

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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January 3rd:

Jane Ewing with Mountain Creek

Jane Ewing will be the caller for our first dance of the new year. The band, **Mountain Creek** is from Chattanooga and includes **Bryant Haynes** and **Mike Robinson**.

January 17th:

Seth Tepfer with Elsie Peterson & Ed Baggott

At mid-month, **Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson** will provide the tunes and **Seth Tepfer** will call.

January 31st:

Open Mike calling with Bob, Cathy, Curt & Jim

Bob & Cathy White, Curt Lewis and Jim Holland will host the band for our first fifth-Saturday dance in half a year. You can sit in with the band, or you can call a dance or two, or you can just dance. Be there!

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!

Dance News

About twelve of the NACDS dance gypsies made the drive up to Sewanee for the Misty Mountain Holiday dance on December 12th. There was a big crowd and a good time was had by all.

Our own dance the following weekend was also a big success. There were enough dancers to run three lines for most of the dances in the first half. The party at the Mebane's afterwards was fun as well.

Light Issue

This month's issue is a bit light on content due to the staff's busy schedule this season. Remember, if you have a dance related item, a letter to the editor, or a comment about one of the finer points of dance courtesy or technique, send it to the editor at the email address above for potential inclusion in a future issue.

Want To Be A Better Waltzer?

There will be a waltz workshop taught by Barb Kirshner - part of the Dance Sampler at Gorham's Bluff - 4-5 PM January 31 with an hour of live waltz music to follow. Register for the waltzing as a couple (\$20) and attend the contra dance later that night for free! Ed Baggott and Elsie Peterson will play for both events. Call 256-451-2787 for details.

Then, before our regular dance on February 21st, Barb will conduct a waltz workshop starting at 4 with live music to follow. Some of us will dine as a group between the waltzing and the contra dance that night. More details will be available in the next issue.

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.

Jan. 2 (Fri.) Nashville: No Dance

Jan. 3 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Mountain Creek (Bryant Haynes and Mike Robinson)

Jan. 9 (Fri.) Nashville: Susan Kevra with Nashville Ceili Band

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).

Jan. 10 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Ed and Elsie with Vicki Herndon calling

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

Jan. 10 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Nick Boulet with Shady Groove

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>

Jan. 16 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA (For a small fee, You could call or play for this dance!!!)

Jan. 17 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Seth Tepfer with TBD

Jan. 23 (Fri.) Nashville: Tyler And All His Friends with Eddie Doss

Jan. 24 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Barb Kirchner with Fletcher Bright String Band

Jan. 30 (Fri.) Nashville: John Sharlet calling with Nashville Weather

Jan. 31 (Sat.) Gorham's Bluff - Waltz in the afternoon & Contra at night with Barb, Seth, Ed & Elsie!

Jan. 31 (Sat.) NACDS - Open Mike calling with Bob & Cathy White, Curt Lewis & Jim Holland

Feb. 6 (Fri.) Nashville: The Wingates with Chrissy Davis-Camp calling

Feb. 7 (Sat.) NACDS - Archie Faulkner with Bob, Cathy, Curt & Jim

Feb. 13 (Fri.) Nashville: Jim Coode calling (and the Knoxville Weekend)

Feb. 14 (Sat.) Chattanooga - TBA with Humble String Band

Feb. 14 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - James and Rachel Bryan and others; caller TBA

Feb. 20 (Fri.) Nashville: Barb Kirchner calling with Nashville Weather

Feb. 21 (Sat.) NACDS - Barb Kirshner with Tom Kat and the Fiddle - Waltz Workshop in afternoon!

Feb. 27 (Fri.) Nashville: Russ Barenberg, Rachel, and James Bryant with Susan Kevra

Feb. 28 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Jane Ewing with Mountain Creek

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

Jan 31st - Dance Sampler at Gorham's Bluff - see <http://www.gorhamsbluff.com/arts/events.html> for details

30th Annual Knoxville Dance Weekend - Feb 13-15 2004 see <http://www.kornet.org/kcd/fest2004.htm>

Our own 2004 Blue Moon Weekend will be May 21-23 at the UAH University center. Flyers out soon!