



Sierra Hillbilly Holler

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President's Message

Howdy Hillbillies,

A Quick Look Back at August

On August 23rd we graduated 8 new square dancing students (Anne & Phil Hays, Lance & Rose Jurado, Kathy & Ken Kerner, Alice Seidman & Joy Starks). Hjordis Bakke and Lucy & Tom Nixon also graduated but were not in attendance. **Eileen Willis** wrote a poem she had written for the soon-to-be graduates, and **David Kupfer** escorted the graduates to the four corners of the square as part of the traditional square dancing graduation. I presented the graduates with their A-Square-D Certificates while Eileen passed out Appreciation Snack Packs she had put together for the 16 registered members of the class (the 11 graduates plus Hans Lokkart, Margaret Maccurdy, **Jody Milligan-King**, Tom Potter and **Rob Starks**) and our instructor, **Rod Shuping**. Rod wrapped it all up by calling some "fun" squares that could best be described as "Musical Balls" & "The Bag Lady Shuffle".



What You Can Look Forward to This Month

We're not old – we're just middle-aged! This month we celebrate our Club's founding in 1967 at our **44th Anniversary Dance** to be held on **Friday, September 9**, at the SCV Senior Center, 22900 Market Street in Newhall. Our long-time regular cuer, **Cindy Mower**, will return as our guest cuer this month and will cue rounds starting at 7:30 PM and in between **Dale Hoppers'** squares from 8:00 to 10:30 PM. This is the dance where we all get together for the annual club photo, so I encourage all Hillbillies to come dressed in black & white - the club's colors. As always, casual attire and square dance attire are equally welcome.

On **September 6** our 10-week **Beginning I Square Dance** classes, offered again through the City of Santa Clarita, start a new group of students on their journey to learning the fun of square dancing. The class is being held again from **7:15 to 9:15 PM on Tuesday nights at Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Road in Valencia**, and will be held every Tuesday through November 8. It's still not too late to register for this class. Check your Fall 2011 issue of Seasons magazine or go online to www.santa-clarita.com/seasons for more details. So, whether as a student or an Angel, come on down and support instructor **Rod Shuping** and the new crop of square dancing students!

September is also the month we hold our annual **General Meeting** with the election of new officers for the 2011-12 year. **Rob & Joy Starks** have generously offered to host the General Meeting on **Wednesday, September 21, beginning at 7:30 PM** at their house in Valencia (all club members should be receiving an updated Hillbilly Roster shortly with the Starks' address). This meeting will also feature an open discussion and general membership vote on whether or not to change in 2012 from our monthly dance format of alternating Mainstream & Plus tips to an all Mainstream format with Mainstream Alert tips. Our by-laws require us to have at least 18 club members present for a quorum in order to conduct business at a General Meeting, so please join us and participate in the election of new officers and other club business.

This month's **restaurant fundraiser** will be held on Monday, **September 26th** at **El Torito** located at 27510 The Old Road, in Stevenson Ranch near the entrance to Six Flags Magic Mountain. Look for one of **Pat Barker's** flyers for additional details and be sure to invite your family & friends to join us.

Looking Ahead to October

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Our annual potluck dinner and **Change-Over Party**, where we install our newly elected officers and appointed committee chairs, will be held on **Saturday, October 1**, at **Bobbie Reilley's house** in Agua Dulce. More details to follow.

Thank you for your support,

Alan E. Willis
President

Visitation Report

On Saturday August 6, twelve Hillbillies visited Farmers & Charmers at Wilkinson Center in Northridge. Hunter Keller is a pretty amazing caller with a great future! It was a great dance with 27 squares in attendance. Thanks to John and Jody King (and to Jody for this report), David Kupfer, Bob and Joanne Marrin, Andre Melkonian, Evelyn Novak, Bobbie Reilley, Rob Stark, and Students Joy Stark and Lance & Rose Jurado for attending.

On Saturday, August 27 we had a square of Hillbillies at the Boots and Slippers anniversary Hawaiian Wedding Luau dance with Deborah Carroll-Jones calling. Thanks to Rosie Smith, Larry Stanberry, Bobbie Reilley, Andre Melkonian, Linda and Ron Marrin, David Kupfer and Evelyn Novak for venturing out despite the heat. Thanks to Evelyn for providing the report of attendees.



UPCOMING VISITATIONS

Saturday September 3, 2011 we will dance with Camping Squares at the KOA in Acton. Gary Fields is the caller. Check their website, www.campingsquares.com or contact wagon master Terry and Lydia Kinkelaar (562) 429-0330 or president Gary and GG Mansfield (310) 374-2754 for reservations and more information regarding the entire weekend campout.

Saturday September 17, 2011 we will visit Valley Trailers with Mike Sikorsky calling alternating plus and mainstream tips, and Cindy Mower on rounds starting at 7:15. The location is Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden in Northridge. The theme is September Song, and casual attire is welcome.

Thanks so much to those who support our visitations. We look forward to having more fun next time.

Angie Messina

Kitchen Report

by Alan Willis

It was a tag team effort at our Hillbilly Barn Dance on August 12th. Many thanks to **Bobbie Reilley** for making the calls to her Kitchen Crew consisting **Doug Kelley** and **Bob & Gwen Kofnovec**, and then I filled in for her as the Dance Refreshment Coordinator while she and **Andre Melkonian** floated down the Colorado River. With Gwen baking up a storm, Doug & Laura providing fresh vegetables and my wife, **Eileen**, and I contributing turkey sandwiches and fruit salad, we had something for every appetite and diet.

Those scheduled for the Kitchen Crew at our 44th Anniversary Dance on September 9th are **David Kupfer, Linda Lindemann, Joanne & Bob Marrin** and **Linda & Ron Marrin**. Since we're expecting quite a crowd at this dance, we're also asking all Club members to bring a little something to add to the food being provided by the Kitchen Crew so our guests go home overwhelmed with our hospitality

KITCHEN CREW INSTRUCTIONS

Please arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 PM – we rely on the Kitchen Crew members to set up the decorations for the dance and two members to act as Club Greeters. If everyone arrives on time, the work goes quickly and the Kitchen Crew will be able to enjoy the round dancing starting at 7:30 PM. Also, if you are assigned to the Kitchen Crew for this dance but cannot serve, it is YOUR responsibility to make arrangements to switch with someone assigned to a future dance (a copy of the 2011 Kitchen Crew assignment list is available on the Sierra Hillbillies website, www.sierrahillbillies.org) and to follow through at that future date. Please contact **Bobbie Reilley**, our Kitchen Crew Coordinator, to coordinate food dishes and notify her of any Kitchen Crew substitutions.

September Highlights from Our Calendar



September 3, Visitation at Camping Squares, Acton

September 6, 7:15 p.m. Beginning I class, Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Road, Valencia

September 9, 7:30 p.m. 44th Anniversary Dance (Dale Hoppers calling, Cindy Mower cueing), SCV Senior Center, 22900 Market St., Newhall

September 13, 7:15 p.m. Beginning I class, Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Road, Valencia

September 17, 7:15 p.m. Visitation at Valley Trailers, Northridge

September 18, 5:00 p.m. Dance Demo, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 23233 Lyons Ave., Newhall

September 20, 7:15 p.m. Beginning I class, Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Road, Valencia

September 21, 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting

September 25, Deadline for the October issue of the *Sierra Hillbilly Holler*

September 26, Fund-raiser at El Torito, Valencia

September 27, 7:15 p.m. Beginning I class, Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Road, Valencia



Associated Square Dancers of Southern California

Howdy, Hillbillies! This has been a busy August for me as your ASD representative and the *Grapevine* editor. The September-November *Grapevine* had to be printed in time for delivery to the ASD Quarterly meeting on August 21st, and on the heels of that meeting, we had our Valley-Ventura-Santa Barbara District meeting on August 24.

Quarterly Meeting

Thanks to the timing of the Quarterly meeting, I was able to have the ASD Graduation Certificates signed and ready for our graduates on August 23rd.

We got a report on the Detroit National SD Convention in June. While local dancers that took advantage of the High Flyers trip had a wonderful time, the overall attendance was only 3800 dancers—the lowest number ever attending a national. Next year's national convention is in Spokane, WA, and the High Flyers information is already available for that trip—look for the flyer at the September dance. It has been learned that several hotels are already booked up for this 2012 event.



Historian Joe Demeules gave us an interesting history of the start of the Labor Day weekend Jamboree that had to be canceled this year since no chairperson stepped forward. The first Jamboree was held in 1980.

Insurance Chairman Lou Schumacher, noting the impending start of classes in September, discussed the importance of the insurance program especially for new students. To-date this year the ASD community has had 15 injuries—all but one took place at classes! As a reminder: If someone is injured at one of our dances we have 7 days to send in an injury report. This is just a report; it is not a claim. If there is a claim then that can come later. It is the clubs responsibility to send in the report; not the injured person. A claim can be denied if this is not done, and placing the form in the hands of the

injured person only causes a delay. The attendee is covered from outside their parked car to the dance and then back, as well as on the dance floor.

Lou also reported that the ASD clubs now number 31 with 2181 dancers; our VVSB District accounts for 942 dancers of that total number.

Orange District Report: The Church Mice Club is calling our activity “Social Team Dancing” in their class advertising.

South Bay-West Side District Report: The Boots & Bows have a new rep, Lou Schumacher.

Valley-Ventura-Santa Barbara District Report: Ricky Campos reported that two area clubs are now teaching Hex dancing. The Happy Squares have a new rep, Marge Leese.

Anniversary/Presidential Ball Report: This annual dance hosted 146 dancers including 11 club presidents including our own Alan and Eileen Willis. Unfortunately, however, the dance was not the money maker hoped for (especially since the Labor Day Jamboree had to be canceled this year); it operated at a loss of nearly \$300.



SBWS District Spring Fling Report: This district’s student dance was profitable with 146 dancers present. Again, the clothing sale profits were distributed among the South Bay-West Side District’s five clubs, netting each approximately \$140.

Valley-Ventura-Santa Barbara District Meeting

Many ASD Board members were in attendance at our August 24th annual “Get-Acquainted” meeting. The main topic of business was the planning of the 2012 VVSB District Student Stomp on January 29th. We voted to keep the admission donation at \$6.00. Clubs were asked to sign-up for duties for the event, and following our Hillbillies board meeting the previous week, I again committed our club to bring finger desserts for 7 to 8 squares. I will begin circulating a sign-up sheet to meet our commitment late in the year.

ASD Historian Joe Demueles was at our district meeting, and as usual, he offered an interesting history of the early days of the Associated Square Dancers of Southern California for our delegates. The start was in 1948 with a total of 135 clubs in six districts. The 1st District at that time stretched from San Fernando Valley to the Antelope Valley and the 5th District from Santa Barbara to the Oregon-California border. By 1985/86, ASD had 14,000 members in nearly 300 clubs. Joe also reminded us that ASD does not allow caller-run clubs into its organization. Joe has held so many positions and been involved with square dance and ASD for so many decades, he always offers interesting bits of history and insight!

Respectfully submitted,

Your ASD Representative,
Karen Geller-Shinn

Sunshine Corner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Kathleen Collins	9/6	Marie Elena Stulp	9/20	Carol Posthumus	9/22
Evelyn Novak		9/24	Paul Allgood	9/30	

ANNIVERSARIES

None to report. Maybe September has too many other happenings for weddings.

All the news that's fit we print:

It was so good that David Kupfer, our class coordinator, only missed one week of class due to a minor heart attack. Pat Barker has been suffering with a bad back & hasn't been able to do much dancing. We send our best to Hjordis Bakke, a class student, who is, hopefully, recovering from pneumonia. Another class student, Joy Stark had surgery on her hand & wrist.

It was great to have Bob & Gwen Kofnovec at our last dance. Sadly, Gwen's health keeps her from dancing. We send our best to Tammy Allgood & Kathy Spicker, who continue to deal with health problems.

Angie Messina recently attended her 40th high school reunion in Lompoc. Then she & Bob spent time camping near Lake Cachuma. Mom, Esther DeGregorio, decided camping wasn't for her & opted to return home on the train.

Bruce & Heather Posten attended a niece's wedding in Reno & then went on to Idaho to visit Heather's sister. It was rumored that Bobbie Reilley, Andre Melkonian & family members were seen floating down the Colorado River on inner tubes.

The Sunshine Lady, husband John, three grandchildren & two great-grands spent a very long day & evening at Disneyland. Lilly, our five year old loved all the roller coaster rides. Sabrina, her 15 year-old cousin, really helped prepare her for each ride, so she wouldn't be scared. Unfortunately, Weiland, at three, was still too small to go on many of the rides. Star Tours, the ride that grandpa worked on was a hit among the older riders.

A large number of Hillbillies & class members attended the Tehachapi Mountain Festival. It was great fun. Among the festivities was a rodeo, parade, an arts & crafts fair in the park, live music & dancing at the VFW & an open air square dance put on by the Gandy Dancers.

Once again, kudos to Eileen Willis for the effort she put in to make a wonderful graduation experience for our class members. We have some great new dancers, who will add vitality & energy to the club.

Thought for the month:
 "Charity looks at the need and not the cause."

German proverb

HUGS TO ALL
The Sunshine Lady

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Restaurant Fundraiser

*BENEFITING THE SIERRA HILLBILLIES SQUARE
AND ROUND DANCE CLUB*



Monday,
September 26, 2011
5:00 pm to
9:00 pm

**27510 N. The Old Road
Valencia
661.254.2994**

To help raise money to support modern western square dancing, El Torito will donate 25% of the night's proceeds from all who bring this flyer. Please write "Sierra Hillbillies" on the face of your bill!

PLEASE JOIN US.

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