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June 30th

Blue Moon Open-Mike with Bob, Cathy & Curt

Whenever the calendar coughs up a month with a fifth Saturday we celebrate by having a special open-mike "Blue Moon" dance. [Yes, Virginia. That is the source of the name of our dance weekend series - the first of which fell on a "fifth Saturday" weekend in May, 1998.] Anyhoo - this Saturday you can sit in with the band, call a dance or two, dance to your heart's content or try all three. The band will be hosted by **Bob & Cathy White and Curt Lewis**. The calling will be coordinated by **Harry Delugach**. Note to callers: please arrive early (about 6:00) for orientation/assistance/coordination with Harry & the other callers.

July 7th :

Seth Tepfer with Carnival Knowledge

Atlanta's inimitable **Seth Tepfer** will rock the caller's stand for our "Independance." [Sorry!] Meanwhile, Nashville's **Al Goll, Michael McCannless, Mike Baugh, and Jeff Hersk** (a.k.a Carnival Knowledge) will give us all "happy feet" with their music.

July 21st :

Chrissy Davis-Camp with the Jingo String Band

Two weeks later we'll welcome Nashville's **Chrissy Davis-Camp**, just back from a Scandinavian Tour (ask her about it!). The music will be by one of Tennessee's champion fiddlers, **Jim Wood**, and his wife **Inge**, who are the core of the Jingo String Band. They played for us last back in March.

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!

Whoops!

Last month, in the excitement & anticipation of our fourth Blue Moon weekend [and a *most excellent* event it turned out to be!] I neglected to mention the name of one of our officers when listing the new candidates for office. The office I forgot is that of Dance Producer, and we reelected incumbent Carol Mebane to another year of it's performance. She's the person who must think ahead to line up bands and callers for all our dances.

A Plea for Small Bills

The folks who man the table have asked that more of us use correct change when paying. After 5 or 6 people have paid with \$20 bills, the Ones and Fives needed to make change are seriously depleted. Thanks.

Not for Beginners Only

If you haven't noticed, we have been having a lot of first time contra dancers. This is way good because they are the lifeblood of the dance group. But they may not return unless they have fun, are welcomed, & feel included. Their first impression of us is often ...

The First-Time Dancer's Workshop

Remember your first dance? The workshop can be very intimidating and we present quite a bit of material in it. Beginners will feel more comfortable and learn more effectively if they have experienced dancers to model the steps for them, offer suggestions, and gently correct mistakes before they can become bad habits.

Here's how you can help: Come to the dance at 7:00 and dance with a newcomer at the beginner's orientation -- you'll have a head start on meeting all the new dancers!

Dance Weekend News

Blue Moon IV is now history. Wow! It was our biggest, most well received dance weekend yet. Let's take a moment to pat ourselves on the back for a job well done!

Okay, the moment's over! Time to start planning for next year. Think long and hard and then bring your thoughts, ideas and suggestions to a ...

Steer's Meeting

at the Mebane's on Monday, July 9th at 6 PM. Along with your ideas etc., bring a favorite summer food item for a potluck snack/supper. Homemade ice cream will be provided. We'll discuss what went right on the weekend, and how to use the money we made to do things better next time. We'll take suggestions as to which of your favorite bands and callers to invite for Blue Moon V and have lots of fun too.

Don't know how to get there? Here's a map!

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.*

June 29 (Fri.): Nashville: NO NASHVILLE DANCE!

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).

June 30 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Open Mike with Bob Cathy & Curt and you!

July 2 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Nick Boulet calling with music by Danny Gammon & All Over The Road

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

July 6 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp calling with Playin' Possum

July 7 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Seth Tepfer with Carnival Knowledge

July 9 (Mon.): Steers meeting at the Mebane's - 6:00

July 9 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Vicki Herndon calling with music by Mumbillies

July 13 (Fri.): Nashville: Jim Coode calling with Five O'Clock Somewhere

July 14 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Peavine Creek

CTDS dances occasional Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown; 8-11 P.M.; \$5.

For info contact: Steve at 706-937-4991 or Claire & Bryant at 423-876-7359

July 14 (Sat.): Birmingham: - BCDS's 20th Anniversary Dance featuring Leo's Fantastic Six
with Scott Russell and Susan Davis calling.

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

July 16 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Cary Ravitz calling with the Rocket Boys: Cailen Campbell & Tom Trozak

July 20 (Fri.) Nashville: John Sharlet calling with Chris Jones & Friends

July 21 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Chrissy Davis-Camp with the Jingo String Band

July 23 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Nick Boulet calling with music by Nightcrawlers

July 27 (Fri.) Nashville: NO NASHVILLE DANCE!

July 28 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Vicki Herndon with Fletcher Bright

July 28 (Sat.): Birmingham - Unplugged at Unitarian Church. Come call, dance or join the band.

July 30 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Tim Klein calling with music by Contraindicated

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

A Week at the John C. Campbell Folk School

Several of our members will spend a week of their vacation this summer at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC. Jane Ewing & Clara Welch took the callers class June 24-30. Chuck & Katrina Weber and Steve Nix plan to attend the dance musician's week July 15-21. Ida Palmer-Ball tries to get up there at least once a year also. They offer classes in crafts & what-not also. Check 'em out.

For more info visit the web site <http://www.folkschool.com/> or call: 1-800-FOLK-SCH.