

Santa Fe Trailers

The Santa Fe Trailers Square Dance Club was founded in 1966, with five squares of dancers mostly from the Buckner Area. Bud House was the clubs first caller and teacher. The Town of Buckner was settled on the Santa Fe Trail, and thus the club received its name. Bud called for the club for ten years and the club danced at the Buckner Elementary School on the third Saturday of each month.

In 1974, the club moved to the Blue Springs Junior High School, which would be their home for the next seven years. In 1977, the club acquired a new caller, Van Coble. Van called for the club for the next five years.

In 1981, the club moved again to the Ultican School in Blue Springs. Only one year later the club would change callers, as Richard Lane became the clubs third caller. From 1978, and for the next sixteen years, the club danced on the third Saturday of each month.

In 1986, the club moved once again, and this time to the Three Trails School in Independence, Missouri. In 1988 the club was forced to find a new caller, as Richard moved West without the Trailers.

After one year of guest callers, the club unanimously voted to have Steve Bergman from Sedalia Missouri as the new caller. Steve called for the Trailers for three seasons. The clubs program was expanded to include plus and plus workshops prior to the mainstream dancing.

In 1993, the club had to make another move and a dance night change to first Saturdays. This time the move was to Sycamore Hills Elementary School in Independence. It was this time the club secured the services of Gary Mahnken, as Steve and Sharon were transferred to Wyoming. From 1998 until the 2002 / 2003 Gary would be the clubs caller. Beginning the 2003 / 2004 season the Santa Fe Trailers had guest callers. In 2005, the club acquired still another caller when Stan Brooke became the clubs sixth caller.

For forty six years the club has maintained an average membership of approximately thirty couples. The clubs longevity can best be measured by several things. We have always elected to have the areas best callers. We have well planned dances due in part by our club monthly meeting with all members invited. We maintain an excellent Visitation Program! We require a special array of refreshments at every dance. If you wish to spend a special evening of square dancing, we invite you to dance with the Santa Fe Trailers! You'll be glad you came.

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