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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.

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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President's Message

BOO!! 🎃

Hey, everybody! Are you loving this cooler weather?!? We certainly are. We're looking forward to some scary looking dancers this month. (Well, at least at the end of the month).

September was fun with the 50's dances going on and some visiting dancers from times past. Roy called for the Maverick Mixers, and all of his sisters showed up. They were a lot of fun, especially when his sister and brother-in-law from Monticello danced for the first time in years and years. And folks, they've still got it! It was so much fun, and we hope we convinced them to join us in White Hall. Then, this week we drove up to visit the Twirling Funtimers in Lakeview. What a beautiful area and a great group!! They actually had a student Dianne Voltz graduate on Wednesday and we took part in a really fun "glow in the dark" dance celebration. Going to remember that idea for future graduations. We joined Levi's and Lace last night for their dance, and found ourselves dancing with another dancer who's returned after about eight years. It's so good to see new and returning dancers around the state. Hope you'll greet them a big yellow rock and hearty welcome to a square sometime soon!

Sadly, we lost Royce Beesley this month to cancer. Royce served as **ASSDF President** for two terms. He and Cathy were such fun to dance with, and they loved square dancing so much. Please join us in praying for Cathy and the rest of the family during this stressful time.

And now, it's time for the **ASSDF Fall Festival, Twirling Under the**

Stars, October 11-12 with the Trail End Dance on October 10 in Whitehall. In case you have not heard, the Star Steppers are offering dinner on Thursday night, October 10 from 5pm to 7pm for \$10 per person. You'll find all the info in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**...but you **MUST RSVP by October 4** (this Friday), so they'll have plenty of food. There'll be a concession stand, with snacks available the rest of the weekend. We hope you'll look elsewhere in this issue, and the **ASSDF website**, to see the entire schedule for the weekend. There'll be so much fun and so many opportunities to dance, shop, eat, fellowship, and dance some more. Don't forget to save your local receipts to turn in at the dance for prize drawings. We hope you will come to enjoy every minute of the weekend, and leave wishing it lasted longer.

What else is going on in October? The **River City Squares** start their **lessons** in Fort Smith on **October 1**, with the **Twirling Funtimers Anniversary Dance** on **October 16** in Lakeview, and the **Heber Springers Dan Nordbye Dance** on **October 25** in Rosebud. To close out the month, the **Maverick Mixers Groovie Goolies Dance** is on October 26 in Mabelvale, followed by the **Pioneers Halloween Special Dance with Dan Nordbye** on **October 28** in Mountain Home. And, last but certainly not least...come celebrate **74th National Square Dance Convention ® (NSDC) General Chairman Ted Hofmeister's Birthday** at a fundraiser for the **74th NSDC** in Hot Springs on **October 30**, with Jack Pladdys as the caller.

As you can see, your dancing shoes can really get a workout this month! Come out and support your clubs, and get in (or stay in) great shape all at the same time! Fliers for these dances are elsewhere in this issue, and at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> (the **ASSDF website** under Upcoming Events). Keep dancing and welcoming others to come join the fun. See you in White Hall and around the state!

Yellow Rocks,

Tom and Kim Fox, ASSDF President, 2024

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 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, Jubilee Squares, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Star Steppers, Swinging Cavaliers, The Three Amigos, Twirling Funtimers, & 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

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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



We start this month on a sad note, mourning the loss of one of the past **ASSDF Presidents**, Royce Beesley. Both Royce and his wife, Cathy, were past presidents of the **ASSDF**, and did a lot of work in the hobby for many years. Our thoughts and prayers to Cathy and the family during this time of loss. A file, “**In Memoriam**” of callers, cuers, taws, dancers, and clubs, that are “Gone, But Not Forgotten”, is on the **ASSDF website** under **Resources** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>).

The spammers, scammers, and trolls are making the rounds again in the Facebook Groups. If you see posts which are noting "square dance T-Shirts", "we're deleting inactive members", "looking for work" (nothing related to square dancing), or "the death of a celebrity", **DON'T CLICK ON THE LINK!!** It's designed as clickbait and malware/ransomware to go onto your computer, steal your identity, leave you "holding the bag financially", and locking your computer where you'd have to pay in the millions of dollars to get your data back...and **there's no guarantee that you'd get the data back, after you paid the ransom!!**

Instead, report the post to the group administrators as **Spam**, then **Block** that individual from your profile, and **hide** any further posts from them. If you are a group administrator or moderator, **YOU ARE DERELICT IN YOUR DUTIES**, as well as endangering the lives of yourself and other group participants, if you are not policing the postings of your group!! In short, **there will be a ton of people who regret it if someone clicks on one of these links!!**

I strongly suggest that you set all posts to "pre-approval", meaning that the moderators must pre-approve all postings. If you see one of these scam/spam/clickbait posts, delete it, and ban the poster from the group. However, if you recognize it as a legitimate square dancer, then you can set it to pre-approve any future postings from them.

The month of the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival** is finally here!! If you did **not** register by October 1, then prices at the door will be **higher**; plus lodging and camping accommodations may **not** be available, especially since there's a football game in the region that weekend. Note that some clubs will be **DARK** for the **ASSDF Fall Festival**. Flyers for the **Trail-End Dance** (as well as a **hamburger/hotdog cookout beforehand**) on Oct. 10, plus a registration form and dance schedule, are elsewhere in this issue, and at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>. For more info, please see the **ASSDF President's Letter** that's elsewhere in this issue. The November, 2024 e-Editions will have a report on the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival**, with the info on the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival** posted in **The Modern Square**, and on the **ASSDF website** as soon as possible.

There are other special dances inside and outside Arkansas, aside from the **ASSDF Fall Festival**, and these are in the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, and at the URL noted above. With the holidays coming up, some **ASSDF Clubs** may be **DARK**, so please **Call Before You Travel**, in case of **last-minute changes/cancellations**. And, if you're not feeling well on a dance night, or if severe weather or winter weather is an issue, please stay home, for the safety of all concerned.

Many Arkansas dancers are on the staff of "Dancin' On The Wild Side", the theme for the **74th National Square Dance Convention**® (NSDC) that's set for June 25-28, 2025, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Our own Ted and Tonia Hofmeister as General Chairpersons, with our own Phil and Melody Moorehouse as Publicity Chairpersons, along with several other dancers in the Arklatex Region that are all working very hard for a successful NSDC...considered the pinnacle of every square dancer's hobby. Further details are in **National Squares Online** (the URL is elsewhere in this issue). A **Special Fundraiser Dance** will be in Hot Springs on Wednesday, Oct. 30, with National Caller Jack Pladdys, and it'll be a **Special Birthday Bash** for **74th NSDC** General Chairperson Ted Hofmeister. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>) for more info.

The **River City Squares** start lessons on Oct. 1. Please see the flier at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers>, plus elsewhere in this issue for more info. If your club is planning lessons, please send the info to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com as soon as possible before the lessons start, so I can get the info published. Lessons are the

“life blood” to keep a club and the hobby going...and you learn much more when you go through as an angel, especially after you’ve just graduated...plus, it’s a way to “give back to the hobby”, as well as make new friends.

In upcoming issues, will be info on the **2025 USDA Insurance**, as well as the **2025 ASSDF Club Dues**, and that will be provided by **ASSDF Insurance Advisor and Treasurer**, Sheila Gesing. Further details are at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

Special Dance Photos for September 2024, which are downloadable from <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were from the emails, reports, Facebook pages, and special dances from the **NEOSDA Square Dance Grapevine**, **NORTEX**, **River City Squares**, **Twirling Lariats**, **Twirling Funtimers**, and the **Maverick Mixers**.

Thanks to Elaine Cox, Jody King, Carolyn Birdsong, Mike Lewis, Tom and Kim Fox, plus Daryl Stout for the photos.

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

Editor’s Email: assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

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

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

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman



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

74th NSDC Host City:
Shreveport, Louisiana

2026 - June 24-27, 2026

75th NSDC Host City:
Waco, Texas

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

76th NSDC Host City:
Loveland, Colorado

2028 - June 21-24, 2028

77th NSDC Host City:
To Be Announced

Registration Forms for the next **NSDC** are elsewhere in this issue. 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



In Memory of Royce Beesley, Past ASSDF President

The Arkansas State Square Dance Federation (ASSDF) and dancers everywhere are mourning the tragic loss of Royce Beesley, who passed away on Sept. 10, 2024.

Royce, and his wife, Cathy (Haigwood) Beesley, served as Assistant General Chairman for the 63rd National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC) in Little Rock, Arkansas, in June, 2014 and as the former presidents of the ASSDF. Royce and Cathy did many things for square dancing over the years, not only with the ASSDF and the 63rd NSDC, but with area clubs as well.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial donations be made to Lakeside Missionary Baptist Church, 1108 Dill Street, Newport, Arkansas.

Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers to Cathy and the families.



**Coming to the Trail End Dance in White
Hall, Arkansas October 10, 2024?**

**Star Steppers will provide a grilled
hamburger/hot dog, chips, a
cookie/brownie, and a canned soda
before the dance for \$10!!**

Dinner 5pm to 7 pm - Dance 7 pm to 10 pm

Gene Gancarczyk, Joey Duhamel, and Phil Moorehouse



**Three GREAT callers, one fantastic evening of Mainstream
with announced Plus and Line Dancing!!**

Everyone welcome. Dinner \$10 and dance \$10. Dance free for non-dancers.

**Contact Tammy Robertson (870-489-1088) or Kathy Tankersly (870-718-0571)
no later than October 4, 2024, to place your dinner order(s) in advance.**

White Hall Community Center - 9801 Dollarway Road,

White Hall, Arkansas 72601

Arkansas State Square Dance Federation Fall Festival

TWIRLING UNDER THE STARS

Hosted by Levis and Lace, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers, and the Twirling Lariats

JOIN US OCTOBER 11-12, 2024

Come early for the Trail End dance October 10th, at the same location,
with three Arkansas callers from 7pm - 10pm, \$10 per person at the door

9801 Dollarway Rd, White Hall, AR 71602

(870) 883-1363



Ken Burke



Tim Tyl



Mail registration and payment to Sheila Gesing, 9760 Grant 7, Sheridan AR, 72150

 Early registration must be postmarked by Sept 30, 2024. Please ensure checks are payable to ASSDF

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Club Name _____

Tickets (per person) *18 & Under free with adult*

Full Weekend (early registration) \$30 x _____ = _____

Friday only \$20 x _____ = _____

Full Weekend (after 10/01) \$35 x _____ = _____

Saturday only \$20 x _____ = _____

See you in White Hall for all the Dancing!

Friday - October 11, 2024

9:00 – 12:00 Registration/Information Desk
9:30 – 12:00 Plus Workshop - Joey Duhammel (Gym)
9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Executive Meeting (Room C)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – Lunch Break
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm – Registration/Information Desk
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm – Arkansas Callers (Gym)
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Dinner Break

Friday Evening

Master of Ceremonies – Phil Moorehouse
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Rounds – Marge Sherrill
7:00 pm Grand March
7:15 pm Welcome by Kim and Tom Fox
7:30 pm – 10:30 pm – Ken Burke



Saturday - October 12, 2024

8:00 am – 8:30 am – Saturday Delegate Breakfast
8:30 am – 10:30 am – Delegates Meeting
10:30 am – 4:00 pm – Registration/Information Desk
10:30 am – 12:30 am – Caller Lab (Room C)
10:30 am – 12:30 am – Caller Phil Moorehouse (Gym)
12:30 am – 1:30 am – Lunch Break
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm – Arkansas Callers (Gym)
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Dinner Break

Saturday Evening

Master of Ceremonies – Phil Moorehouse
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Rounds – Marge Sherrill
7:00 pm Parade of Clubs
7:15 pm Welcome by Kim and Tom Fox
7:20 pm Introduction of Officers – Kim and Tom Fox
7:30 pm – 10:30 pm – Tim Tyl
9:00 pm – Basket/Silent Auction Results



Hotels:

Super 8 by Wyndham \$65+ tax nightly
8000 Sheridan Way, White Hall, AR 71602
(877) 361-2508 -- reference ITN# 5136B446191144

TownePlace Suites by Marriott \$135 + tax nightly
8531 Sheridan Road, White Hall, AR 71602
(870) 939-4500

Camping :

Jackson's RV Park - \$30/night
921 Sheridan Road, Redfield, AR 72132
(13 miles from Dance Venue)
(870) 267-0282

Deam RV Park Campground - \$35/night
109 Deam Ln, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
(18 miles from Dance Venue)
(870) 329-5558

Local Contacts

Rick Gesing (870) 883-1363
Sheila Gesing (512) 968-4876



Arkansas State Square Dance Federation “Twirling Under the Stars” 2024 Fall Festival

White Hall Community Center, White Hall, AR

Hosted by **Levis and Lace, Star Steppers, Twirling
Lariats, and Maverick Mixers**
October 11 - 12, 2024



Program Schedule



The Star Steppers and Maverick Mixers are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win the beautiful handmade (82x88) quilt, done by Tammy Robertson, that's shown above. Tickets are \$1 each, and the quilt drawing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at the 2024 ASSDF Fall Festival in White Hall, AR, during the evening dance (contact info revised June 1, 2024).

Please see any member of the Star Steppers or the Maverick Mixers for more info, or for tickets. You can also contact these folks if you have any questions:

Kathy Tankersly: (870) 718-0571

Lanita Hammett: (501) 889-4679

Nancy Finney: (501) 551-6144

Kim Fox: (501) 416-5260

"Take Me Dancing!"

Square Dance Lessons

Tuesday Oct 1st & 8th
6:30 to 8:30pm

Classes continue on
Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:45pm

\$5.00 per person per night



River City Squares
Square Dance Club

Dancing Location:

Fort Smith Senior Center
2700 Cavanaugh Rd
Fort Smith, Ar 72958

"Square Dancing, That Is"

The Bluebird Squares presents their 3rd
Annual Life Is Good Taco Bar & Dance

Saturday, October 5th, 2024
(NEW DATE due to the Missouri State Dance)

**THIS
DANCE IS
CANCELED**



**THIS
DANCE IS
CANCELED**

Start at 4:15 - Dance 7:00 to 9:00
\$10.00 per person

Selma County Fairgrounds
Exit 16 off I-30 in Benton

Caller: Carolyn Birdsong

Questions?? Contact Carolyn at (501) 813-7239



Twirling Funtimers

Club Anniversary Dance

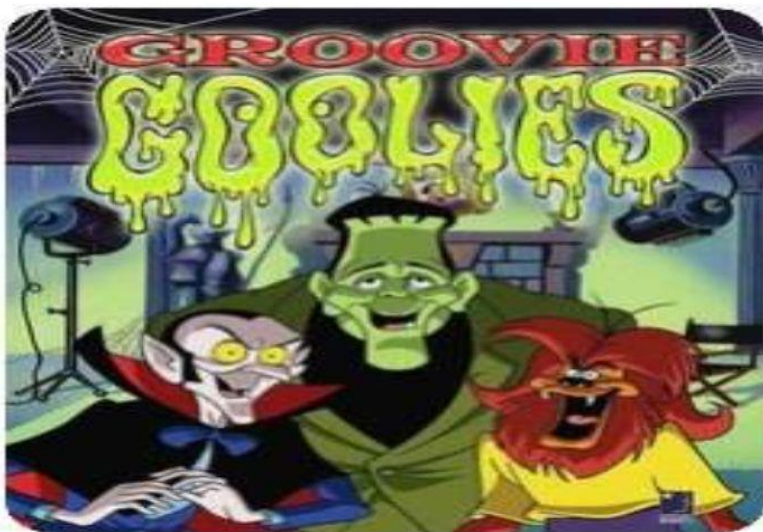


Wednesday October 16, 2024
6:00 to 8:30pm, \$7

Caller: Donna Gellenbeck
Cuer: Marge Sherrill

Lloyd Travis Community Center
14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR
www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers
Call 870-404-4158 for info

Maverick Mixers Groovie Goolies



Saturday, October 26, 2024

Plus lessons at 6:30 PM

Dance at 7:00 PM

American Legion Hut
9925 Leah Lane – Mabelvale, AR

\$12/month for Members / \$8 per night for Guests
Caller - Phil Moorehouse

Need more information?
Contact Lanita Hammett – (501) 889-4679

The 74th National Square Dance Convention®
presents a special one-night event featuring

CALLER JACK PLADDYS

WEDNESDAY,
OCT. 30, 2024

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Bella Luna
of Millcreek

Venue address:
809 Millcreek Rd,
Hot Springs Natl Pk,
AR 71901



*Don't miss out
on the fun!*

Special
donation only
dance is a fund-
raising event for
the 74th NSDC

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CALLER JACK PLADDYS

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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!

Come dance & help Ted Hofmeister, the 74th NSDC
General Chairman, celebrate his birthday!
Same Date, Venue & Time!



*For the latest information on the 74th NSDC join our Facebook group!
Register: 74th NSDC June 25-28, 2025 in Shreveport at www.74NSDC.com*

Maverick Mixers

HONOR OUR VETERANS!

Honoring
ALL WHO
served

**THANK YOU
VETERANS**



Saturday, 11/09/2024

Plus lessons at 6:30 PM
Dance at 7:00 PM

American Legion Hut
9925 Leah Lane – Mabelvale, AR

\$12/month for Members
\$8/night for Guests

Caller - Phil Moorehouse

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(501) 889-4679



Twirling Funtimers

**M*A*S*H
THANKSGIVING**



Square Dance

Wednesday November 20, 2024

6:00 to 8:30pm, \$7

Caller: Donna Gellenbeck
Cuer: Marge Sherrill



Lloyd Travis Community Center
14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR
www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers
Call 870-404-4158 for info

Maverick Mixers

Giving Thanks & Giving Back



American Legion Hut
9925 Leah Lane in Mabelvale

**Saturday, November 30th for our
Giving Thanks & Giving Back Dance!**

(a 5th Saturday special)

Plus lessons at 6:30 / Dance at 7:00.

\$6 for Members / \$8 for Guests

Caller will be Phil Moorehouse.

Donations will be accepted for a charity TBA

For more info contact Lanita (501) 889-4679

The 74th National Square Dance Convention®
proudly presents a special

DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

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Arkansas
PHIL MOOREHOUSE



Texas
FRED & LINDA AYRES
Round Dance Cuers



**DONATION
DANCE**

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

3-5 PM - Square Dancing

5-6:30 PM - Meal Break

6:30 PM - Pre-Rounds

7-10 PM - Square/Round Dancing

See ya' soon gator!



*We'll be crocking 'round
the Christmas Tree!*

PROMENADE HALL

5400 Benton Road in Bossier City, LA

This is a special fund-raising event for the 74th NSDC

For the latest information on the 74th NSDC join our Facebook group!

Register to attend the 2025 convention at www.74thNSDC.com

MAVERICK MIXERS

will host a



Join us at the American Legion Hut
(9925 Leah Lane in Mabelvale) on
Saturday, **December 14** for our
Ho Ho Ho Holiday Hoedown!

Plus lessons at 6:30 / Dance at 7:00.

\$12/month for Members / \$8 per night for Guests

Caller will be Phil Moorehouse.

For more info contact Lanita (501) 889-4679

The Three Amigos "Yellowrocks Alive In 2025" Dance



Callers: Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk
Saturday, January 4, 2025 – 7pm to 10pm - \$10 per person
American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR

For more information, please contact:

Phil Moorehouse: (501) 960-4476

Gene Gancarczyk: (501) 767-6354

Joey Duhamel: (870) 209-3646



Special Dances/Festivals

Please call before traveling, to check for last-minute dance/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 the out of state dances/festivals in states close to Arkansas (Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). Take 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

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

OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 5, 2024 – Bluebird Squares 3rd Annual Life Is Good Taco Bar Dance. ** THIS DANCE IS CANCELED **

Oct. 10-12, 2024 – 74th ASSDF Fall Festival, “Twirling Under The Stars”, White Hall, AR (Pre-Dance Meal before the Trail-End Dance Oct. 10). See the flyers elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website for more info. ASSDF Callers and Cuers,**

plus Ken Burke and Tim Tyl. **Note: There is a football game in town that weekend, so reserve your hotel rooms as soon as possible. Reservations for the Pre-Dance Meal before the Trail End Dance must be made by Oct. 4, 2024.**

Oct. 11, 2024 – Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are DARK tonight.

Oct. 12, 2024 – Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

Oct. 16, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Anniversary Dance.

Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Dance at 6pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 19, 2024 – Bluebird Squares are DARK tonight.

Oct. 19, 2024 – Guys N Dolls are DARK tonight.

Oct. 25, 2024 – Heber Springers Dan Nordbye Dance.

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Dan Nordbye.

Oct. 26, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Groovie Goolies Halloween

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 elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 28, 2024 – Pioneers Halloween Special Dance. St.

Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Guest Caller: Dan Nordbye.

Oct. 30, 2024 – 74th National Square Dance Convention ®

Donation Fundraiser Dance, Hot Springs, AR. Caller: Jack Pladdys. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF**

website for more info. * **Special Birthday Bash for 74th NSDC General Chairperson Ted Hofmeister** *

NOVEMBER 2024

Nov. 9, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Honor Our Veteran’s 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 elsewhere in this issue, 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 elsewhere in this issue, 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 5th 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 elsewhere in this issue, 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 elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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.

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.

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 elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

OCTOBER 2025

Oct. 9-11, 2025 – 75th ASSDF Diamond Jubilee Fall Festival. Further details will be posted as soon as possible.

Out Of State Special Dances/Other Festivals

OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 3, 2024 – Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 3, 2024 – Dogwood Squares Fall Festival, Palestine, TX. Caller: Dennis Ray. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 3, 2024 – Big Tex Big Square Fair Pre-Round Up – 2 Signature Dance, Fort Worth TX. Caller: Dan Nordbye. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 4, 2024 – Kissin Kuzzins Fallelujah Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 4, 2024 -- Northwest Louisiana Square And Round Dance Association Fundraiser Dance, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuers: Martin Philyaw and Ken Vantiger. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 4, 2024 -- 8th Annual Dancin' With The Daltons Dance, Coffeyville, KS. Caller: Mike Turner. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 5, 2024 – Rambling Roses Anniversary Dance, Tyler, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 18-19, 2024 – Missouri State Square Dance Festival, Sedalia, MO. Caller: Ken Burke. Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri/Flyers/Missouri-Festival-2024/>

Oct. 26, 2024 – Rock Around The Square Mainstream Dance, Lawton, OK. Caller: Vernon Jones. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

NOVEMBER 2024

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 – 74th 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 elsewhere in this issue, 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.

JANUARY 2025

Jan. 24-25, 2025 – 13th 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. Cuer: 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 – 51st 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.

March 20-22, 2025 – 75th 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

JUNE 2025

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

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

JUNE 2026

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

June 23-26, 2027 – 76th 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

The Life Is Good Taco Bar Dance on Oct. 5, has been **CANCELED**.

Carolyn Birdsong

Guys And Dolls

Note that since so many dancers will be out of town in October, we've decided to go **DARK** on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024.

Our next dance will be on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Plentiful Harvest Church, at 500 North Merrill in New Boston, Texas, at 7pm, with Nelda Eaton as our caller. Please check the **ETSRDA Facebook** page for updates.

Rhonda Bailey

Heber Springers

It's safe to say we had a grand time on Sep. 27, as the hillbillies really came out! Many thanks to the 1 ½ squares of dancers who came! And a special thanks to our caller Phil Moorehouse, as he always makes it fun!! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Next, we'll be **DARK** on Oct. 11 for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in White Hall. And, our annual **Dan Nordbye Special** is on Oct. 25,

2024, at our regular dance location. We hope that you can join us!!

Kim Deane

Levi's and Lace

Note that we'll be **DARK** on Oct. 11 for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in White Hall. Our own Gene Gancarczyk will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Joey Duhamel at the **Trail End Dance** on Thursday, Oct. 10. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue for details.

Also, those 3 callers will be part of **The Three Amigos Yellowrocks Alive in 2025** on Jan. 4, 2025. We hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

Phyllis Keeney

Maverick Mixers

We had 1 square at our 50's Dance on Sept. 14...thanks to caller Roy Hestand of the Pioneers Square Dance Club for filling in for our own Phil Moorehouse, who was calling a Fundraiser Dance for the 74th National Square Dance Convention ® in Bossier City, Louisiana. As a side note, I've been listening to Doo-Wop music via a smartphone app; the music of the 50's was far better than it is today.

It was a treat at the Sep. 14 dance, when all of Roy's sisters showed up...with his sister and brother-in-law from Monticello dancing for the first time in years. However, no one was at the dance to take pictures (yours truly had to deal with both computer and internet issues), but I did make the Sep. 28 dance, with 1 square there as well. Several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition, including a photo of "Rocky", the "Little Yellow Rock Doll", who can reportedly dance both parts. 😊

Our own Phil Moorehouse even did an "introductory lesson tip" for Millie Marlin's daughter. Then, you had "the diehards" doing the line dancing, including "Copperhead Road"...it's a good thing the

hardwood floor is sturdy!! Thanks to Kim Fox for being my dance partner on “the sneaky Plus tip”. I didn’t get short of breath, but my hips were complaining!! However, I am doing remarkably well, nearly a year after left hip replacement surgery.

Our **Groovie Goolies Halloween Dance** is on Oct. 26, with costumes or square dance attire. Then, it’s our **Honor Our Veterans Dance** on Nov. 9, our **Giving Thanks and Giving Back Dance** on Nov. 30, our **Ho-Ho-Ho Hoedown Christmas Dance** on Dec. 14, and our **End Of Year Celebration Dance** on Dec. 28. Then, to start 2025, it’ll be **The Three Amigos Yellowrocks Alive In 2025 Dance** on Jan. 4, 2025, with our own Phil Moorehouse joined by Joey Duhamel and Gene Gancarczyk.

Flyers for these are at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> for the rest of our special dances this year, as well as elsewhere in this issue on the **Special Events Calendar**. We hope to see many of you at these dances.

We dance at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), on the 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturdays. We have a pre-dance Plus Level workshop at 6:30pm, then dance from 7pm to 9pm, with our own Phil Moorehouse always calling a great dance. Note that we’re **DARK** on October 12th for the **ASSDF Fall Festival**.

Speaking of the **ASSDF Fall Festival**, the Maverick Mixers are selling raffle tickets (\$1 each) for a beautiful handmade 82x88 quilt, done by Tammy Robertson...the drawing will be on Oct. 12th, at the **ASSDF Fall Festival**. Please see any club member for tickets, and a photo of the quilt elsewhere in this issue.

Be sure to check our Facebook page, or call before you travel, for any last-minute changes or cancellations.

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

We’ll have National Caller Dan Nordbye at our Oct. 28 dance. Then, our Veterans Day Special Dance is on Nov, 11, followed by our

Thanksgiving Special Dance on Nov. 25...and finally, our Christmas Dance on Dec. 23. We hope to see you at one of our dances soon!!

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

We're starting lessons this month, with the Oct. 1 and Oct. 8 as free introductory lessons. See the flyer that's on the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> and elsewhere in this issue for more information.

Rosemary Underwood is a friend, and fellow Square Dancer from Charleston. She appeared on a recent episode of "Wheel Of Fortune". It's always exciting to have someone from our area on the show, and even more exciting when you know them! A photo of her is in the Special Dances e-Edition

Jody King

Star Steppers

If you're planning to attend the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in White Hall Oct. 10-12, the Star Steppers will be hosting a cookout prior to the Trail End Dance with The Three Amigos (featuring our own Phil Moorehouse, along with Gene Gancarczyk and Joey Duhamel).

The cookout will be from 5pm to 7pm, and for \$10 per person, you can get either a grilled hamburger or hot dog (buns and condiments will be available), plus a bag of chips, an iced down soft drink, and either a cookie or brownie dessert. Please contact either Tammy Robertson at (870) 489-1088, or Kathy Tankersly at (870) 718-0571, **NO LATER THAN Oct. 4, 2024**, to make your reservation(s)...this is so they'll know how much to prepare.

Following the cookout, will be the Trail-End Dance, from 7pm to 10pm. Admission to the Trail End Dance is \$10 per person, with non-dancers admitted free. Please see the flyers elsewhere in this issue, and

on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Kathy Tankersly

Twirling Funtimers

We had our Glo Graduation Dance, and our Fabulous Fifties Dance recently...several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our Anniversary Dance will be on Wednesday, Oct. 16, with both Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman on the squares, and Marge Sherill cueing the round dancing...and the same will be true for our November and December special dances...including on November 20, with our Thanksgiving Dance, with a M*A*S*H theme, from the classic TV show (we'll be **DARK** on November 27 for Thanksgiving). Then, to finish out the year, it'll be our Christmas dance on December 18...and we'll be **DARK** on December 25 for Christmas.

Flyers for both our Oct. 16 Anniversary Dance, and our Nov. 20 Thanksgiving M*A*S*H theme dance, are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**. A "shout-out" to our own Loree Kant for her great work on the flyers.

We dance every Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:30pm at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview AR. Ken Jarman and Donna Gellenbeck are the Clubs callers, and Marge Sherrill is our round dance cuer. Follow us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers>

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

We had 2 squares at our Sep. 20 dance...several photos from Mike Lewis and Carolyn Birdsong are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with some videos on our Facebook page.

Our own Ted Hofmeister, current Secretary, and Past President of the **ASSDF**, continues work on and off the dance floor, with being the

General Chairperson of the **74th National Square Dance Convention** in Shreveport, Louisiana, in June, 2025...but at times, he also does “light square dance duty” (pun intended), as evidenced by the photo in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Carolyn Birdsong notes “I gotta explain this one. I pulled into the parking lot, and Ted was fiddling with some tools. Then he walked over to the front porch and pointed out the left front porch light was almost completely full of dead bugs! You can see them in the picture! I’m like **WOW!** While I was watching in amazement, he **CLIMBED UP ONTO THE RAILING**, and started taking the screws out of the top of the light! I’m like double **WOW!** He’s in pretty good shape!

I then asked him, “Don’t you want me to get you a chair?”, and he said “Nope!” Of course he said that! But I did help a little, as I was in charge of holding the little metal pieces, and I also held a torn-up paper plate over the light bulb so he could see what he was doing! He got it all cleaned out, and it looks great now! Great job Ted!”.

Roger Garner





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 – 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.

Fort Smith, AR: River City Squares. Starting October 1, 2024. Caller/Instructor: Jay King. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this issue, on our Facebook page, and on the **ASSDF website** under **New Dancers** for more details.

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 – 3rd 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 12th Street, Van Buren, AR
72956 (479) 474-8500

Hot Springs

Levi's And Lace – 2nd and 4th 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 – 1st, 3rd, and 5th 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 3rd Wednesday)

Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman

Cuer: Marge Sherrill

Contact: Anieta England (870) 449-5135

Little Rock (Mabelvale)

Twirling Lariats – 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th 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 – 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th 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 – 2nd and 4th 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 – 2nd and 4th 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

New Boston, TX

Guys And Dolls – 3rd 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

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(501) 813-7239

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Arkansas.bluebird@yahoo.com

Bluebird Squares

Bownderville, Boyce

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M/P

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jdcalls@yahoo.com

M/P

Twirling Lariats

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New Boston, TX 75570
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Guys And Dolls

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River City Squares

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Maverick Mixers
Star Steppers
Heber Springers

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Swingin' Cavaliers

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Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:

M – Mainstream P – Plus A – Advanced (A1/A2)

1-6 – Round Dance Phase Cueing

If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances

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 Shreveport Convention Center - June 25-28, 2025
 400 Caddo Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Come Dance on the Wild Side
 Register online at 74nsdc.com

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Rhonda Bailey
 74th NSDC
 111 Wood Duck Lane
 Texarkana, TX 75501
 Email: RhondaW252@outlook.com

For Convention Use Only
 Registration # _____
 Date Received _____
 Payment Processed _____
 Check# or Ref # _____
 Rev. Form 3/21/24

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 *E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC. Check if you do not want your email shared.
 Email: _____

First Name & Last Name for: **CONVENTION BADGES**

No. of NSDC's prior to 74th	1. Adult	2. Adult	3. Adult/Youth	4. Adult/Youth	5. Adult/Youth	#	@ \$2.00	@ \$20.00	@ \$15.00	@ \$20.00	@ \$30.00	@ \$15.00	@ \$50.00
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- Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)
- Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$25 after 4/30/2025)
- Round Dance Syllabus - USB Drive or Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2025)
- Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/25)
- Sew & Save Book - USB Drive or Digital Download Cookbook
- Hearing Assistance Device (NIC)-Req. Refundable Deposit # _____
- Wednesday Night Special Event - Dennis Swanberg
- Dinner & Show \$60 per person
- Show only \$30 per person
- RV Camping from back side of form (4 night minimum)
- Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing

Total Due \$

Check Enclosed Cash (In Person) - Receipt # _____ Credit Card
 Name on Card: _____
 Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____
 Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____
 Expiration Date: _____

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm. Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.
 74th NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.
 Shoes must be worn at all times.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this form and pay online at www.74nsdc.com.
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotals by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge. If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer and correctly calculate amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due.
- Registration fees:** Adult \$70; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/25/2025 - \$35.00 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase Max 1, 2025** - Adult: \$85 - Youth ages 5-17: \$42.50. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth.**
- Registrations are non-transferable.**
- No One, Two, or Three-Day Registrations.** A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2025. **No refunds after April 30, 2025.**
- Registrations received after April 30, 2025, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 74th NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at www.74nsdc.com/tours

- DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.**
- SSD Only Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge Contra
 Lines Clogging Rounds Handicapable Solo

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile yearly & online by 1/23/1/24 at sdconvention.com.

Name _____ Type: _____
 Name _____ Type: _____
 Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

Convention Hotels and Campsites are listed on the reverse through 74th NSDC Registration & Housing for 74th NSDC rates.
 Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

More information available at www.74nsdc.com

Name: _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Code	Hotel	Rate
1	Hilton Shreveport Hotel - Headquarters	\$169
2	Sam's Town - Weekday Rate (Sunday - Thursday)	\$115
	Caller/Cuer Hotel - Weekend Rate (Friday - Saturday)	\$145
3	Holiday Inn - Shreveport (3-minute - 0.7 mile)	\$115
4	Holiday Inn Express - Shreveport (3-minute - 0.7 mile)	\$115
5	Hampton Inn - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$139
6	Hilton Garden Inn - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$139
7	Homewood Suites - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$169

Indicate choice of hotel preference by specifying number: #1, #2, #3
 Hotel assignments will be made in order of registration form received & according to availability. This form must be received, and rooms booked by March 1, 2025 for Sam's Town or May 1, 2025 for other hotels to guarantee 74th NSDC pricing.
Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)
 S 6/21 S 6/22 M 6/23 T 6/24 W 6/25 T 6/26 F 6/27 S 6/28 S 6/29

Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____
 Room request: Single Double Queen King Handicapable

SHARED ROOMS - only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request. Please list all room occupants here:

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.
BLOCK HOUSING: All Block Housing requests are due by **July 15, 2024 and must be filled by Sept 15th**, include the name, email, and phone number of Block Housing Leader.
 Block Name _____
 Block Leader Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

No airport shuttle services provided. See www.74nsdc.com for transportation information.
 Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and no later than **May 1, 2025**. A weblink and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees in the order that the forms are received.
Do you prefer email or text notification? Email _____ Text _____
Note that hotels will not take your reservation for our convention until July 1, 2024. That hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to hold the room. **You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention contracted rate.** No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the weblink and phone number which will be provided by the convention Housing Vice-Chairman.

MAP OF HOTELS & CAMPGROUND SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER



RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Campground	Distance	Rate per Day
State Fair of Louisiana 3701 Hudson Street, Shreveport, LA 71109	4.5 miles / 9-minute drive	\$35.00

Each site is roughly the same size with full hookups including water and sewer with 30 or 50-amp electrical connections. 30 amp requested 50 amp requested.
 Assignments will be made in the order of registration form received & according to availability. All campsite reservations must be received by **July 15, 2024** and must be booked by **May 1, 2025** to guarantee the 74th NSDC pricing. We have over 200 sites available, so no issue on availability.
Site nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)
 S 6/21 S 6/22 M 6/23 T 6/24 W 6/25 T 6/26 F 6/27 S 6/28 S 6/29
 # Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____

Buses Not Available. Parking Available at Convention Center, \$5 per day (in/out).
GROUP CAMPING requests must be received by January 2, 2025. Everyone that is part of the group must fill in Group Name and Group Leader Name. **To camp together, best to arrive together.**
 Group Name _____
 Group Leader Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

Your confirmed campground may assess a one-night penalty fee for cancellations received less than 72 hours of arrival, including early departure. On-line registration available. All site reservations will be coordinated through RV & Camping Vice-Chairman with this form. For further information see web site: www.74nsdc.com.

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The **GHOST RIDERS**
Square Dance Band



FEATURING:
(from left to right)
Gary Bauman,
Landon Norman,
Ron Pfisterer &
David Zachry



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2025 FASHION SHOW

**Saturday,
June 28, 2025**

Time: TBA

Interested
in Volunteering?
Contact Fashion Show
Organizer Rachel Rose:
tours74nsdc@gmail.com



**Wear
square
dance attire
in your
best wild
animal
themed
prints!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Models: Men, Women, Children and Families, Couples, Singles, All Ages!
- Seamstresses/Tailors
- Photographer
- Videographer
- Decorating and Setup
- Escorts, Ushers and More!



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If you're willing to help, we've got a job for you!

(Model requirements: Ladies need to wear a square dance dress or skirt/blouse combination and men need to wear a long-sleeved shirt)

**If you don't sew we can match you up with a seamstress or tailor,
Retail-store clothing welcome as long as it fits the Wild Side theme**

For updates on the 74th NSDC in Shreveport, Louisiana, you can view or download **National Squares Online** in **PDF** format at <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> and then click on the desired issue(s).

The e-Edition is released on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue. If the last Saturday of the month is the last day of the month, then the 1st of the month of the month of issue is the release date.

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 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 **September 2024**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were from the emails, Facebook pages, and special dances from the **NEOSDA Square Dance Grapevine, NORTEX, River City, Squares, Twirling Lariats, Twirling Funtimers**, and the **Maverick Mixers**.

Thanks to Elaine Cox, Jody King, Carolyn Birdsong, Mike Lewis, Tom and Kim Fox, plus Daryl Stout for the photos.