

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

Established 1982

Group Affiliate, Country Dance & Song Society

September 2002

H. Douglas Roth, ed.: hdroth@pobox.com (256) 830-3540 or 882-6378
NACDS home page: <http://secontra.com/NACDS.html>

September 7th: Jane Ewing with Bob, Cathy & Curt

For our first dance this month, **Bob & Cathy White and Curt Lewis** will provide an abundance of great music. Our own **Jane Ewing** will call plenty of contras, circles and squares. Don't miss it!

September 21st: Harry Delugach with Ed & Elsie

Then, a mere two weeks later, **Harry Delugach** will lead us in fun dances as **Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson** play the wonderful "North Alabama style" dance music for which they are so well known.

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!

The Country Dance and Song Society

If you enjoy the kinds of dancing we do (and if you don't, then why are you reading this?) please consider joining the Country Dance and Song Society. This national organization promotes a surprisingly wide variety of traditional music and folk dancing styles. The bimonthly periodical they publish is always chock full of articles, dances, tunes, advertisements and news of interest to us all. There are usually several copies of recent issues on the table as you enter our dances. Their web site has links to the pages of dance groups all across the country. Check the schedules of groups in the areas you're planning to visit, and you can dance on your next trip.

http://www.cdss.org/grp_addr_list.html



Dancers at Blue Moon V

What Dance Is This?

As a wannabe caller, I have started studying contra choreography and collecting dances. This includes buying books by well known callers like Tony Parkes or searching dance archives on the web, but also means grabbing some paper and a pencil after a fun dance finishes and jotting down the figure. Most callers are happy to let you look at their card if you ask before they put it away. It's proper to note the author of the dance so as to attribute it correctly when you call it.

However, this dance was found well after the event - I saw a video taken during Blue Moon V by one of our members, and wrote down the parts. I have been trying to be a "dance detective" and identify it, but have had no success so far.

Here is the dance:

- A1 - do-si-do neighbor 1 1/4 to wave
(ladies in the middle)
balance wave
- A2 - ladies allemande Left
half a Hey
- B1 - neighbor Balance & Swing
men allemande L 1 1/2
- B2 - partner swing
circle left 3/4
pass thru to new neighbor

So, can you help me? Does anyone recognize it? Give me a call or send an email if you know the name and author of this contra. Thanks. - Doug Roth

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.

H. Douglas Roth
600 Hummingbird Dr.
Huntsville, AL 35803



Calendar

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

Sep. 6 (Fri.): Nashville: Andy Wilson calling with Russ Barenberg & Friends

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).

Sep. 7 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Bob & Cathy White and Curt Lewis

Sep. 9 (Mon.) Knoxville: Tim Klein with music by 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>>.

Sep. 13 (Fri.): Nashville: Susan Kevra calling with Russ Barenberg & Friends

Sep. 14 (Sat.): Birmingham: Becca Impello & Archie Faulkner with Leo's Fantastic Five

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

Sep. 14 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Vicki Herndon with Elsie Peterson & Ed Baggott (from Huntsville!)

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://conranooga.com>>

Sep. 16 (Mon.) Knoxville: Donna Calhoun with music by Contra Amazons

Sep. 20 (Fri.): Nashville: Jim Coode calling with The Melmac Lickers

Sep. 21 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Harry Delugach with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Sep. 23 (Mon.): Knoxville: Nick Boulet with music by The Nightcrawlers

Sep. 27 (Fri.) Nashville: NO DANCE (Memphis weekend)

Sep. 27-29 Memphis: Memfest - BlueSuede Swing - Groovemongers & Seth Tepfer

Sep. 28 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Chrissy Davis-Camp

Sep. 28 (Sat.): Birmingham - Unplugged

BCDS Unplugged dances are held at the Unitarian Church on Cahaba Rd. near the Zoo in MountainBrook. \$3

Sep. 30 (Mon.): Knoxville: Vicki Herndon with music by Wild Goose Ceili Band

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

Upcoming Dance Weekends & Events

Memfest - September 27-29 - just 4 hours away! - <http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/memfest.html>

Music City Masquerade - October 4-6 - <http://home.att.net/~Nashville.Country.Dancers/page4.html>

Turkey Trot - November 30 - BCDS's traditional after Thanksgiving dance - Cis Hinkle & RMWT

Your dance related item could be gaining wide exposure here!