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What a month February was. The February 7th meeting of the delegates was well represented. The association has printed up bookmarks for clubs to use to advertise square dancing. The Teen Dance had 68 square dancers attend and we collected over \$1,000 for the State Scholarship Fund. Georgetown's Shirts 'n Skirts "Death by Chocolate" was fun and delicious as ever. We appreciated the Swinging Lakers going dark to attend the Shirts 'n Skirts "Death by Chocolate". They showed us how important it is to support other district clubs.

The Nominating Committee, made up of all club presidents, met after the delegate meeting on February 7th. Rey Veselka was appointed chairman of the committee. The committee is charged with selecting the slate of officers for the April 25th meeting and election of officers. Please consider becoming involved in the association. If you are interested in serving in an elected officer position, please contact Rey Veselka at reyveselka@hotmail.com. The association is looking for new people to serve as appointed officers. The appointed officers are asked to attend four association meetings and dances. Serving on the association is a way to make new friends with people who also wants to see square dancing grow.

March 6th and 7th will find several of us in Lubbock for the Nominating Meeting and dance. Jon and Veronica Steffens have been nominated to serve as Treasurers for the State next year. We are confident they will be elected. If you are free that weekend, join us for a great weekend of dancing.

La Grange Roadrunners are having their Independence Day Dance on March 7th. Come and Take It Squares is having their anniversary dance on the 14th in Luling and is preceded with a bar-b-que dinner. The Apache Raindancers are having a spaghetti dinner and dance on the 16th of March. The Texas Bluebonnets are celebrating their 13th Anniversary on March 21st at Hyde Park Christian Church. The Waterloo Squares are celebrating their 26th Anniversary on March 26th. We hope that you find the opportunity to dance at these great dances.

March is also time for new lessons to start. The Texas State Callers Association offers a chance to apply for a grant to clubs offering lessons. We have provided the form in this newsletter. Or you can go on-line to <http://www.txcallers.com/PDFFiles/TSCA%20Application%20for%20Lessons%20Grant.pdf> to get the application. We hope that your club is eligible to apply for this money. Let us know if your club receives the funds.

If you haven't pre-registered for State Festival, you still have time. Pre-registration is available on-line at www.squaredancetx.com/fest_reg_order.html. This is a great dance opportunity in Waco. The State Callers Association is providing the callers on Thursday night with a Trails-In Dance and a river race, which should be very entertaining. Friday night's Pre-Festival Dance "Stars at Night" is hosted by Heart of Texas Square and Round Dance Association. Saturday's Festival Dance is "Dancing Deep in the Heart of Texas".

We hope to see everyone around the square soon.

James and Theresa



Texas State Callers' Association

Application for Lessons Grant

DATE Application Mailed: _____

Club Information

Club Name: _____ Area: _____

Member of TSFSRD? Yes ___ No ___

Square Dance Level: _____ Format: _____

Dance Location: _____

Dance Day/Frequency/Time: _____

Has your club received any other grant monies from TSCA? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

How many students are currently in your class? _____

What are the dates of your class? _____

Name of Caller/Cuer Teaching Class? _____

Is instructor a TSCA Member? (see #3 below) _____

Lesson Costs: Hall _____ Instructor _____ Advertising _____

Why does your club need a grant? _____

Club Contact Information:

Name: _____ Club Office: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ TX Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please attach any supporting documentation that you believe may assist TSCA in evaluating your application, e.g.: class roster, lesson flyer, detailed expenses, etc.) **Please return this application to the current TSCA President.** TSCA will respond to applications within 30 days of receipt of paperwork.

For TSCA Use Only: Date Application Received: _____ Amount of Award: _____ Date of Award: _____
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TSCA Lesson Grant Information/Requirements:

1. Clubs that receive lessons grants are at the discretion of the TSCA Board.
2. Application for a grant in no way obligates TSCA to award a grant to the applicant.
3. Lessons' instructors must be a member of the Texas State Callers' Association (TSCA).
4. Lessons must cover ALL the calls on the CALLERLAB Mainstream Program.
5. The lessons must have a minimum of 8 (eight) students in the class (a student is defined as a person who has paid for the class).

BUCKLES & BOWS

During February 2009 we began the month celebrating two of our members' birthdays. Alison and Casey that happened to be having their birthdays on the same date, February 5th, the first Thursday that we danced. Then we celebrated Valentines Day on February 12 and danced to "Love Singers" and on February 19th we celebrated "Mardi Gras" with beads and jazzy music.

The countdown has begun! Only two months until **BUCKLES & BOWS CELEBRATES OUR 6TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE** on April 18th, 2009 and we welcome back **Tony Oxendine** as our special international Guest Caller. Our anniversary dance will be the Saturday after Easter. If you attended Buckles & Bows 4th anniversary dance when Tony Oxendine last called for our anniversary dance, you were part of the 37 squares that had a FABULOUS EVENING!

We are also planning to welcome **MIKE SEASTROM** from California for our "Happy Every Holiday Dance" on **September 12th, 2009** and **MIKE SIKORSKY** from Arizona for yet another "Special Evening with Mike Sikorsky" dance on **October 3rd, 2009**. More details and flyers will follow in the oncoming months.

Our Buckles & Bows members enjoyed visiting Shirts 'N Skirts "Death by Chocolate" dance in February and are planning to attend as many upcoming dances in March and April as our members are able to. We hope other club members will find time to dance with our club members on Thursday evenings, as we have friendly dancers who enjoy having visitors from other clubs dance with us.

Hope to see you in a square soon.

CLICKETY CLOGGERS

Two newsletter articles in a row. That may be a record for us.

By the time you read this article, the Clickety Cloggers will have just started beginner clogging lessons. If you hurry on over Thursday evening (6:30) it will be the last chance to get in on these lessons. Otherwise, you might have to wait until September. As a northwestern Austinite, we meet in far south Austin. Until I started dancing there (Manchaca and Slaughter), I didn't know Austin went so far south. No partner needed. One left foot and one right foot would help, but even those of us with two left feet can eventually learn. More details are on our website www.clicketycloggers.com

We are also beginning our Springtime shows. We have been dancing at the Bluebonnet Festival (Burnet) and Red Poppy Festival (Georgetown). This year, we added the Daffodil Festival (Round Rock). Flowers are not a criterion for our shows. As mentioned last month, in January we danced at a Chinese New Years celebration. I am not sure how clogging fits in with the Chinese New year, but it was a fun event.

Upcoming, we will most likely be dancing at a St. Patrick's Day celebration (downtown), Bastrop Yesterfest and Pecan Street Festival, among others. You can check our website for the current listing of upcoming shows. We would love to see you in the Club (taking lessons) and/or in the audience.

Jon Durbin

Callers and cuers in the ASRDA area. Please contact them when you need someone for your dance.

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Jerry and Lucy Pate

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 Sun City Sun Dancers Sunday
 Shirts & Skirts Wednesday
 Member of the Austin Eagles

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**If you wish to become a Square Dance
 Booster please send a check for \$10 made out
 to ASRDA to Donna Woodard, 10621 Denell
 Circle, Austin, TX 78753.**

THE TEXAS BLUEBONNETS

The Texas Bluebonnets meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 6800 Woodrow Ave in Austin. We dance Mainstream and Plus and our caller, Jimmy Johnson, is great to help us with our moves and show us how fun square dancing can be. We go dark on the 5th Tuesdays when we hope you will enjoy dancing with other clubs on these nights.

The Texas Bluebonnets started mainstream lessons beginning February 3rd, 2009 with lessons continuing for 20 weeks. We have a small class but are having a great time. Please visit our website (www.asrda.org/clubs/bluebonnets) for further information. We would like to thank everyone in advance for anyone you may know and send to us for lessons. We also extend an invitation to anyone who would like to come and help angel our new students.

Our next big club dance will be our Anniversary Dance on Saturday March 21st, 2009 at Hyde Park Christian Church located at 610 E 45th St. in Austin. We will have guest caller and line dance leader Gary and Linda Bible. Come help us dance into spring and celebrate our 13th anniversary. Visit the website for flyers and information.

We are also beginning our plans for our 5th annual Luau Dance Aug 15th at Hyde Park Christian Church located at 610 E 45th St. in Austin. Keep watching for information for this event. It should be plenty of fun.

See you around the squares, Mike and Janet Tidwell: Secretaries

WHEEL-N-DEALS SQUARE DANCE CLUB OF SAN MARCOS

Attendance has been good on Thursday nights at Wheel-n-Deals. Several younger couples have recently joined the club and bring a lot of enthusiasm to the dances.

The annual election of officers will be held in March. The new board will be installed at the first dance in April.

Cassandra Joy, and husband, Robert, are teaching round dancing to about ten couples each Thursday night (6:30 - 7:30 PM) prior to our square dances. We are finding it to be a lot of fun.

For a fun-filled evening with friendly folks, come see us! Visitors always welcome.

Bill & Ginger Hughes, President.

APACHE RAINDANCERS

Are you all ready for spring? Square dancing is a wonderful way to totally ignore the seasons. That is unless you can take a cruise or trip to get away from it all.

Janelle Hebe and Becky Boyer took a wonderful 18 day trip to Australia and New Zealand. They missed the fires in Southern Australia, but not the 112 degrees in Melbourne. We sure wouldn't want them to forget central Texas summers.

As you all know, Apaches love to eat, so we are having a Spaghetti Supper on Monday March 16th. We welcome anyone who likes to eat to join us. We will have Spaghetti with sauce, French bread and salad. We will eat from 6 PM to 7 PM and dance thereafter till around 9:30 PM to our wonderful Pal Al, who always calls an interesting dance. Cost is \$2.00 for dinner and \$4.00 to dance. We are so lucky to have the wonderful Hyde Park Christian Church to hold these suppers and dances.

Apaches are going to start another new class of Main Stream lessons on March 23rd. They will be at Hyde Park Christian Church, 7 PM to 8 PM, with Main Stream and Plus dancing following till 9:30 pm.

The month of March is near upon us
A time of seasonal change for sure
Our winter is surely behind us
Now its time for flowers and more
As Apaches we have a new chance
To help our club and to be bold
To begin to build back up again
And become the Raindancers of old.

MERRY-GO-ROUNDS

The Merry Go Rounds will be starting round dance lessons for beginners on Thursday, March 5, 2009. Classes will be at the Hyde Park Christian Church fellowship hall from 8:00 pm till 9:30 pm. The address is 610 E. 45th Street, Austin Texas. Jerry & Lucy Pate will be the Cuers and instructors.

If you are interested, get your partner and join us. Space is limited, so register early, by calling, emailing, writing, or just show up. A small \$6.00 per couple per night donation is requested.

The Pates info is as follows: phone: (512) 250-5185, email: jpate12@austin.rr.com, mailing address is: PO Box 607, Cedar Park, Texas 78613.

Merry-Go-Rounds
Austin, Texas

Round Dance Lessons
For Beginners

Starting Thursday, March 5, 2009

8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Hyde Park Christian Church
(Fellowship hall)

610 E. 45st St.

(between Duval & Red River)
Austin Texas 78751

\$6.00 per couple per night

Cuers: Lucy & Jerry Pate

PO Box 607
Cedar Park, Texas 78630-0607

(512) 250-5185

e-mail: jpate12@austin.rr.com

Limited dance space - so register early !!! To register, just call, write, or e-mail that you'll be there, or just show up!

Bring your partner and come Round Dance !



On Saturday, January 24, 2009, many square and round dancers from all over Texas gathered in Round Rock, Texas to express their appreciation for Joann & Aubrey Smelser.

Joann and Aubrey began square dancing in the Austin area in 1973. They took lessons from Joe Brown, square dance caller.

The Smelsers have been very active in the events and the dancer organizations. During the past 25 years they have organized and lead the Merry Go Rounds round dance club. They have cued and taught many dancers in our area, as well as around the state and nation. They were the cueing part of the Austin Eagles since the Eagles formed almost 20 years ago. They were very active in the Capital Area Callers Association, the national Roundalab organization, and the Texas Round Dance Teachers Association for many years. They have been members of other dance groups, and have cued for most of Austin's square dance clubs.

They have been very busy promoting our dance activity for the past 35 years, but they have decided to slow down a little. You will still see them on the dance floor, and may see them cue some dances, but they have decided to give up several on-going commitments, like the weekly cueing and teaching at the Merry Go Rounds, participating in the fun Austin Eagle weekend festivals, and the annual Cen-Tex Round Dance Festivals. They have decided to spend more time with their family, to include children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, which we all got to meet at the Appreciation Dance. They also plan to travel more and visit places that they haven't seen before. They still maintain a ranch and raise cattle in their spare time.

Even though we will occasionally see Joann and Aubrey on the dance floor, their active participation will be greatly missed in the dance community. They have truly set a great example as leaders and have earned our upmost respect.

Many thanks to the Smelsers for a job well done from the Merry Go Rounds.

MERRY MIXERS

I regret to inform the readers that the Merry Mixers will not be hosting a Special Dance on March 26th with Tom Roper.

The Merry Mixers had a square attend Aubrey and Joanne Smelser's Appreciation Dance and we all had a grand time.

Mainstream lessons are in the final stages and our six remaining students are anticipating graduation at the end of March. Lessons are on our regular Thursday dance night from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM with hard badgers taking the floor from 9:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Visitors are welcome to angel and help fill out squares.

The Shirts and Skirts paid us a visit and relieved us of one of our traveling banners. It was great having them because we had 4 total squares dancing at any one time.

Birthdays for March - 1st - Ed Weiss, 5th - Mary Weiss, 9th - Don Frawley, 13th - LeeAnn Tacchi, 23rd - Linda Drga, 27th - Al Hostetler, 31st - Linda Green. Merry Mixers have no March Wedding Anniversaries to celebrate.

Upcoming Square Dance Events of Importance:

Mid-Tex Jamboree on May 1 & 2

State Festival in Waco on June 11 - 14

Nationals in Long Beach June 24-27

MM Root Bear Float Dance with Brad Caldwell July 30

MM April Fools Dance with Andy Petere on April 1, 2010

The last pieces of news for this article are: while the rest of us in Austin are suffering from high allergen counts, our Vice Presidents, Al and Melody are vacationing in South America. You reporter and his family are looking forward to a trip to Lubbock, TX to meet up with family during spring break.

See you all around a square. Gene Tacchi

APACHE RAINDANCERS

Spaghetti Dinner and Dance



Join us for some spaghetti, salad, bread, and tea. Then we will square dance together for awhile. Al Frazier will do the calling.

Monday night

March 16th, 2009

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm dinner

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm dance

At Hyde Park Christian Church

610 East 45th Street

Austin, Texas

\$2.00 donation for dinner and \$4.00 for the dance

For more information, Contact
Howard Stier at 512-762-9133 or
Joyce Adams at 512-542-3117

WATERLOOS

As many of you already know, Waterloos lost a beloved member last month. At his request, there will be “no whining”, but I do want to honor George Gillar with a few words of remembrance. George and his wife Sue have been members of Waterloos for ten plus years. During that time they have served in many leadership roles. They also coordinated our mainstream and plus dance lessons. They always “stepped up toe plate” and fulfilled their duties faithfully and well.

More important than all of the leadership roles in which he so willingly served is the fact that George genuinely cared for all of us. He was always present with a welcoming word, a warm hug and a loving heart. He, along with Sue, made each of us feel accepted and special. So George, we do not stand at your grave and weep. We have your loving legacy to keep. We celebrate all that you meant to us. A part of you will square up with us each time we dance as we carry your memory in our hearts. You were truly an admirable man!

I want to thank all of you who came to our Graduation Dance on February 3. We honored 11 mainstream dancers and a number of DBD Plus Concepts Dancers as well. We were sorry that Gary Bible, our caller, was unable to be there due to a case of the flu and look forward to his return. We also appreciate Brad Caldwell for filling in. We had a wonderful time welcoming our new dancers!

Happy March birthdays to the following celebrants: David Steward, March 4; Elinor McDonald, March 15; Larry Shimkus, March 16; Ken Shelton, March 28.

Wishes for a happy anniversary go out to Stan and Joanne Lattrell on March 25.

A “heads up” from the theme committee is provided below. Here is a preview of our special dances for the next few months. Mark your calendars so you don’t miss the fun!

March 17 – Wearing of Green with Les Hughes

March 24 – Waterloos’ Anniversary Dance with Lem Gravelle

April 7 – 50’s Dance with Brad Caldwell

May 26 – Memorial Celebration Dance – caller to be announced later

A hearty Waterloos’ welcome to our new members! Willie Williams of Austin joined us on February 3. Gary and Gini Aalen joined on February 10. They hail from San Marcos.

Waterloos’ Spring Lessons with Gary Bible will begin on March 5 at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Beginner lessons are from 7:30 to 9:00, and Plus from 9:00 to 10:00. During this break between our fall and spring lessons we plan to catch up on some visiting. Hope to see you somewhere soon!

Our mystery member from last month was Ervin Jameson. This month’s mystery member and spouse took square dancing lessons with different clubs, but both clubs used the same caller. They met through a dance with that caller. Can you identify this member?

As usual the caller schedule for March is below. Thanks to Ken McDonald for putting together such an excellent slate.

March 3 – Bill Wright-San Antonio; March 10 – Wayne Weston, Canyon Lake; March 17 – Les Hughes, Bulverde; March 24 – Lem Gravelle; March 31 – Jimmy Johnson, Austin.

All dances are held at the South Austin Senior Activity Center, 3911 Manchaca Road.

Happy Dancing, Delores Jameson

COME AND TAKE IT SQUARES

We hope you all had a very “sweet” Valentine’s day. I got the cutest teddy bear from my valentine. It was sitting in the recliner as I was going to sit down for my breakfast. Calvin has been waiting on me hand and foot since I had the foot surgery. A big yellow rock to him from me. Hopefully I can soon start dancing again.

Our sympathy goes out to Sue Giller and family. George was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.

We are looking forward to the La Grange Roadrunner’s dance on March 7. Seguin is having graduation on February 18th, which we plan to attend.

Callers for March are March 2, Nassar Shukayr, 9th is Cris’s night, the 16th Ed Larder and the 23rd Cris. On March 30th we are dark.

We have one couple wanting to take lessons, so we are going fast track for them from 7:30 -8:00 and regular dancing from 8:00-9:30. We always welcome visitors. We also provide a fantastic spread of goodies.

This will be the last reminder of our anniversary dance on March 14th at the Luling Civic Center. BBQ dinner 5:30, Round dancing being cued by the Beckers at 6:30 and square dancing 7:30-10:00 with Bill Wright calling. We have two vendors and a great country store.

We also have a lovely antique looking hutch made by one of Dottie’s sons which he is donating. So hope to see you there.

Yellow rocks to all, Calvin and Ruby

UPCOMING EVENTS

Send information on your special event to Social Secretary Howard & Bonnie Bounds
1912 Cannonwood Lane, Austin, Tx 78745-3607 – sqbounds@austin.rr.com

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- Mar 6-7 TSFSRD Conclave, Lubbock
- Mar 7 LaGrange Roadrunners Independence Day Dance, caller Lottie Ainsworth, cuer John Becker
- Mar 14 Come & Take It Squares Anniversary Dance, caller Bill Wright, cuers the Beckers
- Mar 16 Apache Raindancers Spaghetti Dinner and Dance – caller Al Frazier
- Mar 21 Texas Bluebonnets Anniversary Dance, caller Gary Bible, line dance Linda Bible
- Mar 24 Waterloo Squares 26th Anniversary Dance – caller Lem Gravell
- Apr 3-5 Eagles Rockport FunFest
- Apr 18 Buckles & Bows 6th Anniversary Dance – caller Tony Oxendine
- Apr 25 ASRDA meeting – **election of officers** – Hyde Park Christian Church
- Apr 29 Shirts N Skirts 5th Wednesday Plus Dance, caller Jim Hayes
- May 1-2 Mid-Tex Festival, caller Mike Bramlett, cuers Kay & Joy Read
- May 13 Swinging Lakers Anniversary Dance
- June 11-14 State Festival in Waco
- June 24-27 National Convention in Long Beach, CA
- July 8 Shirts N Skirts Ice Cream Social, caller Jim Hayes, cuers Jerry & Lucy Pate
- July 29 Shirts N Skirts 5th Wednesday Plus Dance, caller Jim Hayes
- July 30 Merry Mixers 3rd Annual Root Bee Float Special, caller Brad Caldwell
- Aug 15 Texas Blubonnets Luau Dance
- Sept 12 Buckles & Bows 3rd Annual “Happy Every Holiday Dance”– caller Mike Seastrom
- Sept 30 Shirts N Skirts 5th Wednesday Plus Dance, caller Jim Hayes
- Oct 3 Buckles & Bows Special – caller Mike Sikorsky

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- Mar 6 LaGrange Roadrunners Independence Day Dance, caller The Poor Boys, cuer John Becker
- Mar 27 Come & Take It Squares Anniversary Dance
- Apr 1 Merry Mixers Special Dance – Caller Andy Petrere
- Apr 17 Buckles & Bows 7th Anniversary Dance – caller Tim Crawford from Ontario, Canada
- Apr 23-25 Eagles Rockport FunFest

SHIRTS 'N' SKIRTS

On January 24th, a well-known and popular pair, Aubrey and JoAnn Smelser received a salute from a slew of dancers. The Round Rock BACA accommodation hosted friends from far and near as the couple received trophies and tributes. A choice quintet of Austin area callers kept as many as 16 squares in motion while our favorite cuers, Lucy and Jerry Pate varied the pace to entertain all with their charming round dance cueing. During the festivities, the couple introduced their family and reminisced about a lifetime of dancing. More than a few misty eyes dried quickly with the telling of humorous anecdotes. Everyone came away from the evening knowing this was a wonderful dance and that Jerry Pate now has the "keys to the car".

With Jerry now in the driver's seat, anyone seeking superb round dance instruction should know The Pates are offering beginning round dance lessons starting Thursday, March 5th. The Merry Go Rounds will host classes in the Hyde Park Christian Church fellowship hall at 610 East 45th Street in Austin. Classes will be held from 8:00 until 9:30PM. If you are interested in learning some great dancing, get your partner and sign up. Space is expected to be limited. Hurry and register with a telephone call, via e-mail, write a note, or simply show up. A teensy \$6.00 per couple per night donation is requested. The Pates information is as follows; phone: (512) 250-5185, email: jpate12@austin.rr.com, mailing address is: PO Box 607, Cedar Park, Texas 78613. Happy dancing awaits – it's a guarantee.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make our annual "Death by Chocolate" dance so much fun. We think it can be called a successful event because chocolate lovers abound. It's only coincidental some chocolate lovers also happen to enjoy square and round dancing. Jerry and Lucy Pate led out with early rounds while Jim Hayes and as many as ten squares had the little old schoolhouse jumping. It's indeed pleasant and pleasurable seeing people with so many smiles while enjoying their dancing.

Much credit goes to Dave and Ann Treadwell and our visitation teams who traveled about the district to promote this annual dance. Six area clubs were visited and four traveling banners captured. Visitation is not only a reason for promoting special dances; it also keeps square dancing alive and well. Let's do more of it!

As of Feb 19th Shirts 'n' Skirts and Jim Hayes offer square dance lessons from 7:00 to 9:00PM in the new Recreation Center at 1003 North Austin Ave. in

Georgetown. Nearly a dozen are signed up and we hope to bring as many as two dozen new dancers into the world of square dancing. Singles are welcome and anyone age 15 and up. The first two lessons are free. Need directions? Driving I-35 north, take exit 261A and turn right on Williams Drive. Driving I-35 south, take exit 262 and turn left on Williams Drive. Williams Drive will end in a "T" at Austin Avenue. Turn left on Austin Avenue. Drive not quite a half mile; look for the new Recreation Center on the right. Call Will or Carol Barnhart (512-248-2710) for more information.

A special "Thank you!" is in order to the Swinging Lakers for consenting to go dark in support of our July Ice Cream Social. We plan to return their good turn by going dark May 13th when special caller, Charles Quisenberry, helps them celebrate 29 years of square dancing. McCoy school will be quiet that evening because Shirts 'N' Skirts will be dancing in Lago Vista at the Swinging Lakers Clubhouse.

Chocolate is great but most folks will agree ice cream simply tastes better in the summertime. July is ice cream month and another special dance is in the works. On July 8th, we'll spring one more flavorful treat for our friends and dance buddies. Anyone who has been to one of our ice cream socials may salivate at the memory of real ice cream goodness. Put that date on your "gotta be there" list for certain – sure and come consume some ice cream.

Speaking of savory flavoring, here are more dates for your calendar: April 29, July 29 and September 30. These fifth Wednesday All Plus events have been well received and attended. Good dancers become great dancers when experiencing Jim Hayes's zesty all plus – furthermore, it's just a heap of fun. Discover more about Shirts 'n' Skirts square dance club by visiting our website at: <http://www.asrda.org/clubs/shirtsnskirts/>.

One doesn't need to look far away about Texas to find some really super dances coming soon. The May 1st & 2nd Austin Mid-Tex is planned and put together by hard-working and dedicated special people. The schedule promises a wealth of talented cuers and callers with workshops and good dancing. What's more, the State Festival in Waco in June is another opportunity. It brings a huge number of Texas finest dancers, callers and cuers to that fair city. Registration forms are available on the State Web site at <http://www.squaredancetx.com/> so sign up and make plans to attend. There's plenty we can all do in support of square dancing. Let's seize the moment and enjoy the treasures. Happy Dancing!

Respectfully submitted, Jim Shoemaker

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COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING

All commercial ads must be submitted with payment by the 15th of the month preceding publication to the Editor. All ads should be camera ready as to size and format.

ADVERTISING RATES:

	Per month	Per year
Full page	\$50.00	\$440.00
1/2 page	\$30.00	\$275.00
1/4 page	\$20.00	\$165.00
1/8 page	\$12.00	\$110.00
Flyers**	ASRDA Member Clubs	
	one free flyer per year – others \$15	
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ASRDA MID-TEX FESTIVAL

May 1-2, 2009 - St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Austin, TX

"The Best Little Barn Dance in Texas!"



Saturday Caller
Mike Bramlett



Saturday Cuers
Kay & Joy Read

Schedule of Events

Friday Dance May 1, 2009
7:00 - 7:30 pm Early Rounds
7:30 -10:00 pm Dance 2+2
Callers: Gary Bible, Brad Caldwell,
Al Frazier, Jim Hayes,
Jimmy Johnson, Ed Larder,
Chet Miles
Cuers: Martha Koslosky,
Jerry and Lucy Pate


Thanks to our Friday night Callers and
Cuers for donating their time and talent!


Donation per Dancer

\$12 all events
\$10 both nights
\$ 4 Friday night
\$ 4 Saturday afternoon
\$ 7 Saturday night

Saturday Afternoon May 2, 2009
12:30 - 2:30 pm Rounds Workshop
3:00 - 5:00 pm Square Dance

Saturday Dance May 2, 2009
7:00 - 7:45 pm Early Rounds
7:45 pm Grand March
8:00 -10:00 pm Dance 2+2,
Round Dance Exhibition
will replace one set of rounds


Silent Auction


Split The Pot

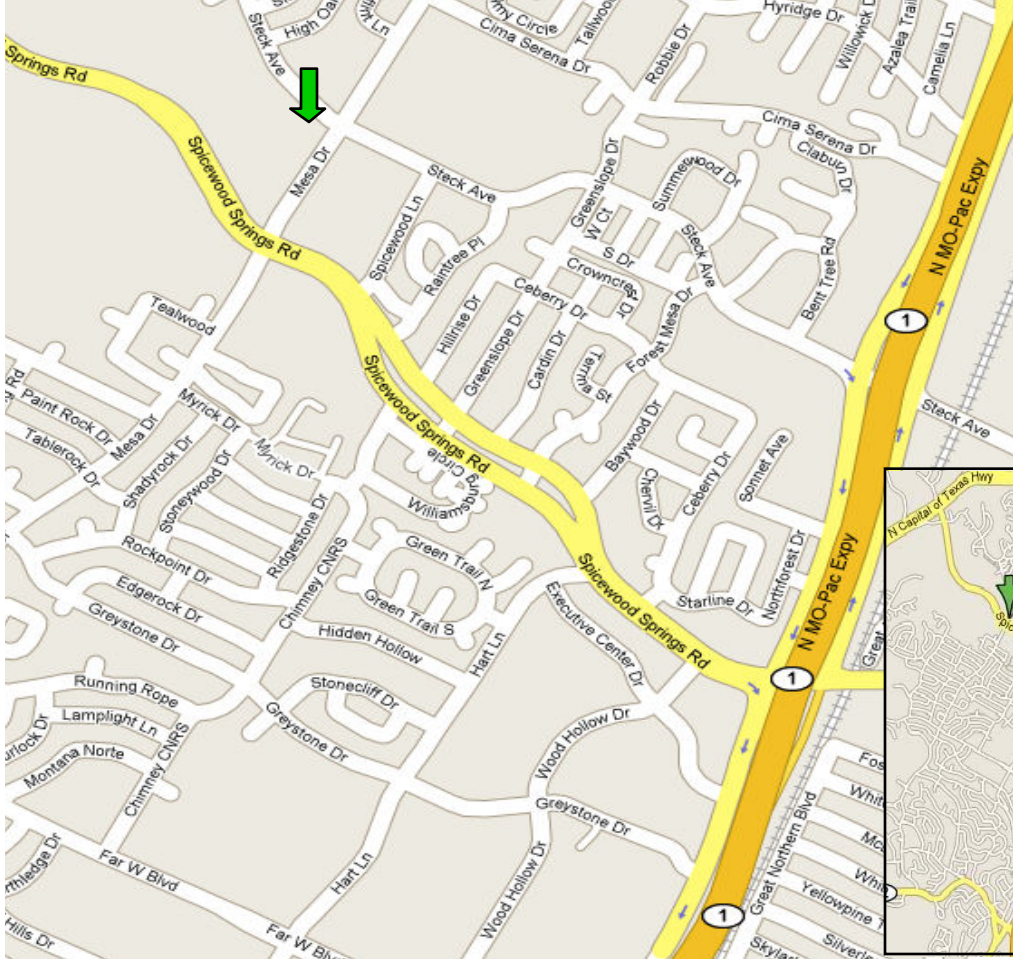
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ASRDA'S 61ST ANNUAL MID-TEX FESTIVAL

Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd, 2009

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church, 8134 Mesa Drive, Austin, Texas



Schedule of Events

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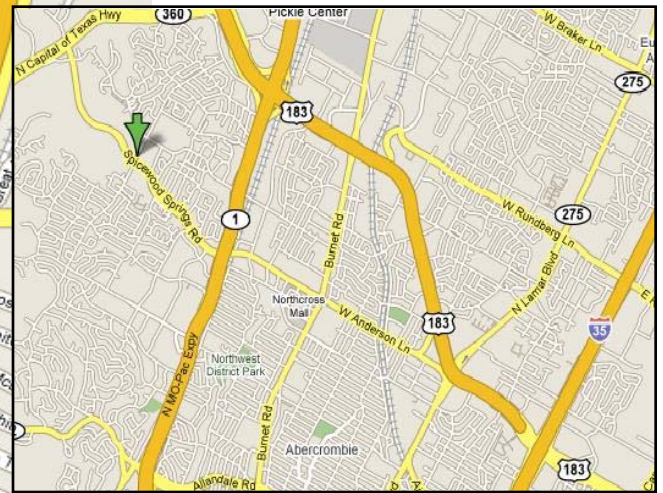
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For Nearby Hotel Information

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For RV Park Information

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58th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

June 24 – 27, 2009

Long Beach, California

What? Competitions at the 58th NSDC? YES!

Greetings, fellow dancers. You know what goes on at the National Square Dance Convention, don't you? Right, all the different types of dancing, the exhibitions, the seminars, the clinics, the fashion show, and all the rest. WELL.... There's something **NEW** this year! And very exciting! For the first time, there will be **SQUARE DANCE COMPETITIONS**. We will have separate competitions for adults and for youths. There's no extra charge, but you must pre-register for the competition. So don't wait.

This was just announced, and we don't have all the details, but I can tell you that the competition will be PLUS, I can tell you there will be medals awarded, and I can tell you that the competitions will be in the big hall so all the other dancers can watch.

Just checking.... Are you registered for the 58th National Square Dance Convention® yet? Well, there are only about 4 months to go. It's in Long Beach, California. So why not make Long Beach your vacation destination this year?

Registration is easy. It's only \$50 per person for the entire 4 days of fun and dancing. But the price goes up to \$60 on June 1st. So register now and save a few dollars. Log onto our web site: www.58nsdc.org for registration form and details.

We'll have more publicity releases coming out soon and you can check the web site, www.58nsdc.org in a few days for all the skinny on the competitions.

See you in **Long Beach**!!!!!!!!!!



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MONDAY

APACHE RAINDANCERS-1 Hyde Park Christian Church, 610 East 45th. Pres Howard Stier 642-3344
hs4bernie@aol.com, Chris Vandiver 446-2209
christinevandiver@sbcglobal.net. Caller Al Frazier 339-7910. Lessons 7:00-8:00 MS/P 8:00-9:30.
<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/apache/>

COME & TAKE IT SQUARES-1 Presbyterian Church, 414 Saint Louis, Gonzales, 830/672-3636; Pres Rey & Mary Veselka 830-672-3224, reyveselka@hotmail.com; Guest callers 1st & 3rd Mon.; Cris Crisler on the 2nd & 4th Mon. 830/624-0690. No 5th Monday. 7:30 PM to 9:30. MS/P
<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/comentakeit/>

LONE STAR LAMBADAS 1 Gethesemane Lutheran Church, 200 W. Anderson Lane, Gary Pritchett 418-1629
gary.pritchett@yahoo.com, caller Mikael Jacobson 210-363-5471, 7:00-9:00 MS/P Casual Attire
<http://www.lonestarlambdas.org/>

MERRY-GO-ROUNDS-2 Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st St, Jerry & Lucy Pate cuers 250-5185
jpate12@austin.rr.com, 7:30 – 9:30, Phase III – V.

PINE KNOT SQUARES-1 Bastrop Senior Citizens Center, Water Street, Bastrop. Pres Cherry Alexander, Caller Arnold & Marie Gladson 219-9258. MS 7:00-9:00
<http://www.glad2call.com/PineKnotsClub.htm>

TUESDAY

LA GRANGE ROADRUNNERS-3 Randolph Recreation Center, 653 E. Pearl St., La Grange. Pres Ed & Martha Koslosky 979-8364783. Callers Al Frazier, Traylor Walker alternating. 7:30 – 9:30, no fifth Tuesday.
<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/roadrunn/>

TEXAS BLUEBONNETS-1 First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 6800 Woodrow. Pres Jim & Wendy Rattigan, 246-6273, gwenrattigan@netscape.net, Caller Jimmy Johnson 926-6128. MS/P 7:30-9:30.
<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/bluebonnets/>

WATERLOO SQUARES-1, 7 South Austin Senior Activity Ctr, 3911 Manchaca Rd; Pres Larry & Ginger Shimkus 249-7839 larryandginger@sbcglobal.net; Visiting Callers MS/P 7:30-9:30. <http://www.asrda.org/clubs/waterloo/>

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SHIRTS'N'SKIRTS-3 McCoy Elementary School, NW corner of I-35 & Williams Drive, Georgetwon., Pres Tony & Martha Burghart 512-255-8417 MDBurghart@sbcglobal.net; Caller Jim Hayes. MS/P, Line dancing on the 1st Wed. led by Martha Burghart, Rounds on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wed., Cuers Jerry & Lucy Pate, 8-9:30. All Plus Dance every 5th Wed.
[asrda.org/clubs/shirtsnskirts/](http://www.asrda.org/clubs/shirtsnskirts/)

SWINGING LAKERS-1 K-Oaks Clubhouse in Lago Vista, Contact Dave Smith smithdl@austin.rr.com, Debbie Wehner dwehner@austin.rr.com 512-494-4069. Caller Gary Bible, 7:30-9:30, MS/P <http://www.asrda.org/clubs/swinglakers/>

THURSDAY

BUCKLES & BOWS-1 Cedar Park Methodist Church, 600 W. Park St., Cedar Park, TX., Callers Arnold & Marie Gladson 219-9258, agladson@austin.rr.com. MS 7pm-9pm. Plus 9pm-9:30pm.
<http://www.glad2call.com/BucklesBowsClub.htm>

CLICKETY CLOGGERS-4 1807 Slaughter Ln Ste.325, Pres Virginia Helton, 573-0793 or 830-798-2403, rthelton1@netzero.net. Performance Contact Jon Durbin 512-331-9536, jon_d@juno.com. 7pm
<http://www.clicketycloggers.com/>

KOUNTRY SQUARES-1 V.F.W. Hall Thorndale; Pres James & Kitty Lockhart, 512-856-0131 kittyjames@aol.com. Caller Al Frazier, 339-7910. MS/P 7:30-9:30 pm
<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/kountry/>

MERRY MIXERS-1 South Austin Senior Activity Ctr, 3911 Manchaca Rd; Pres David & Linda Payne 288-0018, sicodave@sbcglobal.net. Visiting callers. No 5th Thursday. MS/P 7:30-9:30 pm.
<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/merrymixers/>

WHEELS-N-DEALS-1 Dunbar Rec Ctr, 801 MLK, San Marcos, TX; Pres Bill & Ginger Hughes, 512-376-5725 bhughes18@austin.rr.com. Caller Chet Miles 1st & 3rd, guest callers 2nd & 4th. No 5th Thurs. MS/P. 7:30-9:30 pm
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