

NACDS ADMINISTRATION

There will be an annual meeting of the NACDS membership during one of the August dances for the purpose of electing next year's executive board members. A slate of nominees for the board is being prepared by a nominating committee made up of Bryan Walls, Donna Deaton, and Erin Maguire. Stay tuned for more information in next month's newsletter.

If you would like to be considered for a board position, please contact a member of the nominating committee or a member of the current board. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the membership meeting, with consent of the nominees.

We need a lot of help running each dance. Please offer to help at the reception table by the door, setting up and taking down chairs and tables, and bringing snacks for the break. NACDS functions through the efforts of the board and other volunteers – let's share the load so no one is unfairly burdened.

5TH SATURDAY IN JULY

We'll host a third dance this month on the fifth Saturday, July 31. Hank Morris will call to music by Wildcat.

WildCat is Laurie Fisher, Karen Delgado Gaughan, and Nic Coker, a recently formed trio of musicians whose members each have 20+ plus years experience playing in many band configurations of a huge variety of styles.



WildCat brings many of these styles and experiences together to create a high-energy, rollicking good time for dancers. The fiddle, guitar/banjo and piano combination pull together forms which include New England contra dance music, old-time, French Canadian, bluegrass, swing, contemporary, Irish and Scottish tunes. Such variety allows the trio to choose *just the right* tune for each, creating that great connecting loop between caller, dancers and music. "At One" with the experience!! Come out and enjoy the ride!

Where: Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr.

When: 1/2 hour later than usual
 Beginners Workshop – 7:30
 Dance starts at 8:00

Tickets: General admission \$10, Students \$5
 Show your ticket stub from the dinner/concert for a \$2 discount off of general admission.

Dinner/Concert

Prior to the dance, Hot Rock Hollow productions have organized a dinner and concert with Wildcat. Enjoy the music of Wildcat in comfortable seating while eating a delicious meal prepared by Whats4Supper. See rockthehollow.com for full details, but in summary:

Where: Flying Monkey Arts Center at the Lowe Mill,
 2211 Seminole Drive

When: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Dinner by Whats4supper:
whatsforsupper.com/ss/hot-rock-hollow-dinner-concert

Tickets: rockthehollow.com/page8/tickets.html
 Tickets must be purchased in advanced. See rockthehollow.com for the purchase deadline.

HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

• Huntsville dances are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., (corner of Whitesburg Dr. & Airport Rd.). Beginners Workshop is at 7:00 PM, and then the regular dance is from 7:30 – 10:30 PM.

• Admission is \$7 (\$6 for members), \$4 for teens, free for ages 12 & under.

Remember to bring comfortable, **non-scuffing shoes** for dancing. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

• Gen'l info, bwalls@pobox.com or www.secontra.com;
Schedule info, Doug Roth: hdroth@pobox.com.

JULY 3 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

JULY 17 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — JANE EWING
BAND — DAVID COE & J. PENDERGAST

JULY 31 : HUNTSVILLE

1/2-HOUR DELAY FOR WORKSHOP AND DANCE
WORKSHOP @ 7:30, DANCE @ 8:00
GENERAL ADMISSION \$10, STUDENTS \$5
CALLER — HANK MORRIS
BAND — WILDCAT

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

JULY 2 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA
BAND — DAVID COE & J. PENDERGAST

JULY 9 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — DOUG SINGLETON
BAND — WHISTLIN' RUFUS

JULY 10 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER --- ROB HARPER
BAND — THE YAHOO'S

JULY 11 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

JULY 16 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — NASHVILLE WEATHER

JULY 23 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — JOHN SHARLET
BAND — NASHVILLE CEILI

JULY 24 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON
BAND — AVANT GARDENERS

JULY 27 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

JULY 30 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — JANE EWING
BAND — JIM WOOD & FRIENDS

TO LEARN MORE

- **Footmad (Birmingham, AL)**
www.footmadbirmingham.org
205-822-0505
- **CTDS (Chattanooga, TN)**
contranooga.org
- **NCD (Nashville, TN)**
615-356-3869
nashvillecountrydancers.org
- **Flat Creek, TN**
jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm

A BIT FURTHER BUT WORTH THE TRAVEL

- **CCD (Atlanta, GA)**
Fridays & alternate Tuesdays
contradance.org
- **KCD (Knoxville, TN)**
Every Monday
discoveret.org/kcd
- **MCD (Memphis, TN)**
1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays
midtowners.webs.com
- **Sautee Community Dances (North-East GA)**
Once a month, Sept – May
sauteecontra.com

MENTONE 2010

Hop on the Mentone Cannonball, August 20-22, featuring The Freighthoppers, Red Mountain White Trash, The Yahoos, and callers Beth Molaro and Scott Russell.

On the third weekend in August each year Birmingham FOOTMAD puts on its annual Old-Time Music and Dance Weekend at Camp Riverview in the resort town of Mentone, Alabama. Riverview has a beautiful open-sided, wooden-floored dance hall and a waterfront on the Little River, whose chilly waters feel great in August.

For the past 22 years the weekend has featured great old-time bands and musicians such as James Bryan and Norman Blake, Lotus Dickey, Ralph Blizzard and the New Southern Ramblers, the Freight Hoppers, the Red Hots, Big Hoedown, Red Mountain White Trash, the Monks and many more. The core activity of the weekend is dancing, but also on the schedule are jams (slow and regular), a concert by the featured band, a late-night swing or Cajun dance, Sunday morning gospel singing, a clogging workshop, swimming, and a wacky waterfront drama or pageant. The Kate and Gus Show, a special program for children ages 5-12, keeps them busy and happy while their parents dance.

Campers stay in cabins or bring their own tents. Some also stay in bed-and-breakfasts and or rent chalets in the area. FOOTMAD furnishes two breakfasts and campers are asked to bring a contribution to the Saturday night potluck and any other food or beverages they need. Everyone at the camp is expected to volunteer for a congenial bit of cooking or cleaning during the weekend, which helps FOOTMAD keep costs low.

The Old-Time Music and Dance Weekend is popular and usually fills up quickly. Registration is limited to 280 persons on a first-come-first served basis, with gender-balance taken into consideration. Those who would like to attend should request to be placed on the mailing list by writing FOOTMAD, 1452 Milner Crescent, Birmingham, AL 35205 or ptfoster@bellsouth.net. If you request a flyer, be warned that it may come as a brochure for a bird-watching retreat, a Y2K seminar, a religious tract, a publishers-clearing-house-type drawing or an advertisement for a miracle dance diet. Don't throw it in the recycling bin if it says FOOTMAD on the return address.

FOOTMAD sends confirmation letters to those whose registrations arrive in time and returns the checks of those that come in too late. No drop-ins for portions of the weekend or unregistered guests are admitted. Once past the hurdle of registration, you'll find the Old-Time Music and Dance weekend an incredibly fun and friendly affair.

PERPETUAL E-MOTION

If you're looking for a hot band or a good excuse for a road trip at the end of the month, you're in luck – Perpetual e-Motion (perpetuale-motion.com) is coming to Tennessee at the end of July!

Perpetual e-Motion brings together the surreal sounds of electric fiddle, swirling didgeridoo, driving guitar and foot percussion. This power duo, perched at the convergence of electronic and traditional dance music, is solely the by-product of two musicians who love to groove and inspire movement.

You can catch them July 26th in Knoxville (www.discoveret.org/kcd), with calling by Vicki Herndon, and July 27th in Memphis (midtowners.webs.com).



GET CONNECTED, STAY CONNECTED

Visit the NACDS web site:

<http://secontra.com/NACDS.html>

There is an announcement list for everyone and a Yahoo Group discussion list for those more involved. E-mail nacds@pobox.com if you'd like to be on either.

Yahoo group:

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

Facebook page:

Search on Facebook for the "North Alabama Country Dance Society" group. Connect with friends and get invitations to events.



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**Please Join Us!
Or Renew Your Membership!**

*Send just \$10 for one, or
\$15 per family, to the address above.*

*Make checks payable to NACDS.
(mailing label shows renewal date)*

*Members receive monthly newsletter,
and a \$1 DISCOUNT to each regular dance!*