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June 29th: **Blue Moon** calling with **Mae Wine** hosting the band

June has a fifth Saturday so we'll have an open-mike dance! **Katrina & Chuck Weber**, who make beautiful music together as **Mae Wine**, will host the band and you can sit in. You can also call a dance. We'll even help you pick one out and help you teach it. Musicians and callers should arrive early to coordinate with the hosts.

July 6th: **Chrissy Davis_Camp** with **Feet First**

A favorite caller of ours, **Chrissy Davis-Camp**, will come down from Tennessee the next Saturday to help us celebrate our *Independance*. [Boy, I love that joke, and I get to use it every year!] **Chuck & Katrina** will be back too. This time with **Tom Green** on guitar - altogether they are known as **Feet First**. Don't miss out.

July 14th: **Seth Tepfer** with **Laurie Fisher & Karen Gaughan**

An out-of-the-ordinary *Sunday* night dance at Faith. **Seth, Laurie & Karen** have put together a little mini-tour of the area. They'll perform Friday the 12th in Atlanta, Saturday in Birmingham and in Knoxville on Monday. They asked if we would like to fill a gap in their schedule, and we decided to go for it.

July 20th:

The next Saturday we'll dance again.

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!

Blue Moon V Deemed a Success

Our fifth annual dance weekend was the best ever, according to everyone I could get to hold still long enough to respond to my inquiries. Although, in all honesty, quite a few people whom I asked declined to answer because they were (a) too winded, (b) too thirsty, or (c) didn't hear the question because it was asked between a swing and a ladie's chain during a particularly lively contra.

Nonetheless, NACDS did not lose money on the event, and plans are already being made for "Once in a Blue Moon 6." There was some spirited debate concerning that name at the steering committee meeting; held June 19 at the Weber's. While most of the attendee's were discussing whether to stay with the Roman numeral "VI" or switch to the arabic "6", a small but vocal minority proposed that the "Once in a ..." portion of the name be dropped on the grounds that we've done it five times already, so "Once" is totally inappropriate and it's way too late for "twice" or "thrice." But, I digress

The meeting was actually quite productive, and our next weekend will undoubtedly surpass even this year's triumph. The steering committee is made up of all who attend. The meetings are usually announced in the newsletter, but sign up for the "nacds-steers" email

list at our web site, and you'll even hear about the impromptu ones.

Dance Gypsy Activity

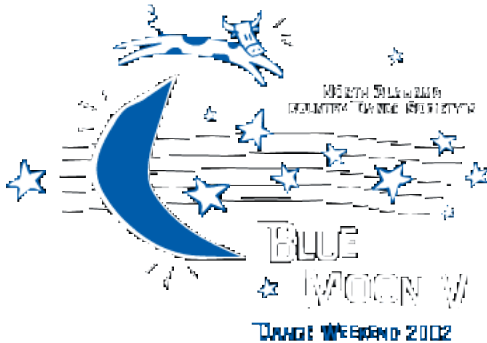
Huntsville's unique location is very convenient for dancer's who are willing to drive a bit in order to dance. A glance at the schedule on the next page will reveal that we have three dance communities within about a two hour drive - Nashville, Chattanooga & Birmingham - plus three more if you can go further afield - Memphis, Knoxville and Atlanta. Often, a small band of dancer's will arrange to car-pool to one of these neighboring group's dance events, and a splendid time is had by all. An excellent way to hear about these trips is to join the nacds-steers list mentioned above. Or you can give your name and contact info to Jane Ewing (256-582-1021) or Carol Mebane (883-7016).

Gypsy up to Chattanooga July 13th

The Ulster Project is a non-profit group that brings teens from Northern Ireland to live with host families in the US for a month. They plan to visit the July 13 CTDS dance with at least 16 novice dancers, and have invited us to send along all the dancers we can manage. Jane is calling that night and can carry up to 6 others. Contact her if you're interested.

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.

June 29 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Blue Moon calling with Mae Wine - you can call or play

July 1 (Mon.): Knoxville: Donna Calhoun calling with Danny Gammon & The Love Muffins
KCD dances Mondays at the Laurel St. Theatre (at 16th Street); for info: <<http://www.kormet.org/kcd/kcdsched.htm>>.

July 5 (Fri.): Nashville: Eddie Doss calling with Feet First

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriel, near I-440 & Nolensville Rd.
Instruction at 7:30, dance at 8:00. For more info, contact Chrissy (615-210-6808) or John (DanceFools@aol.com).

July 6 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Feet First

July 8 (Mon.) Knoxville: Linda Allen calling with Nightcrawlers

July 12 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy D-C calling with Bradford Street String Band

July 13 (Sat.): Birmingham: Seth Tepfer with Laurie Fisher & Karen Delgado Gaughan

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

July 13 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Jane Ewing with Feet First (Huntsville band & caller!)

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 or: <<http://contranooga.com>>

July 14 (Sunday.): NACDS dance - Seth Tepfer with Laurie Fisher & Karen Gaughan

July 15 (Mon.) Knoxville: Seth Tepfer calling with Laurie Fisher & Karen Delgado Gaughan

July 19 (Fri.): Nashville: John Sharlet calling with the Wingates

July 20 (Sat.): NACDS dance -

July 22 (Mon.): Knoxville: Tim Klein calling with Danny Gammon & All Over The Road

July 26 (Fri.) Nashville: NO DANCE

July 27 (Sat.): Chattanooga: NO DANCE

July 27 (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

July 29 (Mon.): Knoxville: Nick Boulet calling with Jeff Baker & Company

Aug 16-18 BCDS: Old-Time Dance & Music Weekend at Mentone

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

New Officer Candidates

It's election time for NACDS. Here is the proposed slate of officers for 2002-2003. We'll vote on June 29th.

President: Natasha Kunin
President Elect: Bob Bennett
Secretary: Katrina Weber
Treasurer: Chuck Weber

Producer: Carol Mebane
Property Manager: Steve Nix
Membership: Basil Pinker
Newsletter Editor: Doug Roth