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May 5th:

Jef Hodge with Feet First

Birmingham's answer to the Soggy Bottom Boys from "O Brother, Where Art Thou", **Jef Hodge** will call while **Chuck & Katrina Weber, Tom Green & Eric Torstenson** play great old-timey music. Come at 5:00 for the workshop session.

May 19th:

Harry Delugach with Ed & Elsie

Elsie Peterson & Ed Baggott will provide the tunes whilst **Harry Delugach** calls. Come at 5:00 for the workshop session.

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!

Dance Weekend News

Please put these items on your to-do list:
First, **SEND IN YOUR APPLICATIONS!** Sorry for shouting, but *it's time!* After May 18th the price goes up to \$50 (from a low, low \$45 bucks.) Natasha Kunin is the registration commissar. You can save on postage if you bring your form & payment to a dance.
Next, **Volunteer!** Our dance weekends don't just happen by themselves. We will need folks to help make decorations, to decorate the hall and set things up, we'll need people to haul water and man the table occasionally. To volunteer, contact Bryan Walls - bwalls@pobox.com or 837-0656.

If you can **host** an out-of-town dancer or two, Jeannie Peters (jbutterfly@mindspring.com or 882-0654) is the person to contact. Don't be shy! I've done this for 3 years now and met fine folks from far & wide!

AfterDance Party

There will be an out-of-sight not-to-be-missed open-house after-dance party at Bryan Wall's following the big Saturday-night Blue Moon Shindig June 2nd. At 11 pm when we vacate the University Center we'll drive over to 4304 Holmes Ave. (it's just off campus - show newcomers the way) and celebrate until the wee hours. The wood floor in the Bryan's living room is fine for swing dancing. Bring a snack or drink to share. DeeDee Corley is coordinating - call 520-9996.

Election of Officers

Well, the time of year to elect new officers is here. This is the way it is supposed to work:

- In late February the president puts together a nominating committee.
- In March the committee twists arms or otherwise hornswaggles people into accepting nomination to the various officer positions.
- In April the slate of officers is printed in the newsletter so that everyone has a chance to gossip about them and/or try to curry their favor.
- The election is held at the yearly meeting during the break of a dance in May.

Alas, real life intervenes and the best laid plans often go awry and we forgot all about it, soooooo....

We are delaying the election of officers till the second dance in June. That will allow a slate of officers to be put together and placed in the *next* newsletter. This is your opportunity to gain access to the halls of power in this, *your* dance community. (Or at least find a seat in our game of musical chairs.) Natasha is heading up the nominating committee so if you would like to become more involved, please let her know! 880-8740

- Mark Mohon, President & Doug Roth, NL Ed.

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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Calendar

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

- May 4 (Fri.): Nashville: John Sharlet with Carnival Knowledge
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).
- May 5 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jef Hodge with Feet First**
- May 7 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Kathryn Hunter with the Wild Goose Ceili Band
KCD dances Mondays at the Laurel St. Theatre (at 16th Street); for info: <<http://www.kornet.org/kcd/kcdsched.htm>>.
- May 11 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Sally & Mark Wingate
- May 12 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Linda Allen with Rebels without Applause
CTDS dances occasional 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
- May 12 (Sat.): Birmingham CDS - Vulcan's Britches with Joanna Laney
BCDS dances 2nd & 5th Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$6. Info: <<http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>>
- May 14 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Nick Boulet with Contraindicated (Brasstown)
- May 18 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA with Playin' Possum
- May 19 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Harry Delugach with Ed & Elsie**
- May 21 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Open with the Contra Amazons
- May 25 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA
- May 26 (Sat.): Chattanooga: To be Announced
- May 26 (Sat.): Birmingham - Unplugged is Tentative. Check before coming - see web page for map
- May 28 (Mon.) Knoxville: Steve Williford with the Nightcrawlers
- June 1 (Fri.): Nashville: No Dance! Go to Blue Moon!
- June 1-3 NACDS - Blue Moon IV - Bob Cis Trash Whooo!**

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

IMPROVE YOUR CONTRADANCING -- HAVE FUN LEARNING, HAVE MORE FUN DANCING

Don't miss NACDS's workshop designed to improve your contradance skills, whether you're a beginner, a seasoned dance gypsy, or anywhere in between. We have scheduled this series so you can get up to speed in time for the "Blue Moon" dance weekend early in June.

The workshop sessions are adapted to the needs of those who show up, and go as far as time permits. We start with basic steps, give partner swing a lot of extra attention, touch on a few more abstract topics such as dance etiquette and the connection between the dance and the music. We even get into the basics of waltzes.

There is lots of opportunity for questions and discussion.

These sessions are in the gymnasium of Faith Presbyterian Church (where the regular dances are held), from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., just before the Saturday dances on April 21, (*Sorry, you've missed that one!*) May 5, and May 19. A fee is charged. Harry Delugach leads the workshop, with live music provided by *Feet First*.