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February 3rd:

Jane Ewing with Feet First

Our own **Jane Ewing** called. **Eric, Tom, Katrina & Chuck** played. A splendid time was had by all.

February 17th:

John Sharlet with Hell's Belles

Hell's Belles, the "purtyest string band in Alabama" (and right nice musicians too) will play as **John Sharlet** from Nashville leads us in contras, circles & a square or two.

Don't forget: NACDS dances the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays of the month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church on Whitesburg at Airport Rd. in Huntsville. Come to the refresher workshop at 7PM, then dance until 10:30 for \$6 (\$5 for members, \$3 for teens.) Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes to dance in and please wear a name tag. Bring someone new to a dance this month!
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Ahem!

Our dances have been very well attended lately, which is good, but on February 3rd we had an incident that must be addressed. One of several children playing in the library at Faith made a couple of calls to 911 and hung up. Police officers were dispatched, but apparently no names were taken at the time.

This was a serious incident and forces us to impose the following changes in policy:

In the future

- The library will be locked during dances,
- Children are welcome at our dances, but must remain in the gym or be supervised by a responsible person at all times.

Blue Moon Caller's Orientation

Have you ever been tempted to call a dance? To orchestrate the actions of dozens of people for a bit? What an awesome sense of power!

"Mwah-Ha-Ha!" (Sorry, I got carried away.)

To encourage beginning callers, we will begin having a caller's orientation prior to any fifth Saturday "Open Mike" dance. Show up at 6 to coordinate with Harry and the other callers.

Tips & techniques can be discussed, and help in teaching or communicating with the band can be arranged. For assistance contact:

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Dance Weekend News

Blue Moon IV - UAH Center - June 1-3, 2001
- Cis Hinkle (Atlanta GA) with Hotpoint String Band (Athens OH) plus Bob Dalsemer and the Red Mountain White Trash

Check out Hotpoint's web page:

<http://www.hotpointstringband.com/>

or the Trashes:

<http://www.bamalong.com/red.htm>

Then call Bryan or Carol and volunteer to help!

Other Dance Weekends:

Nashville's Playford Ball is March 23-25, 2001. Bare Necessities is the featured band. See Chrissy or John for details.

Newsletter Delayed Again!

It is almost mid-month as I write this. Half of the month's dance activities are history. My excuses sound pretty lame even to me, but here they are: I moved into a new house last month - I'm really covered up with work & other obligations - and perhaps I'm getting a little burned out after 30 (or so) newsletters.

Your Item Here!

Your dance related item can be showcased in this space. Send it to me any way you can.

Note my new address & phone number.

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$8, payable to me at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you and all your kin will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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These people were spotted at our Feb. 3rd dance lurking about, asking questions of dancers, and taking down the answers in little notebooks. It turns out that they were reporters for the *Huntsville Times*. Look for their article and photos in an upcoming edition.

Calendar

*Local events in **bold**; contact Bryan Walls (256 837-0656; bwalls@pobox.com) for more info.*

Feb. 2 (Fri.): Nashville: Eddie Doss with Playin' Possum

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriol, near I-440 & Nolensville Rd.

Instruction at 7:30, dance at 8:00. For more info, contact Chrissy (615-210-6808) or John (DanceFools@aol.com).

Feb. 3 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Feet First

Feb. 5 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Nick Boulet calling with music by Contra Amazons

KCD dances Mondays at the Laurel St. Theatre (at 16th Street); for info: <<http://www.kornet.org/kcd/kcdsched.htm>>.

Feb. 9 (Fri.): Nashville: No Dance - off to Knoxville

Feb. 9-11: Knoxville: KCD's 27th annual Dance Weekend

Feb. 10 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Jane Ewing with Ratha Fair

CTDS dances occasional Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown; 8-11 P.M.; \$5.

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Feb. 10 (Sat.): Birmingham CDS - Susan Davis with Magic Truck

BCDS dances 2nd & 5th Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$6. Info: <<http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>>

Feb. 12 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Linda Allen calling with music by Morning Coffee

Feb. 16 (Fri.) Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Five O'clock Somewhere

Feb. 17 (Sat.): NACDS dance - John Sharlet with Hell's Belles

Feb. 19 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Vicki Herndon calling with music by Danny Gammon and Friends

Feb. 23 (Fri.) Nashville: Ed Wilkinson with Carnival Knowledge

Feb. 24 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Seth Tepfer with Fiery Gizzard String Band

Feb. 26 (Mon.) Knoxville: Tim Klein calling with music by The Mumbillies

Mar. 3 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Janet Shepherd with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Mar. 17 (Sat.): NACDS concert & dance - Jingo String Band with Seth Tepfer

To get your dances on the schedule, e-mail us with the particulars by the 20th of the month. - Doug & Bryan

St. Patrick's Day Concert & Dance

Mark your calendars now for March 17th. At 6 PM on that day we will have a special concert featuring Jim & Inge Wood and Mike Smartt - a.k.a the Jingo String Band. Cost: \$2 per person. The dance that night - with Seth Tepfer calling - will start at 8 PM. Refresher workshop at 7:30

Wear green!