

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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December 4th

Seth Tepfer with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Shake off your seasonal affective disorder when Atlanta's **Seth Tepfer** shows up to call for us and our own **Ed and Elsie** illuminate the hall with their music.

December 18th:

Holiday Dance!

Chrissy Davis-Camp with JakeLegs

Wear your fancy attire! Bring a goodie to share! Door Prizes! \$10 per person. Party afterwards!
The band **Jakelegs** played for us a year ago September. See below for details.

The fine print: NACDS dances the 1st & 3rd 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 \$7 (\$6 for members, \$4 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!
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Special Holiday Dance

You won't want to miss our Holiday dance this year! **Chrissy Davis-Camp** will call, and the music will be provided by **Jakelegs - Jim & Joyce Cauthen** on fiddle and guitar respectively, **Jamie Finley** on harmonica & banjo-uke, **Edwin Wilson** on banjo & guitar and **Karen Falkowski** on string bass. The cost of this special dance will be \$10 per person, and no passes will be accepted.

Donations of (or arrangements for) door prizes are needed - contact Carol Mebane (883-7016).

Several people are needed to help decorate the gym at noon that day. We're usually done by 1:30.

Faith Presbyterian is holding their Homeless Dinner and Clothing event that afternoon. We'll need several people to help pack and load up the extra clothing, and remove the tables and set up for the dance. Come shortly after 7.

Dance from 8 until 11, then there's a party at the Mebane's. Bring a festive party dish!

Gypsies On The Move!

North Alabama dance gypsies were very active last month. A number of local dancers attended the recent weekend in Atlanta. About a dozen of us (including the band and caller) made the trip to Sewanee on Nov. 19th. And three carloads, fifteen people, went down to Birmingham for their Turkey Trot.

Steering Committee Meeting

A steering committee meeting was held November 21st at the house of Margaret Phillips. We gathered at 4:30 and noshed on sandwiches, chips & dip and other fine comestibles until 'called to order' by our president, Diane Walls.

The first order of business was the schedule and arrangements for our Holiday Dance. See above.

We decided to not have a dance on January 1st, 2005 because so many of our core dancers will be out of town (many of them at dances in nearby cities).

Arrangements are being made for a special band for our dance on February 5th. Contratopia, a band from "the upper Midwest" is going to be in the southeast that weekend. They are playing in Atlanta on Friday & Sunday and in Knoxville on Monday, so our dance is a good fit.

Blue Moon 2005 was the next topic. The lunch option on Saturday has been popular, but a lot of work for some of our volunteers. A new Coffee Shop in the UC that serves sandwiches is being explored as an alternative to renting the Union Grove building.

After the business portion of the meeting was over, we all enjoyed some fine apple pie & ice cream.

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$10 (\$15 for families), payable to NACDS at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you 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.*

Dec. 3 (Fri.) Sewanee - Holiday dance! Seth Tepfer with Nashville Weather

This Misty Mountain Dance starts at 8 in the Legion Hall in Sewanee TN. Call 931 598-0814 for more info.

Dec. 3 (Fri.) Nashville - Ed Wilkinson calling with Wingates

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).

Dec 4 (Sat.) NACDS - Seth Tepfer with Ed Baggott and Elsie Peterson

Dec. 10 (Fri.) Nashville - Jim Coode calling with Playin' Possum

Dec. 11 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - No Dance

Dec. 11 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Vicki Herndon with Fidlin' Bob and Banjer Jim

-> Potluck! This dance will be at St. Luke UMC - see website for directions <-

CTDS dances 2nd and 4th 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.org>

Dec. 17 (Fri.) Nashville - John Sharlet calling with The Cantrells

Dec. 18 (Sat.) NACDS - Holiday Dance - Chrissy Davis Camp with JakeLegs - \$10 per person

Dec. 24 (Fri.) Nashville - No Dance - Happy Holidays

Dec. 31 (Fri.) Nashville - No Dance - Happy Holidays

Dec. 31 (Fri.) B'ham - New Year's Eve Dance - The Melmac Lickers with Scott Russell and Susan Davis

FoOTMaD dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 3rd Ave. & 23rd St. in Birmingham. 7:30 - \$8.

Dec. 31 (Fri.) Atlanta - New Year's Eve Dance - Reckless Ramblers with Cis Hinkle & Seth Tepfer

Jan. 1 (Sat.) NACDS - No Dance - Check out B'ham or Hotlanta!

Jan. 7 (Fri.) Nashville -

Jan. 8 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Nick Boulet with Nashville Weather

Jan. 8 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD -

Jan. 14 (Fri.) Nashville -

Jan. 15 (Sat.) NACDS - Jane Ewing with Chip Gulbro & Steve Nix

Jan. 21 (Fri.) Nashville -

Jan. 22 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Vicki Herndon with Citigo String Band

Jan. 28 (Fri.) Nashville -

Jan. 29 (Sat.) NACDS - No Dance

In Atlanta they dance on Fridays and Tuesdays - see <http://contradance.org>

In Knoxville they dance every Monday - see <http://www.kornet.org/kcd/>

In Memphis they dance 1st and 3rd Fridays - see <http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

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

Other Dance Events of Note

NACDS - Feb. 5th - Special band: Contratopia here in Huntsville - Susan Kevra calling?

Knoxville 31st Annual Dance Festival 2005 - Feb. 18-20 - Flapjack & Cis Hinkle