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August 3rd: Martha Phillips with Jim & Inge Wood and Marsha Denton

It has been awhile since they played for us, but **Jim Wood** and his lovely wife **Inge** will be on hand to play for our first dance this month. Jim is well known in Tennessee & Alabama for his champion fiddle playing. Inge plays guitar and bouzouki and banjo. Joining them on keyboards will be **Marsha Denton**. **Martha Phillips** will be over from Memphis to call. [A splendid time was had by all! - Editor]

August 17th: Harry Delugach with Feet First

Our own **Harry Delugach** will be on the caller's stand for our third-Saturday dance. **Katrina & Chuck Weber** (on piano & fiddle) and **Tom Green** (on guitar) will supply the tunes. Come on down!

August 31st: Blue Moon calling with Mae Wine

Chuck & Katrina Weber will host the band - which **you** can sit in with, and a crack team of callers will teach some dances. **You** can call your favorite dance for us too. Callers & musicians should arrive early to tune-up, coordinate with the hosts etc. Our caller encouragers are Jane Ewing, Harry Delugach & Chuck Weber.

The fine print: 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!

Editor Survives Caller's Week

Your humble editor attended "Caller's Week" at the John C. Campbell Folkschool in Brasstown NC the last week of June. It was great fun. There was dancing during class each morning and afternoon, plus a dance for the whole community each evening. Bob Dalsemer, one of the caller's for our dance weekend last year, taught the class and coached me & the other students. I learned a whole lot, got to call some exciting new dances, met some fantastic people and had a wonderful time.

The folkschool offers classes in almost every 'folksy' art, craft or subject of interest. Check them out!

Click <http://www.folkschool.org/> for a catalog.

Gypsy down to Birmingham August 10th

Jane Ewing reports that she is calling in Birmingham the second Saturday in August. Curley Fries and the Idaho Boises will be the band - this is a local B'ham bluegrass group. She will have a car going down and there may be others going also. If anyone is interested in tagging along they may contact her at 256-582-1021 or ewing@localaccess.net.

Dancing While On Vacation

This summer, to escape the humid and sultry south, my younger son and I took to the Interstate Highway System and traveled through Tennessee, Virginia & Pennsylvania to spend a week in the Adirondack Mountains of New York with 10 other members of the family. Prior to my departure, I had searched various dance related pages on the internet and discovered that Bob Nicholson, one of my classmates from Brasstown was calling a dance in Syracuse on Friday, July 26. Following the directions given on their web page, my son & I and my nephew (who we were ferrying back to Nashville with us) made it to the dance, where we discovered that due to a family emergency, Bob was going to be very late & a surrogate caller, Vivien Rose from Ithaca had been dispatched in his stead. The band, who called themselves "Contranella," were three young people playing fiddle, piano & guitar. I don't think there were ever more than 7 couples in the set, and the boys and I apparently aggravated an unusual but mild abundance of male dancers; nevertheless, it was a fun dance.

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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Callers week at Brasstown NC, 2002

Calendar

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

Aug. 2 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy D-C calling with Russ Barenberg & Friends

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).

Aug. 3 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Martha Phillips with Jim & Inge Wood & Marsha Denton

Aug. 5 (Mon.) Knoxville: Vicki Herndon calling with music by Contraindicated (from Brasstown)

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

Aug. 9 (Fri.): Nashville: Susan Kevra calling with Nashville Weather

Aug. 10 (Sat.): Birmingham: Jane Ewing with Curley Fries & the Idaho Boises

BCDS dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$8. Info: <<http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>>

Aug. 10 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Nick Boulet calling with The Boom Chicks from Brasstown

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 or: <<http://conranooga.com>>

Aug. 12 (Mon.) Knoxville: Tim Klein calling with music by Wild Goose Ceili Band

Aug. 16 (Fri.): Nashville: NO DANCE (Mentone Weekend)

Aug 16-18 BCDS: Old-Time Dance & Music Weekend at Mentone

Aug. 17 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Harry Delugach with Feet First

Aug. 19 (Mon.): Knoxville: Donna Calhoun calling with music by Atomic City Rhythm Rascals

Aug. 23 (Fri.) Nashville: Chrissy calling with The Wild Hog String Band

Aug. 24 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Bryant Haynes with Up In The Air (Atlanta)

Aug. 24 (Sat.): Birmingham - Unplugged - NO UNPLUGGED IN AUGUST

BCDS Unplugged dances are held at the Unitarian Church on Cahaba Rd. near the Zoo in MountainBrook. \$3

Aug. 26 (Mon.): Knoxville: Nick Boulet calling with music by Mumbillies

Aug. 30 (Fri.) Nashville: Eddie calling with In the Woods

Aug. 31 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Blue Moon open mike with Mae Wine & you - tentative at press time

Aug. 31 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Chris Bischoff with Contraindicated (@ Split Tree Farm)

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

Wanted: Apprentice Sound Persons

Steve Nix and Bob Bennett are our two main 'sound guys.' They are the ones who handle the care, feeding and maintenance of our amplifier, mikes, speakers and what-not. They are also accomplished and avid dancers. Occasionally, they both sign up for the same out-of-town dance event. We were afraid that this Labor Day weekend was going to be such an case, and that if we wanted to dance on Saturday night, August 31st, we would need some new blood to help with the sound. It turns out that Steve is planning to be here, but even so, please consider coming early to learn to help with the sound this month. Remember that this is an all volunteer organization. Your time and talents can help keep the dances going. Other positions are available too.