

Photos From Recent Special Dances

The
**MODERN
SQUARE**



August 2024

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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 for August, 2024

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** for much of **July 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, ETSRDA, Whirl Twirl, Twirling Lariats, Twirling Funtimers, Heber Springers, Bluebird Squares, and the Maverick Mixers**.

Many thanks to Daryl Stout, Carolyn Birdsong, Mike and Ellen Glover Lewis, Elaine Cox, Kim Deane, Ted Hofmeister, Ginny Short, Anika Becker, and Anieta England, for the photos.

First, several photos from The Three Amigos Liberty Freedom Dance on July 6, 2024. Three squares danced to the calling of Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, and Gene Gancarczyk (left to right in the second photo). Of note, a photo of the late Bill Strawn, who began this dance years ago...each of these is lovingly done in his memory.







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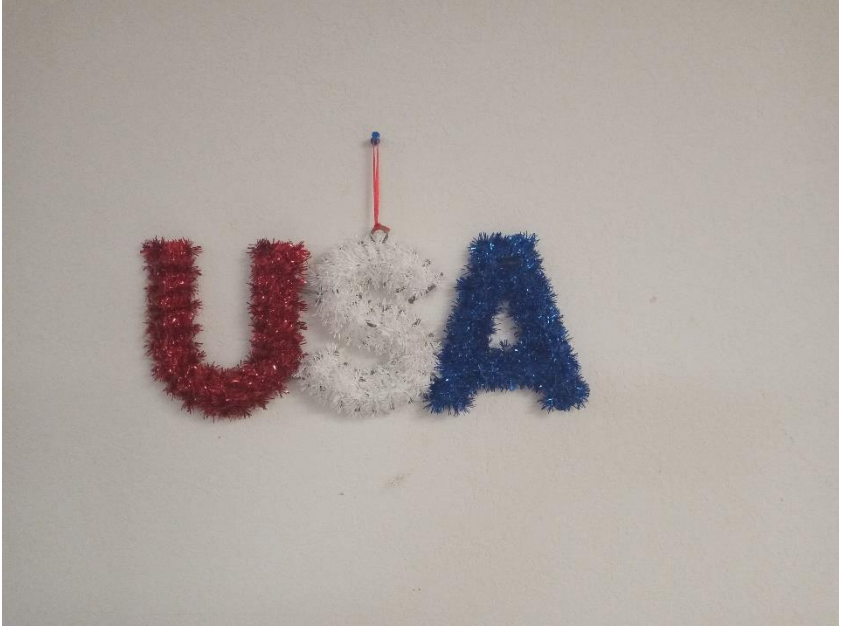
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 **HOME**
FROM SEA TO 
shining Sea
 **FREEDOM**


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Mike and Ellen Glover Lewis got stuck in an elevator between floors for over 2 hours at the recent 73rd National Square Dance Convention® in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

After being rescued by firefighters from the ordeal (there were others in the elevator besides them, and Ellen was claustrophobic), the hotel offered them a full refund on their accommodations, and \$200 to spend

at the hotel. They also got this certificate, plus these special “elevator survivor” badges, in the photos below the certificate.

While they can laugh about the entire episode after the fact, it was understandably very traumatic.



Next, photos from the Heber Springs July 12 dance, with the group “Angels And Outlaws” joining the dancing fun.





Next, congratulations to the families of Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, as well as Roger and Sheena Garner, on their new grandbaby...please see the Twirling Lariats Club Report for details.



We're hoping that all of these in the photo are future square dancers!!

Next, several photos from the Twirling Funtimers Christmas In July Dance; please see their club report for details.







Next, some photos from the Heart Of America Single Square Dancers Association (HASSDA) 2024 Festival that was in Springdale, Arkansas, from July 25-27, 2024. There were several Arkansas dancers there...and in all, there were 245 dancers from 15 states in attendance. National Callers Darryl Lipscomb and Tom Manning did the squares, with Arkansas' own Cathy and Fred Fisher cueing the Round Dancing. Not to be outdone, our own Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, with "the gator mascot", chairpersons for the 74th National Square Dance Convention ® in June, 2025, in Shreveport, Louisiana.









Next, from the Bluebird Squares July 20, 2024 dance, a photo with dancer Anika Becker, Caller Art Ritter, dancer Carol Souza, & Bluebird Squares Caller Carolyn Birdsong.



Next, several photos from the Maverick Mixers Celebrate Summer Dance on July 27, 2024...see their club report for more details.





































Next, your Editor, with “pigeon toed waddling” toward the duty square table. I danced during the Plus Workshop before the dance (I didn’t get short of breath), then took photos and chatted with fellow dancers the rest of the night. Then, a photo of Ginny Short, who was not dancing, but on oxygen, due to medical issues. However, she took several photos, and it was good to see her and her husband, Jerry, as they have not been able to attend any square dances for several weeks.





Next, to go with the tablecloths that were at the Maverick Mixers Celebrate Summer Dance, noted on the previous pages, here's a tasty fruit that's good all year round: pineapple. I've seen it with ice cream sundaes, served with ham, and even as a pizza topping. Thanks to Elaine Cox of the **NEOSDA** for this interesting information.



Here's our pineapple story: First of all, I am not sure how long the plant had been growing before it bloomed...I'd say at least 2 or 3 years. Then on March 13 of this year, I photographed a tiny pineapple. Now almost five months later, we harvested this golden pineapple. It's small and fragrant, but if it's like the others we've grown, it'll be delicious. You'll just have to trust us about that!

Just like the journey of the pineapple hundreds of years ago, when it was first discovered for its sweet, delicious fruit, the journey of pineapple symbols have traveled down through time and traveled the globe. The symbolism of pineapple stretches from royalty to war to hospitality.

Pineapples have been emblazoned on front doors and backpacks and everything in between. And at the end of the day, the pineapple is still the sweetest fruit around, and a sign that you are welcomed with open arms. More details and symbolism are at this link:

<https://symbolismandmetaphor.com/pineapple-symbolism/>

Continuing in the same vein, the history and info on watermelons. The city of Hope, Arkansas has a watermelon festival each August, and in years past, they have grown watermelons as large as 275 pounds!! Plus, years ago, there was a square dance club known as the Melonaires.



Watermelons and summers are synonymous. Many of us have sweet memories eating watermelons on a hot summer's day. But the fruit has more bearings beyond summer joy. It also symbolizes health, fertility, and intellect.

The watermelon is a popular fruit belonging to the cucurbits family. For context, squash and cucumbers are also from the same family. However, the watermelon has more symbolic meaning than just a fruit.

Seeing a watermelon in your dreams can have many positive meanings and connotations. They may also symbolize new career opportunities, longevity, and happiness.

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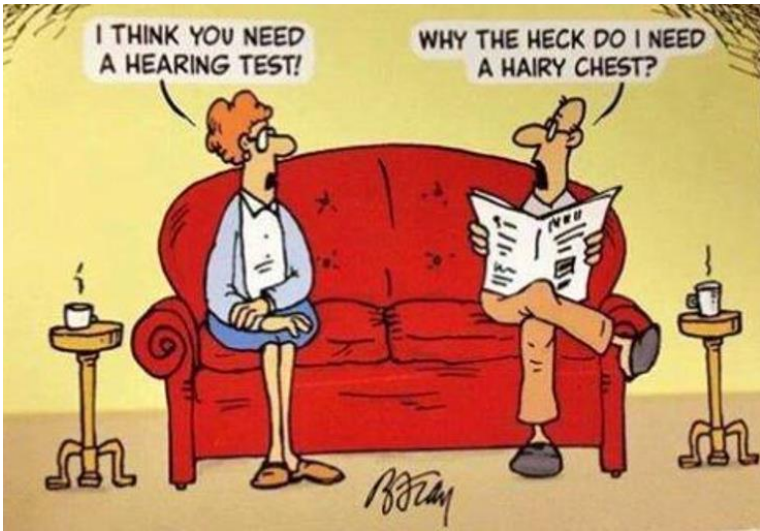
Next, here's a truth about square dancing, but they can be applied to round dancing or clogging as well.



**THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE
THOSE WHO LOVE TO SQUARE DANCE
AND THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER TRIED IT**



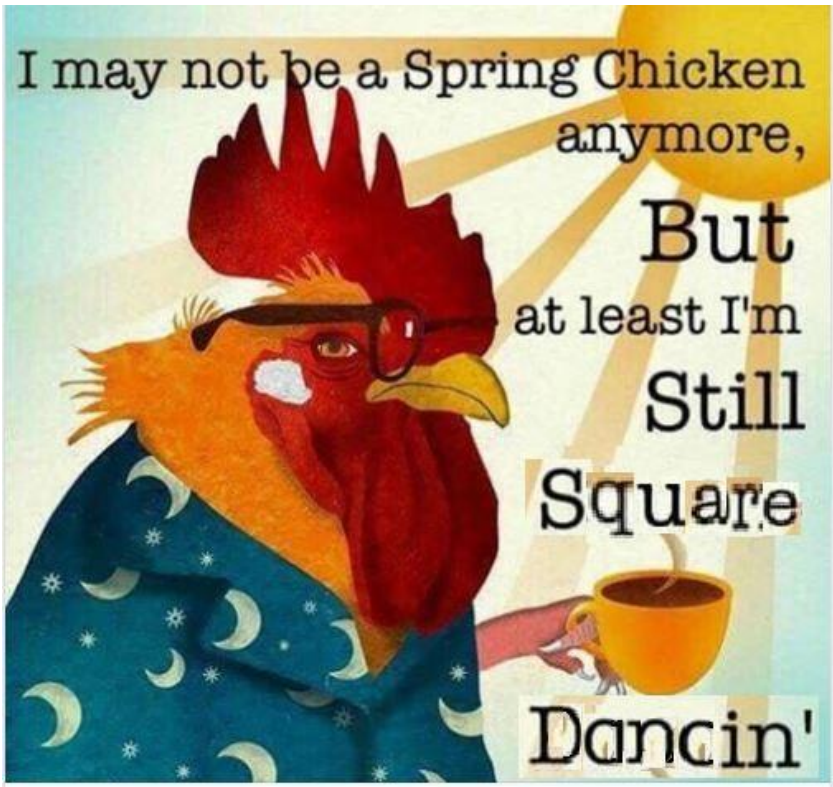
To finish off, since laughter is the best medicine, and there's so little to laugh at nowadays, here are several cute humor items. First, here's the excuse when you miss a call at the dance (I'm going to use it (LOL!)).



If kids can have nice cream trucks, this should be for the adults (after the dance is over, and at the festival cash bar after parties, of course).



Next, since none of us are getting any younger (I consider each day as a gift), here is a truth about many of us.



Two dancers who are no longer with us, were still dancing in their older years. These were Herb Lovett of the former Hoedowners club in North Little Rock, who was dancing in his 80's; and Dorothy Pumphrey of the former 60's Swingers club in Little Rock, who was dancing at 100.

I tell folks that "I'm too old to cut the mustard, but I can still stir the mayonnaise, and lick the jar. So, pass the BLT, onion ring, and Doctor Pepper, and nobody gets hurt" <grin!>.

Along this line, here are several famous celebrities (many of whom you'll likely recognize), with their "Parting Shots", on "Thoughts About Aging". My personal favorites are the ones from Phyllis Diller, Rob Reiner, Princess Grace, Bob Hope, T.S. Elliot, Pablo Picasso, George Carlin, Elizabeth Taylor, and Leon Phillips.

PARTING SHOTS

THOUGHTS ABOUT AGING

- ✓ "If you want to know how old a woman is, ask her sister-in-law." (*Eva Gabor*)
- ✓ "Old age comes at a bad time." (*Ed Sullivan*)
- ✓ "Inside every Older person is a younger person wondering what happened." (*Stevie Wonder*)
- ✓ "Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard, there is nothing you can do about it." (*Golda Meir*)
- ✓ "The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." (*Mark Twain*)
- ✓ "I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." (*Phyllis Diller*)
- ✓ "Nice to be here? At my age, it's nice to be anywhere." (*George Burns*)
- ✓ "First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up; then, you forget to pull your zipper down." (*Rob Reiner*)
- ✓ "You spend 90 percent of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10 percent trying to convince the Lord that you're actually not THAT tired." (*Princess Grace*)
- ✓ "Old people shouldn't eat Health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." (*Bob Hope*)
- ✓ "At my age, flowers scare me." (*George Burns*)
- ✓ "It's like you trade the virility of the body for the agility of the spirit." (*Ed Sullivan*)
- ✓ "The years between 55 and 75 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." (*T.S. Elliot*)
- ✓ "At age 20, we worry about what others think of us...at age 40, we don't care what they think of us...at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." (*Ann Landers*)
- ✓ "When I was young, I was called a rugged individualist. When I was in my fifties, I was considered eccentric. Here I am doing and saying the same things I did then, and I'm labeled senile." (*Milton Berle*)

PARTING SHOTS

THOUGHTS ABOUT AGING

- ✓ "The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." (**Martin Scorsese**)
- ✓ "We don't grow older, we grow riper." (**Pablo Picasso**)
- ✓ "It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." (**Andy Rooney**)
- ✓ "The older I get, the better I used to be." (**Lee Trevino**)
- ✓ "I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me — they're cramming for their final exam." (**George Carlin**)
- ✓ "Everything seems to slow down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips." (**Elizabeth Taylor**)
- ✓ "Grandchildren don't make a man feel old, it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother that does." (**Norman Vincent Peale**)
- ✓ "When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old." (**Mark Twain**)
- ✓ "You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks." (**Dennis Quaid**)
- ✓ "There's one advantage to being 102, there's no peer pressure." (**Adam & Eve**)
- ✓ "There are three stages in man's Life: he believes in Santa Claus, he does not believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus." (**Leon Phillips**)
- ✓ "Looking fifty is great — if you're sixty." (**Joan Rivers**)
- ✓ "Time may be a great Healer, but it's a lousy Beautician." (**Zsa Zsa Gabor**)