

Photos From Recent Special Dances

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The Club Special Dance photos will be in a separate file each month, as will photos from recent **ASSDF Fall Festivals**.

Club Special Dances In The Last Month

Please email these assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – please let me know who took the photos, as I want to give them credit, especially if they come from the 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 club Facebook pages (including the **ASSDF** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group). Also, note that **not everyone** is on Facebook.

The Special Dance Photos during **October 2024**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were from the emails, Facebook pages, and club/special dances from the **Southern Swingers, Twirling Funtimers, Twirling Lariats, Heber Springers, and the Maverick Mixers**.

Many thanks to Elaine Cox, Anieta England, Millie Marlin, Tom and Kim Fox, Melody Webb Moorehouse, Lanita Pettey Hammett, Carolyn Birdsong, and Daryl Stout for the club/special dance photos.

Note that over **160** photos from the **2024 ASSDF Fall Festival** are in a **separate Special Dances e-Edition**, with credit to those in that issue.

First, **Happy 70th Birthday** to Mike Hammett...pictured with his wife, Lanita Pettey Hammett. They dance with the **Maverick Mixers**, and they will be the **2025 ASSDF Treasurer and Fall Festival Chairpersons**.



Next, three photos from the **Twirling Funtimers** Graduation Dance that didn't make the deadline for the October 2024 issue. Congratulations go to Dianne Voltz on her joining the wonderful world of square dancing.





Next, here are two photos from the **Twirling Lariats** dance on Oct. 18. Some videos are on their Facebook page.





Next, several photos from the Southern Swingers Facebook Page, and from the Northwest Louisiana Square and Round Dance Association Fundraiser Dance...please see their club report for more details.













































Next, these five ladies from the **Southern Swingers** celebrated their birthdays recently...from left to right in the photo below, they are Valerie Watts, Isabell Robinson, Pam Bruhnke, April Bohannon, and Monica Campbell.



Next, several photos from the **Heber Springers Dan Nordbye Dance**.

































Next, several photos from the Pioneers demo dance at the Sycamore Springs Senior Living Center...see their club report for more details.





















Next, just over **75** photos from the Oct. 26 **Maverick Mixers Groovie Goolies Halloween Dance**. I still had to omit several of them, as there were just too many. Several other photos, and some videos are on their Facebook page. See their club report for more details.





























































































































“The Yellowrock Express is now leaving on Track Five, for Anaheim, Azusa, and Cucamonga” – Your Editor as the Conductor (and he runs a **Trains And Railroads Net** on Amateur Radio every Friday night).

As a side note, the **original routine** was done by the late Mel Blanc, who did the voices for many of the Looney Tunes cartoons; and he also did it on both **The Jack Benny Show**, as well as on **The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson**, when Jack was one of the guests.

It's on **YouTube** at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZRUtdIS8k> ; the “train announcer” segment starts around 4:30, with all the variations that he did. The cities noted are **actual locations** in **California**.

Next, a few preview photos of where the **Donation Fundraising Dance** for the **74th National Square Dance Convention (R)** at Bella Luna in Hot Springs, will be on Oct. 30. Pictures from the dance, including the **Special Birthday Bash** for **74th NSDC Chairperson Ted Hofmeister** will be posted in the December 2024 Special Dances e-Edition.



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Next, as the seasons change from fall to winter, this is a fact!!



Lastly, on a personal note, one of the first moves you learn in square dancing is the “yellow rock” (a friendly hug). When I began Plus lessons with the Maverick Mixers in August 1985, all these women that I didn’t know were giving me “yellow rocks”. I thought to myself “What have I gotten myself into??”, as this was **nothing** like what I had done back in Elementary School Physical Education Class!! But, after graduation, it was more like “Next, please...let’s all form a neat orderly line!!”. 😊

So, the final photo for this month shows all the “benefits from hugging”.

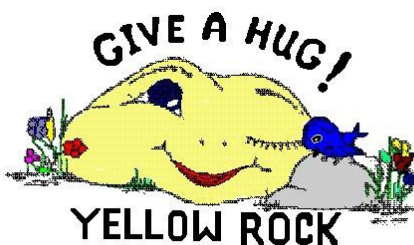
Go **HUG** someone - **NOW!**

People who get **hugged** *daily* are *less* likely to get sick. **Hugs** boost the *immune system*.
The **physical contact** and **social support** that go along with **hugging** *both* reduce stress. And when our stress is *lower* - our *immune system* is **stronger**.

Source: Carnegie Mellon University



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We're **thankful** for the hugs, a wonderful hobby, and all who work behind the scenes to make it so special. The ASSDF wishes everyone a very **Safe** and **Happy Thanksgiving!!**

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