

Newsletter of North Alabama Country Dance Society

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REMEMBERING BOB WEAVER

Bob Weaver, a regular contra dancer during the 80's and 90's, recently passed away after a long illness. Bob grew up in Hot Rock community in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He served in the military and spent several years in the VA home on Meridian Ave. At 6' 4:, Bob was one of the tallest dancers when our group danced at the old Burritt Church on Monte Sano. Bob, our hearts reach out to your family in loving memory.

FOOTMAD AT MENTONE!

The annual Old-Time Music & Dance Weekend sponsored by the Birmingham Friends of Old-Time Music And Dance (FOOTMAD) organization will be held August 14-16 at Riverview Camp in Mentone. Riverview has a beautiful opensided, wooden-floored dance hall and a waterfront on the Little River, whose chilly waters feel great in August.

For the past 22 years the weekend has featured great old-time bands and musicians such as James Bryan and Norman Blake, Lotus Dickey, Ralph Blizzard and the New Southern Ramblers, the Freight Hoppers, the Red Hots, Big Hoedown, Red Mountain White Trash, the Monks, and many more. The core activity of the weekend is dancing, but also on the schedule are jams (slow and regular), a concert by the featured band, a late-night swing or Cajun dance, Sunday morning gospel singing, a clogging workshop, swimming, and a wacky waterfront drama or pageant. The Kate and Gus Show*, a special program for children ages 5-12, keeps them busy and happy while their parents dance.

Campers stay in cabins or bring their own tents. Some also stay in bed-and-breakfasts and or rent chalets in the area. FOOTMAD furnishes two breakfasts and campers are asked to bring a contribution to the Saturday night potluck and any other food or beverages they need. Everyone at the camp is expected to volunteer for a congenial bit of cooking or

cleaning during the weekend, which helps FOOTMAD keep costs low.

*The Kate and Gus show: Arts, crafts, nature hikes, storytelling, music. Schedule: Friday 8:00 p.m.-dance intermission; Saturday: Entire a.m. dance; 8 p.m.-dance intermission; Entire Sunday dance.



HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

- Huntsville dances are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., (corner of Whitesburg Dr. & Airport Rd.). Beginners Workshop is at 7:00 PM, and 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!

Gen'l info, bwalls@pobox.com or www.secontra.com;
 Schedule info, Doug Roth: hdroth@pobox.com.

AUGUST 1: HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — JANE EWING

BAND — APPALACHIAN STORM

AUGUST 14: HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — HARRY DELUGACH

BAND - WOLVES A HOWLIN'

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

AUGUST 7: NASHVILLE

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — APPALACHIAN STORM

AUGUST 8: BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — ROBBIN SHAFFER

BAND — JUST ADD WATER

AUGUST 11: FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

AUGUST 14: NASHVILLE

CALLER — ED WILKINSON

BAND — THE CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

AUGUST 14 - 16: MENTONE, AL

BIRMINGHAM OLD-TIME MUSIC & DANCE WEEKEND

CALLERS — SHAWN BRENNEMAN, SUSAN DAVIS,

AND CIS HINKLE

BANDS — NOTORIOUS, RED MOUNTAIN WHITE TRASH,
AND FOOTCAPE

AUGUST 21: NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — NASHVILLE WEATHER

AUGUST 22: CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — CALLIOPE

AUGUST 25: FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

AUGUST 28: NASHVILLE

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

BAND — CALLIOPE

To LEARN MORE

Footmad (Birmingham, AL)

www.footmadbirmingham.org

205-822-0505

2nd Saturdays at the YWCA in downtown Birmingham

4th Sunday afternoons (except May-August)

CTDS (Chattanooga, TN)

contranooga.org

All Saints Academy

310 East 8th St. - Chattanooga, TN

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN)

931-598-0814

mistycontra.zoomshare.com

American Legion Hall

36 University Avenue, Sewanee, TN

NCD (Nashville, TN)

615-356-3869

nashvillecountrydancers.org

Contra dance most Friday nights

English Country Dance 2nd Sunday of each month

See web site for locations

Flat Creek, TN

jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm

Flat Creek Community Center south of Shelbyville, TN

A BIT FARTHER AWAY, BUT 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/

JULY 18 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On July 18 the annual meeting of the NACDS membership was held in the gymnasium of Faith Presbyterian Church.

President Carol Mevin called the meeting to order. No other fools being present, Carol nominated Kevin Riggs to record the minutes, and she announced the agenda of the meeting: to vote on proposed changes to the bylaws, to present the slate of new officers proposed by the nominating committee, to solicit other nominations for officers, and to vote for officers.

Carol read the pertinent extent section of article 6, the subject of the proposed change: "The elected officers of the NACDS are President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Property Custodian, Membership Chairman, and dance series Producers. All terms of office are one year, and with the exception of the Property custodian, Newsletter Editor, dance series Producers, and Treasurer, no individual may hold any given office for more than two years consecutively."

Carol then read the proposed amendment: "The elected officers of the NACDS are President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Property Custodian, Membership Chairman, dance series Producers, and Webmaster. All terms of office are one year, but individuals may be re-elected to successive terms. The duties of the officers shall be:" add "i: the Webmaster shall 1. Maintain the NACDS webpage to provide current information to the membership and the public 2. Maintain and create content for NACDS Facebook page or other social networking site."

Carol called a vote on the proposed changes. The vote carried unanimously in favor of the changes.

Mark Mohon named the names of the people proposed by the nominating committee to serve:

President: Erin McGuire

President Elect: Trey Brakefield

Secretary: Claire DaviesTreasurer: Jane Ewing

· Producer: Doug Roth

Property Manger: Steve Nix

Membership: Mark Mohon

Newsletter Editor: Kevin Riggs

Web Master: Bryan Walls

Carol opened the floor for other nominations.

No other nominations being offered, Doug Roth motioned to vote by acclamation for the officers proposed by the nominating committee. Jane Ewing seconded, the vote was called, and the slate proposed by the nominating committee was elected intact by unanimous acclaim.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Riggs



GET CONNECTED, STAY CONNECTED

Visit the NACDS web site:

http://secontra.com/NACDS.html

There is an announcement list for everyone and a Yahoo Group discussion list for those more involved. E-mail nacds@pobox.com if you'd like to be on either.

Yahoo group:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity



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

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