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August 30th:

Doug Singleton with Smoke and Mirrors

Ann Whitley and Sandi Goldring make up **Smoke and Mirrors** along with caller **Doug Singleton**. They are all from Atlanta, and we're lucky to get them. We usually have an open mike Blue Moon dance on a fifth Saturday in a month, but this time we could find no local group to host the band. [Sigh!] It probably has to do with Labor Day weekend.

September 6th:

Chrissy Davis-Camp with Jakelegs

Jakelegs is a new band with fiddler **Jim Cauthen**, guitarist **Joyce Cauthen**, **Jamie Finley** on harmonica & banjo-uke, **Edwin Wilson** on banjo & guitar and **Karen Falkowski** on string bass. They all hale from North Alabama (B'ham & Huntspatch). **Chrissy**, of course, is one of our favorite callers and comes from Nashville.

September 20th:

TBA with Jingo String Band

The **Jingo String Band** features **Jim Wood** and **Daniel Carlisle** on fiddles, **Inge Wood** on bazouki and guitar, **Avent Lane** on bass and **Marsha Denton** on keyboard.

The fine print: 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 \$7 (\$6 for members, \$4 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!
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NACDS Scarecrows

On Sunday, August 24th several NACDS members gathered at the Mebane's house to construct a pair of swingin' scarecrows. Steve Nix, Diane & Bryan Walls, Natasha Kunin, Doug Roth and Jerry & Carol Mebane worked several hours using old clothes, plywood, PVC pipe, safety pins and about a million plastic grocery bags to create our entry for the Huntsville Botanical Garden's Scarecrow Trail and Competition.

Maybe we'll win a prize!

Dance News and Rumors

I haven't heard many interesting dance rumors lately. If you wanna read some here you have to tell them send them to me first.

The B'ham FoOTMaD summer dance weekend at Mentone was a blast again this year. They limit attendance to ~300 dancers because of the size of the dance floor. If you want to get in next year, be sure to send in your flyer as soon as you get it. They filled up in 4 days this time!

Steers Meeting Report

A NACDS steering committee meeting (and potluck supper!) was held the evening of August 5 at Natasha's house. After everyone had stuffed themselves sufficiently, we got down to business. Among the topics we discussed were:

Our schedule for the rest of the year. The fifth Saturday open-mike dances are a problem this fall. We couldn't find a local band to host over Memorial Day weekend, and in November we're right after Thanksgiving and conflict with B'ham's Turkey Trot. Suggestions for the Holiday Dance were made & debated too.

Our Blue Moon 7 dance weekend will be late next Spring. We talked about band and caller possibilities. We will investigate having the dance in the gym of Spragins Hall rather than the UAH Center (better dance floor - poor acoustics).

Remember: the only qualification needed to be on the steering committee is the gumption to show up! We'll have another meeting in a couple months.

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$10 (\$15 for families), payable to NACDS at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you 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.*

Aug. 29 (Fri.) Nashville: Jim Coode with In The Woods

Aug. 30 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Doug Singleton with Smoke and Mirrors

Sep. 5 (Fri.) Nashville: The Wingates with Susan Kevra

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriel, 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).

Sep. 6 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Chrissy Davis-Camp

Sep. 12 (Fri.) Nashville: Emma & Kendal Broadie calling with Nashville Weather

Sep. 13 (Sat.) Chattanooga - TBA with Mike Robinson & Bryant Haynes from Brasstown

CTDS dances 2nd and 4th 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 or: <http://contranooga.org>

Sep. 13 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - TBA with Leo's Trio

B'ham FoOTMaD dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$8. Info: <http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>

Sep. 19 (Fri.) Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Russ Barenberg & Friends

Sep. 19 (Fri.) Sewanee Misty Mountain Dancers: Eddie Doss calling with Big Red and Bryant

Sep. 20 (Sat.) NACDS dance - TBA with Jim Wood and the Jingo String Band

Sep. 26 (Fri.) Nashville: Susan Kevra & Chrissy D-C calling with Nashville Bluegrass Band

(Venue To Be Determined, but NOT at Woodbine)

Sep. 27 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged - last one at the Unitarian Church! - Open mike calling & music

B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged dances are held at the Unitarian Church on Cahaba Rd. near the Zoo in MountainBrook. \$3

Sep. 27 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Janet Shepherd with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson <- *Huntsville band!*

Oct. 3 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA

Oct. 4 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Janet Shepherd with Laura Light and George Paul

Oct. 10 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA

Oct. 11 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Beth Molaro with the Avant Gardners

Oct. 11 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Doug Singleton with Peavine Creek

Oct. 17 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA

Oct. 18 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Bob & Cathy White, Curt Lewis and Jim Holland

Oct. 24-26 Nashville: Music City Masquerade at Joe Davis 'Y' Camp

Oct. 25 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged - No dance unless a new venue can be found

Oct. 31 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA

In Atlanta they dance on Fridays and Tuesdays - see <http://contradance.org>

In Knoxville they dance every Monday - see <http://www.kornet.org/kcd/>

In Memphis they dance 1st and 3rd Fridays - see <http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

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

Other Dance Events of Note

Ron Lee points out that the Misty Mountain Dancers will have their next dance on Friday, Sept. 19 in Sewanee. Let's get a crew together and go!

Our friends from Chattanooga will dance at Gorham's Bluff again on November 8th. These are always fun dances and just over an hour's drive from Huntsville.