

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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March 5th: Vicki Herndon with Chuck & Katrina Weber and Ian Panton

Chattanooga's vivacious **Vicki Herndon** will be on the caller's stand this Saturday, while our own **Chuck & Katrina Weber and Ian Panton** provide the tunes. Be there!

March 19th: Barb Kirchner with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Then, after the 'ides', our dance will feature **Ed & Elsie** with **Barb Kirchner** from over in Atlanta.

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!

Dance News

NACDS dance gypsies were busy in February, some were spotted at dances in Sewanee, Chattanooga and Atlanta. Your intrepid reporter, using the excuse that he had to deliver a college student to Montevallo and thus was already most of the way, drove over to Tuscaloosa this past Saturday for the second of a new dance series there. The caller was Reuven AnafShalom and the Herb Troutman Band (from Birmingham) played. I enjoyed the dance quite a bit even though I could not stay even two hours before heading back to North Alabama. They plan to dance on 'fourth Saturdays' so as not to conflict with Birmingham.

Blue Moon Preparations

About a dozen of us gathered at Diane & Bryan Wall's house last week to make buttons and mail flyers for our Blue Moon Weekend. Several pizzas were consumed as well. Your flyer is included with this issue, so fill it out and send it back today!

Bryan has put up a web page for Blue Moon 2005. Check it out at this address:

<http://www.secontra.com/bluemoon/>

We now have a Yahoo Group

Our old steering committee email list was getting kind of dusty, so we have set up a yahoo group. This is a way for us to communicate with one another by email without the hassle of maintaining our own list server. To get started, go to this web page:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity/>.

If you don't already have one, sign up for a free yahoo account. (Use the link that reads: 'Sign Up' and don't forget your UserID and password!) Then select how you would like the messages delivered. You can receive individual emails, a daily digest of messages (you'll get no more than one email per day), or no email at all in which case you must go to the web site to read the messages.

We'll post messages to propose a dance gypsy trip to a neighboring group's dance, or to discuss issues important to our community, or ... whatever you like. There is also a File section of the web page where files may be accessed - such as the minutes of the steering committee meeting we had last month.

NACDS Officer Nominations

According to the bylaws (which you can read on our website) our annual meeting is in May. At the meeting we'll elect our officers and committee chairpersons for the coming year. In order to do so we need a nominating committee now, and you can be on it. A description of the duties etc. for each the positions is in the bylaws. Check 'em out. If you enjoy the dances, please consider how you may invest a little of your time and talents to benefit the group and volunteer accordingly.

Carol Mebane, our Producer since 1999, has announced that she will step down from that position at the end of her term in May. She is willing to train and advise her successor.

Contact your favorite officer to volunteer or help with the nominating committee. Some of them are: Mark Mohon - 533-5956; Diane or Bryan Walls - 837-0656; Doug Roth - 882-6378. Do it today!

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.*

Mar. 4 (Fri.) Nashville - Jim Coode with Nashville Weather

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).

Mar. 5 (Sat.) NACDS - Vicki Herndon with Chuck & Katrina Weber & Ian Panton

Mar. 11 (Fri.) Nashville - Jane Ewing with In the Woods <- *Huntsville caller!*

Mar. 12 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Janet Shepherd with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson <- *Huntsville band!*

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>

Mar. 12 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTn AnafShalom with Stone's Throw

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

Mar. 18-20 (Fri.-Sun.) Nashville Playford Ball - Cohn Center

see: http://www.dancenashville.org/html/playford_ball.html

Mar. 18 (Fri.) Sewanee - Barb Kirchner with Chuck & Katrina Weber and Ian Panton <- *Huntsville band!*

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

Mar. 19 (Sat.) NACDS - Barb Kirchner with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Mar. 25 (Fri.) Nashville - Eddie Doss with Nashville Ceili

Mar. 26 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Jane Ewing with Contra Cats - Mike Robinson & Steve Nix <- *H caller & band!*

Apr. 1 (Fri.) Nashville - Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg, Fred Carpenter & Brian Christianson

Apr. 2 (Sat.) NACDS - Jane Ewing with Maple Hill - lots'a local musicians!

Apr. 8 (Fri.) Nashville - John Sharlet with Plaidgrass

Apr. 9 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Vicki Herndon with Chuck & Katrina & Ian <- *Huntsville band!* Silent auction

Apr. 9 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Susan Kevra with James & Rachael Bryan & Bill Martin

Apr. 15 (Fri.) Nashville - Ed Wilkinson with In the Woods

Apr. 16 (Sat.) NACDS - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Cross Town Traffic

Apr. 22 (Fri.) Nashville - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Notorious (Larry Unger & Eden MacAdam-Somer!)

Apr. 23 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Bob Dalsemer with TBA

Apr. 29 (Fri.) Nashville - Emma Rushton & Kendal Brodie with Nashville String Kings

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

Memfest is March 11-13 - Flapjack with Joseph Pimentel - contact jerrydance@aol.com

"What the Hey?" is April 29-May 1 in Atlanta. Reckless Ramblers Beth Molero Rocket Boys & Seth!

Chattanooga has announced their first dance weekend: Chattaboogie! Sept. 23-25

See: <http://chattaboogie.com/> for more info.