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“From our heart to yours, we hope you dance.”

Sometimes God does for us what we cannot or do not think to do for ourselves. Due to events over which we had no control, the summer schedule of events turned out to be sparse and thankfully so since it was so uncommonly hot.

Yet in spite of the warm weather, the Southern District Ada BBQ was a huge success. We lost count of the number of squares but there were plenty and of course the food was great.

So now, looking at the Fall calendar of events, seeing that it is jam packed, we feel lucky that so many events were saved for cooler weather.

Yes, it is time to put and keep those dancing shoes on. From now till Christmas the calendar is quite full and nothing keeps the heart fuller and happier than to dance, laugh, and play. Sooo, fear not when looking at the list of events scheduled below.

-October 16 is the Benefit Dance for the Shrine Burn Center

-October 22 is Central District Jamboree and a State Visitation Dance

-October 23 is scheduled for ticket turn in.

-October 29 is South Central Fall Festival and a State Visitation Dance

-Nov 4 is the State Festival pre-party



Ray and Patricia Mills, 2011 OSDF President

- Nov 5 is State Festival
- Nov 6 is OSDF Business meeting
- Nov 12 is North Central Fall Festival, a State Visitation Dance
- Dec 3 is Green Country Festival, a State Visitation Dance
- Dec 4 is OSDF Christmas Party

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Fall round up will be over, new OSDF candidates will have been nominated and hopefully you will be registered for the State Festival and will have sold many, many tickets for the white corvette.

Please make note that North

East District has a new president, Don & Elaine Cox. Please keep in mind all friends and dancers who are struggling with illness.

2011 RPM's

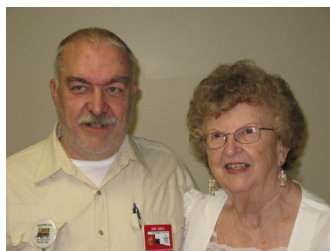


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- 62nd Pre-Convention March 1-3, 2012
- Cooperate, Collaborate and Compromise



Ron and Barb Smith

Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City
I-40 and Meridian- 2011 Festival

1st Vice President—Ron and Barb Smith

We can't believe that this year is just about over. With the weather cooling down from a horribly hot summer, it has become worth living in Southwest Oklahoma once again.

We are finalizing the plans for the State Festival to be held on November 5th, 2011. Everyone should be getting registered for this event as the day is fast approaching. The last day to make your reservations for the Biltmore Hotel is October 20th

to receive the fantastic rate of \$59.00 per night with free breakfast and free parking. What a deal!!! All activities will be held at the Biltmore this year and we will be able to enjoy everything by just walking a few feet from our rooms to the dance floors. We will present a wonderful Fashion Show, the Sew and Save seminar, great rounds during the day and evening as well as the main event....the Saturday evening square dance

which will feature exhibitions for all to enjoy plus.....drum roll please... the grand prize will be given to some lucky winner. We will have the president's entry as well, along with many other prizes which will be given away that night so make your plans NOW. We sure can't have the dance without you. Hope to see you this year in Oklahoma City on November 5th. RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM TODAY!!!!

2nd Vice President—Glen and Linda Bray

Our 1979 Corvette has been Cruising in Style.

Boy, does time fly when you are having fun. The 65th OSDF Festival is just around the corner.

This year is going by so very fast and before we know it We will be drawing the "Grand Prize" winning ticket of the 1979 Corvette and the other very nice prizes.

Glen and I have enjoyed meeting a lot of wonderful people, While traveling the Oklahoma and Texas roads to and from OSDF District Car Visitations, We have enjoyed meeting our District Ticket Chairman and Square Dancers that have been working hard to help support

"Our Square Dancing hobby."

The last week of July, the car was in Tulsa for Green Country And remained thru August 7th to allow Northeast District clubs To have a chance to sell some tickets.

August 20th Perryton, TX for Panhandle, Wheat Heart Days Celebration Parade and Bar-b-que, Later that evening we were in Spearman, TX for Dinner and Dance.

Attention Square Dancers: The weather is cooling off and We encourage you to make time to enjoy the out of doors And support our hobby by selling Festival Tickets.

You might also use this time to collect names to contact the Next time your club is giving square dance lessons.

August 27th, Stillwater at the Walmart Store w/North Central Dist

September 5th, Clinton for Labor Day at the Casino with SW District.

September 10th, Mustang Days Parade & Car Show with Central District.

September 16th & 17th, Sulpur, OK for the tractor pull with Southern District

September 23rd - 25th, Northwest District

Ticket Turn in will be held Oct. 23rd, Time: 2:00 - 4:00PM at the Lion's Hall at 4135 N.W. 10TH OKC, OK

Each District will need to turn in:

ALL OF THEIR TICKET STUBS AND UNUSED TICKETS

LIST OF ALL CLUBS THAT PARTICAPATED

LISTS OF TICKET SELLERS THAT SOLD 100 TICKETS AND RECEIVED DANGLES

LIST OF EACH TICKET SELLERS WITH THEIR TOTAL TICKETS SOLD



3rd Vice President—Bill and Molly Guthrie

Hello again Oklahoma Square Dancers.

What a wonderful month for dancing. To those that joined us at Western Hill Lodge for the Fall Roundup, I hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as Bill and I did. What a great time. Everyone that was there enjoyed the calling of over ten callers. They (the callers) challenged the dancers and really gave them a run for their money. Skip and Lou Gates presented an informative education program that sent dancers away

scratching their heads. Many good points were brought out with many questions answered. A job well done and many thanks. Really everyone deserves a huge pat on the back as each district handled their assignment wonderfully. All your time and planning did not go unnoticed.

November is just around the corner, and along with November we have the Oklahoma State Square Dance Festival. More fun to plan for. The pre-party dinner and dance will

be a great beginning to a super weekend. If you don't go, you will miss out on one "Big" party. Many hours have been put in by many people preparing for this fun filled weekend. You can do all the dancing you want all under one roof.

If you are interested in serving on the OSDF board, just let any officer know. Think about it, talk it over with your spouse (or partner) and enjoy a great year helping learn how it all works. Your help is always needed.

Bill and Molly



Bill and Molly Guthrie
3rd Vice president

Southwest District—Mike and Myrna Perkins

Our Southwest District Fall Festival will be in Weatherford at the Pioneer Center hosted by Elk City's Western Swing on October 15. Activities begin at 3 PM and Introductions at 7:30 PM. This will be a very special event: Jerry Junck will be the caller. It is a Visit Nine dance.

There is one more district officer's visitation. We will

travel to Altus on October 22 to dance with the Twirlers and the calling of Jimmy Gouge. This is also the last dance in Altus this year.

The annual Southwest District Executive Committee meeting will be November 20 at the Western Swing Hut in Elk City at 2:30 PM. Officers will be elected.

Several of our clubs are holding lessons. Give a few hours each week to be an angel. You will make new friends and help others enjoy our hobby.

Come visit us in Southwest District. We all enjoy company. We have pleasing dances!

Mike and Myrna Perkins



Living and square dancing on and driving Route 66 is a great experience. Join us.

Visit Nine Schedule—Bill and Judy Wright

WOW, what a hot summer, but we did have plenty of travelers despite the heat. We hope the ones that did travel saw more green than brown and found plenty of cool air where ever they danced.

If August was any indication of how we like to travel and dance it ought to be very busy fall as we have one or two Visit-9 dances a weekend for the month followed by the State Festival and than a busy November too.

Following is a listing of the October and November Visit-9 dances:

October 8 Southern District's Fall Bash at the First United Methodist Church, 14th and Broadway Ada, OK.

October 15 Northeast's Muskogee Area 57th Ann. Jamboree at the Hat Box Square Dance Hall 540 S. 40th St. Muskogee, OK.

October 15 Southwest Fall Festival at the Weatherford

Pioneer Center 1000 Gartrell Place, Weatherford, OK.

October 22 Central Districts 65th Jamboree at the India Shrine Center, 3601 N.W. 36th St. OKC, OK.

October 29 South Centrals Fall Festival at Fletcher School, Fletcher, OK. (follow Main St. till you arrive at school)

October 29 Panhandles Fall Festival at Perryton, TX. (more info. to come)

November 12 North Centrals Fall Festival TBA

November 19 Northwest's Fall Festival at Enid ,OK. (more info. to come)

December 3 Green Country Festival at St. Mark's United Methodist Church 105 E. Admiral Place, Tulsa, OK.

Hope to see you in a square real soon. Remember " Visit-9 and See Oklahoma"

Bill and Judy Wright Visit-9 Chairman

62nd National Square Dance Convention—Gene and Barbara Morton

June 26 through 29, 2013 is the dates for the 62nd National Square Dance Convention® and it will be in our own backyard, right here in Oklahoma City. Three days and four nights of dancing to some of the best callers in the world, at the world's largest square dance, what more could a dancer ask for? Well I am glad you asked, because there is a whole lot more going on than just dancing and that is what makes the difference between a festival and a convention. How about these comparisons:

A special event to kick off the convention; But you say, we have a pre-party before our festival with dinner and a dance. Well conventions have the same but on a much larger scale. Conventions generally have a catered dinner followed by professional entertainment for an hour or so. Then there will be trail end dances for squares, rounds, contra, and country western or just about any type of dancing that the convention hosts.

Education: Well, we have an education session at our festival. That's great, but at the convention there are different types of education sessions going on all day. At a recent convention there were 20 sessions featuring panels of knowledgeable people educating dancers on everything from Camping and RV Square Dancing to the Application of Computers to Square and Round Dancing. That same convention also had 23 seminars and 19 different clinics for teaching callers and dancers techniques and ways to keep our clubs together. Conventions have a Sew and Save section which will help the ladies, or men, that sew learn the latest sewing techniques or craft items. A Showcase of Ideas area where you can have a display to tell the world about what your group is doing to keep our hobby alive. All of these activities provide an area to rest your weary feet and gain a little knowledge at the same time.

Only want to dance at night and don't know what to do with your daylight hours. Why don't you take one of the convention's tours and see a part of Oklahoma that you just never have taken the time to look at. There will be several tours available each day but they are taken quickly so if you want to go on a tour, sign up early.

How about buying a new petticoat or square dance skirt? There will be approximately 40 different square dance vendors available to buy that special item from.

We don't have to wear those square dance dresses all day at the festivals. That's fine you don't have to at the conventions either. The National Executive Committee has relaxed the daytime dress code for the National Conventions. You may now wear "dressy casual" clothes until 6 pm. AFTER 6 pm proper square dance attire is REQUIRED. What is "dressy casual"? They didn't exactly say, but I can tell you for sure, it DOES NOT include men in tank tops or ladies in short shorts. Be dressy, not messy. A convention badge is still required for entry into any convention area.

Registrations for the 62nd NSDC are now \$40 each and this early registration will get you an invitation to the 62nd NSDC Pre-convention that is being held in OKC March 1-3, 2012. There will be a kick-off dance on Saturday March 3, 2012 at the Cox Convention Center featuring Oklahoma callers, and early registration gets you into this dance free. The Price goes up to \$50 each immediately after the dance on March 3. Save a little money, register now and come play with us.

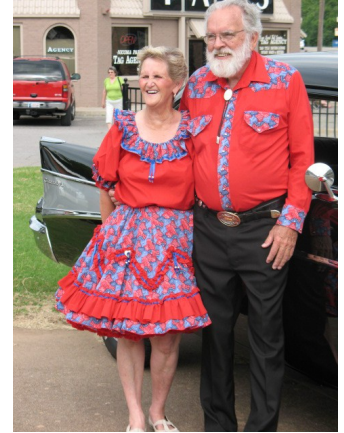
Gene & Barbara Morton
62nd NSDC General Chairman

Past President—Jim and Julia Reese

On November 4, 2011 we will gather at the Biltmore Hotel to celebrate another great year of square dancing in Oklahoma. This event is the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation Festival. On Friday night, November 4, 2011 we will begin the event with the Pre-Party. This event will recognize the Federation President as well as the elected and appointed board and all of the people who come together to make up our wonderful federation. If you miss this event, you will surely be missed and you will miss out on the fun and fellowship that takes place. Also taking place will be a good meal shared with many friends. Next on the agenda will be dancing with some

of our fantastic federation callers. Guys this is a great opportunity to interact with your fellow square dancers. Everyone has worked very hard this year to get the cost more manageable and the value is definitely the best. The Pre-Party will take place at the Biltmore so you do not have to get in your car and drive anywhere once you check into the hotel. The cost of the rooms are \$59.00 + tax, including breakfast and parking, WOW!! The cost of the meal and the dance following is \$18.00 per person. Invitations will be passed out at the State Federation Meeting on September 25, 2011 at Western Hills Lodge, Wagoner, OK. If you are not there, they

will be sent to you. We will also have this invitation on our internet and available to send to anyone requesting it. This is a party open to all square dancers and special guests. Please do not miss out on the fun and fellowship. 2010 was a fairy tale year for us. Everything was just over the top. We would like for Ray and Patricia to feel the same way at the end of this year. Come to the Pre-Party and help celebrate a great year of square dancing in Oklahoma.



Jim and Julia Reese
Pre-party Chairman

Southern District—Rick and Mary Gantt

I thought we were through with the triple digit temperature but not in Southern Oklahoma. Over 100 yesterday and today and a very slight chance of rain during the week. I know everyone is experiencing the same problem so on to our great hobby of Square Dancing.

Southern District's Annual BBQ Dance is history. A great turn out with plenty of delicious BBQ with all the trimmings was on hand. If you left hungry, it was your own fault. Very little

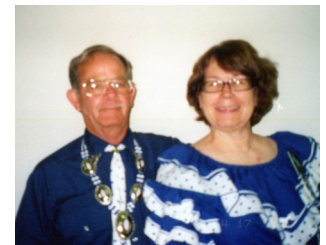
is happening in Southern District at this time. The District did have its 2012 election this past Saturday. Results will be in the next issue.

All the clubs are still dancing at the same time and dates as last reported. Ada Hereford Whirlers is still trying to get something going this fall. Ardmore Southern Circle danced at the Elks Club Annual Spaghetti Day to help sell tickets and promote Square Dancing. Also the club had a booth set up at the Wilson Fall Fest

and at the Carter County Free Fair to sell tickets. Southern Circle starting classes this past Tuesday with five new dancers for the first night.

Don't forget our Fall Bash on October 8, which will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 14th & Broadway, in Ada with Bobby Willis. Grand March will be at 8 PM. This will be a Visit Nine Dance.

In our dancing, we need to be flexible and forgiving. Dancing isn't a team sport, but it is a couple sport, and we



need to work together. In every dance that you do, remember the Three C's--cooperate, collaborate, and compromise. Your dancing together will feel so much better.

Skip & Lou



65th Oklahoma State Square Dance Festival



Date: Saturday, November 5, 2011

Location: Biltmore Hotel
401 S. Meridian
Oklahoma City, OK

Phone: 405-947-7681, 1-800-522-6620

Room rates are subject to applicable state & local taxes.

All reservations must be guaranteed & accompanied
by either a first night room deposit or guaranteed with
a Major Credit Card. When making your reservation,

please give your group name
(OKLAHOMA SQUARE DANCE FEDERATION)
to get the group rate. Check in time is 3:00 P.M.

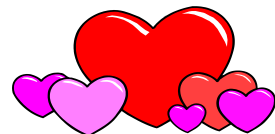
Check out time is 12:00 P.M. Sunday, 11/6/11

Rate cut off date is October 22, 2011 at 12:00 A.M.

Complimentary Breakfast
FREE PARKING

Time: 9:00 AM until 11:30 PM

Advance tickets \$1.00
at the Door \$1.50



Please join in this celebration,
invite your friends & fellow dancers

*From Our Heart to Yours,
We Hope You Dance*



62nd NSDC Publicity—Ed and Connie Baker



Help, Help, Help, Please

Every square dancer in the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation knows in 2013 we will host another national convention. Yes, in less than two years the 62nd National Square Dance Convention will be in Oklahoma City. It's safe for me to say, that all of the Sooner Board Chairmen need your help. We all need your physical hands on help. Whether it's help to take charge of a task or someone to follow another's leadership to complete a task. We need you. This is the grand daddy of square dances each year. Plans for this convention began about 4 years ago. On a smaller scale it is similar to our district and federation festivals. You have your leaders that take charge and use their committees to complete various tasks so we have a fun, successful and profitable dance. With many people pitching in to help, then the work load on each individual is less and before you know it everything is complete. If you would like to help and don't know who to contact, send me an e-mail. There should be a Sooner Board Chairman in your district that will appreciate your help. It is not necessary that you help in your district. You might have friends in another city or district in Oklahoma that you want to work with. That will cause no problem. If you want to help or would like more information drop me an e-mail at edcon611@swbell.net.

You can help our district and club by pre-registering. The price is currently \$40 per person. The past two national conventions that were in Oklahoma City were profitable. This extra money was returned to the districts which in turn returned money to their clubs. Two parts to the formula that will return money, is from pre-registrations and dancers that took on a task and got involved and helped before and during the convention. In fact all of the National Square Dance Conventions have been profitable. This is from the National Executive Committee's website (www.necnsdc.com) Please, pre-register and get involved.

Now you say; \$40? That's a high price for a square dance. This convention is for three days. The days are Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Dancing starts at 10 AM each day and we turn the lights off at midnight each night. That's forty two hours of dancing. Dance floors for the beginner to the challenge dancer. Dancing for Contra, Round Dancing, line dancing and even a youth only dance room. There will be sewing clinics, education panels, and one fashion show. There will be dozens of vendors from across the United States displaying their square dance wares so you won't have to go home without a new outfit.

We need your help and like our slogan, "The Sooner The Better". We need your help by pre-registering and most importantly volunteering and joining one of our committee chairmen and pitching in to make the 62nd National Square Dance Convention a profitable success.

Northwest District—Dale and Jackie Niehus

We are heading out of town & getting this in at the last minute. We do not have a lot in the Northwest District to report.

We are losing the Levi's n Lace Club in Enid at the end of this year. It is always sad to see a club have to fold after many years of activity.

We have another club that has asked to join the Northwest – but will hold off on announcing anything about them until the next issue.

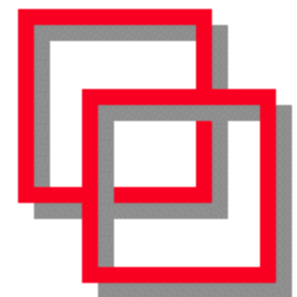
We have a meeting planned for October 2nd for all in the Northwest to attend to discuss the future of our district & the possibility of a

new club coming in.

The State festival is fast approaching & we are trying to get all the tickets sold that we can before the deadline to get them turned in.

We hope to see all of you November the 5th.

Jim Robertson & Linda Meyer – Reporting





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