



# Looney News

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## Newsletter

We are starting a newsletter for the Roadrunners. We would like to include information of interest to our members. Do you have a recipe or a joke that you would like to share with us. If anyone has news or information that you think would be of interest to our members please give it to Wayne or Jan Pelmeur. We would like to give out a copy of the newsletter the last dance each month.

## Tuesday dances

We are trying something new on Tuesdays. 6:30 – 7:30 we are having an open dance that anyone can attend any night. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come any Tuesday night.

## Calls that are done wrong all the time, and no one seems to care.

1. RECYCLE: Dancers are not supposed to use hands, but the ends invariably drag the centers along.
2. FERRIS WHEEL: Those facing in are supposed to step ahead as a couple, meet the other couple in a two-faced line, and then do a Wheel & Deal. Instead the end facing in usually drags the adjacent dancer in a large semi-circle directly to the ending position.

3. LINEAR CYCLE: Dancers are not supposed to use hands after the initial Hinge, but the lead dancer on the Double Pass Thru portion usually drags the trailing dancer across the square.

Question: Who gets dragged the most - the boys or the girls. The girls know the answer - it's the girls! From standard ocean waves and two-faced lines (boys as ends and girls as centers), the boys are dragging the girls. Since these calls are called the majority of the time from standard positions, the girls are being dragged throughout the dance.

Question: Why do the girls put up with this? Two possible answers: (1) Some girls think the dragging is how the calls are supposed to be danced, because they don't know the definitions. (2) The girls don't care. Why do I say that? Because if the girls cared, they would dance the calls correctly, which would then force the boys to dance the calls correctly. Since most girls choose not to dance the calls correctly, it means they don't care if they get dragged. Sad, but true.

Ed Foote - American Square Dance, March 2006

## Travel Update

First we want to thank all those who participated in one or more travels. Traveling helps a club by increasing attendance at club dances whether it is our club or a different club. It also gives us a chance to get to know and socialize with other square dancers.

Our travels in April will be to Durand Locomotions on April 14<sup>th</sup> and to Stockbridge on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Stockbridge will have its annual "Big and Little Enis Dance" at that time.

## New Years Eve 2006

We will be having Perk & Georgie Perkins calling with Wayne at our 2006 New Years Eve dance along with Johnnie on the round.

## Anniversaries

4-10 Wayne & Jan Pelmear  
4-10 Carl & Barb Shook  
4-11 Bob & Nicki Townsend

## Birthdays

4-10 Carl Peck  
4-14 Johnnie Wynn  
4-24 Bob Smith  
4-25 Bill Vaughan  
4-27 Jo Frazer  
4-27 Jerry Degner  
4-31 Alice Cockerill

## Coming Events

MSDLA Spring Fling

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Noon – 6:00PM

South Precinct, Lansing

Nite Owl Dance

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Advanced 4:00 – 6:00

Mainstream & Plus 9:00PM –  
2:00AM

National Square Dance Convention

June 21 – 24, 2006

San Antonio, TX

Weekend at the Lake

July 14 – 16

Wayne & Jan's

Lake Isabella

State Convention

August 18 & 19

Kalamazoo,

Cancer Dance

October 8, 2006

New Years Eve

December 31, 2006

Wayne & Jan Pelmear

Perk & Georgie Perkins

Johnnie & Frankie Wynn