

# Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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## February 5<sup>th</sup>:

## Susan Kevra with Contratopia - Potluck too!

A band from "the upper midwest" (Minnesota & Iowa) is swinging thru the southeast in early February, and we get them on Saturday. They also will play in Atlanta and Knoxville. **Susan Kevra** from Nashville will call. There will be a **potluck** dinner starting about 5:45 before the dance. Don't miss it!

## February 13<sup>th</sup>

## Steering Committee Meeting

Harry Delugach will host the meeting at 5 PM. See directions below.

## February 19<sup>th</sup>: Harry Delugach with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Following Valentine's Day, our second dance of the month will feature **Ed & Elsie** plus **Harry Delugach**.

The fine print: NACDS dances the 1st & 3rd 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 \$7 (\$6 for members, \$4 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!

## Special Contratopia Dance!

Come and bring all your friends to dance this Saturday, as we host Contratopia. Susan Kevra will call. No passes accepted - Adults \$8 - Teens \$5 for this dance only.

## Steering Committee at Harry's

At 5 PM on Sunday February 13th, there will be a steering committee meeting at 1712 Weymouth Lane. All are invited!

Here's how to get there: Head west on 72 past Target & the car dealerships. Near the bottom of the hill, turn right on Providence Main Street (formerly Old Indian Creek Rd.) Continue north until you get to the round-about at Old Monrovia. Circle right three-quarters so that you're heading west again (it used to be a left turn.) Take the next right on Wintergreen, then the next left on Longleaf, and the next right on Weymouth. Harry's is about the 6th house on the right. Ya'll come!

## Contra Corner Etiquette & other Stuff!

"So let's talk about gum chewing"

I was driving to dance out of town one evening recently & as usual I had several passengers along eager to go dance *anywhere!* Oh yes, true dance Gypsies! If you have never been in my car let me explain that, more often than not, the conversation is non-stop for the entire trip. This night was no different - however what I was hearing was news to my ears:

The men in the car were talking about dancing with partners that were chewing gum while they danced. The exchange of descriptions was vaguely like "dancing with a cow that is chewing its cud".

So, we get on the dance floor that night, and as often happens, I had to spend a lot of time dancing the man's part. Now, I don't mind that, because as long as I'm dancing, I'm happy. As I traverse up and down the lines I start to notice the gum chewing (Can it be that men don't chew gum as often as the ladies do?) By the end of the dance I am back in the car totally stunned at how bad this habit is.

The moral of this story - beware of chewing gum and dancing - You might be putting your concentration in the wrong muscles (and none of us need to look like Bossie the Cow!).

Jane Ewing

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$10 (\$15 for families), payable to NACDS at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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## Calendar

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

Feb. 4 (Fri.) Nashville - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Nashville Weather

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriel, 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](mailto:DanceFools@aol.com)).

**Feb. 5 (Sat.) NACDS - Susan Kevra with Contratopia - \$8 adults \$5 teens - Potluck!**

Feb. 11 (Fri.) Nashville - Barb Kirchner with the Wingates (@ Lockeland School)

Feb. 12 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Cis Hinkle with 'Notorious' - Larry Unger & Eden MacAdam-Somer

FoOTMaD dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 3rd Ave. & 23rd St. in Birmingham. 7:30 - \$8.

Feb. 12 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Rob Harper with Cross Town Traffic (Brasslanta)

CTDS dances 2nd and 4th Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown; 8-11 P.M.; \$5.

For info contact: Steve at 706-937-4991 or Claire & Bryant at 423-876-7359 or: <http://contranooga.org>

**Feb. 13 (Sun.) NACDS Steering Cmty. 5:00 PM - Harry Delugach 1712 Weymouth Ln 35806**

Feb. 18 (Fri.) Nashville - Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg, Fred Carpenter & Brian Christianson

Feb. 18 (Fri.) Sewanee - Eddie Doss with Mountain Creek Boys

This Misty Mountain Dance starts at 8 in the Legion Hall in Sewanee TN. Call 931 598-0814 for more info.

**Feb. 19 (Sat.) NACDS - TBA with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson**

Feb. 25 (Fri.) Nashville - John Sharlet with NOTSBA (Nashville Old Time String Band Association)

Feb. 26 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Danny Gammon

Mar. 4 (Fri.) Nashville - Jim Coode with Nashville Weather

**Mar. 5 (Sat.) NACDS - Vicki Herndon with Chuck & Katrina Weber & Ian Panton**

Mar. 11 (Fri.) Nashville - Jane Ewing with In the Woods

Mar. 12 (Sat.) Chattanooga - TBA with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Mar. 12 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Reuven Anaf Shalom with Stone's Throw

Mar. 18-20 (Fri.-Sun.) Nashville Playford Ball - Cohn Center see

**Mar. 19 (Sat.) NACDS - Barb Kirchner with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson**

Mar. 25 (Fri.) Nashville - Eddie Doss with Nashville Ceili

Mar. 26 (Sat.) Chattanooga - TBA with Mike Robinson & Steve Nix

In Atlanta they dance on Fridays and Tuesdays - see <http://contradance.org>

In Knoxville they dance every Monday - see <http://www.kornet.org/kcd/>

In Memphis they dance 1st and 3rd Fridays - see <http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

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

### Other Dance Events of Note

Knoxville 31st Annual Dance Festival 2005 - Feb. 18-20 - Flapjack & Cis Hinkle

Chattanooga has announced their first dance weekend: Chattaboogie! Sept. 23-25

See: <http://chattaboogie.com/> for more info.