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NEWSLETTER

It's been a rockin' summer and I know you have all been busy. 9 of us made the trip to Salina for the Kansas State Convention this year and once again, Carol Hershey, Kelly Bockover, Keith and Heather VanBebber, Charlie Lange and I were in the "Last Square Standing". Congratulations to all who participated. You have to do the movements the way they are taught so it says something about the quality of our dancers and makes me very proud. 2 weeks later, 8 of us made the trip to Little Rock, AR for the 63rd National Convention. Congratulations to the State of MO for securing the bid for the 67th National to be held right here in Kansas City.

Having said that, you must know what a gigantic undertaking this will be. This year there were 4843 dancers in attendance. This number has been declining steadily but we hope it will rebound. We have to plan a convention that will attract dancers from all over the world. There are many committees that will need your help, before and during the convention. If you are asked to help, please say yes. The earlier you register, the less it will cost you and the registration fees are used as operating capital so please register now.

We still have a few members struggling with health issues, but hopefully they will all be back to 100% soon. Liz is still fighting her own battles but she assures me that she's not giving up and will be with us at least to visit whenever she can. Pat Miller seems to be in a holding pattern and Keith VanBebber has been battling issues with pain in his feet. We miss you guys and hope you will be with us soon.

On June 11th we held graduation for our remaining 4 students. 3 of them have chosen to join other clubs for various reasons, but we want to welcome Janette Peat. Janette has already been out visiting with us and she and her husband even joined us at our summer picnic. If you haven't yet met Janette, make it a point to do so. She is a delight and we know she will be an asset to the club.

Speaking of lessons, we will be having a Plus Workshop on July 23rd and then on the 30th, we'll be starting another set of lessons. We will do the same thing we did last time. Plus at 6:30 followed by mainstream from 7:30-9:00pm. If you know of anyone interested, please bring them on the 30th. And don't forget, WE NEED ANGELS!

Thanks to Carol Hershey for once again hosting our summer picnic. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

It's time to re-register. Form is on the website. I must have this info no later than our Sept dance.

VISITATIONS

August

May	17	Past Dances Crosstrailers Future Dances	1
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Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

* Repay a visit

I have secured callers for the 2 months that I will be gone this winter. There's gonna be a small change in plans but I think you will agree that it's all gonna be fine. Chris Wildhagen will call for you in January. Chris filled in last year when Stan was ill. Al Block has agreed to call for you in February. I'm sure you will all enjoy the talents of these guys and I thank them in advance for making it possible for me to travel to TX. Some of you already know, but while I'm in TX I'm gonna work on growing our activity there by giving Mainstream lessons at one of the parks there.

There are several other good dances scheduled in our area over the next several months. On Aug 8th, the Ottawa Promenaders will have Marshall Flippo. This man is a legend in his own time and we don't know how much longer we will have him, so if you've never danced to him, it would be worth the trip. Happy Time Squares' Boots, Bows and Barbeque is Aug 23rd. Sept 7th is the benefit dance for the MO Veterans' Home sponsored jointly by HOA and W Central MO. Fit and Fun also has a couple of good specials coming up with Noah Siegman on Oct 2nd and Jeff Holley, Oct 31st. AND for the plus dancers, Joe Saltel will be at KC Plus on Oct 12th.

Keith and Heather are not able to continue as our lesson coordinator due to excessive personal obligations so I am looking for someone to take over that task. If we want to have lessons in the spring when I get back, somebody has to take the reigns while I am gone. If you would be interested, please let me know.

Special thanks to all the loyal members who have agreed to be a delegate or alternate delegate to the 3 organizations we belong to. I couldn't do it without you.



To:

NEXT CLUB DANCE Summer Specials September 12th National Square Dance Month

Birthdays August

23 - Kristy Upton

Anniversaries

August 13 - Claude & Carol Burch Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary from the Be iN ouR Squares Belton Train Ride

At our picnic, we decided to take a ride on the Belton Steam Train on August 22nd. Train leaves at 7pm. This will be a Friday evening and there will be ice cream on the train. Cost is \$10.50 per person. Advance tickets are recommended so if you want to go, please let me know by the 15th and I will order the tickets. You can reimburse me the day of the trip. If we buy you a ticket and you don't go, you will be responsible to reimburse the club unless we can find someone to take your ticket. If you would like to bring a guest, by all means, do. I believe that the "club that plays together, stays together" and that square dancing is much more than dancing, it's an important social activity. Hope you can all come.



Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

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Jul	25	Mike Hogan - 1st Bapt Church of KC
Aug	2	KAMO Festival - Graceway Fellowship
Aug	14	Jerry Junck - 1st Bapt Church of KC
Sep	17	Mike Sikorsky - 1st Bapt Church of KC
Sep	28	NEKSDA Fall Friendship Dnc - Croco
Oct	17-1	9 MO State Festival - Lebanon, MO
Mar	27-2	8 HOA Federation Dance - Ft Osage
May	30	Lanny Weaklend - Loc TBA
Jun	13	Jerry Junck - Loc TBA
Jul	8	Dean Dederman - TBA
Sep	17	Nick Hartley - TBA
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Christmas Party

Carol Hershey has once again offered her home for our club Christmas party. Please hold the date - December 7th. We decided not to have a gift exchange this year. We will make it a game day instead. Carol has lots of games or you can bring your favorite. Last year, I learned a new one. It was lots of fun. We will have our usual pot luck dinner followed by lots of good fellowship. We hope you will all be able to be there.