

Newsletter of North Alabama Country Dance Society • Group Affiliate, Country Dance & Song Society • Established 1982
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Celebrate The Gift Of Dance



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Waltz
Twirl
Play
Dress Up
Smile
Gypsy
Chain
Circle
Promenade



Enjoy Aerobic Exercise
Build Self Confidence

Make New Friends
Swing Her To Kansas

Bring Family
Hear Good Music



**Pictures taken at recent Huntsville dances and the October Nashville Dance Weekend...
Great dancing, terrific music and good calling enjoyed by all!!!**

Getting To Know You

Ron Lee

Ron, the bandana man, was born in Manhattan, NY and attended the School of Organic Education in Fairhope, Alabama and then attended Quaker colleges in Iowa and Ohio. While at Fairhope he danced English Country and Morris dances for 10 years and danced in an International Folk Dance Festival in St. Louis in 1948.

During 40 years of marriage he fathered six children but did not dance. A year after becoming a widower he discovered NACDS (1995) and has since danced in 16 states and on the Isle of Wight in the English Channel. He's been to the British Isles five times and hiked the "coast to coast" trail across England.

Ron is a member of five dance clubs across TN and in Huntsville. As a matter of fact, he helped to start the Sewanee group three years ago. When not dancing, he enjoys crossword puzzles, walking, hiking, visiting children and grandchildren, attending his book club, being a lay reader at St. Mary's Episcopal chapel, supporting the Sewanee Summer Music Festival, and guzzling coffee at the Blue Chair Coffee Shop and Bakery.

There are at least two things you may not know about Ron. He has a long-haired outdoor black cat named "Ebony." Ron says, "This cat likes to hunt even though I feed it well. Right now there are two chipmunks sprawled on my front porch – gifts from Ebony." And, the other tidbit Ron shares, "I was a tax return examiner (known by some as an IRS agent and others as a plague) for the IRS for 30 years.

We know Ron as an excellent dancer who faithfully makes the drive to Huntsville from Sewanee and shares his cheerful enthusiasm on a regular basis. We promise we'll not hound you for the secrets of how to avoid IRS audits!



Natasha Kunin

Natasha has a BS and MS in EEE and worked as an engineer and interpreter/translator when she worked. She's been married for 30 years to Boris and they have three sons and one daughter.

Natasha loves dancing and classical music and she attends concerts whenever she can. She also enjoys cross-stitching and traveling to other places to visit friends and to dance.

She started dancing in 1985, the year they moved to Cleveland, OH. "It was amazing how much dancing was going on there. They had two-three contra dances every week plus international folk and Israeli dancing." During the 20 years that Natasha has danced, she has danced in Baltimore, Glen Echo in

Washington DC, Annapolis, Cleveland, Chicago, Nashville, Asheville, San Diego, Gainesville, Atlanta, Memphis, Boston, Greenfield, MA, Peterborough, NH, and at NEFFA and Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals. "I almost made it to a dance in

London!

Besides contra dancing, Natasha also enjoys English Country dance. She is very proud that three of her four children are dancers. Here is an original quote that she said came to mind recently – "Happiness is hands four with your children!"

Natasha has served on the NACDS board and has offered good leadership as well as happy smiles to Huntsville dancers for years.




Thanksgiving

During this recent season of thanks, I was reminded of how fortunate we are to be able to use the facility at Faith Presbyterian for our dances. Because of some recent carelessness, however, dancers may need a reminder to treat the building with respect. Thanks.

Huntsville dances are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., South, (corner of Whitesburg & Airport Rd.). Beginners Workshop is at 7:00 PM then the regular dance is from 7:30 – 10:30 PM.



Admission is \$7 (\$6 for members), \$4 for teens, free for ages 12 & under. Remember to bring comfortable, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

Contact Bryan Walls (256) 837-0656 or email: bwalls@pobox.com or visit <http://secontra.com/NACDS.html> for more info.

Date	Caller	Band
Dec 3	Janet Shepherd	Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson
Dec 17	Charlie Harvey  Holiday Dance - See feature on back page	PlaidGrass – Nashville
Jan 7	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Wolves a Howlin’
Jan 21	Vicki Herndon	Jim and Inge Wood



Area Dance Gypsy Calendar

Date	Location	Caller	Band
Dec 9	Sewanee  Holiday Dance with Door Prizes	Jane Ewing	Contra Rebels (Pennsylvania)
Dec 2	Nashville (University School, Edgehill Ave)	Vicki Herndon	Nashville Weather
Dec 9	Nashville	Ed Wilkinson	Nashville Ceili
Dec 16	Nashville	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Calliope
Dec 18 2:30-5:30	Nashville (Sun Afternoon English Country Dance)	Susan Kevra	Emily and Al Cantrell
Dec 10	Chattanooga  Holiday Dance -South Chattanooga Complex/Recreation Center	Fred Park (Asheville)	Contra Rebels (Pennsylvania)

FoOTMaD (Birmingham) dances 2nd Saturdays at the YMCA, 3rd Ave & 23rd St, 7:30 PM <http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>
CTDS (Chattanooga) dances 2nd & 4th Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown, 8:00 PM.

Contact Steve at (706) 937-4991, Claire & Bryant at (423)876-7359 or <http://contranooga.org>

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN) dances at the Legion Hall in Sewanee, TN. For details, call (931) 598-0814 or check <http://www.mistycontra.zoomshare.com/0.html>

NCD (Nashville) dances almost every Friday at 8:00 PM at University School.

For directions, contact Chrissy at (615) 210-6808 John, email: DanceFools@aol.com or <http://dancenashville.org/>

A Bit Farther Away, But Well Worth The Travel

CCD (Atlanta) dances on Fridays & alternate Tuesdays. <http://contradance.org>

KCD (Knoxville) dances every Monday. <http://www.kornet.org/kcd/>

MCD (Memphis) dances on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. <http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

Sautee Community Dances (N. GA) once a month from Sept – May. <http://sauteecontra.home.mindspring.com/>

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Make checks payable to NACDS.
(mailing label shows renewal date)

Members receive monthly newsletter,
2 guest passes, and a \$1 DISCOUNT to
each regular dance!

Huntsville Holiday Dance

Saturday, December 17

8:00-11:00

\$10.00 – special rate (no passes); Free for ages 12 and under

Bring your favorite holiday goodies!

Caller – Charlie Harvey from Asheville, NC

Music by PlaidGrass

Gretchen Priest-May – fiddle

Tim May – guitar

Brian Christianson – fiddle and mandolin

Al Goll – resonator guitar

Tom Saffell – 8-string banjo

Bill Baldock - bass