

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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April 7th:

Janet Shepherd with Feet First

Atlanta's inimitable Janet "from another planet" Shepherd will call while our own **Chuck & Katrina Weber, Tom Green & Eric Torstenson** play lots'a great old-time music for us to dance to.

April 21st:

Jane Ewing with the Bob, Cathy & Curt

North Alabama's only caller known to have demonstrated the difference between "Box the Gnat" and "Swat the Flea" while cruising at speed on a pontoon boat, **Jane Ewing** will call for our second dance this month. **Bob & Cathy White and Curt Lewis**, (aka **TSNB**) will play.

Don't forget: NACDS dances the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays of the month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church on Whitesburg at Airport Rd. in Huntsville. Come to the refresher workshop at 7PM, then dance until 10:30 for \$6 (\$5 for members, \$3 for teens.) Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes to dance in and please wear a name tag. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

A Song To Entice You To Come To Blue Moon IV And Dance Until Your Soul Goes WOOOO!

(To the tune of "Blue Moon"
with appologies to Rogers & Hart)

Blue Moon, you see me standing alone
Without a tune in my heart,
Without a dance of my own.

Blue Moon, you know just what I am there for
To emulate Fred Astaire for
A dance to form a new square for.

Suddenly there appears before us
A weekend we can call our own;

We hear *The Trash* whisper
"Please dance for us"
And *Hotpoint* acknowledge, "Woo-oo--ooo."

Blue Moon, now we're no longer alone
While *Cis* and *Bob* call the moves
We'll dance the three days right through.

Bluuue Moon!

[Carol Mebane gets the blame for this. Doug tweaked it a bit.]

Dance Weekend News

Now is the time for all of us to send in our registration forms. Current and former members will find one enclosed with this issue.

Check out Hotpoint's web page:

<http://www.hotpointstringband.com/>

or that of theTrash:

<http://www.bamalong.com/red.htm>

Then call Bryan or Carol and volunteer to help!

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$8, payable to me at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you and all your kin will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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Calendar

*Local events in **bold**; contact Bryan Walls (256 837-0656; bwalls@pobox.com) for more info.*

Apr. 6 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy & John with Five O'Clock Somewhere

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriol, near I-440 & Nolensville Rd.
Instruction at 7:30, dance at 8:00. For more info, contact Chrissy (615-210-6808) or John (DanceFools@aol.com).

Apr. 7 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Janet Shepherd with Feet First

Apr. 9 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Vicki Herndon calling with The Mumbillies

KCD dances Mondays at the Laurel St. Theatre (at 16th Street); for info: <<http://www.kornet.org/kcd/kcdsched.htm>>.

Apr. 13 (Fri.): Nashville: Jim Coode with Nashville Old Time String Band Association

Apr. 14 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Joannie Laney with Vulcan's Britches

CTDS dances occasional Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown; 8-11 P.M.; \$5.
For info contact: Roy at (423) 622-0604 or (423) 756-3466; roymh@worldnet.att.net.

Apr. 14 (Sat.): Birmingham CDS - Jef Hodge with the Stripling Brothers (the sons of Charlie Stripling)

BCDS dances 2nd & 5th Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$6. Info: <<http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>>

Apr. 16 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Seth Tepfer calling with Merriweather

Apr. 20 (Fri.) Nashville: Eddie Doss with Ed & Elsie (from Huntsville)

Apr. 21 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Bob, Cathy & Curt

Apr. 23 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Linda Allen (Brasstown) calling with the Wild Goose Ceili Band

Apr. 20 (Fri.) Nashville: No Dance!

Apr. 28 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Jane Ewing with Feet First

Apr. 28 (Sat.): Birmingham - Unplugged - Open Mike at the Unitarian Church - see web page for map

Apr. 30 (Mon.) Knoxville: Tim Klein calling with Danny Gammon & Friends

To get your dances on the schedule, e-mail us with the particulars by the 20th of the month. - Doug & Bryan

IMPROVE YOUR CONTRADANCING -- HAVE FUN LEARNING, HAVE MORE FUN DANCING

NACDS will hold a three-session workshop designed to improve your contradance skills, whether you're a beginner, a seasoned dance gypsy, or anywhere in between. We have scheduled this series so you can get up to speed in time for the "Blue Moon" dance weekend early in June.

We'll start with basic steps, give partner swing a lot of extra attention, touch on a few more abstract topics such as dance etiquette and the connection between the dance and the music. And we'll even get into the basics of waltzes.

The workshop will be adapted to the needs of those who show up, and we'll go as far as time permits. There will be lots of opportunity for questions and discussion. Harry Delugach will lead the workshop, with live music provided by *Feet First*.

These sessions will be in the gymnasium of Faith Presbyterian Church (where the regular dances are held), from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., just before the Saturday dances on April 21, May 5, and May 19. A fee of \$10 covers the series.

We'd like to know about how many participants to plan for, so please call Harry at **864-0214**.