

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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- September 4th: Jane Ewing with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson**
- September 15th: Steering Committee Meeting at the Mebane's**
- September 18th: TBA with Tom Kat and the Fiddle**
- October 2nd Harry Delugach with Avant Gardeners**

The fine print: NACDS dances the 1st & 3rd 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!

Steering Committee Meeting

We need to have another steering committee meeting to discuss some budgetary issues for next year's Blue Moon dance weekend.

From Mark Mohon:

As was discussed at the last steers meeting, the University Center is quoting us a substantially higher price (3 times as much) this year for using their facilities. They have not only given us a great rate in the past, but they have also waived having us pay for the utilities (the UC is usually closed on weekends that the dorms are not used by students). With budgets the way they are the state has mandated that these fees no longer be waived.

We are trying to schedule a steers meeting (perhaps Sept. 13 ~ 17) to discuss what to do. The UC has given us a little better price than they first did, but it is still a lot. Can we afford it? Should we ask the church if we can use their gym (less room, can't use it Sunday morning, no nearby housing)? Can we find another venue?

At press time, the consensus was that Wednesday, September 15th - 6:30 at the Mebane's was when most folks could be there. We'll e-mail and/or call if the date, time or venue changes.

Guest Column

by Jane Ewing

"It's those little things in life!"

I have just returned from my yearly trek to Dance Week in West Virginia - a week filled with great dances and dancers from all over. One of the most notable things was that taking "hands four" seemed automatic, even before the caller could ask for it. It was so nice to see the minor sets form as people entered a line, and *then* conversation would start.

Those experienced dancers were eager to dance and just as eager to speak to old friends, but they knew the order it needed to be done in. This cut way down on frustration and confusion as the lines formed. Yes, it is those little things in life! Remember - when a contra line is forming, you and your partner should join the line at the bottom (farthest from the band), and take "hands four" with your neighbors. Then visit until the caller starts the walk through, when it's time be quiet and pay attention.

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.*

Sep. 3 (Fri.) Nashville - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson <- *Huntsville 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).

Sep. 4 (Sat.) - NACDS - Jane Ewing with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Sep. 10 (Fri.) Nashville - Jim Coode with In The Woods

Sep. 11 (Sat.) - Chattanooga - Jane Ewing with Up In The Air <- *Huntsville caller*

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. 11 (Sat.) - B'ham FoOTMaD - Jef Hodge with the Jakes (Jamie/Jim/Joyce, Edwin & Karen)

FoOTMaD dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 3rd Ave. & 23rd St. in Birmingham. 7:30 - \$8.

Sep. 15 (Wed.) - NACDS Steering committee meeting @ the Mebane's - 6:30

Sep. 17 (Fri.) Nashville - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Wingates

Sep. 18 (Sat.) - NACDS - TBA with Tom Kat and the Fiddle

Sep. 24 (Fri.) Sewanee - Archie Faulkner calling with Steve and Chip playing

This Misty Mountain Dance starts at 8 in the Legion Hall in Sewanee TN. Call 931 598-0814 for more info.

Sep. 24 (Fri.) Nashville - Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg, James & Rachel Bryan & Friends

Sep. 25 (Sat.) Chattanooga - TBA with Tom Kat and the Fiddle <- *Huntsville band*

Oct. 1 (Fri.) Nashville - Eddie Doss with Playin' Possum

Oct. 2 (Sat.) NACDS - Harry Delugach with Avant Gardeners

Oct. 8 (Fri.) Nashville - Chrissy Davis-Camp with In The Woods

Oct. 9 (Sat.) - FoOTMaD - TBA

Oct. 9 (Sat.) - Chattanooga - Seth Tepfer with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Oct. 15 (Fri.) Nashville - Doug Singleton with Whistlin' Rufus (from Atlanta)

Oct. 16 (Sat.) NACDS - TBA with Bob & Cathy White, Curt Lewis and Jim Holland

Oct. 22 (Fri.) Nashville - Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg, James & Rachel Bryan & Friends

Oct. 29-31 Nashville - Music City Masquerade - Andy Wilson with Groovemongers

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

Lake Eden Arts Festival - Oct. 15-17 2004 - Black Mountain, NC see <http://www.theleaf.com/>

Music City Masquerade - Oct. 29-31 2004 - see http://www.dancenashville.org/html/fall_weekend.html