



Desert and Mountain Dancers E-News



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State President David and Bonnie Funk

Upcoming Dances

District Dances

Northwest

Nov. in Farmington
Details are
to be announced

Central

Dec. 31 in ABQ

Southeast

Oct. 11, Roswell Adult Center
Workshop 10:00-11:30
Meeting 1:00-1:30
Dance 2:00-4:00

Southwest

Details are
to be announced

Local Area Special Dances

Ken Bower Dance in Las Cruces

Sep. 1; 7:00-9:30

NM State Round Dance Festival

Sep. 5-7

Fun Valley in CO with Jerry Gilbreath

Sep 7-13

Bill Eyler 30 years of Calling Thank You Dance at ASDC (Free)

Sep. 10; (Wed.) 7:00-9:00

An Introduction Dance for new & prospective dancers at the ASDC (Free)

Sep. 11; 7:00-9:00pm

Shoemake in Pagosa Springs

Sep. 14; 2:30-5:00

Shoemake in Las Cruces

Sep. 16; 7:00-9:30

Gary Shoemake, Ken Bower & Jerry Gilbreath

in ABQ Sep. 17; 7:30-10:00

Open House in Eldorado

Fri Sep. 19 and 26; 6:30 – 9:00 pm.

Aspencade at Red River, NM Shoemake, Bower, & Nolens

Sep. 18 - 20, 2014

Ted Clements at Bonito Hollow Campgrounds, NM

Sep. 20; 2:00-4:30

Duke City Single & Doubles Anniversary dance in ABQ

Sep. 26; 7:30-10:00

Jerry Gilbreath in Dallas Sep 26th

Rio Ramblers 45 Anniversary Dance in ABQ (Free)

Sep. 28 (Sun.); 3:00-5:30

Chase the Chile in ABQ

Oct. 3 - 5

Jerry Gilbreath in Dallas Oct 24th

Jerry Junck Dance in Las Cruces

Oct. 28; 7:00-9:30

Jerry Junck Dance in ABQ

Nov. 14 Advanced Dance
Nov. 15 ASDC Ann. Dance





From the NMSRDA President 2014 -15

New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association

68th State Festival – Enchanted Legends

May 8-10, 2015



September 2014

Greetings Fellow Square Dancers,

Summer has gone far too quickly. August has been a busy month; but for us it was not a square dancing month. We traveled to Littleton, CO to welcome our third grand daughter, JoElla Avonlea Funk, born on August 11 to our son Adam and daughter-in-law Nettie. Grandma and Grandpa had lots of holding to do, helping around the house and playing with big sister Avianna who is getting used to the idea that there is another baby in the house.

September is a special month for square dancers. It is National Square Dance Month! President Reagan signed an act of Congress in 1982 and many states (unfortunately, not New Mexico) have adopted resolutions acknowledging the national recognition of square dancing as the “Official National Folkdance”. Square dancing, as with many other folk dances and customs, has had its ups and downs in the popularity department. But, there is no doubt that the enthusiasm of square dancers keeps this activity alive and kickin’.

September brings a sense of new beginnings, the bounty of the harvest, and can be a time for celebration. Many clubs around New Mexico and in neighboring states “unofficially” start the new dancing year in September when vacations end and dancers settle back into the at home time of back to work and back to school. Square dancing still represents a special time of diversion, meeting other people and having fun. September is the perfect time to start a new class session, engage new club members and enjoy the fellowship of dancing.

Many important people have been involved in keeping square dancing alive over the years. From Henry Ford and Benjamin Lovett to Thomas Edison and Lloyd “Pappy” Shaw no one is more important in keeping square dancing alive than us – the individual dancers. We need to show our enthusiasm, invite friends, family and community members to join and learn to enjoy this activity that we love so much. Square dancing truly is fun and friendship set to music!

Remember: “Dancing faces you toward Heaven, whichever direction you turn.”

-- Terri Guillemots

We hope you and your club will make square dancing and the 2015 New Mexico Square and Round Dance Festival a priority.

Be Legendary!

Wishing you Enchanted Dancing,

David and Bonnie Funk

NMSRDA Presidents 2014-2015

303-483-8021 / 303-345-8744



Announcements from NMSRDA

Hello Everyone!

Just a quick note to those who have registered for the Enchanted Legends Festival; Kokopelli has apparently been up to his mischievous ways already. After carefully checking, re-checking and checking again, we have discovered that the telephone number we provided in the trifold registration pamphlet for the Lodge at Sierra Blanca lodging reservations is incorrect.

The CORRECT numbers to call for reservations at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca are:

1-866-211-7727 or 575-258-5500

(Be sure to use the Promo code:
Square Dancers)



Gila Valley Twirlers in southeast Arizona.

We dance on Thursday evenings, with class/review from 6 to 7:30 PM, and Mainstream dancing from 7 to 9. (This gives new dancers a chance to dance "with the Club" for a half hour.) Our dances are at the gym behind the Church at Safford, 3636 Highway 191, across from the Armory and Fairgrounds, just a few miles south of Route 70 as you come into Safford.

We would love to help displaced dancers find a home, and would really love to help find and teach new dancers. We are a fast growing new Club filled with friendly and very enthusiastic dancers, and we welcome any New Mexico dancers to come visit us.

See you around a Square!

[Mike Smithers](#)
520-227-9444



Northwest District

Chairman Louis Norton

Happenings Around the Northwest



Squares-MS/Plus
Monday
6:30 - 7:30 Class
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. MS/ Plus
PLPOA clubhouse
230 Port Ave. Pagosa Springs, CO

Contact: Jim & Gayle Hawkins
970-731-2028

Callers: Lloyd Husted (winter-spring)
505-860-2661
Jim Park (summer - fall)
970-731-9910

Also don't forget the "ROAD TRIP DANCE" with international caller, Gary Shoemake, in Pagosa Springs, on Sunday afternoon, September 14th from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm. We had over 9 squares for this dance last year and we heard everyone had a fabulous time.

In Pagosa Springs (**High Country Squares**)

Won't be long till our beautiful state starts to turn golden with the aspens changing color – I think it's my favorite time of year. Great time to take a drive over the stunning mountain passes now that the roads are less crowded and just enjoy nature.

We hope lots of people will hit the road and come to Pagosa for our "Road Trip" dance with Gary Shoemake on September 14th. It's on a Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. so you don't have to worry about driving home in the dark. We promise you fun dancing to a great caller and delicious snacks – so hope to see you there.

Thanks to all the snow birds who visited and danced with us this summer, our small clubs really appreciate the swell in numbers during these months – and the chance to chat with everyone and make new friends.

Happy Dancing.
Shirley



Squares-MS/Plus
2nd & 4th Saturdays
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Raindrops
4001 Main St.
Farmington, NM
Thursday
7:00 - 9:00 Workshop

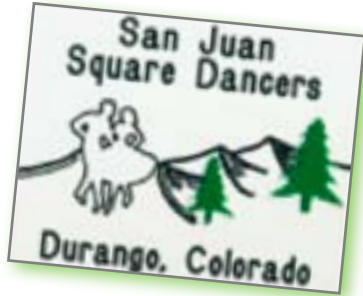
Contact: Dana Husted
505-330-9987

Callers: Lloyd Husted
505-860-2661

Guest Callers
Barbara Tucker,
Jim Hawkins



Northwest District continued



Squares-MS/Plus
 Friday
 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
 Workshop (class)
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 Durango
 La Plata Senior Center
 2424 Main St. Durango, CO

Contact: [Louis & Judy Norton](#)
 970-884-1338
 Caller: [Richard Berry](#)
 970-882-3120

In Durango (**San Juan Square Dancers**)

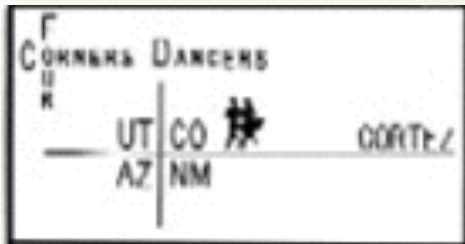
WOW – writing September newsletter already – summer is fleeing fast, but soon it will be our beautiful mellow time of year with purple asters and golden rabbit brush all over the hills. Hope everyone had a wonderful summer full of dancing and are looking forward to some fun events this fall.

Friday September 12th is our famous “Steak Dinner Dance” with delicious juicy steaks, baked potatoes, beans, salads, & other goodies prepared by our very own Louis & Judy Norton. Please join us for an evening of wonderful food & dancing.

We say goodbye to the folks at Vallecito Resort – thanks for all the great dancing and friendship you offered this summer and for visiting the local clubs, we hope to see you all again next year.

Yellow Rocks to all.

Shirley



Squares-MS/Plus
 1st & 3rd Saturdays
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Plus
 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. MS
 Kemper Elementary School
 620 E. Montezuma Ave.
 Cortez, CO

Contact:
[Vonnice Robinson](#)
 970-749-9682
[Judy Morris](#)
 970-565-9836

Caller: [Richard Berry](#)
 970-882-3120

September 6, 2014 - Wear Work Clothes - Richard Berry calling.

September 20, 2014 - Dessert Meet and Greet - Refreshments 6:30 p.m.

Oct 18 Costume Party

Dec 6 Christmas Dinner and Parade of Lights starts at 2 pm

Dec 20 Crazy Christmas Tree and Bring a Food Item

LESSONS

Jan 18 - May 19 Monday Nights 7-8:30pm

Sept 22-Nov 17 Monday Nights 7-8:30pm

Yellow Rocks to all !!! Have a GREAT SUMMER !!!

Michelle



Central District

Chairmen Tom & Marlene Kelley

Happenings Around Central

We have been given the opportunity to dance at the New Mexico State Fair. We will be dancing in the Creative Arts Building, Sept. 14 at 11:00 and 21 at 3:00 for 2 hour each day. Come and support and help promote the wonderful activity of square dancing.

Central District is now looking for someone to be the state chairman for 2016-2017 in order to plan for the 2017 state square dance festival. If your up to this challenge or if you just wish to be involved in some other way in the planning, make you wishes known to any district officer or your club representative for the district. It is not too early to think about the who should be the featured caller.

Central District Meetings at ASDC

1st Sunday of
Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.
Central District-1:30
Once a QuarterCallers club-12:30



We Banner Steal



Squares - MS/Plus with Rounds between tips with Saturday, Bob & Sally Nolen (Cuers)

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Plus only)

7:30 - 9:30 MS/Announced Plus

White Rock Activity Center

Contacts:

Tom & Marlene Kelley

505-672-9684

Barbara & Andy Yeamans

505-672-3660

Michelle Rudy

Rounds - Monday

Beginners 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

PH 3-4 8:00- 9:30

Rounds - Thursday

6:30 - 730 p.m. PH 5

7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Dance PH 5

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. PH -6 Dance/

Workshop

Los Alamos Christian Church

92 East Road, Los Alamos, NM

Bob & Sally Nolen (Cuers)

505-662-7227

(Cell) 505-231-8952

Upcoming Dancing Dates and Callers:

September 6: Mike Holly

September 20: Scott Amspoker

October 4: Delbert Teeple

October 18: Rusty Wright



Central District continued



Palo Duro Dancers

Squares - MS
 Wednesdays
 1:00 p.m.
 Palo Duro Senior Center
 5221 Palo Duro Ave. ABQ
 Contact:
 Carol Champion
 505-881-9598
 Callers:
[Kris Jensen](#)
[Scott Amspoker](#)



Open House
 Fri Sept. 19 and 26
 6:30 - 9:00 pm.

Our summer
 schedule is over
 Sept. Back to
 every Friday

We Banner Steal
 Squares - MS/Plus
 Friday
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Community Center Eldorado
 at Santa Fe
 Contact:
[Bill Alexander](#)
 Caller:
[Delbert Teeple](#)



We Banner Steal
 Squares - MS/Plus
 Fridays
 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
[715 South Main](#)
[Belen, NM 87002](#)

Contact:
[Greg & Lynn Tillery](#)
 (505)-883-8681
 Caller:
[Greg Tillery's Website](#)
[Greg's Facebook](#)



Sept. 9
 Western Dance
 Sept. 23
 Singing Calls

45th
 Anniversary
 Dance
 Sunday
 Sept. 28th
 3:00-5:30
 at the
 ASDC

We Banner Steal
 Squares - MS/Plus
 Tuesdays
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 76 Unser Blvd. SE
 Rio Rancho VFW
 Contact:
[Jim & Lynne Martel](#)
 505-892-5086
 Caller:
[Greg & Lynn Tillery](#)
 505-350-8178



The Albuquerque Square Dance Club News:

ASDC

4915 Hawkins St NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109



You can find all the information on events held at the ASDC and more on our WEBSITE.

Some upcoming events are:

Sep. 10 (Wed.) 30 years of Calling

Thank You Dance, Hosted by Bill Eyler

Sep. 11 An Introduction Dance

for new and prospective dancers
7:00-9:00pm

Sep. 17 Gary Shoemake, Ken Bower, &
Jerry Gilbreath

Sponsored by ABQ Sundancers

Nov. 14 Advanced dance with Jerry Junck

Nov. 15 MS/Plus ASDC Anniversary dance
with Jerry Junck

Bill will be serving home-made green chile stew and tortillas as part of the September 10 Thank You dance.



Monday:



Tuesday:



Squares -
Beginners through Plus
7:00 to 9:00 p.m
Caller: [Bill Eyler](#)
505-410-6299



Squares -
C1 class with full C1
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Full Advanced
7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Caller: [Kris Jensen](#)
505-265-6094



We Banner Steal
Squares -
MS/Plus
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Callers:
Bill Trent
505-881-0137
Caller: [Delbert Teeple](#)



Open House
first Monday every month
for everyone regardless of
experience.

Central District continued

ASDC Continued

Wednesday:

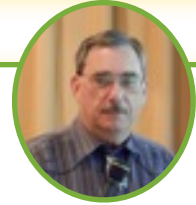
Dark Sept. 10 & 17, Oct. 8
We will be starting a new Cha & Rumba class Oct. 15, first week **free**.



Rounds - PH 2 - 4
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Class
Cuers: [Shirley & Don Underwood](#)
505-867-0634
(Cell) 505-977-1884



We Banner Steal
Square - Plus
1st, 3rd and 5th.
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Caller: [Jerry Gilbreath](#)
505-235-1009



Rich's Plus Night

Squares - Plus
2nd and 4th
7:30 p.m.
Caller:

[Rich Stewart](#)
505-323-2517

We will be **DARK** Sept. 10

We sure would like for you to come and join us for an evening of fun. There'll be a workshop tip featuring a different call each week used from multiple arrangements.

Thursday:



AWK (Advance workshop with Kris)

Squares - A1/A2
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Caller: [Kris Jensen](#)
505-265-6094



Friday:



We Banner Steal
Squares - MS/Plus
8:00 - 10 p.m.
MS Workshop starts at
7:30 - 8:00 p.m. (Sept. 5 & 12)
Class starts Sept. 19
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Contact: [Lin Miller](#)
Caller: [Jerry Gilbreath](#)
505-235-1009

We will be **DARK** Sept. 5 Oct. 3



**Jerry Gilbreath's
Corner**
Sep. 26th Dallas
Oct. 24th Dallas
Nov. 1st Monte Vista
Nov. 15th Mountain Mixers
Dec. 20th Dallas

News from Duke City Singles and Doubles

Hope you are enjoying your Summer and anticipating a good Fall, as more balloons fill the air in the morning and the afternoons carry the scent of roasting green chilies. Duke City Singles and Doubles Square Dance Club wants to invite you to join us on Friday evenings for dancing and fun. We dance Main Stream and Plus on Friday nights at the ASDC from 8-10pm. Here are a few highlights for the upcoming season. We hope you can join us for one or all of the following nights.

September and October are busy months and we'd like to be part of your plans. The club is **DARK on September 5th**, but we will be visiting the Eldorado Depot Dancers in Santa Fe on Friday night. Plan to come along with us. We're hosting an **INTRO TO SQUARE DANCE PARTY at the ASDC on Thursday, September 11th from 7-9pm**. Bill Eyler will be teaching and calling and it should be a really fun night with some basic squares forming up and some line dances too. Refreshments will be served and this is a FREE event. On Friday, **September 12th Duke City is dancing again and it will be a Disney Themed night** with Bill Eyler calling for us. Jerry Gilbreath returns on Friday, September 19th and the club begins a New Dancers Class for Basic and Main Stream Square Dancing. The lessons will be from 6:30-8:00pm and the **first 2 weeks are free**. Anyone wanting to learn to Square Dance is welcome. Children are free with a paid adult for the length of the lessons. We have many signed up already, but there is always room for more. You may contact Lin Mill, President of Duke City Singles and Double for details, his phone number is 505-361-8038 and e-mail is lin.miller@icloud.com.

On the 26th of September, **Duke City is celebrating our 34th Anniversary** with a special evening of dance. Kris Jensen is teaching and calling. We will have a modified New Dancers class that evening from 6:30-7:30pm. Pre-rounds for the Anniversary Dance begin at 7:30pm with Don and Shirley Underwood, then Squares from 8:00-10:00pm - Main Steam and Announced Plus with 2 Rounds between tips. It's going to be a fun night and all dancers are welcome!

In **October we are DARK** the first Friday of the month (**3rd**), but then we will continue with our New Dancer Lessons and our weekly Club Dances on the 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. We hope everyone can join us on the 10th for a Special Sports Themed Dance - plan to wear your favorite team jersey or ball cap or your best soccer socks. What every comes to mind when you think "Sports" is just fine. Later in the month we are having a Halloween Dance on Halloween night! There will be special treats for all and a costume parade. Yes, Halloween Costumes are encouraged for the night. Everyone is invited to come out and join in on the fun! Remember, lessons from 6:30-8:00 and the club dance from 8:00-10:00pm. Angels welcome (hey, there's a costume idea for you).

These are just some of the highlights from Duke City Singles and Doubles' calendar for the next couple of month. Hope to see you at a dance or two. Come on out and make Duke City your Friday night party!

All the best,

Linda & John Kinney



Southwest District

Chairman [Joey Solis](#)

Happenings Around the Southwest

Ken Bower Dance in Las Cruces

Belton Bridge Center
Sep. 1; 7:00-9:30

Shoemake in Las Cruces

Belton Bridge Center
Sep. 16; 7:00-9:30

Jerry Junck dance in Las Cruces

Belton Bridge Center
Oct. 28; 7:00-9:30



Squares - MS/Plus
Sundays
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Moose Lodge Dining Room
202 W. Smith Ave.
Truth Or Consequences, NM
Contact:

[Jim & Jean Gullick](#)
575-894-0083

Caller: [Joey Solis](#)

Yellow Rocks to all.

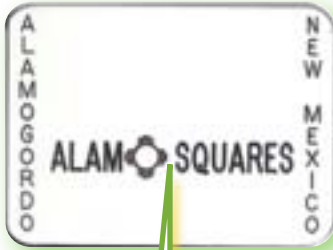
The Sierra Twirlers took to our wonderful rain showers like feet to "patter". Of course after the rain comes the weeds but since they bloom so pretty I let mine stay a short while. Our demo at the National Night Out in August was fun. We held off dancing for a hour to let the air cool down and am afraid we lost some of our folks waiting to give it a try. The last weekend in August was the District Dance. I hope when you read this that we have met one another and danced a tip or two together. Plans in October are centered around a demo Oct. 4th, at the ALPH Catholic Church Festival. Lots of folks and really good home made New Mexican food. We will also be dancing for the Second Saturday Art Hop on Oct. 11th and look forward to some audience participation. Anybody who sees any of Bambi's male relatives or male Elk cousins you better tell them to look out because Joey will be on the loose!!

Rocks 'n Hugs from the Sierra Twirlers,

Carole



Southwest District continued

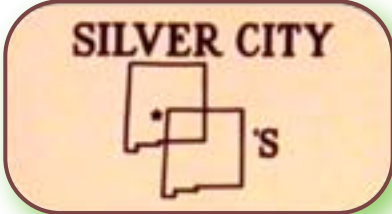


We will be **DARK**
December 27th.

Squares - MS/Plus
2nd & 4th Saturdays
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
IOOF Hall
(Odd Fellows Hall)
1400 East First St.
Alamogordo
Contact:

[Leonard Erle](#)
[Doris McElheny](#)

Caller: [Ted Clements](#)



Squares - MS/Plus
Mondays
7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Class
Presbyterian Church
1915 North Swan St.
Silver City, NM

Contact:
[Joe Heidrick](#)
575-574-2032

Caller: [Rusty Wright](#)



Squares - Plus
1st Saturday
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Belton Bridge Center
1214 East Madrid Ave.
Las Cruces

Contact:
[Barbara Sallach](#)
575-636-4541

Caller: [Ted Clements](#)

We have gone
Dark until
further notice.

Circle 8's

Squares - MS/Plus
1st & 3rd Sundays
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Belton Bridge Center
1214 East Madrid Ave. Las Cruces
Contact:



[Pat & Mary Lou Pendergrass](#)
575-523-9664

[Facebook](#)

Caller: [Ted Clements](#)

Blue Bells

Squares - MS/Plus
Belton Bridge Center
1214 East Madrid Ave. Las Cruces
Contact:



[Jeannie Groves](#)
575-524-1018



Southeast District

Chairman Richard and Pat Hoover

Happenings Around the Southeast

Square Dance Lessons

Starting September 11

FREE! FREE! FREE!

Ice Cream Social

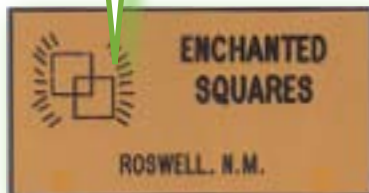
Thursday, September 11, 2014

6 pm-7:30 pm

(Regular class time: 6:30-7:30)

Casual Attire

NO CHARGE FOR LESSONS!!



Squares - MS/Plus

Thursdays

7:00 - 900 p.m.

Roswell Adult Center

807 N. Missouri, Roswell

Contact:

[Robert & Carol Doyal](#)

575-624-0233

[Facebook](#)

Caller:

Robert Doyal



Starlight Swingers

Squares - MS/Plus

Tuesdays

6:30 p.m.

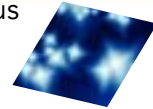
Senior Citizens Center

421 N. Industrial, Portales

Contact:

Pearl Boydston

575-742-2524



Caller:

[Karl Cox](#)



Enchanted "A"

Squares - A1/A2 workshop

Tuesdays

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Joy Senior Citizens Center

1822 Montana Ave. N. Roswell

Contact:

[Dale & Jeannine Miller](#)

575-622-7074

Caller:

[Robert Doyal](#)

575-624-0233

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Or go to the website [tamtwirlers](#)

Neighboring Out of state Dances

Utah: [Utah State Square Dance News](#)

Colorado: [Colorado State Square Dance Association](#)

Texas: [Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers](#)

Arizona: [Grand Canyon Square Dance Association](#)
[Square and Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona](#)

Nevada: [Great Las Vegas Getaway Sep.1-3, 2014](#); Las Vegas, NV
[6th Laughlin River Romp December 5, 6, & 7, 2014](#): Laughlin, NV

For traveling dancers ["Where's the Dance"](#) is a good place to find information



The National Dances

[National Square Dance Con](#)

- Springfield, MA
[64th NSDC, June 24 - 27, 2015](#)
- Des Moines, IA
[65th NSDC, June 22 - 25, 2016](#)
- Cincinnati, OH
[66th NSDC, June 21-24, 2017](#)
- Kansas City, Missouri
67th NSDC - June, 2018

[USA West](#)

- Helena, MT
[August 13-15, 2015](#)
- 2016 - Pocatello, ID
- 2017 - Rock Springs, WY
- 2018 - Reno, NV

[IAGSDC](#)

- St Louis, MO
[May 22-25, 2015](#)

[National Singles](#)

- Portland, OR
[44th National Singles Aug 28 - Aug 31, 2014](#)



Future Dances - 2014 -15

- Sweetheart Dance
Feb. 14th, 2015
- Snowflake Dance
March, 2015
- Four Corners Fling
March 2015
- Marshal Flippo
March 2015
- Tom Roper
April 10, 2015

- Ted and Jerry Dance
[April 18th, 2015](#)
- [Duke City Spring Fling](#)
[May 1-3, 2015](#)
- [NM State Festival](#)
[May 8 - 10, 2015](#)
- Roundezvous
May 15-17, 2015
- [Hot August nights](#)
[Aug. 15 -17, 2014](#)

- NM State Round Dance Festival
[Sep. 5-7, 2014](#)
- Fun Valley
[Sep 7-13, 2014](#)
- Aspencade
[Sep. 18 - 20, 2014](#)
- Chase the Chile!
[Oct. 3 - 5, 2014](#)

Other Square dance information (insurance)
[United Square Dancer of America](#)