

Photos From Recent Special Dances

# The **MODERN SQUARE**



*March 2025*

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The Club Special Dance photos will be placed 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](mailto: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 various Facebook pages (including the **Arkansas Square Dance** page, **The Three Amigos** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group). Also, note that **not everyone** is on Facebook.

**The Special Dance Photos** for most of the month of **February, 2025**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were from the emails, Facebook pages, plus the club and special dances from **HASSDA**, the **Jet Roberts Special Dance**, plus from the **Southern Swingers**, **Maverick Mixers**, **Twirling Lariats**, **River City Squares**, **Levi's And Lace**, and the **Heber Springers**.

Thanks to Carole Baker, Tom and Kim Fox, Jean Coy, Daryl Stout, Carolyn Birdsong, Millie Marlin, Jody King, CorBen Geis, Elaine Cox, Ginny Short, Lanita Pettey Hammett, Melody Webb Moorehouse, Judy Schaffner, and Theresa Muth for the photos.

First off, lessons are the life blood of the hobby, and there are 2 sets of photos of the “last night of free lessons” in early 2025 from the Southern Swingers, then from the Maverick Mixers.













Next, photos from the Maverick Mixers “last night” of free lessons.















Next, several photos from the Maverick Mixers Feb. 1 lessons.















Next, three photos from the Twirling Lariats Feb. 7, dance. It was their final dance with Joey Duhamel as their caller.







Next, several photos from the Maverick Mixers Feb. 8 lessons/dance.



I got a good laugh out of Ellen Glover Lewis' T-shirt, noted on the next page. 😊





















































Next, several photos from the Southern Swingers Valentine's Dance.











Next, several photos from the River City Squares Graduation Dance.



































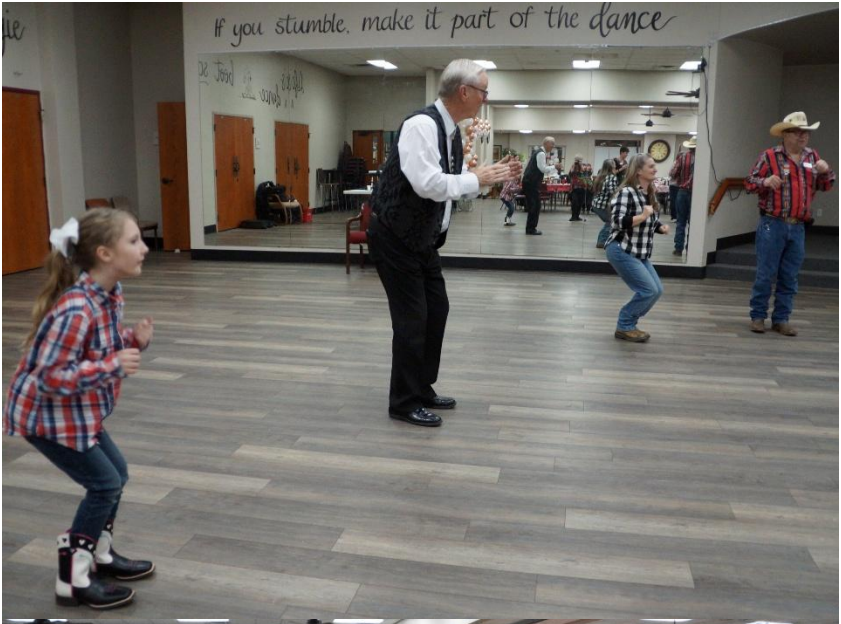












Next, a photo from the Red River Special Dance Weekend in Ardmore, OK in mid-February. Several Arkansas dancers were in attendance, including Tom and Kim Fox, Mike and Lanita Hammett, Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, Steve and Jean Coy, as well as Ted and Tonia Hofmeister.





Next, several photos from the Heber Springs Valentine's Dance.





















Next, a few photos from the Levi's And Lace Valentine's Dance on Feb. 14...see their club report for details.







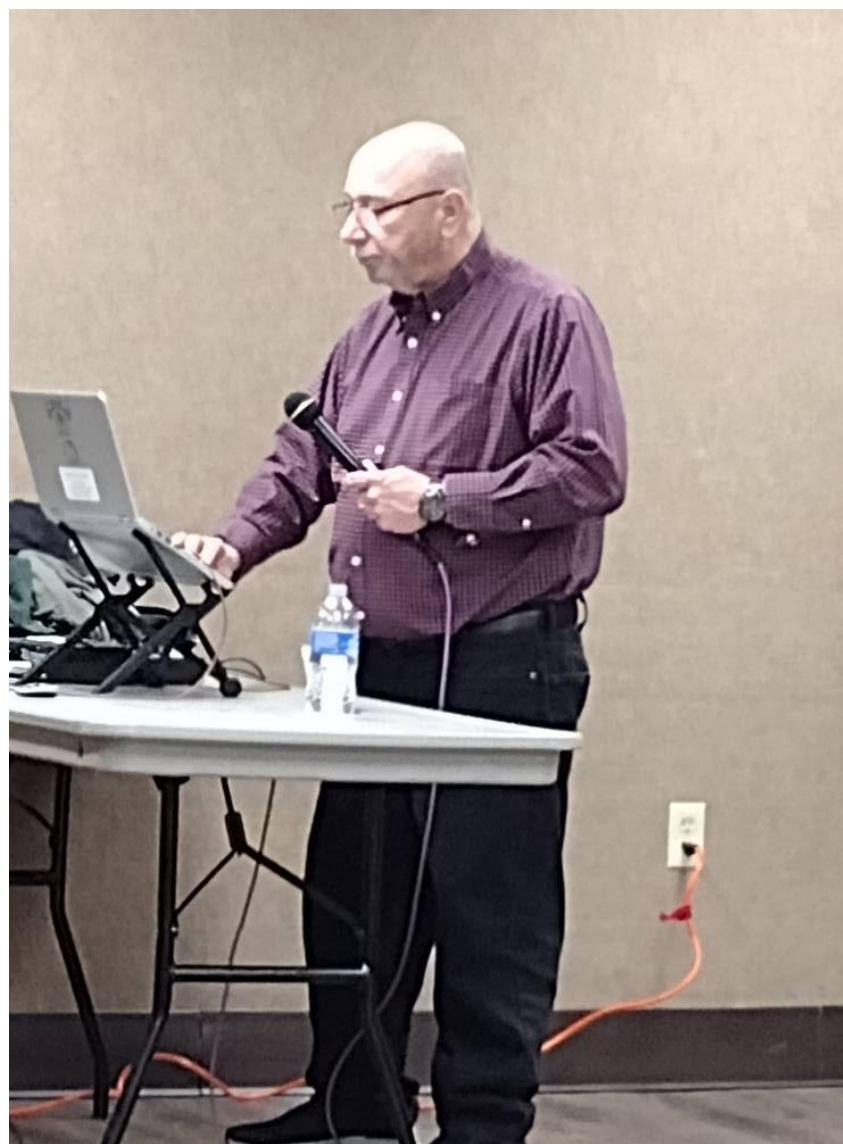


Next, several photos from the Stars and Stripes Dance with Jet Roberts. There were 3 squares in attendance on this 2025 President's Day, just before a winter storm with ice and snow was to hit Arkansas, followed by bitter cold temperatures. Several clubs had to cancel the week of Feb. 18 because of icy roads, and the frigid temperatures. Kim Fox and Lanita Pettet Hammett had company with Clogetta and Stomper from the 74th National Square Dance Convention ®.















































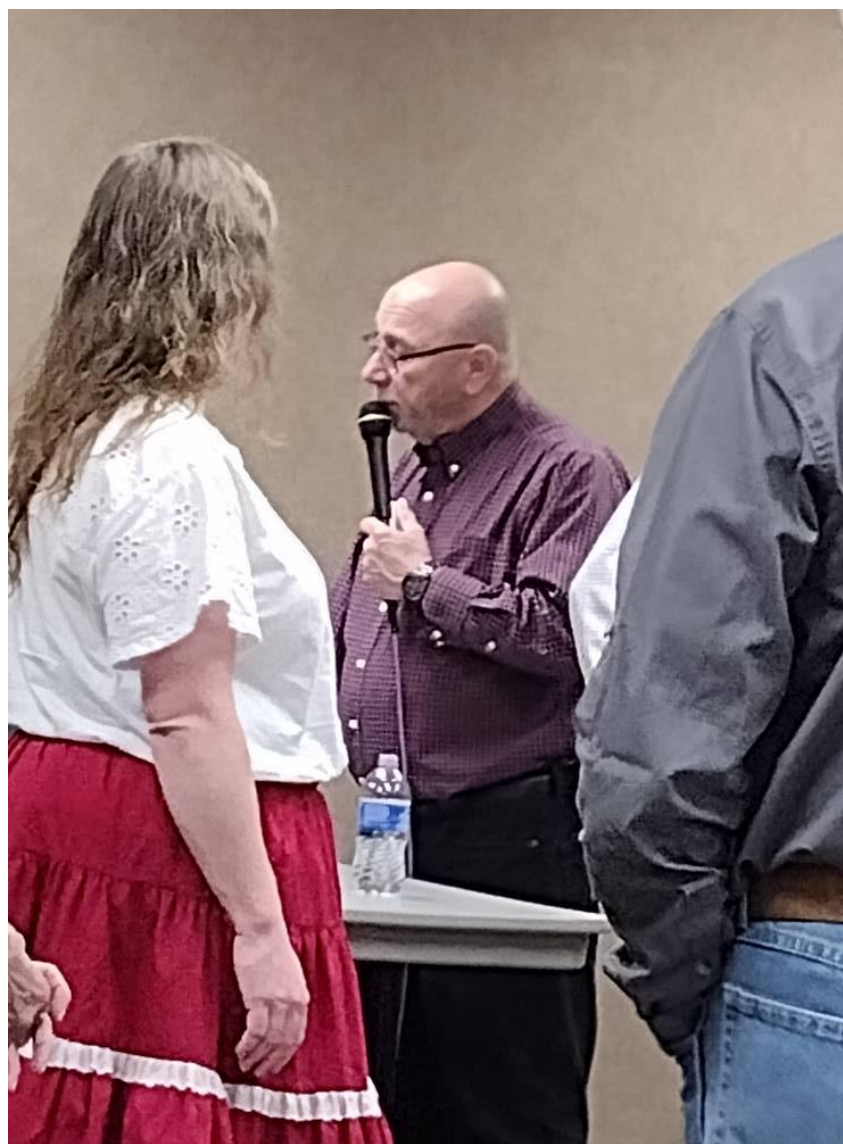










































Next, several photos from the Twirling Lariats Feb. 21 dance...see their club report for details.









Next, several pictures from the Maverick Mixers Feb. 22 lessons and dance. Yours truly was too fatigued to make the dance, and was dealing with computer, router, and internet issues, in working to get the March 2025 e-Editions released on time.

















Next, Arkansas wasn't the only place dealing with extreme cold, snow, and ice in late February.

**74<sup>th</sup> NSDC General Chairman Ted and Tonia Hofmeister** found more snowfall heading toward the Virginia State Convention. Melody Webb Moorehouse noted "Neither rain, sleet nor snow will keep the **74<sup>th</sup> NSDC General Chairman** from going to the Virginia State Convention.

However, the gator kids may create a delay since they had to play in the snow. I wonder if they built a snow-gator?"

Overall, the gators weren't happy with the cold temperatures.











I don't think Miss Tonia needs a bikini at snowy Virginia Beach today!!



**THIS WEEK**

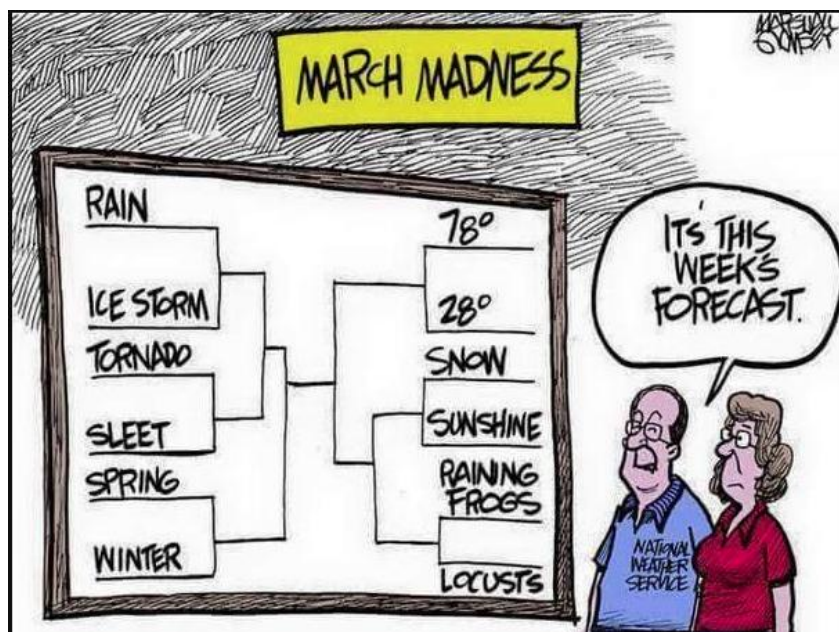
**NEXT WEEK**



This can be Arkansas' weather at times, from winter to spring!!



The abbreviation for Arkansas is AR, not AK. AK is for Alaska. I only point this out because now even the weather is getting shipped to the wrong address.





Thanks to <https://clipart-library.com> for the “spring forward” graphic.

For much of the United States, except for Arizona, Hawaii, and the US Territories, **Daylight Savings Time** returns at 2am Sunday, March 9, 2025. Set your clocks, watches, timepieces, etc., that don’t “**spring forward**” automatically, forward one hour, before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 8, 2025. Otherwise, you’ll be **AN HOUR LATE** to church, work, square dance events, medical appointments, etc. Most computers, smartphones, etc., will make the change automatically, but things like microwave ovens, DVD/VCR units, stovetop clocks, etc., may need a “manual spring forward”.

A bill is in the Arkansas Legislature, which if passed, would mean that Arkansas would be on Central Standard Time year round. At this writing (Feb. 22, 2025), a final result on **HB 1069**, is **not** known.

Next, a “**Time Machine**” of sorts, or more like “**a stroll down memory lane**”; of what square dancing was like in the Little Rock Metropolitan Area in the late 80’s/early 90’s, -- this is as I (your Editor) remember them (I started lessons in August 1985, graduating just before Christmas that year. There were many other clubs (as noted in the “**In Memoriam**” file), but these are the clubs that I remember dancing with.

Most of these clubs and callers are long gone, but they’re not forgotten. Some clubs danced every other week, while others danced weekly, but these are the days that they were dancing. If you have others, please let me know.

You can find a list of callers, cuers, dancers, and clubs, that are “Gone, But Not Forgotten” in the “**In Memoriam**” file on the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansasquaredance.com/resources>

**Sunday:** Motivators (A-2)(Bill Lincoln)

**Monday:** Diamond Squares (Pat Diamond)

**Tuesday:** Goodtimers (J.D.”Pappy” Kerr) -- Hoops N Hollers (Michael Straughn) – Bachelors N Bachelorettes (Buddy Gillespie)

**Wednesday:** Jo-Car Squares (A-2)(Joe Borengasser)

**Thursday:** Maverick Mixers (Joe Borengasser) – 60’s Swingers (“Wild Bill” Wilder)

**Friday:** Dancing Razorbacks (Woody Ussery) – Twin City Stars (“Wild Bill” Wilder) – Boomerangs (Joe Borengasser) – Arky Outlaws (Jerry McKissack) – Scimitar Squares (J.D. “Pappy” Kerr) – Twirling Lariats (Jim Madison)

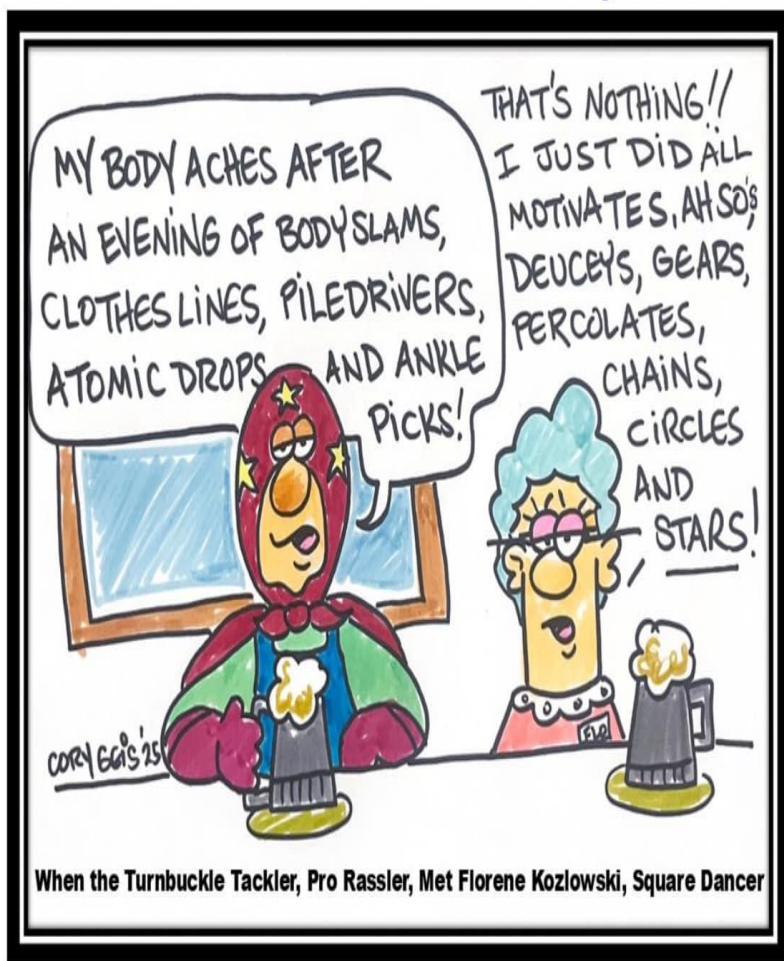
**Saturday:** Belles and Beaus (Joe Borengasser) – Hoedowners (“Wild Bill” Wilder)





Next, from CorBen Geis, "Spin Chain Spoofs"; which could be some of what you might see and hear at a dance!!

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Sounds like when the late "Wild Bill" Wilder called "Allemande left, with whoever you meet...you can keep dancing, but I'm going to go eat"!! Never mind that you'd hear "YANG!! YANG!! YANG!!!" at least once during a dance!!

# SPIN CHAIN SPOOFS



by CorBen Geis

Next, we extend our condolences to the family of the late national caller, Elmer Sheffield. He and his wife had been involved in the activity for many years, and he even had his own square dance record label, **ESP**, for **Elmer Sheffield Productions**. When CorBen Geis' son retired from his job, his Dad did this cartoon for him.

## SPIN CHAIN SPOOFS



Next, CorBen Geis noted with a photo of Rip Van Winkle, “How long has it been since I’ve seen my corner?? When I started this tip, I had a goatee!!”

However, in the photo on the next page, it’s how long it has been during this dance tip, since Mike Hammett saw his wife (and dance partner), Lanita, in the square!! After all, caller Phil Moorehouse notes “these calls are only suggestions”. Mike and Lanita are the **2025 ASSDF Treasurers**, and the **75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jamboree ASSDF Fall Festival Chairpersons**, as well as members of the **Maverick Mixers**.

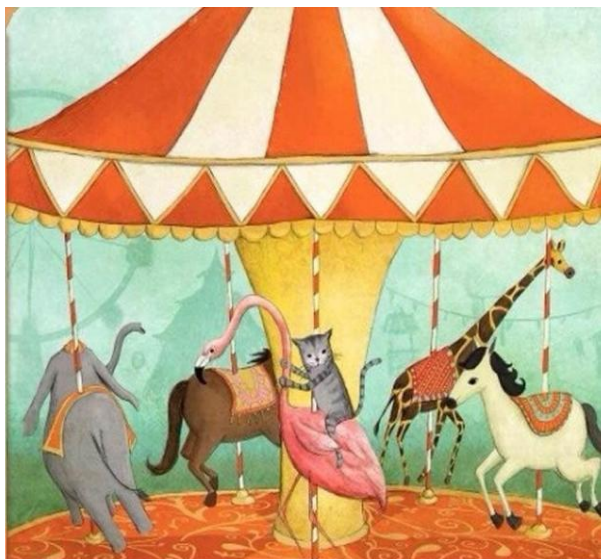




Next, **ASSDF President Tom Fox** went to visit his daughter in Dallas in late February, and she took her Dad out for a breakfast birthday meal; which required a lot of flame!!



And to finish off this month, two memes about this wonderful hobby.



Circling left hasn't been this much fun  
since you were a kid

**We want you to join  
our square dance**



**Hope you're in the MOOD for  
fun, and dancing with new  
friends**