann Road and Leah Lane...with our own Phil Moorehouse calling a great dance. The Maverick Mixers wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!

*Daryl Stout*

## **Pioneers**

The Pioneers had a wonderful time dancing at Sycamore Springs Retirement Home on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, and they have invited us to return soon. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Right after this issue came out, we had a **special Halloween Dance** with **National Caller Dan Nordbye**, who had called on the Friday before our dance, at the **Heber Springers**...see their club report for details.

We'll have a **Veterans Day Dance** on Monday, **Nov. 11**...with our **Thanksgiving Week Dance** on Monday, Nov. 25, and our Christmas Week Dance on Monday, **Dec. 23**. We hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

*Becky Hestand*

## **River City Squares**

Our class is now underway...we'll be having our **Halloween Dance** on **Oct. 29**, just after this issue was to be released. Costumes are optional...please bring your favorite Halloween candy to share. Pictures will be in the December, 2024 Special Dances e-Edition.

*Jody King*

## Southern Swingers

We start this report on a sad note, with the loss one of our dancers recently, Donald Walter Corliss...our condolences to his family and friends.

These 5 ladies celebrated birthdays recently...from left to right in the photo in the Special Dances e-Edition...Valerie Watts, Isabell Robinson, Pam Bruhnke, April Bohannon, and Monica Campbell.

We want to thank everyone for coming to the Northwest Louisiana Square And Round Dance Association Fundraiser Dance on Oct. 5...with Tim Tyl doing the squares, and Ken Vantiger cueing the rounds. Photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition. Several dancers also attended the recent **Arkansas State Square Dance Federation (ASSDF) Fall Festival** in White Hall, Arkansas...with callers Ken Burke and Tim Tyl calling the Friday and Saturday evening dances.

This month, we have our **November Fall Dance** on **Nov. 9**, with Guest Caller Tim Tyl...a flyer is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under Upcoming Events. Our own Joey Duhamel will do our **Christmas Dance** on **Dec. 14**. Then, for 2025, here are the planned special dances:

Jan. 11 and April 12 will have Ken Burke...Feb. 8 and Dec. 13 will have Joey Duhamel...March 8 and July 12 will have Phil Moorehouse...May 10, Sep. 13, and Nov. 8 will have Tim Tyl...and Aug. 9 will have Mike Bramlett. We'll have flyers for these on the **ASSDF website** as soon as possible.

We'll be traveling to the following regional special dances in 2025...the **East Texas Square And Round Dance Association (ETSRDA) Festival** in Marshall, TX on March 22-23...the **Texas State Federation Dance** in Temple, TX on June 12-15...the **74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention (R)** in Shreveport, Louisiana on June 25-28, and the **Arkansas State Square Dance Federation (ASSDF) Fall Festival Diamond Jamboree** on Oct. 9-11.

We dance each Tuesday at 7pm, with special dances on the 2nd Saturday at 7pm, at Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, in Bossier City, Louisiana, with Joey Duhamel as our regular dance caller.

Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064404143648> for more updates, photos, etc.

*Carole Baker*

## Twirling Funtimers

We have 3 photos in the Special Dances e-Edition, that didn't make last month's deadline, but they're from our Glo Graduation Dance. Congratulations to Dianne Voltz, and we welcome her to the world of square dancing. Several dancers attended the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival** in White Hall, and you can see several photos in the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival** e-Edition.

On Oct. 16, we had our **Anniversary Dance**, celebratinbg **53** years of square dancing in Arkansas, with our own Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman calling, and our own Marge Sherrill cueing the round dancing. Guests for this evenings dance came from southern Arkansas, Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, Secretary of the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, and Larry and Becky Patterson from Greenwood, Arkansas. We had 2 squares, and a pleasant evening visiting and dancing. A few photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

This month is our **Thanksgiving dance**, with a **M\*A\*S\*H** theme on **Nov. 20**, with our own Donna Gellenbeck doing the square dancing, and our own Marge Sherrill cueing the round dancing. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Then, our own Ken Jarman will join us on **Dec. 18** for our **Christmas Dance**. Note that we'll be **DARK** on Nov. 27 for **Thanksgiving**, and on **Dec. 25** for **Christmas**.

We dance at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, at 14 Skyles Lane in Lakeview, Arkansas, each Wednesday at 6pm, unless otherwise noted. We'll announce our **2025 Special Dance Schedule** as soon as possible. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers> on Facebook.

*Anieta England*

## Twirling Lariats

We had a good time at our Oct. 18, 2024 dance...a couple of photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with several videos on our Facebook page. Several of our dancers attended the **Maverick Mixers Groovie Goolies Dance** on **Oct. 26**, and there was a wide selection of costumes there...see their club report for details.

The **Heber Springers** and our club are sponsoring a **special dance** on Friday, **Nov. 1**, at our regular dance location, American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), in Mabelvale, with callers Phil Moorehouse and Greg Hatmaker from Tennessee, starting at 7pm.

We wish our fellow dancers a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!!

*Roger Garner*

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Is your club planning on doing New Dancer Lessons soon?? If so, please email the class info at least a month before the classes begin, to [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) – the info will be at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> on the **ASSDF website**, and in **The Modern Square**.

Info needed is the date, time, location, caller/cuer/instructor, plus a contact person for info. These can be square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging. A dance partner is normally not required, but check with the contact person noted to be sure.

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

No new classes/lessons known of at this time.

# Club Directory

Note that **USDA Insurance** for clubs is due by December 1 of each year, and **Club ASSDF Membership Dues** is due by January 1 of each year. Please contact the ASSDF Treasurer for more information.

Clubs that are **DARK** may still be in the **Google Events Calendar** on the **ASSDF website** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>), but call before traveling to see if they're dancing that evening.

Note that clubs that are **DANCING** may have to cancel a regular dance, or change the dance days, times, and locations, at the last minute, or during certain times of the year, for various reasons.

Again, **please call before you travel** to avoid making the trip for nothing. And, if you feel ill, or if bad weather is an issue on a dance night, please stay home.

Please advise the Editor if info for the clubs noted, or for the info in the Callers And Cuers section (following this listing), is wrong; or if your club is changing their dance dates, times, locations, etc.

Lastly, check with the caller, cuer, or club contact for the dance level, if the club has a pre-dance workshop, admission cost, and if the club is "couples only" or welcomes singles (not married, or without a dance partner).

## Benton

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

## **Charleston**

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

Hug Chevrolet, 415 East Main

Callers: Anita Vandergriff and Ron Keeling

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

Contact: Ron Keeling (479) 629-4736

## **Fort Smith**

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

Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road

Caller: Jay King

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

## **Hot Springs**

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

Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport  
Road

Caller: Gene Gancarczyk

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

## **Judsonia**

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

**DANCING**

Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

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



## **Lakeview**

Twirling Funtimers – Wednesday, 6pm to 8pm **DANCING**

Mainstream/Plus, with Round Dance Phases 1, 2, and 3

Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane -- \$7 per

person (Special Dances on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman

Cuer: Marge Sherrill

Contact: Anieta England (870) 449-5135

## **Little Rock (Mabelvale)**

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

**DANCING**

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

Caller: Joey Duhamel

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

Maverick Mixers – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 7pm

**DANCING**

Mainstream with announced Plus

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

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

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

## **Mountain Home**

Pioneers – Monday, 6:30pm **DANCING**

Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, 511 Coley Drive

Caller: Roy Hestand

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

## **Rose Bud**

Heber Springers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

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

## **White Hall (Pine Bluff)**

Star Steppers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7pm **DANCING**

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

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

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

## **Bossier City, LA (Shreveport)**

Southern Swingers – Tuesday, 7pm (Special Dances 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday) **DANCING**

Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Contact: Alitia Becker, 8008 Cardigan Way, Shreveport, LA  
71129 (318) 547-9478

Contact: Carole Becker (318) 780-3997

## **New Boston, TX (Texarkana)**

Guys And Dolls – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**

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

Caller: Nelda Eaton

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

# Arkansas Club Callers And Cuers

**Birdsong, Carolyn**

28912 Bandy Road  
Little Rock, AR 72223  
(501) 813-7239

M: Yes

[Arkansas.bluebird@yahoo.com](mailto:Arkansas.bluebird@yahoo.com)

*Bluebird Squares*

**Bownderville, Boyce**

(870) 530-2444

M/P

*Pistols N Petticoats*

**Duhamel, Joey**

479 Company Farm Road  
Baskin, LA 71219  
Cell: 870- 209-3646

[jdcalls@yahoo.com](mailto:jdcalls@yahoo.com)

M/P

*Twirling Lariats*

*Southern Swingers*

**Eaton, Nelda**

P.O. Box 1118  
New Boston, TX 75570  
Home: (903) 628-2425  
Cell: (903) 278-8068

M/P

[EatonSDCaller@gmail.com](mailto:EatonSDCaller@gmail.com)

*Guys And Dolls*

**King, Jay and Jody**

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There are flyers for the following **ASSDF Club Special Dances** as well as dances for the National Square Dance Convention ®) at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> and in the full e-Edition.

**Maverick Mixers Honor Veterans Dance**, Nov. 9, 2024, Mabelvale, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse

**Southern Swingers November Fall Dance**, Nov. 9, 2024, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl

**Twirling Funtimers Thanksgiving Dance with a M\*A\*S\*H theme**, Nov. 20, 2024, Lakeview, AR. Callers: Ken Jarman and Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill

**Maverick Mixers Giving Thanks And Giving Back Dance**, Nov. 30, 2024, Mabelvale, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse

**Maverick Mixers Ho-Ho-Ho Holiday Hoedown Dance**, Dec. 14, 2024, Mabelvale, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse

**Southern Swingers Christmas Dance**, Dec. 14, 2024, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Joey Duhamel

**Twirling Funtimers Christmas Dance**, Dec. 18, 2024, Lakeview, AR. Callers: Ken Jarman and Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill

**Bluebird Squares Santa And His Elf Christmas Dance**, Dec. 21, 2024, Benton, AR. Caller: Carolyn Birdsong

**Maverick Mixers End Of Year Celebration Dance**, Dec. 28, 2024, Mabelvale, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse

**The Three Amigos Yellowrocks Alive in 2025 Dance**, Jan. 4, 2025, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Callers: Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, and Gene Gancarczyk

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You can download the e-Edition (full or compact)), as well as photos from recent Club Special Dances, at the **ASSDF website**, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> -- note that a PDF viewer is required to view these files, and the Club Special Dance Photos file noted can be rather large.

## ***Club Special Dance Photos In The Last Month***

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

Due to **space limitations, photo quality, or page formatting**, I can't use all of them sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view them (and videos, where available) on the various Facebook pages (including the **ASSDF** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group). Also, note that **not everyone** is on Facebook.

**Special Dance Photos** for much of **October 2024**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were from the emails, Facebook pages, and special dances from the **Arkansas Fall Festival, Twirling Funtimers, ETSRDA, Southern Swingers, Heber Springers, Twirling Lariats, and the Maverick Mixers.**

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Note that photos from the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival** are in a **separate Special Dances e-Edition.**