

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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March 2nd:

Seth Tepfer with Feet First

This is shaping up to be a marvelous month of March Madness! On the first Saturday we'll dance to the music of **Katrina & Chuck Weber** and **Tom Green**, known collectively as **Feet First**. Atlanta's inordinately energetic **Seth Tepfer** will call/teach/mentor us in a vast variety of choreographic splendor.

Pre-dance Potluck Supper! Bring a dish to share with your fellow dancers at 5:45. Yumm!

March 16th:

Jane Ewing with Ed & Elsie

Then, just a short two weeks later, our own **Jane Ewing** will bring her celebrated collection of color-coded cards, from which she'll select several dances to call for us. Hopefully rested up from their gig here last month, **Ed Baggott and Elsie Peterson** will unleash their lyric lexicon of fiddle tunes to tickle our tootsies.

March 30th:

Open Mike calling with Blue Moon Band

Pope Gregory decreed that there be a fifth Saturday in March of this year, and we dutifully deigned to dance thereon. **You** can call a dance or three, and **you** can sit in with the band, but **you** really need to come dance. Callers coordinate and/or confer with Harry Delugach prior to the dance that night.

The fine print: NACDS dances the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays of the month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church on Whitesburg at Airport Rd. in Huntsville. Come to the refresher workshop at 7PM, then dance until 10:30 for \$6 (\$5 for members, \$3 for teens.) Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes to dance in and please wear a name tag. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

Real-Soon-Now Dance Weekends

Fool's Fest at Split Tree Farm: April 5-7 see:

<http://www.splittree.org/ff2002.htm>

Playford Ball Weekend in Nashville: also Apr. 5-7

<http://home.att.net/~Nashville.Country.Dancers/page4.html>

What the Hey? No Frills. Atlanta, GA. May 3-5

<http://www.oxford.emory.edu/ccd2/WhatTheHey/index.html>

Spring Dance Weekend - Brasstown - also May 3-5

<http://www.folkschool.com/dance.html>

WWWeb Contradance Resources

If you want to find dance weekends in the southeast, a good place to start is GypsyJordan's page:

<http://home.speedfactory.net/mchprop/contra.html>

Here is a cute new URL for the Chattanooga group:

<http://www.contranooga.org/>

If you would like to see some dances written down, (perhaps to call on March 30th?) start here:

<http://node-03.advancenet.net/~mfuerst/dances.html>

Michael Fuerst's dances are classified by difficulty, and he includes definitions of dance moves & terms, plus offers tips on teaching, end effects, etc.

A great source for easy contras is the *American Country Dances On Line* page, which is searchable by name, author, type, formation, difficulty and desired moves!

<http://arcservice.astro.washington.edu/dances/>

They have hundreds of dances: squares, circles, contras, double contras; in various formations: proper, improper, becket, triple-minor, etc. Each dance is presented on a page you can print out and call from, and most include tips on teaching the tricky parts, etc. A great site!

Blue Moon V

will be

May 31-June 2, 2002

Featuring:

Caller: **Susan Kevra**

Band: **Larry Ungar,**

Lissa Schneckenburger

and Marco Brehm

(3/4 of *High Falutin'*)

Plus:

Janet Shepherd and

the **Atomic City Rhythm Rascals**

also: teaching by **Jim Dugas**

and couple-dance music by **Feet First**

Here is the skinny on our fifth dance weekend: We'll have dances Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon & evening, plus Sunday morning 'till early afternoon. There'll be a Waltz Workshop and a Slow Jam also.

Pick up flyers to give your friends at any of our dances. They'll be mailed to members with the April newsletter.

In the meantime, check out the web pages of the ACRR:

<http://www.acrr.nxs.net>

and that of High Falutin' -

http://www.neffa.org/~neffa/grid/perfs/High_Falutin.html

Ask not what your dance community can do for you, rather offer your time & talents to your dance group. Volunteer to host an out-of-town dancer, to help with decorations, or work a short shift at the welcome table.

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$8, payable to me at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you and all your kin will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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Calendar

*Local events in **bold**; contact Bryan Walls (256 837-0656; bwalls@pobox.com) for more info.*

- Mar. 1 (Fri.): Nashville: Ed & Melissa Wilkinson calling with Wingates
NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriol, near I-440 & Nolensville Rd.
Instruction at 7:30, dance at 8:00. For more info, contact Chrissy (615-210-6808) or John (DanceFools@aol.com).
- Mar. 2 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Seth Tepfer with Feet First - Potluck supper too!**
- Mar. 2 (Sat.): Nashville - Breakin' Up Winter at Cedars of Lebanon State Park Area
- Mar. 4 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Nick Boulet with Danny Gammon & All over the Road
KCD dances Mondays at the Laurel St. Theatre (at 16th Street); for info: <<http://www.kornet.org/kcd/kcdsched.htm>>.
- Mar. 8 (Fri.): Nashville: Susan Kevra calling with Russ Barenberg & Friends
- Mar. 9 (Sat.): Birmingham: - Curly Fries and the Idaho Boises
BCDS dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$8. Info: <<http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>>
- Mar. 9 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Charlie Harvey with ContraIndicated
CTDS dances occasional Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown; 8-11 P.M.; \$5.
For info contact: Steve at 706-937-4991 or Claire & Bryant at 423-876-7359
- Mar. 11 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Vicki Herndon with Larry Unger & Lissa Schneckenburger
- Mar. 15 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy & John calling with Feet First
- Mar. 16 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson**
- Mar. 18 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Linda Allen calling with music by Mumbillies
- Mar. 22 (Fri.) Nashville: Jane Ewing calling with Carnival Knowledge
- Mar. 23 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson
- Mar. 23 (Sat.): Birmingham - Unplugged - Open Mike calling plus you can sit-in & play
BCDS Unplugged dances are held at the Unitarian Church on Cahaba Rd. near the Zoo in MountainBrook. \$3
- Mar. 25 (Mon.): Knoxville - Tim Klein calling with music by Nightcrawlers
- Mar. 29 (Fri.): Nashville: No Nashville Dance
- Mar. 30 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Blue Moon with Open Mike band**
- Mar. 30 (Sat.): Chattanooga - Vicki Herndon with Firey Gizzard

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

Special - This Month Only!

Potluck Supper - at 5:45 on March 2nd in the Fellowship Hall at Faith Presbyterian. Bring a favorite item to feed 3-4 people and share the food, fun and fellowship. Tell your friends!

Open Mike Dance - March has a fifth Saturday which means we have a Blue Moon open-mike dance. If you'd like to call a dance, or are even mildly curious about how it's done, this is your chance!

Contact one of our caller-encouragers: Harry Delugach - 864-0214 or Jane Ewing - (256) 582-1021

Find some dances. Google search: "Conradance" Practice with recorded music. Come at 6 on the 30th.

Note: I freaked myself out tonight whilst searching the Web for content to use in this issue. Check out:

http://www.google.com/search?q=cache:SBFk-l8_zi4C:members.telocity.com/contra/NACDS_articles/NL2K1_03.pdf

(This is *last* year's March issue which Google.com has converted from a .pdf file into html. Whoa!)