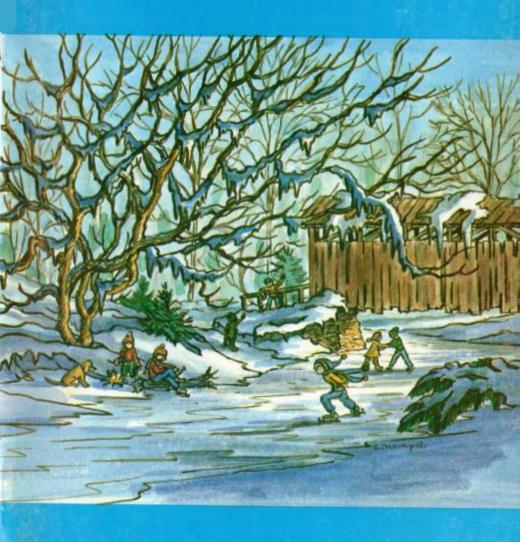


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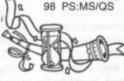
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A whole new year is stretching before us. For some dancers it is the beginning of a new season, although for a majority the season begins in September. For your editors, a new year means twelve issues to prepare and publish.

For several years now we have aired many discouraged comments and disgruntled gripes on what is wrong with our square dancing picture. Some very good suggestions have been included in some letters and articles- some suggestions that, if heeded, might change our square dance picture very positively.

For 1988, however, we have made an editorial decision. We are going to publish only success stories (See "Rave") and heed the advice of Jo Jan Nunley to see the dance floor as half full rather than half empty. We do have many dancers enjoying every minute of their participation in the activity. Our readers must be, mostly, dancers who stay in the activity, because our readership stays pretty stable over the months. So, readers, let us enjoy and share what we have. Send us your success stories-they may have ideas that can be adopted by other clubs in other areast

ASD readers come from all aspects of the activity-traditional, contra, every square dance program from basic to challenge, all the round dance phases. For this reason, we try to incorporate "all the news that fits," things of interest to a variety of dancers. Part of this variety includes fiction features and humorous



pieces which have a general appeal.

The beginning of a new year is always a good time to reiterate goals. Our goals in publishing American Squaredance magazine are to enhance your square dance experience, to provide fresh insights and innovative ideas, and to be a channel of communication for all dancers, everywhere. We have worked diligently to meet these goals for almost twenty years (since October, 1968), and we pledge to continue.

We thank our staff, our contributors, and all our many readers for making American Squaredance the source of information it has become. As editors, we could not survive without writers and readers-you are the necessary lifeblood for this publication. Thank you!

May your New Year be happy and prosperous-and full of good dancing!



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Perhaps the beginning of a New Year is a good time to think about the smallness of our world and the spread of square dancing throughout it. Many of this month's features reflect this thought, as Margot Gunzenhauser tells of dan-

cing in Denmark, and Matt Asanuma describes a caller's search for longlost relatives. Lulubelle Stone is a pseudonym which has appeared in ASD previously, and this time Lulubelle's story tells of a "great fund-raising idea"—strictly fiction, of course. In contrast, Dave and Dorothy Borchard describe a real-life trip across the U.S. from their New York home. Paul Hartman, a veteran caller and writer, takes us to Germany to describe several admirable dancers there.

Optimistic notes for the New Year are struck by **Jo Jan Nunley** in her lead article and by **Ida Reilinger** in her poem. Hope your New Year holds peace, prosperity, and much good dancing! The key to fun is in your hands...

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Really enjoy hearing all about the activities of the square dance world and happy to see the (news) of New Jersey's 2nd Round and Square Dance Convention. Last year we had 1700 for the first and are hoping to top that this year. We are registrars for the convention and it does keep us busy.

Don & Pat Stephens Toms River, New Jersey

On February 13, 1988, the Barstow Branch Library will host our 5th annual Teddy Bear Tea. This year I'd like to have a display of pictures of square dancers in their outfits that feature teddy bears.

Now I need the help of the square dancers out there! Please send the library snapshots of yourselves in your teddy bear decorated outfits. Please note your names, cities and clubs. If you want, I will return your pictures.

Patricia Lee Jackson, Barstow Br. Library 304 E. Buena Vista Barstow CA 92311

After reading an article in the November issue of ASD, we take exception as a square dance club and as Americans to the article written by Ed Foote saying Swedish square dancers are better than American dancers.

We think for an American caller who

earns his livelihood from American dancers to write such a statement is improper and degrading, categorizing all American dancers as inferior to those of Sweden.

The Ligonier Diamond Squares oppose and are offended by such a statement.

J.L. Fisher, secretary

Many many thanks for using our "Dandy Idea" in your November issue of ASD. Enjoy your magazine very much. Keep up the good work. Hope to be subscribers for many more years. Bruce & Flo Payne Simcoe. Ontario

I realize this is late but I want to thank you for publishing my article on Oran and Betty Atkinson. It meant a lot to me as I am proud to be both a square dancer and round dancer, and enjoy both activities. I also want to thank you for the rush copy and say that I enjoy reading your magazine as it provides many helpful ideas as well as informative articles. Thanks once again. Scott Williams Skowhegan. Maine

...You report that Jack Naylor has retired after 30 years of calling square dances over a large portion of the world. We know how long Jack has been in the business of helping promote square dancing as we were in the first class he taught. This was here in Mississippi County in an old one-room schoolhouse...We had six squares

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What fun I had the other night! A professor at our local college had asked me to speak to his folklore class about the roots of square dancing. Since my own roots in it now go back forty years, I decided I could lumber through the branches of that venerable family tree as easy as falling off a log. (My, what deep roots you have, grandpa!—Co-ed.)

But it took a few hours of preparation. I reread our own little booklet *Hoedown Heritage*. I created some charts and posters, knowing that a picture is worth a voluminous vatful of verbiage. I took my recorder and tapes of early callers, Japanese callers, others. I armed myself with an armload of handy handouts.

In the classroom for an hour or so we drilled with the moderns and quadrilled with the ancients. We bowed and curtsied in an early French court. We shuffled and ruffled with an English dance master. In early America we ambled east and rambled west; we danced a jig in Vermont and pranced through a play party in Peoria. We romped at campfires with the pioneers and stomped with cloggers in the deep south. We Sir Roger DeC'd with George Washington! We got tutored and tooted with ol'Henry Ford, and hustled and bustled with "Pappy" Shaw. We hashed with Gotcher and sashayed with Gilmore. Finally we paired and peeled, wheeled and dealed, and thar'd and star'd to today's top stage stars and starlets. Those students may not long remember our little pilgrimage, but the real heel-clicking kick-back benefit was mine, by George. Right there and then I resolved (It's January—new resolution time!) to pay more heed to the rich heritage our activity offers; study it; make it known to others in my programs. My next opportunity will be early next month when I do a Friday night heritage dance program for our local museum. Y'all come. (Probably the only one who'll come is your friend in Cellblock 92, if he can get away!—Co-ed.)

Enough of this banal bantam banter.
On with the trivial travel reports...

#### TWO "T's" AND AN ARKY PIG

October hadn't left yet, but it certainly was in the colorful process of *leaving*. My fourth consecutive October weekend jaunt gave me *two for T*—both Texas and Tennessee. To be specific, I flew to Little Rock, Arkansas as a jumping off place, drove a new Olds Cutlass to tiny Center, Texas in four-and-a-half hours, faster than the Arky pig can blink; then flew back to Knoxville, the hub of the Smokys, and shoved a Chev past the old World's Fair site to my favorite niche just a notch north of the city.

Looking down from 30,000 feet was a tricky triple treat—seeing, sensing, believing that fall can be so fascinating. Bronze and copper hues, tainted with tarnish, fringed in crimson, singed and accented with crisscross border lines of deeper

green, resembled a tartan sash stretching endlessly, cast off by a Paul Bunyanish Scotsman. Nature was having her last fragrant flagrant fling. How fast the seasons slip by!

Center, Texas-Once again 1 discovered this tiny town in its northeastern Texas location, barely a boulder toss from the Louisiana border, and I had an absolutely Center-ific time, bar none. (No bars?-Co-ed.) The Do-Sa-Do club had set up another Fall Jamboree and the crowd could barely fit into the Senior Center hall south of town. Fall decorations were lavish, spirits were high, doorprizes were plentiful, and refreshments were in the non-quit-til-we-burst bracket. Host caller Ed Williams loaned equipment, other callers there were James Batson (N.M. CC grad'86), John Winn (Dillard CC grad '85) and James Jetter. Tim Tyl had originally set up the club contact. Visitors came by the busload, including colormatched official delegates from both the Fast Texas Federation and the Texas Federation. Grayden and Mildred Hill were presiding prexies. After the dance the whole gang went to the quaint old Pine Colony Inn (The B & B mansion where I was lodged) and rattled the ancient rafters with more food and fun. My only regret was that I had to leave at 5:30 next morning; so I had the Bed (a high iron structure you had to jump up into), but missed the Breakfast. ('Stead of breakin' bacon, I had to munch a McMuffin.) I'll return next year on Oct. 22 for another step backward in time to Old World charm with a step forward in hundred-hugable hospitality.

Knoxville, Tennessee—It's neat to repeat in Knoxville's Grand Square S/D Center (ASD May '83, p. 60) built by contractordancers Don and Mary Walker. Now they've added a kitchen-lounge on their 40-set hall. Our crowd was smaller than that in Texas, but just as bubbly and perky. Kathy Coffey ws a most gracious hostess, Mike Turner was emcee. In spite of the selective attendance we had a couple visiting from California and one from Florida. After the dance it was "Show Me

to Shoneys' time again for a few, and after filling up, I drove down (almost next door) and *Peopled Inn*.

Toledo, Ohio-Still the same weekend. Now it was Sunday. Cathie and I drove to Berman's for dinner, south of the glass city, and then on to enjoy the annual ASDance, where Michiganders flock and Ohioans hoedown together. This one gave us an extra surprise. The custodian at the school forgot us, and Maggie Nelson (ecole-logic-gal) and I had guite an adventure chasing down an alternate doorman so Jack May and I could call the dance. just a half-hour late. Thanks to friends from everywhere who helped-Lil May, Lee and Velda Swift (Promenade editors). Maggie, Cathie, Randy, Fred, Bud, eachandall-gloom turned to bloom.

Milan, Ohio—I mustn't forget to mention the little ones along with the big ones. It was almost Halloween, and I enjoyed hobnobbing with the goblins and ghosts at the Girl Scout father-daughter dance at Edison (Thomas, of course) High School in Milan, Ohio. I wonder if Edison ever dressed up like a light bulb in that little town as a little one. (Well, he certainly got turned on often enough.—Co-ed.)

Indianapolis, Indiana—This time it was a for-real Halloween S/D party on Halloween itself. October 31. I drove to the National Convention two-time city (actually Fortville, Indiana) to work the Petticoat Junction party. What a party! The costumes on at least half the adults were wild and wonderful-cannibals, clowns, a buccaneer, a pink elephant, bums, characters of all kinds. Old friends Betty and Clancy Mueller cued rounds. Host caller Nick and Dee Hartley came and danced. Jolly and Alice Baldwin (Auburn CC grad, '86) dropped in. Cider and donuts were served at the dance; pizza at the afterparty. I stayed over with Chuck and Robena De Moss. All in all, it was a spooktacular way to end October.

West Lafayette, Indiana—November rolled in quietly and I was obliged to roll my Chevy just one hour northwest to this

college town to call a Sunday afternoon dance for the country Promenaders at the Aca-Y-Alla (sounds Arabic) skating rink. Indiana is literally spider-webbed with turnpikes with Indianapolis at the center as you'll see on a state map. Nice arrangement. The dancing was especially spirited-a treat for me, by golly. Shirley Heiny cued. Thanks to Katie Shields and others for the arrangements. Old friends (both callers who have had health problems) dropped in-Dick (and Martha) Han, and Jack (and Dottie) Naylor. As five o'clock rolled around I fired up the fat blue Chevy with new fuel and drove all the way home.

#### A GOOD CLICKIN' CLINIC

Goldsboro, North Carolina—I like the kind of combo the East Carolina callers cooked up to fill a fateful weekend with a touch of classwork (caller clinic) and a zesty, zaney magaziney quad-tillion to top it all off.

After a moon-lit landing late on Friday in twin-citied RDU, I rode a Dollar straight to the latch-string of a Goldsboro Days Inn and called it a night. (All inn before the Day was out, eh?—Co-ed.) Both the dance and the three-session clinic were held at Eastern Wayne High School north of town. Setter-uppers were Tom Wallace (VT. CC Grad, '84/Dillard CC grad, '85 and Dick Webster (prexie).

The clinic covered a wide range of subjects from choreo to curios and back again. The Saturday night dance was a trend-setter, ten-setter, wall-to-waller, full-hall howler—one of those zippety-do's of which far too few appear to view, too, it's true! The trio of Norma Chilcote, Lynn Chamblee and Linda Webster cued rounds. Sophie T's shop rendered tender vendor service. Wow! I was a well-spent caller/lecturer; even my Dollar was well-spent, by George, as the car and I made smoke to Raleigh-Durham in order tobacco home. (Ugh, cough!—Co-ed.)

Avon Lake, Ohio—Another fatherdaughter Girl Scout square dance. This must be the season for 'em. Love those little darlings each showing their dads the right way to do-sa-do, and somehow fathers find out it's a lot less painful than expected.

Cleveland, Ohio—Dave Stevenson called a special Callerlab Fund Raiser with me on a Sunday at the Berea fairgrounds. The crowd was not big, but we were able to send a few hundred dollars on to the organization for some worthwhile S/D visual aid development work upcoming.

#### **PUNCH-LINE PUNISHMENT**

We interrupt this decadent diary briefly to raise this question: why did the florist keep a German Shepherd watchdog in his greenhouse each evening? Answer: to watch his phlox by night. That comes from the same source as the definition of an igloo. An igloo is an icycle built for two, they say. (All of that pundit-dated-data comes from Cathie's monthly International Society for the Preservation of the Pun newsletter.)

Upper Sandusky, Ohio—Folks should know that supper in *Upper* is super, and can be enjoyed at a Supper Club in its upper environs, just north of town on Rte 53. Again I did one for the *Y and Dots* in that special school gym. The crowd was only half as big as it had been when I called there last June. (Maybe they heard you were coming back.—Co-ed.) I met a man there who didn't feel like dancing but came anyway just for laughs. He needed some. He'd just fallen 18 feet off a ladder. The cookies were *s-crumb-tious*. The first season's snow slowed me down a bit on the nifty drifty drive. Cindy May cued.

Willard, Ohio—Betty Buckingham booked me and set it up yearly for three years ahead. I like that. (Such faith!—Coed.) Calling for the Star Promenaders is a pleasure, and its only a 45 minute drive from home. We had an old-fashioned potlucky party at half-time. Howard Verberg played taped rounds. He's the best Maple Sir-Uppermost guy I know.

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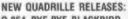


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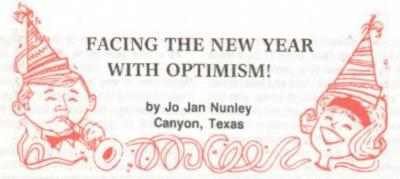
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Throughout the past year, a feeling of foreboding about the future of square dancing seemed to prevail. The numbers of dancers declined. Enthusiasm waned. We all wondered what the future would hold for square dancers.

Let's take a close look at the facts. Yes, in many areas and in many clubs the number of active square dancers went down. With the numbers going steadily downward, it's difficult to hold enthusiasm to a high pitch.

Many clubs faced economic difficulties because of the nature of the overall economy. Let's face it. Times got tough. Many people lost their jobs. With job loss, came the inevitable—less money for necessities. With less money for necessities, like our ever—present bills, the money for leisure activities drained even more.

So, does this all spell gloom and doom for square dancing? No. In fact, with careful inspection of the problem, I believe instead it spells a hopeful future for square dancing. It's true that the economy has put a temporary damper on the number of individuals who can participate in square dancing at the *moment*. This, however, doesn't mean that the war is over.

A few of us might have lost the first battle with the poor economy, but the war is far from finished. Looking at just this one reason for loss of square dancers, it doesn't say anything at all negative about square dancing or the feelings people have about square dancing.

Rather it just says that square dancing along with everything else—business, homelife, whatever—is affected by a slug-

gish economy. It doesn't mean that the situation is forever. It doesn't mean that there is anything desperately wrong in square dancing. It just simply means that people have had to cope with less money than before. And, as a by-product, this affected square dancing.

What can we as square dancers do about this situation? Well, we can't single-handedly turn a sluggish economy around. But, there is one thing that we all can and should do. We can begin to feed a seed of optimism instead of watering the seed of pessimism.

We've all heard about the individuals who always see the glass as half empty instead of half full. Maybe square dancers have been looking at their glasses as half empty. When they see fewer squares than usual at their dances, they look at the half-empty floor and say, "We've lost half of our people." This is a technical truth. But, looking at it another way, couldn't they just as easily say. "Even in a tough economy, we've managed to keep half our square dancing floor full?"

Instead of feeling gloomy about the future of square dancing, I believe square dancers could and should congratulate each other that, yes, things are tough, but we have a stronghold still here in the entertainment world and we are holding on

Just changing how we look at the situation can make things seem either bleak or better. There will always be tough economic times. But, the thing to remember is that the tough times do not last. The tough square dancers do!

Even though many clubs are having to make do with fewer dancers, just that

fact alone doesn't have to mean that the fun has to stop dead. Does it? Sure there will be accompanying problems. Fewer people means less dues and less money for starters. But, in tough times, who can think about and work around problems? Square dancers are excellent thinkers. They are excellent cooperative workers.

There are many reasons to feel optimistic about square dancing. It's easy sometimes to just see the negative things, but there are many good things going on in square dancing.

Sometimes looking for the positive things in square dancing or anything else in life is harder than carping about the negative aspects. But, if square dancers look hard at square dancing, at themselves as dancers, and at their club; they will find many positive things of which to be proud. Square dancers still, for the most part, pull together as a team for the enjoyment of dancing. They still are willing to help other dancers or clubs who may have fallen upon hard luck. Square

dancers can be proud of these things.

As a new year starts, each club can adopt a goal or make a New Year's Resolution, if they prefer to call it that. They can strive to find the good things in square dancing—the companionship, the enjoyment of good fun the excellent exercise.

Square dancers will miss the numbers of square dancers who have been forced to drop out. The more the merrier still is a certain rule with a group activity like square dancing. But, instead of looking at the gloomy side of losing dancers, clubs could decide to congratulate themselves on the numbers of dancers they have been able to maintain in hard times.

With optimistic thinking instead of pessimistic thinking, dancers may be surprised at how things will begin to turn around. The bottom line is that square dancing is plain good fun. Folks have a way of returning to fun. Square dancing won't be the exception to the rule!

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#### BADGES OF LEADERSHIP: CREATIVITY



To start off on this important subject, let's first see how the dictionary defines CREATION. Here's the definition:

cre-a-tion, n. anything created; especially something original out of imagination; invention. (And of course creativity is the art and science of producing a creation). A Great Creation is a two-headed wonderment. Primarily it is something where nothing previously existed. It fills a void, a need, and while this newly fulfilled need had perhaps formally existed (i.e., instant mashed potatoes or another remake of Star Trek), its universal acceptance belies the fact that the void did indeed exist, and since we all know about nature and voids, its creation was an inevitable solution.

Secondly, a Great Creation is one that is so revolutionary that by its very existence it renders all before it obsolete. With Xerox, so revolutionary it became a verb as well as a noun, who needs carbon paper; with pocket calculators readily available, who wants to lug around a slide rule.

Next, let's pay homage to some of the Great Creations of our time. Where in the world would we be today without these creations and their creators?

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Now, to get closer to the application of that somewhat illusive creative spirit, let's see what some rather famous people have said about **CREATIVITY**:

Charlie Mingus, Jazz musician: "Love of something sparks creativity. You get hooked on something early and that's your outlet."

Louise Nevelson, sculptor: "Creation itself is a dimension. The word 'creation' is like the earth. The volcanoes. The mother with labor pains."

Erica Jong, writer: "I feel that it's my responsibility in life to write what I feel because there's a spirit that speaks through me. I'm the vessel."

Henry Moore, sculptor: "Don't try to fix a program. You may miss the idea that comes from it. A work of art must have something more than a cast from nature."

Julia Child, chef: "In cookery, as in other art forms, so much depends on really knowing your subject. What is new comes out of what is old."

Leonard Bernstein, composer, conductor: "I believe, along with Keats, that the Poetry of Earth is never dead, as long as spring succeeds winter, and man is there to perceive it."

While we're tossing around famous

"Ten Badges of Leadership" was the topic of the keynote presentation made by your editors at the 1987 Washington State Leadership Seminar in July, this is the fourth in a series of "badges" to be published this season.

names, isn't it noteworthy that Henry Ford, inventor of the Model T and assembly line innovator, was also the man who revived and dignified our square dance activity? (Sometimes we may shrug at the assembly line dancers that are turned out today, but that's beside the point.)

A lesser known personality, David D. Buick, father of the Buick Car, also invented the common lawn sprinkler as well as a method affixing enamel to cast iron, allowing us to have white bathtubs.

Thomas Edison gave us the first phonograph equipment, the forerunner of the p.a. systems we use today.

An engineer in our little town of Huron, Ohio was the first to conceive the paint roller. And so it goes.

A few years ago, someone did a study of the great movements that direct our culture. The study revealed an interesting phenomenon. Almost without exception, great movements have small beginnings. Someone gets an idea and stays with it until it gains momentum. Others join the movement and it grows. Sometimes the originator of the idea gets lost in the growing tide. But the evidence of that study is clear. One person can count for something.

You count for something. Here's how you can be more effective as an innovator, a creator, an agent of change for the better:

- ★ Examine each program you're responsible for. Can it be improved? Added to? Restructured?
- ★ "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."
- ★ Look at things with 20-20 vision. Sight is important, insight is more important, hindsight is less important.
- \* Incompatible groups need prestructuring by creative leaders. Compatible groups need freedom to create and less structuring.
- ★ Our ultimate goal is to make creativity infectious.
- ★ Albert Einstein's creed was that the "most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious." From wonderment comes creativity.

- \* Sensitivity also leads to creativity. Examine the needs first. Then act upon them. Business leaders use "buzz words" these days. One is "Strategic planning." Look at the problem closely. Then create the options toward a solution.
- ★ Trying something new is not an option.
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Finally, let's go back to an earlier quote from Erica Jong, who alluded to a "spirit that speaks within me." Square dance leaders need to catch that spirit, and let it be manifested in more creative results.



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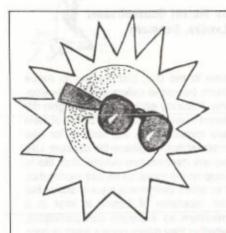
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In a roomy hall with a great spring floor, just a few minutes from the center of town, the band is tuning up. Yes, we said band, because all the community dances feature live music. Several top-notch Danish groups play North American dance music—bluegrass, French-Canadian, and that old-timey string band sound. It's the kind of music where the fiddle won't let your feet keep still.

Volunteers set up chairs and someone mans the door as the early birds start to drift in. By 7 P.M. the bulk of the crowd has arrived. Average attendance at these dances is about 80 people and there's a friendly greeting for each of them, whether and old friend or a first-timer.

Notice that we said "80 people," not "10 squares." Although a number of squares will be done this evening, the program will include a generous helping of contras, Sicilian Circle-type couple mixers, regular mixers, and maybe a big set or two. All of these are dances that can be done by any number of couples, and where each dancer gets an opportunity to meet many others during the dance.

Exactly what dances are done on any given evening depends partly on who's calling and partly on the music. When a French-Canadian band plays, we go heavier on the repertoire of New England-style square and contras. At the other end of the spectrum, an old-timey band gives us the opportunity to concentrate more on southern Appalachian-style squares and big set dancing—and maybe even a little clogging.

Our callers are mostly either Americans or people who have spent a good deal of

by Margot Gunzenhause Lyngby, Denmark

time in the U.S. and learned to dance there, but native callers are also developing. Naturally each caller has slighly different interests and tastes. But all of them are constantly on the lookout for new material that will please the dancers. Like square dancers everywhere, ours like to keep on the move, so we use mostly dances where everyone is equally active. But the repertoire of basics is kept to a minimum so everyone can participate, whether they dance once a week or once a year. Some of our callers bring us interesting dances from adventurous young choreographers in the States, while others specialize in creating their own material within the traditional framework.

Smooth-flowing choreography and well-timed rhythmical calling are our trade-marks. The dancers respond by dancing to the music and having a whale of a time. Walkthrus ensure that newcomers can follow the proceedings, and the more experienced dancers are great at helping them along. But watch out for the breaks on those square dances—you may still get a few surprises.

If this sounds like fun, then by all means contact us when you arrive in Copenhagen. You'll get a chance to meet the Danes and share some hours of exercise and sociability. But there is also another possibility. Why not try participating in a "country dance," contra dance evening, or traditional style square dance evening in your own area? Foiks who visit us from the States confirm that our dances are "just like they do it at home."

For information about traditional style square and contra dancing in Denmark, contact Square Dance Partners, c/o Margot Gunzenhauser, Fuglevadsvej 50B, DK-2800 Lyngby, Denmark.



# Family Affair

#### THE HERITAGE OF BUDDY WEAVER

Matt Asanuma, a Japanese square dance caller, sent this chronicle of Buddy Weaver's search for his Japanese relatives.

In February 1986, I attended the Aloha State Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. While I was there, I had the unexpected good fortune to meet Buddy Weaver and talk with him.

While we were talking, he told me a story about his heritage. He explained that his great-grandfather was Japanese and lived in Hiroshima, and that he came to Hawaii about 100 years ago.

Mr. Koji Harai, a fellow caller who attended the convention with me, is also from Hiroshima. He invited Buddy to the next West Japan S/D Jamboree. Since Hiroshima and Honolulu are sister cities (the Jamboree was held in Hiroshima in October, 1987), Buddy gladly accepted the invitation.

Shortly after returning to Japan, I received a letter from Buddy. He stated, "By going to Japan, I hope to discover my roots and meet my relatives there. My great-grandfather's name was Itaro Watai, and as I told you before, he came to Hawaii from Hiroshima about 100 years ago. Over generations, contact was lost between relatives. If Watai has any living descendants, I would like to meet them.

Please try to find them, if at all possible."

Having heard this, Mr. Harai and I tried to investigate for Buddy, and were finally successful. (As we found out later, Buddy's relatives in Japan were also trying to find out about Buddy's great-grandfather.)

The story ended happily for everybody. Last October, Buddy came to Hiroshima with his wife, Debra. He called a fantastic square dance, which attracted many dancers from all over Japan. And in addition, Buddy was finally able to meet some of his great-grandfather's descendants (actually, his great-grandfather's younger brother's descendants). It was the first meeting of the relatives in over a century.

So, in this way, Hawaii and Hiroshima shared a common link. What a fantastic event!

If I were not a square dancer, I would never have had the chance to meet Buddy and be able to help him. Who could imagine the ways square dancing might be able to help some people?

I plan to continue calling and dancing as long as I am able to. And in closing, I'd just like to say this: I know the relationship between the Watai and Weaver families will continue to grow and prosper. Also, my sincere thanks to Mr. Harai and the members of the Hiroshima Little Squares for their help in the investigation.







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## COAST TO COAST DANCE

#### A FICTION FEATURE by Lulubelle Stone

The members of the Rocky Mount square dancing club, the Frills and Flares, sat dejectedly in the local fire hall after our dance. We had just gotten the sad news. Either pay an increased sum for continued use of the half or go elsewhere. With no money in our treasury and no other suitable place to go, we might have to disband. That is, unless we could think up some way to raise the necessary money.

As we sat there trying desperately to come up with some bright idea, my friend Dottie began to chatter away. Since she is so scatterbrained, no one paid any attention to her. Because she's my best friend, I tried to listen but with only half an ear. I had my own worries.

Suddenly Dottie said something that made me perk up. I listened intently to her and nodded. "Listen to Dottie," I cried, "I think she's got an idea!"

Mocking laughter followed my cry, but at last some dancers gave Dottie their attention. I begged her to go on.

"I've got this marvelous idea of how we can raise money to build a square dance hall of our own," Dottie timidly said. "Let's dance our way across the state and get people to pay us for each mile we dance."

Pandemonium filled the room as the crowd laughed and booed. What a mad idea. Only Dottie could dream up something so far out. It was so noisy we couldn't think.

I tried to quiet the group and finally got some order. "Let's talk it over and try to see if it could work," I pleaded as Dottie began to cry.

The group buzzed with discussion and at last someone conceded that it might work. Walt, our caller, added a new suggestion. "Suppose we danced all the way across America? It's never been done and we could get lots more publicity and maybe more money, too."

At this the noise grew louder as everyone began talking at once. Eventually we agreed to try it. Committees were quickly formed and the dancers gathered into little groups, each eager to start on their part of the project.

In the next few weeks we accomplished miracles. Thanks to our publicity chairman's news releases, we soon started getting replies. Letters by the hundreds began arriving, some filled with money and with invitations to dance through their town or state. Soon our bank account was in four figures. We'd never dreamed of such a response.

Because Dottie had thought up the idea, she was appointed general director of the project. As I was her closest friend, she chose me as her assistant. Naturally I ended up doing all the work, but that was better than letting Dottie try it.

Week after hectic week hurried by. Clothes had to be readied, routes mapped out (that was Dottie's job) and supplies bought. We fitted in practice dancing whenever we could. The hard part came when we had to choose the twenty dancers to take part in our endeavor. Tears and anger flowed, but it was all worked out at last. Naturally, Dottie and I would be along. I was one of the dancers.

Finally the big day arrived. Everybody piled into cars and vans. We dancers were our dancing clothes—all ready and eager to get going. The day was sunny but a bit cool after light rain, and the predictions were for nice days to come. We headed for the seashore as we had decided to dance from coast to coast, wetting our feet in both oceans.

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our progress. Even the governor came over to wish us good luck. Our dance was national news.

After the speeches and pictures were out of the way and final good-byes said. Walt turned on the tape recorder in our command van and began his first tip. The crowd stood back.

Flashbulbs popped as we dancers began dancing in the shallow water along the beach. We swung up the sand onto the road and headed west, following the caller in his van. Behind us hurried a crowd of cheering onlookers and reporters. They tried to keep up, but we lost them all after a mile or so. Then we were alone—sixteen lively square dancers followed by our two supply trucks and the four extra dancers.

When we hit the interstate highway we turned north, heading for Washington, D.C. The President had invited us to visit him if we were in the area and Dottie wasn't taking any chances. We were going there first.

Within a few weeks we arrived at the White House, only to be told the President was away. We couldn't wait for him, but we danced on the lawn for the First Lady and taught her a few steps.

After a day's rest we headed south. Dottie directed us down the road toward Texas. Her cousin had invited us to spend a few weeks at his ranch in west Texas. Since Dottie was boss of our band, we had to follow her directions. Unfortunately, we didn't realize then that she couldn't read a map and didn't even have one along! As a result, we got lost in the hills of Tennessee.

At last we reached Vicksburg and danced our way across the Mississippi River on the big bridge there. We almost made a wrong turn, but a friendly state trooper got us pointed right. Soon we were in Louisiana and made a hit with everyone we met. They even joined our dances.

It was a great day when we danced



over the line into Texas. Then our troubles began. Dottie didn't know where her cousin lived and winter was coming on. Snow blew across the highway as we struggled westward through the Texas Panhandle, dancing all the way. Friendly Texas Rangers escorted us into town and we soon got in touch with Dottie's cousin. He guided us to his ranch and there we spent the winter, gathering our strength for the next part of the dance. I spent most of my time just getting my dresses back in shape. They were a fright.

Early in the spring we started out again and were soon on the plains. Cowboys constantly rode up asking to dance with the gals so we didn't make much time. By summer we were in New Mexico and things were going better. Then Dottie decided she wanted to visit Yellowstone National Park so we turned north and headed for Colorado. By September we arrived at the park but were turned away by rangers. They were afraid we would disturb the bears and other animals. So we turned around and headed south. It was just as well because snow was already falling in the mountains.

That winter we spent in Arizona and had a marvelous time, but our deadline for arriving at the California coast was getting close. As soon as we could, we began our journey and soon got to California. By now we had added another van and a trailer to our caravan. At every town we found letters and donations waiting for us, so we used the trailer to haul a big safe to carry our money.

Our progress was slower now.

Larger and larger crowds milled around us as we danced across the state. Hollywood stars joined our group, dancing for hours, and we gals had a marvelous time being with so many handsome movie idols.

October 19 was a red-letter day for us. It was also my birthday. Even better, we reached the Pacific Ocean. As we entered San Francisco, huge crowds lined the streets, cheering us on. We swung down the beach and splashed into the cold water. As we finished the last promenade. Walt stopped the recorder. We had finished, 5.346 miles and 18 months from home.

After that, everything was an anticlimax. Finally, the reporters and cameramen left us in peace and we spent the next few weeks just resting and catching our breath.

I had kept a diary to keep track of our trip. Looking it over, I find that I wore our 43 pairs of dancing shoes, ruined 16 dress and five petticoats,

lost two wigs and used over 100 lipsticks. The other gals had about the same amount of damage. On the bright side. I got the best suntan I ever had, and lost 641/2 pounds. I'm back to size 5 again!



Financially, the dance was a huge success. After all bills were paid, we had enough money left to pay off the mortgage on our firehall, add a dance hall/auditorium to the building and still have several thousand dollars in our club treasury.

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# FEEDBACK

I read with interest the article, "A Gigantic Little Industry" in the October issue of American Squaredance.

I would like to disagree with Mr. Driver on his comments, "You must be able to maintain the feeling of the original song." Also slowing down the tempo of the popular song won creating the square dance version loses the pisazz or feeling of the song. "Speeding it up is fine. Never slow it down." Wade said.

I wonder if Mr. Driver has ever looked out over a floor of dancers and saw them running, not dancing, to keep up with the calls. Then listened to the dancers puffing and gasping for breath afterwards. I would think not if the quote is correct.

That is one reason some of the older dancers guit dancing. If they have to run they might as well take up jogging.

And fast music beats do not promote smooth dancing I feel that if some of the callers that are producing these fastpaced records would try dancing to their own records and really tried to dance smoothly, they just might change their minds.

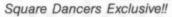
I feel that if our national callers and leaders would stop and listen to the dancers, they would reconsider their fastpaced dreaming of Quarterly Selections, do their homework and study their material.

Most of the Quarterly Selections are discarded after the dancers learn them and are seldom used at the regular open dances. It is a waste of dancers' time. Let's get back to dancing, not workshops.

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Thoughts for the new year from the editorial page: "Square dancing is one of the finest hobbies on earth. It has existed for centuries and will continue to be a part of our culture. As we enter a new year, let's all resolve to *dance* when we go to a square dance.

"As a caller, it is your responsibility to choose and use music that meets the high standards set in 1534 by Martin Luther and more recently by "Pappy" Shaw. By its very definition dancing is performing rhythmic movements to music. Insist on the highest possible standards when choosing material. After all, the choice of material is up to you—the caller.

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Let's look back at last year's new basics" and older revived ideas, says Willard Orlich.

Of all the movements observed, only five reached a point of being used 50 percent or more by the callers and understood by the dancers.

Cast off (revived movement)

Centers in out (several years old now)
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Substitute (a popular carry over)

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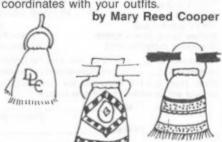
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#### PROMENADE TO TEXAS AND ALASKA

by Dave & Dorothy Borchard Buffalo, New York

The reason we went to Alaska is the same as the reason people climb a mountain—because it's there. Also, Alaska and the Pacific Northwest seemed to be the only regions in the USA we had not visited.

Our six-month trip started with a month in Texas amid the balmy breezes of the Rio Grande Valley, a mecca for square dancers. Then we headed west through New Mexico and Arizona, toured up the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington and on to Vancouver. We drove to the northern end of Vancouver Island and boarded a large ferry boat at Port Hardy for the first leg of our voyage on the inland water route to Alaska.

The trip lived up to our greatest expectations. That June was blessed with unusually excellent weather, with warm sunshine everywhere except the capital city of Juneau. We even saw Mt. McKinley when it wasn't surrounded by clouds, which only happens about 14 days a year.

The vistas of Alaska are breathtaking and different from anything ever seen in the lower 48. An expansive wilderness, rugged snow-capped mountains sending cascading rivulets of water to the sea, the Alyeska pipeline, bald eagles, grizzly bears, dall sheep, caribou, gorgeous wild flower displays—we saw them all.

Traveling to see the sights of our country, to visit old friends, and to experience a different lifestyle is an experience enhanced by the opportunity to square and round dance any place one decides to spend a few days. The key is in the current copy of the National Square Dance Directory, which enables you to make phone calls and find places to dance. The club members expect you, and upon your arrival they greet you as long lost friends. Anywhere in North America, you will immediately be made to feel at home.

While in Flagstaff, Arizona, a couple picked us up for a two-hour drive down the mountain to Sedona. In that beautiful valley, some 20 squares danced to the calling of Larry Ingber and Chuck Dillenbeck at a benefit dance for a dancer couple who had lost their trailer home in a fire. Enough money was raised to bring tears of appreciation to the eyes of the unfortunate couple.

We were "on the road" the day the bombs were dropped on Libya. The news left us with an empty feeling, wanting to be close to our family. There was a square dance that night and we arrived in the parking lot to see all the dancers huddled around a radio, listening to the president. Then we went inside, silently and thoughtfully, to hold hands and say a silent prayer. This was almost as good as having family with us—we were "family" with those square dancers.

In Aptos, California, George and Ann Holser, past chairmen of the National Folk Dance Committee, took us under their wing. We attended a Junior Jamboree for fourth, fifth and sixth graders from seven schools. Jack Murtha called for over 400 of these kids and he knew how to make square dancing fun. They had a ball!

The round dance cuers we found north of San Jose, Clark and Maxine Smith, insisted that we dance that evening as their guests, and played *New York*, *New York* as a special welcome to us.

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#### PROMENADE TO ALASKA, Continued

Then there was our visit to Chilliwack, B.C. This small community had their first festival, the Rally in the Valley, the weekend we were there. Murray Few called; Jim Harrison and Al Berry did the rounds.

We cannot possibly condense six months of great experiences in a brief article. Just spending that much time in our 23' Lindy motorhome is a tale in itself. However, if you're looking to add a little zest to your life, and have the time to travel, we highly recommend a trip such as ours. You will discover new and wonderful people, new places and scenery, and you'll discover much about yourself. Getting away from a life centered around your home and possessions is another new and exciting adventure to be explored. Motivate yourself, try to recycle your thinking, and circulate to places unknown to you, and you may cross trails with some very exciting people and places.

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Shown, left to right, are Sherrie Gillespie, Joe and Ruby Biggs (charter members), Betty and E.B. THompson, Robert and Pam, and the late Stub and Cleo Davis (first caller).

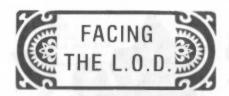


Shown, left to right, are charter members Billie and Bobby Gore, Ardella and Vernoy Johnson, and Nadine and Jay Waggoner; caller Lem and Mary Smith, Becky and Bennie Gibson.

#### SWINGING STARS OF WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

It is significant to have celebrated 25 years, as the Texas Swinging Stars did this past November at Square Dance Land, and the festivities included a get-acquainted reception in the afternoon, a dance at night led by Sherrie Gillespie and Lem Smith, a grand march, and a style show. Stub Davis was the first club caller. Today there are 105 members. First presidents were Ardella and Vernoy Johnson, who were also presidents of the Red River Valley Association. Other couples still active are the Gores, the Biggs and the Waggoners. Other callers through the years have been Lem Smith, E.B. Thompson, Bennie Gibson and Robert Walker. Sherrie Gillespie has been the perpetual round dance cuer. The club dances in a remodeled skating rink on the second and fourth Saturdays.





#### **BILL & NONA LIZUT**

Bill and Nona Lizut, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, became interested in round dancing in 1972, after completing S/D lessons. With their background in ballroom dancing, they felt rounds would be fun, and have been involved ever since.

They started their first beginners class in 1973 and organized the still active Santa Fe R/D Club in 1974. They conduct a beginners R/D class each year, and BIII cues for local S/D clubs as well as accepting guest cueing engagements.

Bill and Nona have been the featured R/D instructors at the Santa Fe Festival since 1975, and have been on staff at Red River Community House since 1976. They have conducted R/D programs at the New Mexico State Festival, No. Ariz. Festival, SW Area Festival in El Paso, the Festigal in Red Rock and Three Rivers Mixer.

Bill and Nona teach ballroom dancing at Santa Fe Community College. They have won trophies for ballroom exhibitions, each holds a certificate from the ISTD and are certified as Advanced R/D Teachers by AIDTA.

The Lizuts have attended Round-A-Rama Institutes since 1975, and attend



other clinics and festivals with leading instructors. They have choreographed such dances as Fooled Again, Diane, the Angels' Quickstep, Lazy River Jive, Two Guitars, Smile Awhile, Date an Angel, Struttin' High, Southern Nights and Where Is Your Heart.

Bill and Nona are immediate past presidents of the New Mexico S/D Association. Other memberships include URDC, Roundalab, National Carousels, Texas R/D Teachers Assoc Affiliate, Colorado R/D Association, Kansas R/D Association and Northern Arizona R/D Association.

Bill is employed with the Los Alamos National Laboratory in the Maintenance and operations group of Facilities Engineering Division. Nona is retired from a career as an administrative assistant in the New Mexico government and operates Nona's Secretarial Services. They have two sons and six grandchildren.

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The Spurgeons have four grown children and nine grandchildren. Ed's smile is contagious; some dancers say they can "hear him smile when he calls."



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# Who Cares About Handicaps?

#### by Paul Hartman Wheaton, Maryland

Many handicapped square dancers have achieved the nearly impossible in learning to dance. We hear about dancers who are confined to wheelchairs and those afflicted in other ways who have become avid dancers and great supporters of their clubs.

Almost every caller has a favorite story about handicapped dancers. In my 41 years of calling, I have called for people with various problems, including the blind and those who cannot hear.

To get those who could not hear to dance, on one occasion, I had the authorities who managed the facilities construct a large wooden platform (about 11/2' high and big enough to hold eight squares) on which I placed my speakers with their backs flat against the floor, pointing upward toward the ceiling. By turning my amplifier bass up and treble down, the dancers were able to feel the beat and move to the music. Interpreters who could hear and sign for the others stood strategically placed on small elevations so they could easily be seen, and told the dancers in sign language what I called. They quickly develped shortcuts as we went along: swing-twirl the index finger about: promenade-cross hands as in promenade position; head couples -one finger of one hand and three of the other held up.

Group members were ecstatic when they were able to accomplish physical things they thought were unattainable.

For the non-handicapped person who works with those less fortunate, the thrill of achievement is very great. It is a rewarding experience to help a handicapped person to dance.

Two other experiences in this regard I would like to describe. One concerns Regina Lubke, a young West German woman born in 1961 in Aachen, where



she still lives and where she took square dance lessons during the 1985/86 season. Her handicap is that, due to the drug thalidomide, she has no arms and only one finger on her right shoulder. The photo above was taken at her class graduation.

Regina took lessons from Rudi Mennes, a noted German caller who calls for the Silver Wings club. She learned quickly and well and, upon graduation, joined the club. Her mentor was Carol David-Blackman, a member of the club who says, "For those who know her, this handicap is no problem. For me, Regina is one of the rewards of square dancing, a genuine friend to all. I asked her once what she considered the greatest problem she faces in square dancing. She said that people who don't know her hesitate to give her a hand or to make contact. But once strangers see friends dance with

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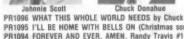
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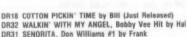


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her, they soon follow suit or she simply tells them, for example, how to promenade with her. The one advantage others have with her is that she can't push."

Regina works at the computer center at the Technical University in Aschen and is also an angel in the dance course that Carol is teaching. She is interested in the intricacies of calling and may very well embark on a career in calling.

The other case also concerns a young German woman named Ulrike Woltjen who is blind. She was born in 1958 and learned to dance in a class sponsored by the Happy Squares of Hannover. The club caller is Heiner Fishcle, also a German caller of note. Ulrike's partner is a young German man who squires her about and drives her to the many dances they attend. His name is Reinhard Greulich, and he and Ulrike are members of the Cloverleaves and the Happy Squares, as well as the Sweet Cherries, a round dance club, also in Hannover. I can attest to this couple's superb dancing capability. Ulrike

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The message here is fairly obvious: the S/D movement is an excellent entertainment and recreational vehicle for all people everywhere, and it can only derive benefit from having dancers encourage people of all stripes join it, and then help them from beginners' class through their entire stay in square dancing.

#### HELP! HELP!

Among your New Year's resolutions, you might vow to send that intended news story to ASD. We still need good club features with photos, party and craft ideas worth sharing, caller/cuer features, accounts of halls programmed for square dancing, event reports and human interest blurbs. How about it?

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#### **INTRO**

1-4 OP FCG NO HANDS WAIT: WAIT: APT PT; TOG TO FC NO HANDS TCH;

(1&2) In OP M fcg ptr & wall no hands wait 2 measures; (3) Apt L,—, pt R twds ptr,—; (4) tog to OP no hands fcg ptr & wall,—, tch L,—;

#### PART A

1-4 SWAY SNAP L & R; FACE TO FACE; SWAY SNAP R & L; BACK TO BACK;

(1) With arms bent hands at waist level sway L swinging arms to L, snap fingers, sway R swinging arms to R, snap fingers; (2) side L, close R, side L turning ½ left face to back to back pos,—; (3) sway R, snap fingers, sway L, snap fingers; (4) side R, cl L, side R turning ½ right face to Bfly,—;

5-8 SCISSORS THRU DOUBLE TO OP;; HITCH & PICKUP; BK TWO STEP CHECK;

(5) In Bfly side L, cl R turning RF, thru L XIF (W XRIF),—; (6) side R to RLOD, close L turning LF, thru RXIF (W XLIF) to OP facing LOD,—, (7) Eva L, close R, back L (W circles LF to a pickup R,L,R,) blending to CP fcg LOD,— (8) back R, close L, back L checking motion,—;

9-12 SCISSORS TO SIDECAR; SCISSORS THRU TO SCP; CUT BACK 4; DIP BACK & RECOVER TO FC;

(9) Side L, close R turning to SCAR facing LOD & wall, fwd L XIP (W XRIB),—; (10) side R, close
L turning LF, thru R XIF (W XLIF) to SCP facing LOD,—; (11) cut L in front of R, back R, cut L in
front of R, bk R, (12) dip back L to RLOD,—, rec R to face partner & wall,—;

13-16 TWIRL VINE 3 & TOUCH; REV TWIRL VINE 3 & TCH; STEP SWING THRU L & R; KNEE SWIVEL 4; (13) Sd L / XRIB, sd L, tch R to BFLY (W twirls RF under joined lead hands R,L,R, tch); (14) Sd R, XLIB, sd R, tch L (W twirls LF under joined lead hands L,R,L, tch) ending in BFLY (5g wall; (15) Step side L, look R thru twd LOD, sd R, kick L thru twd RLOD; (16) bending knees swivel L,R,L,R dropping hands to OP facing partner & wall;

#### PART B

1-4 BACK APART 2 TWO-STEPS:: STRUT TOGETHER 4::

(1) Back twds COH L, cl R, bk L, -, (2) continue bk R, cl L, bk R, -, (3) fwd L, -, R, -; (4) fwd L, -, R, to CP facing wall, -:

5-8 FULL LF TURNING BOX::::

(5) Sd L, cl R, fwd L trng ¼ LF, -: (6) Sd R, cl L, bk R trng ¼ LF, -: (7&8) Repeat meas 5&6 Part B::

9-12 SCISSORS THRU; 1/2 BOX BACK; BACK HITCH 3; SCISSORS THRU;

(9) Side L, cl R trng RF, thru L XIF (W XRIF),—; (10) Sd R, cl L, bk R to COH,—; (11) Back L, cl R, fwd L,—; (12) Sd R, cl L trng LF, XRIF (W XLIF) blending to CP facing wall,—;

13-16 2 SD CLOSE; SD & THRU; 2 TURNING TWO-STEPS::

(13) Side L, cl R, sd L, sl R; (14) Sd L, —, thru R, —; (15) Furning one full turn RF sd L, cl R, sd L, —; (16) Continue turning sd R, cl L, fwd R to face wall, —;

#### INTERLUDE

1-4 1/2 BOX FWD; RK FWD & REC; BK HITCH 3; SCISSORS THRU TO CP WALL;

In CP fcg wall sd L, cl R, fwd L,-;
 Rock fwd R,-, rec L,-;
 Back R, cl L, fwd R,-;
 Side L, cl R trng RF, thru L XIF (W XRIF) to CP fcg wall,-;

5-8 1/2 BOX BK: ROCK BK & REC; FWD HITCH 3; SCISSORS THRU TO CP:

(5) Sd R, cl L, bk R,-; (6) Rk bk L,-, rec R,-; (7) Fwd L, cl R, bk L,-; (8) Side R, cl L trng LF, XRIF (W XLIF) to CP facing wall,-;

#### **ENDING**

1-4 ROLL 3 & TCH; SIDE TWO-STEP TCH; (MERENGUE) 2 SD CLS; APART & POINT;

(1) Roll one full turn LF (W RF) L,R,L, tch R to BFLY; (2) sd R, cl L, sd R, tch L; (3) with exaggerated rhumba hip action sd L, cl R, sd L, cl R; (4) step apt L,—, pt R towards partner,—;

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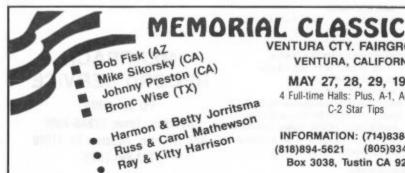
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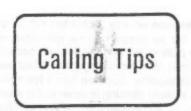
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Part I, "64=64", dealt with timing the figures of singing calls and the need to match, precisely, the number of choreographic steps with the number of musical beats in order to dance with the music.

Part II deals with the "break" between the figure sequences used in singing calls. The requirement to equalize the choreographic steps with the musical beats remains in force. In addition, in writing both the figure and break, one must be particularly aware of the position of the dancers in relationship to their home positions when the command promenade is given. That is, if the couples are at home, then a 16-beat promenade is required. If the couples are halfway from home, then an 8-beat promenade is required.

In the case of most figure sequences, the promenade command is given correctly, i.e. when the couples are at home and allowed the full 16 beats to promenade. (Timing the command is another subject.) In the case of the break sequence, this unawareness of the position of the couples in relationship to home is the biggest "sin"—though lack of equlization of steps/beats still ranks high within the breaks.

The breaks in 83 records were analyzed. The 64=64 ratio did not improve much, i.e. 49 records, 50.04%, had 64 steps for 64 beats ranging from 64 steps (no swing) to 56 steps plus an 8-beat swing. One record had 50 steps, thus requiring a 14-beat swing (swing was included in the choreography). Choreography containing no swing ranged from 60 to 70

steps for 64 beats of music.

It was about 50/50 in the respect to the relationship of the couple to home when the command *promenade* was given, i.e., in 49.40% of the breaks the couple was at home and given 16 beats to promenade; in 50.60% they were halfway from home when the command was given and still allowed 16 beats to promenade home when only eight were required.

Things did improve a bit when the "at home" and "halfway home" situations were analyzed separately. In the "at home" case, 65.85% of the breaks contained the 64=64 ratio. In the "halfway home" case, 52.38% had 64=64 except one would have to promenade past home and halfway more in order to use the beats allowed.

Grand square was used in 17 cases and only in seven (41.18%) did the rest of the choreography equal 32 steps (plus 32 to equal 64). In one case, the rest of the choreography equalled only 30 steps (total of 62 steps). Only in these eight cases did the promenade start at home; nine cases had the promenade start halfway from home and gave 16 beats to arrive home in eight steps.

18 different break sequences were used in those "at home" promenade cases. Half or 50% of these had the 64=64 ratio. The other half did not. 17 different break sequences were used in those "halfway home" promenade cases. This means only nine out of 35 (25.72%) of the breaks used are acceptable, a very low percentage of danceable breaks.

In two cases, the couples were onequarter from home! One of these contained 60 steps for 64 beats without a swing; the other had 64 steps for 64 beats with no swing, but both cases allowed 16 beats to promenade four steps. These two examples were not included in the above analysis.

As we suspected at the start of these analyses, the break choreography has a poorer acceptance rate than the figure choreography. In both cases, the danceable quality is "broke" and it does need fixing!

## STRAIGHT TALK

I can't keep my mouth shut any longer. I'm up to my pettipants with all the excuses about square dancing going down the tubes. Callers, dancers and all have stated their reasons-we should do this. we should do that, only to find a short time later that didn't work either.

I'm here to let you know that we have three clubs growing (Berlin Squares, Starlight Twirlers, and Chipmunks). How about that? The last two clubs we took were out of money, out of a lot of dancers. and out of ideas. This was about a year ago. Today they are making money, have added new members, and have good beginner classes.

Callers of our association gave us their blessing with smirks on their lips, "Go ahead and try, it won't work."

I'm not about to try and tell you that my husband the caller is so great he had people flocking to his side (although he is good). What few dancers were left were and are so dedicated, they wanted more than anything to keep their clubs going.

There was no way it couldn't rub off on us. So we jumped in, no gimmicks, no hair pulling. We and our dancers became a family. We worked together, talked over ideas together. Soon we had a few more. We all went dancing at other clubs, made friends, and invited them to visit us. (Just like your neighbors down the street.) We go to conventions, camping, out for breakfast together. We take care of each other's kids, run to the hospital to see our sick ones, have picnics, celebrate birthdays, and do everything a family does together.

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In years gone by we could see clubs constantly on the increase in numbers of dancers. Classes were large for many years. Today it seems most clubs are getting smaller, no classes have been started, and club numbers are no longer, on the rise in most areas. (Of course, there are exceptions.)

Square dancing is still America's best kept secret—more fun and more good people than anything else I can mention. So why does it happen that we seem to be on the down side of the curve?

We would have to look at several things to come up with an educated guess as to just why we seem to be in a decline. First, the American family life has changed. When we started in the 50's, few wives were employed in full-time jobs, other than being wives and mothers. After days at home taking care of children and husbands, the wives were eager to get out of the house. Square dancing offered economical entertainment and a chance to meet people. Husbands at the same time may have had more than one job to keep up with finances, but even so they were not under the pressure they seem to be facing today. It was a more social time in our history, and the American square dance fit in and well.

Today we have VCRs and people stay home and watch TV programs that are recorded or movies they missed before. In the 70s we complained that bowling was hurting square dancing, but that was nothing like TV and VCRs are today.

Now the final cross! Levels of programming!

One lady said to me, "The callers who were not popular with the dancers found a place for themselves by writing new and complex calls, and then catering to those who want to be 'higher up.''' This may be a simplistic way of looking at it, but it is indeed part of the problem.

Another survey I read recently stated that part of our problem is the decreasing number of callers. This indeed could be a big part of our problem. Simply put, the more callers there are, the more beginners' classes we should have, and thus the more dancers. Add to this the problem that with fewer callers today, we also have a large number of callers who do not teach beginner dancers, they are too involved in advanced or challenge dancing to bother with beginners' classes.

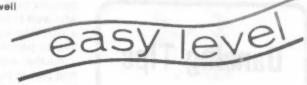
We indeed may have passed our peak, and so we must strive harder than ever to keep the dancers we have. The challenge is to the callers and to the club officers to provide dancing that is enjoyable to all, not just a few. It is difficult, but not impossible, to take dancers who have danced for 20 years and those who have just gotten out of lessons, put them together and call a dance that they all enjoy. Callers will have to offer variety but not stump or frustrate the dancers. Officers will have to see to it that they hire callers who do just that.

I offer no magic solution except to say that we must go back to the idea that this is a social gathering, a meeting of people who have come together to enjoy each other's company. We must not make square dancing a contest.





by Bob Howell



I was reminded not too long ago that the traditional dance program was rather dull and boring. Well, try this one on dancers at any level and see what fun you can have with it. It always gets a good laugh. Here's hoping this will be the only doctor you'll have to see all year long...

#### THE DOCTOR I.Q.

First couple balance, swing, first gent out to the center of the ring Balance to the girl to the right of you, right to the girl in back of you Left to the girl to the left of you, right to the girl across from you Bow to the girl you balanced to, and out to the center.

(Repeat three more times for the first man, beginning with the last line above. On the last repeat the last line is:) Swing, swing, everybody swing.

The whole thing is called for each gent and each lady in turn. This makes the dance long, so it is better to call opposites out simultaneously as soon as a group begins to know the dance.

The active gent momentarily stands alone in the center, back to his partner. He does a quarter turn right and bows to original lady on his right. He then turns to opposite direction and turns his original corner right. Then he turns original opposite left. He crosses the ring and turns his original lady right with both hands and quickly steps out to the center with his back to her, ready to repeat the whole routine advancing one lady to his own right. At high speed, with no pauses, this dance is excitingly different.

Hugh and Cem Macey of Bath, Ohio, continue to produce really good one-night-stand records. Following is one called by the late Dick Jones of Long Island, N.Y.

#### **BUCKEYE HOEDOWN**

#### BREAK.

- 4 Bow to partner or corner
- 8 Four ladies promenade inside full around to home
- 8 All do-sa-do partner at home
- 8 Four men promenade inside full around to home
- 8 Four men swing partner

#### FIGURE:

- 8 Head couples go forward and back
- 4 Heads forward and pass thru (face out)
- 2 Heads U-turn back
- 8 Side couples go forward and back
- 4 Sides go forward again and pass thru
- 2 Sides U-turn back
- 8 All join hands and circle left halfway (to M's home)
- 8 All do-sa-do new partner
- 16 All promenade new partner full around.

I had the good fortune of attending the fiftieth anniversary dance held at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, this past November. The affair took place in Lovett Hall. The master of ceremonies and prompter for the afternoon was Glen Morningstar. Music was provided by the Ford Reconstruction Orchestra and The Ole Michigan Ruffwater String Band. It was a gala party. On the program Glen included this reel...

#### **HULL'S VICTORY**

#### Bars:

- 4 Give right hands to partners, left hands to opposites, and balance four in line (Standing four in line, crosswise of set—two ladies facing up the set and two gentlemen facing down)
- 4 Turn opposites with left hands
- 4 Right hands to partners, left hands to opposites, and balance four in line
- 4 Turn opposites with left hands
- 8 Down center and back (Couples join both hands, chasse eight steps to the foot of set, turn half around, return up center and separate, stopping one place below.)
- 8 Right and left

What better way is there to start a new year than by making a new friend? Because I work with so many groups where there are more men than women, or vice versa, I am in constant search of dance routines that are instant-teach and partnerless. Here is one that I thought up on the spot one evening when I had several hundred people ranging in age from four to seventy or eighty. I have named it...

#### FRIENDLY CIRCLE

FORMATION: Single circle. No partners necessary.

MUSIC: Touch a Hand, Make A Friend, MCA 52646, The Oak Ridge Boys

ROUTINE:

INTRO: Wait 32 counts until vocal begins.

1-16 All circle left 16 steps.

17-32 All circle right 16 steps.

33-36 Dropping hands, all walk in two steps and then clap hands three times rapidly.

37-40 All back out two steps, and, keeping the ball of each foot on floor, bounce on heels three times rapidly.

41-48 Repeat counts 33-40

49-56 All walk in towards center, veering slightly left, make a sweeping right-face turn and walk back out to place, ending facing wall.

57-64 All walk toward wall, veering slightly right, make a sweeping left-face turn and walk back to place, ready to "touch a hand" again.

NOTE: Counts 49-64 represent a large figure eight.

NOTE: In the dance, Kansas City, October issue, p. 48, counts 25-28 should be a four step vine ending with weight on right foot to start the slow walk two with the left foot. The same is true for the repeat, 33-36.

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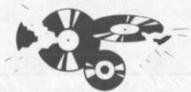
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## JANUARY 1 THINGS TO DO

1988

Thank my connens for dancing with me.

Dance at least twice this year to different callers at different clubs.

Tell friends how much fun it is to square dance.

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Interest in others. If this rule is true for any business, according to *Small Business America*, the publication of the National Assn. for the Self-Employed, it is doubly or triply true in the S/D world that is so people-oriented. Being interested in people means wanting to know what they need and what they want. Your job is to supply what the customer wants. Are you doing this? (Or are you telling your "customers" what they should want?)

2 Initiative. As a business owner, you are your own boss. You must do your planning and be a self-mover. Callers may be hired by clubs, but they are in control of their careers as to when and how they book dates, how they further their training, their practice time. Shop owners must be innovative and decisive. Are you?

Resourcefulness. In a small business, you do not have unlimited resources. You must use creative ability and every available resource. Look for new ways of doing things—teaching or advertising or promoting your services. Can you create what you need to do the job?

High energy. You are the driving force in your business. It's a standing rule that if you're self-employed, you work harder and longer but enjoy it more. If you're not enjoying your business, take another look. Calling and cueing and selling S/D clothes may look like fun, but the inevitable paper work lies behind every business. Energy helps you build success; success will build up your energy supplies. How's your energy quotient?

**5** Perseverance. Rare is the caller or cuer who became an instant success the night he/she first picked up the mike. Rare is the shop owner who broke even the first year. Are you aware that you face a time of growth and hard work before you attain that first success? Proper planning and dedication will help, and stick-to-it-iveness will eventually bring results.

**Determination.** If you're only lukewarm about being a caller or a cuer or a shop owner, you probably won't be successful. To be a success, you need determination to succeed and a sense of the direction in which you are moving. Do you have a goal, and a plan to reach it?

**7** Self-confidence. Many people spend years overcoming early intimidation and developing self-reliance and self-confidence. Recognize your short-comings, but know your talents and your strengths. Having a partner who balances your weak points, and developing a good working relationship, will help offset feelings of inadequacy. When you do things you thought you couldn't do, does your self-confidence grow?

**8** Foresight. Use your past experience to prepare you for what lies in the future. You don't have to be a prophet but you should become an effective planner.

**9** Daring. No one starts a business without being willing to take some risks. You may minimize the risks through certain procedures but you will face some uncertainties. Ask the full-time caller or the shop owner who is depending on her

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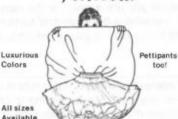
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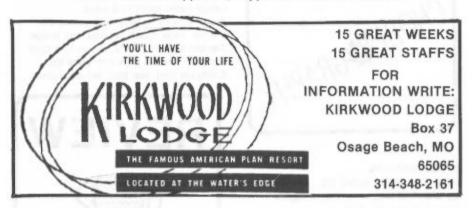
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income for necessities. When the business is in the "hobby" category, the risks may be minimal; when it's a breadwinning proposition, you want some assurance of success. How do you approach the risks of your enterprise?

10 Profit orientation. For many years, "profit" was considered a dirty word in the square dance world, per-

haps because calling was considered a service and a fun activity. Other enterprises that "profited" from square dancers' purchases underplayed their business orientation. In the 80's, we are no longer that naive. Many businesses are connected with square dancing: shops, tours, record producing, as well as calling and cueing. The fun is there, but the monetary rewards are also necessary.

Success leads to happiness; happiness leads to success.





We enjoy the American Squaredance magazine very much and anxiously await next month's issue. The articles are great and help keep us informed of all aspects of square dancing.

One area I'd like to know more about is the life and duties of a square dance caller's wife. My husband is learning to call and I really wonder where that puts me. I've been to dances where the caller's wife is out on the dance floor helping to

teach lessons, at the end she boxed up all the equipment and straightened the record cases. Then at another dance the caller's wife sat in a corner and knitted. I would imagine a person should try to reach a happy medium. But what is it? I think it would be interesting to read of interviews of callers' wives, views of dancers, what they want and expect, and input from callers as to how a wife can help them. This is something I'm interested in and I believe there must be lots of caller's wives out there with the same feelings.

Joiene G. Smith

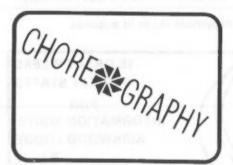
Ed. Note: About the same time that this letter arrived, Co-ed received a survey form from Thelma Murtha, chairman of the Callerlab spouses committee, who mentioned that a booklet might be forth-coming from Callerlab dealing with these subjects. Watch for future news of this.

Thermopolis, Wyoming



## Creative Choreography

by Ed Fraidenburg



IF YOU WANT TO, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO... by Shin-ichi Ichimura, Tokyo, Japan Heads square thru four.

If you want to, box the gnat, ½ square thru Tag the line, cloverleaf, if you want to, zoom Double pass thru, centers in, face your partner Star thru, ends fold, slide thru, partner trade Box the gnat, touch a quarter If you want to eight circulate (any no. places)

If you want to, eight circulate (any no. places) Boys run, left allemande...

Four ladies chain, heads lead right and Circle to a line, if you want to, rollaway Pass the ocean, if you want to, scoot back Single hinge, swing thru, ends circulate double Centers run, tag the line in If you want to, flutter wheel, pass thru Wheel and deal, centers pass thru Touch to a wave, if you want to, ends trade If you want to, centers trade, swing thru Eight circulate, centers run, ferris wheel Double pass thru, leads U-turn back, star thru Ends fold, touch to a wave, ends trade Centers trade, eight circulate Right & left grand...

Heads ½ square thru, if you want to, Box the gnat, swing thru., all circulate Centers trade, if you want to, scoot back Swing thru, recycle, center four U-turn back If you want to, zoom, double pass thru
Leads trade, touch to a wave
If you want to, recycle, half square thru
Partner trade, touch 1/4, walk and dodge
Centers square thru 3/4, others turn back
Touch to a wave, boys run, ends fold
California twirl, star thru, left allemande...



#### FLIP THE DIAMOND

STARTING FORMATION: Any diamond DEFINITION: The centers of the diamond do a diamond circulate to the next position in their diamond, while the points run into (flip 180°) the nearest center position and join hands to become the centers of the forming wave or line. When "flipping" a facing diamond, the points always take the inside path, and the centers take the outside path.

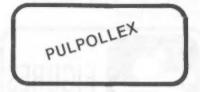
#### SAMPLE CHOREO:

Heads lead right and circle to a line Two ladies chain, chain back Dixie style to wave Centers run, centers hinge, diamond circulate Flip the diamond, trade the wave Right and left grand...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass the ocean, boys circulate, girls hinge Diamond circulate, boys swing thru Flip the diamond, half circulate, bend the line You're home... Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass the ocean, girls run, boys hinge Diamond circulate, flip the diamond Right and left grand...

Heads square thru four, right and left thru Ocean wave, boys run, boys hinge Diamond circulate, flip the diamond Left allemande...

Heads lead right and veer left, girls hinge Diamond circulate, boys swing thru Flip the diamond, centers trade, recycle Pass to the center, square thru <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Left allemande...



#### CROSS THE OCEAN by Larry Letson, Indiana

(Description and all sample material taken from Choreo Breakdown and written by the editor, Don Beck.)

DEFINITION: From facing couples (assume normal couples for ease of description), women diagonally pass right shoulders with each other and then face right to become the ends of right-hand waves. As soon as the women clear the center, the men diagonally start to pass left shoulders, but when they meet, they join lefts and single hinge plus a little, to become centers of the final waves.

#### SAMPLE CHOREO:

From facing regular couples: right and left thru Cross the ocean, single hinge Men run...zero (true)

From right-hand wave: trade the wave Centers run, bend the line Cross the ocean...zero (true)

From facing couples: cross the ocean Spin the top, recycle...zero (true)

Heads right and left thru, sides lead right Veer to the left, chain down the line Cross the ocean, single hinge, men run Reverse flutter wheel, cross the ocean Grand right and left...

Heads half square thru, slide thru Rightend left thru, dixie style to a wave Men trade, left swing thru, single hinge

Right and left thru, January 1988

Women run, cross the ocean, men run Couples circulate, half tag the line, men run Left allemande...

Heads square thru, swing thru, single hinge Men run, reverse flutter wheel, cross the ocean Spin the top, pass thru, tag the line, centers in Cast off ¾, star thru, trade by, touch ¼ Split circulate, men run, right and left thru Cross the ocean, swing thru, recycle Pass to the center, square thru ¾ Left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Right and left thru, cross the ocean Grand right and left...

#### These have some plus calls:

Heads right and left thru, cross the ocean Swing thru, ping pong circulate, extend the tag Linear cycle, reverse flutter wheel Cross the ocean, swing thru, recycle Square thru three-quarters, left allemande...

Heads lead right, single circle to a wave Men trade, spin the top, recycle Right and left thru, cross the ocean Single hinge, men run, crosstrail thru To the corner, left allemande...

Heads cross the ocean, extend the tag Swing thru, women trade, cross the ocean Spin the top, recycle, load the boat Left allemande...

Four ladies chain, heads rollaway Sides cross the ocean, ping pong circulate Extend the tag, trade the wave, single hinge Women run, cross the ocean, scoot back Women trade, recycle, left allemande...

Heads star thru, California twirl
Right and left thru, cross the ocean
Grand swing thru, single hinge, coordinate
Couples circulate, bend the line
Right & left thru, cross the ocean
Extend the tag, grand right and left...

#### Singing call:

Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru Men trade, men run, bend the line Right and left thru, cross the ocean, scoot back Swing corner, promenade...(add 16-beat tag)

American Squaredance Magazine's choreography section features original material submitted to the editor. New ideas are presented regularly, Mail creative amterial to Ed Fraidenburg, American Squaredance, PO Box 488, Huron, Ohio 44839.



#### LINEAR CHAIN THRU by Ed Fraidenburg

DESCRIPTION: From parallel waves: all single hinge, outfacers fold, start a double pass thru, but the trailers (original folders) stop in a wave and swing thru, then turn thru as leaders run (right) and all touch to a wave (right-hand).

From left-hand waves, use *left swing thru* and *left turn thru* as leaders *run* (left) and left *touch* to form left-hand waves.

#### SAMPLE CHOREO:

Heads square thru four, touch to a wave Linear chain thru, girls trade, star thru Pass thru, left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Spin the top, linear chain thru, boys run Slide thru, left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass the ocean, linear chain thru Centers trade, swing thru, girls trade Slide thru, left allemande...

Heads half square thru, touch to a wave Linear chain thru, girls trade, left allemande...

Heads square thru four, right and left thru Touch to a wave, linear chain thru Split circulate, boys run, crosstrail thru Left allemande...

Heads half square thru, swing thru Linear chain thru, boys trade, star thru Trade by, swing thru, same sexes trade Right and left grand...

Heads square thru four, swing thru Linear chain thru, boys run, star thru Pass thru, trade by, swing thru, boys trade Right and left grand...

Four ladies chain 34, four ladies chain across Sides right and left thru, heads square thru 34 Separate go round one to a line, pass thru Wheel and deal, zoom, pass thru Left touch to a wave, linear chain thru Left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line, swing thru

Spin the top, linear chain thru, recycle Pass thru, trade by, left allemande...

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal, zoom Centers pass thru, touch to a wave Linear chain thru, right and left grand

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Pass the ocean, linear chain thru Centers trade, girls trade, square thru four Trade by, pass thru, left allemande...

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Pass the ocean, centers trade, linear chain thru All eight circulate, recycle, swing thru Right and left grand...



Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal, centers pass thru All pass thru, swing thru, extend the tag Centers in, centers fold, pass thru, trade by Left allemande...

Heads square thru four to an ocean wave Centers run, tag the line, cloverleaf Boys left swing thru, left turn thru, star thru Couples trade, partner trade Couples circulate 1½, bend the line You're home...

Heads square thru four, split two Go round one to a line, single circle ¾ Column coordinate, boys trade, girls trade Partner trade, half circulate, bend the line You're home...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Singe circle ¾, circulate, girls run Single circle to a wave, girls trade, recycle Left allemande...

Heads square thru four, square thru three more Swing thru, extend the tag, centers in Centers fold, swing thru, same sexes trade Right and left grand...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Rollaway, star thru, swing thru, extend the tag Centers out, bend the line, star thru, trade by Swing thru, boys run, girls trade, ferris wheel Square thru 34, left allemande...

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Heads pass thru, go round one to a line Single circle ¾, column circulate twice Boys run, partner trade, dixie grand Left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Ends box the gnat, all single circle ¾ Circulate, trade and roll, pass thru Girls cross fold, star thru, ferris wheel Square thru ¾, left allemande...

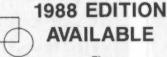


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by **Ed Foote** 

Changes to Callerlab Advanced List. The Callerlab Advanced Committee has announced the results of its recent voting for changes to the Advanced list. Calls added: diamond chain thru, transfer and (anything), grand 1/4 thru, grand 3/4 thru.

Calls dropped from A-1: all eight swing thru, arky allemande, arky grand, cross cloverleaf. Calls dropped from A-2: all four couples cross trail thru, all four couples pass thru, beaus/belles concept.

#### Definitions of added calls:

Diamond chain thru: From twin diamonds, all diamond circulate, the very centers (of the ocean wave) trade and then cast off 3/4 with the adjacent ends of the wave. Twin diamonds end in parallel two-faced lines; facing diamonds end in parallel ocean waves.

Transfer and (anything): From parallel columns, #1 and #2 dancers in each column do a normal transfer the column: #3 and #4 dancers circulate to form a box in the center, and they take the "anything" command.

Grand 1/4 thru: From right-hand columns, all cast 1/4 by the right and those who can turn 1/2 by the left. Grand 3/4 thru: All turn 3/4 by the right, and those who can turn 1/2 by the left. Both calls end in a righthand tidal wave

It has not been determined which added calls will be placed on A-1 and which will be placed on A-2. This will be decided at the Callerlab Convention at the end of March

Comment about the changes: The four added calls are very easy, much easier than some calls currently on the Advanced List. There is no serious loss on the dropped calls. All eight swing thru is simply a variation of the Mainstream basic, swing thru. A case can be made for calling it directionally at any program.

Old timers in square dancing may moan at the loss of Arky allemande/Arky grand. since Arky was the beginning (back in the fifties and sixties) of what today is known as "all-position" or "dance by definition." However, these two calls, along with Arky star thru, were all that remained of that era and were really retained as souvenirs.

Cross cloverleaf never seemed to be danced well, and the idea still remains on A-1 with cross clover and (anything). The two all four couples calls will not be missed, and where all four couples pass thru is needed to teach a figure, this can be done directionally. Beaus/belles concept really belongs in the glossary as terms in square dancing, to then be applied at any program where appropriate.

All things considered, the Advanced list has been improved by these changes.



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IN THE NEWS



he caption on this photo could be "Past Presidents Meet Past Presidents" because Stan and Vi Nve. past presidents of the British Association of American S/D Clubs, were introduced to U.S. past president. Jimmy Carter (also a square dancer) while attending a church service in Plains, Georgia, with a friend. S.J. Croft of Albany, Georgia (to the right of Carter). On a three-week U.S. tour, the Nyes also were made honorary citizens of Memphis, Tennessese by Mayor Hacker. when introduced by another friend, Larry Campagna.

C aller Bob and Jane Jaffray were awarded coveted Trillium Merit Awards in the Toronto area recently, presented by Al White. Also receiving similar awards were Marg Hough and Stu and Wynne Robertson, presented by Brian O'Gram. All were recognized for significant contributions to the square dance activity.

aller Tom and Glenda
Morgan of St. Louis, Missouri, are now wintering in Mission, Texas, where Tom will call at one of the resort parks there. His schedule still includes the St. Louis area in the 70

summer months, where he has called for 17 years.



our Canadian staff "rep," Orphie Marcellus and her husband Mac took a trip to England last summer and visited a Steam Show near Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, with square dance demos and a parade of banners held by a number of children. The Marcelluses also visited with caller Malcolm and Evelyn Davis and Elizabeth and David Clark, circulation managers of the all-England publication, Let's Square Dance.

A new publication, Rewarding Retirement, from Omaha, Nebraska, carried a photo story on square dancing, provided by ASD, thanks to Ardis Glace of the RR staff.



A nother photo came to us later from ace photographer Ichiro Fujima (see story elsewhere in this issue) showing dancers of Hiroshima, Japan, when Buddy Weaver called there. As an editorial comment, we'll simply add: Isn't it painfully poignant that square dancing, the world's friendliest activity, now envelops Hiroshima, the most

devastated, atomized city of World War II, and both Japanese and Americans now regularly join hands in mutual trust and respect.



PhotographerFujima (left above) told us of another visiting caller to Japan, Vic Ceder (right) from California, who calls through C-4 and was enjoyed by the challenge dancers. Other callers coming to call challenge dances are Lee Kopman and Ron Libby in '88, Ben Rubright in '89, and Dave Hodson in '90.

Publicist/caller Marv Labahn reports that a Chicago suburban paper, the Worth Palos Reporter, covered square dancing nicely in a senior citizens' supplement.

he largest crowd ever turned out for the 12th annual Western Massachusetts S& R/D Festival this past fall with over 1100 dancers and 20 callers and cuers. The *Union News* of the Springfield area produced a good photo story, sent to us by area

coordinator Russ Moorhouse. Some dancers shown/mentioned are: June and Jack Delaney, Dolores and Chuck Parsons, Ed and Marion Cabana, and caller Norm Allard.

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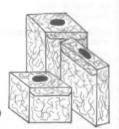
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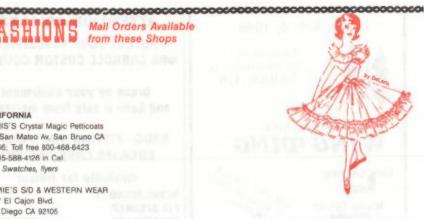
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Bob Howell's keynote address theme was "Let's Get Going." The Bonnells presented "Why We Travel and Why We Dance At Home" and the Frenches showed "How To Build the Right Flyer." All trustees participated in "table talk" at lunch. Bob Howell next discussed "Why We Dance How We Dance." Other topics includes "Varieties of Club Organizations," and insurance concerns presented by Don Garris.

Charles and Jo Ehler were elected as new members of the executive board. John and Audrey Key and Don and Barbara Garris were reelected for six years.

The conference ended with a special dinner dance at the Stoney Creek Country Club. High spirits and enthusiasm characterized the entire conference.

Len Cannell, executive secretary

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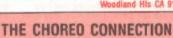


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The second annual Empire State Festival will be held in Buffalo on October 7-9, 1988. Dee Ryan



#### PRETORIA PROMENADERS

Pictured are the Pretoria Promenaders on a float during the Jacaranda carnival procession in Pretoria, South Africa.

The Pretoria Promenaders was formed in April, 1987, when Rodney Wills took on the responsibility of starting a square dance beginners class. Of the 70 members in the twelve-week class, fifty remained to form the foundation of the club.

Square dancing is new to Pretoria. Rodney Wills and Tony Webb started the first club in South Africa in Port Elizabeth. some 100 kilometers south of Pretoria a few years back. On being transferred to Pretoria and Benone, respectively, both have started new clubs in these areas.

The number one goal of the Pretoria Promenaders is to attend the 1989 National Convention in the U.S.A.

Dancers are invited to dance with the Pretoria Promenaders. Rodney Wills may be contacted at (012)9988011 or at P.O. Box 72772, Lynnwood Ridge, Pretoria 0040. South Africa.

### ARABIAN (SQUARE DANCE) NIGHTS

The Rivadh Square Dancers of Saudi. Arabia, had their annual fall festival on October 14-16, 1987. Art Tangen of Oklahoma was the caller. Sixteen-plus squares attended from all over Saudi Arabia. The Trail End dance started Wednesday night with folks arriving by plane and auto up until 9 PM. Thursday morning workshop on the hot tennis courts saw dancers in various attire getting "roasted" at 100-110°. A good turnout of spectators (and maybe new square dancers) attended.

At the first square dance festival in Riiadh, there were 50 squares. The steady outward flow of expatriates is decreasing the number of square dancers. Along with that, the callers are having to share the

calling and teaching.

Joe and Betty LeBlanc

#### IN MEMORIAM

- Fred Bergin, 83, died at his Santa Barbara home after a long illness. He was a big band pianist who played with Bix Beiderbeck and the Dorseys, and had an illustrious musical and business career. He is best known to square dancers as a partner in the Lloyd Shaw Recording Co. and arranger of many musical selections for dancing. He was a member of the Lloyd Shaw Fellowship and is described has having a humorous, pixie nature that made him a wonder to work with.
- Dancers all over the square dance world knew Ruth DeTurk as a super salesperson and a hard worker both in the Ox Yoke Shop, which was owned by Ruth and her husband, Reuel, and for square dancing in general. She was a early member of LEGACY and a charter member of NASRDS. After undergoing extensive surgery last April, Ruth attended the National Convention in Houston, and staffed her square dance shop as usual. In September, the DeTurks attended the World S/D Convention and enjoyed a tour through Scandinavia. Shortly after retur-



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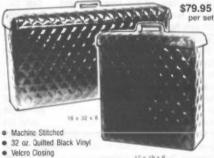
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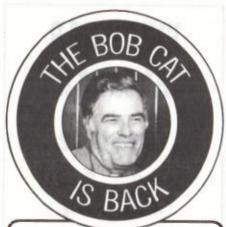
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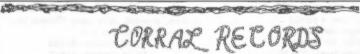
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#### ALL MY EX'S LIVE IN TEXAS-ESP 516 Caller: Bob Newman

This is the second release of this melody and the dancers liked this one. Good instrumental and Bob does a good job on the flip side. FIGURE: Heads promenade 1/2, right and left thru, square thru, right-hand star, heads star left, swing, promenade.

#### LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND- LouMac 165 Caller: Randy Dougherty

A note on this record tells us that the song was written by Pam Dougherty. Excellent fill-in words with a good melody. The figure is put together very well and Randy does a good job on the flip side. FIGURE: Heads square thru, right and left thru, veer left, ladies trade,

rollaway, boys cross run, chain down the line, square thru 3/4, swing, promenade.

#### DAYDREAMING- MarLet 516

Caller: Walt Courtney

Good number for singers. Give a listen. FIGURE: Heads promenade 1/2, lead right, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, bend the line, right and left thru, flutter wheel, sweep 14, pass thru, swing, promenade.

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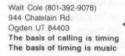


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The Choreo Connection by Ed Fraidenburg gives us these headings, which should whet one's appetite: Platter Pix, What's New, The Experiment (pass and hinge), Paging Plus, Bridging Mainstream, and The Last Page. He reports (via Hanhurst's Service) that these are the recent best selling singing calls: Road, LouMac; Give My Regards to Broadway, Blue Star; Battle Hymn, English Mt.; Boogie Grass Saturday Night, Red Boot; Coming Round the Mountain, Sundown.

Innesota Callers' Notes by Warren Berquam takes a look at retain your land and cross the ocean; has in-depth studies of linear cycle, hinge, coordinate and many others. Warren has a new masthead done by Jack Berg, and lots of good clean copy.

n Lead Right this month, there's a page on the magic module from Don Malcom, some singalong stuff by Don, material ending in right and left grand from Dick Han, and good big pack of choreography for general use. In addition, Stan's "Positive Problem Solving" and his "Symbol System" should be useful to most callers.

Some mighty neat ideas are contained in Jack Lasry's Notes for Callers this month, including his usual pink section for those calling Advanced material, and these subjects for most everyone: chain down the line, alamo style revisited, couples hinge at Mainstream, exploring all eight fold and all eight fold and roll, trade the wave, boys/girls go twice, triple scoot and coordinate combinations, dancing the Plus program. One little item we especially like is this:

Allemande left, allemande thar, go forward two And form a star, shoot the star a full turn Mother by the right in an Alamo style, balance Swing thru, swing thru, boys run right Left allemande...

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ews 'n Notes by Ed Foote has some excellent material from Ben Rubright

including these zero line get-outs: Touch 1/4, girls run, right and left grand... Spin the top, boys cross fold Right and left grand... Square thru 3/4, ends fold

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ood advice comes from Steve Turner's Australian Callerlink this time, and we quote: "If you find your floor is getting quiet or seems to be dragging a bit, and you have a little bright



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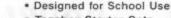
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up on your temperament and style if you attempt to tell these. It is also a very swift way to empty your hall."

nince our good friend Gene Trimmer passed away (See "Meanderings," last month), his Mainstream Flow note service is continuing under the able editorship of Jim Hayes of Kansas. Jim kicks off his first issue with several pages of good choreo and a tribute to Gene.

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on Beck in his Choreo Breakdown always gives us plenty of meaty material besides new calls, and we need to make that point emphatically. For example, this time we gleaned more of his six couple dance material, some interesting zooms, a chase right workshop, and an interesting new experimental named roll the diamond.

The Toronto and District Notes has some intriguing titles that hint of a good issue. For instance, "Canada '88, ROM by Lew and Laura Wiffen; Plus Quarterly Classics; "The Five Elements of Round Dancing; Round Dance Timing; "Climbing the Ladder" (of levels too fast);

pass to the center and cloverleaf, right and left grand (no allemande), "Mainstream Material with a Theme; Plus theme: follow your neighbor; some plus get-outs and some advanced choreo, rock the boat, material for the Community Dance Program and a message from the editor.

ots of goodies found in Figuring by Barry Wonson are very usable and one we especially like and use for a good change of pace, is this one:

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or the Record from the Texas State Callers includes the little "oldie" gem



that was the Callerlab traditional dance of the last quarter of 1987.

### CORRECTION—NOVEMBER PUZZLE

Many puzzle buffs took the challenge of finding squares and triangles in the square dance floor puzzle. The corrected answers are 35 squares and 96 triangles, unless, of course, a reader finds more and proves the answer. How about it?



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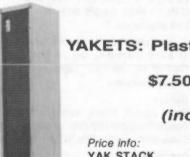


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Zero box (wave): recycle, sweep ¼ Slide thru, left allemande...

Zero box (wave): girls trade, recycle, veer left Ferris wheel, centers pass thru, left allemande...

Zero line: pass thru, boys run, split circulate Boys run, pass the ocean, swing thru Turn thru, left allemande...

Static square: heads turn thru, separate Around one to a line, star thru, pass to center Square thru 34, left allemande...

#### THE BASIC PROGRAM:

Sashav:

Zero line: pass the ocean, girls run Couples circulate, girls circulate, boys trade Ladies center, men sashay, boys trade Girls trade, wheel and deal, left allemande...

Zero box: star thru, right and left thru Rollaway half sashay, pass the ocean Boys run, bend the line, star thru, dive thru Square thru ¾, left allemande...

Zero line: right and left thru, rollaway Half sashay, pass the ocean, girls circulate Boys trade, boys run, ferris wheel, zoom Square thru 34, left allemande...

#### Get-out:

Zero line: right and left thru, rollaway ½ sashay Pass the ocean, grand right & left...

Zero line: right and left thru, crosstrail thru Boys make a right-hand star, girls promenade Single file, find corner, left allemande...

#### Crosstrail thru:

Static square: heads right and left thru Crosstrail around one and squeeze in to a line Touch 1/4, girls run, pass thru Grand right and left...

Static square: heads crosstrail thru
Go around two to a line, centers square thru
Ends star thru, right and left thru, dive thru
Square thru 34, left allemande...

## THE MAINSTREAM PROGRAM

Sashay:

Static square: heads rollaway half sashay Turn thru, separate around one to a line Star thru, zoom, square thru 3/4 Left allemande...

Zero line: centers forward & back Ladies center, men sashay, forward and back Centers square thru, ends star thru, pass thru Trade by, pass the ocean, recycle, sweep 1/4 Pass thru, left allemande...

Zero line: pass thru, tag the line in Ladies center, men sashay, centers only Ladies in, men sashay, pass thru, bend the line Star thru, double pass thru, lead couple Partner trade, square thru ¾, left allemande...

#### Pass the ocean:

Zero line: pass thru, tag the line in Pass the ocean, boys trade, boys run Wheel & deal, square thru 34, left allemande...

Zero box: right and left thru, rollaway Half sashay, pass the ocean, boys trade Spin the top, single hinge, scoot back Boys run, slide thru, left allemande...

#### Crosstrail thru:

Static square: heads crosstrail thru, around one And squeeze in to a line, pass the ocean All eight circulate, spin chain thru Girls circulate double, turn thru Left allemande...

Static square: heads crosstrail thru, around two To a line, pass thru, tag the line, centers in Cast off ¾, star thru, zoom, square thru ¾ Left allemande...

#### Get-out:

Static square: heads crosstrail thru and Behind the sides star thru, all double pass thru Cloverleaf, square thru ¾, left allemande...

#### Soft DBD:

Zero box: Touch ¼, scoot back, centers trade Scoot back, centers trade, scoot back

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#### WORLD SOUARE DANCE CONVENTION

The first convention was held in Seefeld. Austria. on September 10-12, 1987. Over 1100 square dancers attended, with the largest contingent, 717 dancers, coming from the U.S.A. The next largest groups came from Canada, Germany, The Netherlands and England, Also represented were Scotland, Saudi Arabia. The Phillipines, Japan and Sweden. The callers and round dance cuers participating were from the U.S.A., Germany and The Netherlands.

The festivities began at the Seefeld band shell with the head of the Tyrolean tourist bureau, Dr. Brown, and the head of the Seefeld tourist bureau, Walter Frenes, presenting the World Square Dance Convention Committee with gifts and welcoming speeches. The committee, consisting of Bob and Lauretta Burkart from Cold Springs, Ky.: Al and Jane Head from Atlanta, Ga.: Bob and Evelyn Beebe from Kansas City, Mo.; Ray and Liz Colello from Chicago, II.; Ray and Jo Ann Clow and Valerie Maneck from Prospect Heights, II., presented a square dance bolo, a vest, and a cowboy hat in return.

A Tyrolean band, in native costume, then led the grand parade to the dance hall, with flags displayed from all the countries where there is square dancing. The photo above by Wade Dill shows a portion of the grand parade.

After the trail end dance, an exbition of Tyrolean folk dancing was enjoyed. The convention was such a success that over 400 dancers have registered for the 1988 event which will be held in London. England, on August 20-21. Post convention tours will again be available.

It is hoped that dancers from more countries will participate next year. For information, write the World Square Dance Convetion, PO Box 234, River Forest IL From the WSDC Committee

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Marge Bagwell of Tallahassee reported that these clubs were there to dance on the platform built beside the huge oven: Tallahassee Twirlers, Whirlaways, Capital Squares and Merry Mates, all from Tallahassee; and the Three River Twirlers from Chattahoochee. Jay Wiggins, caller, and Earl Bagewell, cuer, from Tallahassee, supplied their mike talents.

Enterpreneur Amato, originally from Sicily, who also broke records for pizza-cooking back in 1987 in Glens Falls, New York, said this was to be his last behemoth pizza. It was enjoyed by thousands of spectators, who ate the 94,248 slices, sales of which went to the Red Cross and other charities.

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Zero line: pass thru, wheel and deal Center spin the top, others divide and star thru Centers swing thru and recycle, zoom Square thru 34, left allemande...

#### Standard:

Zero line: pass the ocean, all eight circulate Single hinge, scoot back, boys run, touch 1/4 All 8 circulate, boys run, pass to the center Square thru 3/4, left allemande...

Zero line: pass thru, tag the line in Center four square thru, ends star thru Centers in, cast off 3/4, star thru Double pass thru, leaders partners trade Square thru 34, left allemande...

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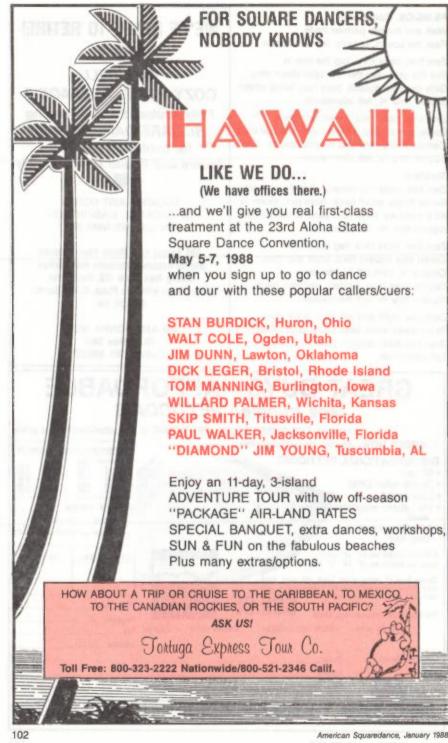
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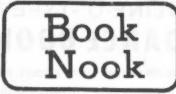
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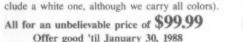
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Thank my conners for dancing with me.

at different clubs.

**JANUARY 1** 

Thank my partner for dancing with me.

Smile when other dancers make mistakes (also when 9 do).

Support my club all year.

Try saying good things about everybody for three continuous hours.

Bring one new couple to our square dance lessons.

Say "hello" to every dancer at the club.

Use at least one good idea from ASD each month.

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Dance at least twice this year to different callers

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Renew my subscription to my local S/D newsletten.

Order that petticoat and shoes that were advertised last month.

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