

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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December 6th: Jane Ewing with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

For our first Saturday dance, **Jane Ewing** will be the caller. Our own **Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson** will play.

December 20th: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Contraindicated

The second event this month is our special Holiday dance. The band, **Contraindicated**, is from Brasstown, NC and features **JD Robinson** on fiddle and **Bryant Haynes** on guitar. **Chrissy Davis-Camp**, one of our favorite callers, is from up in Tennessee. **Note:** Dance starts at 8 PM. Party afterwards at the Mebanes. See below.

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 \$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!

Dance News

The Saturday after Thanksgiving found several of our number dancing off the excess calories. A carload of Huntsville dancers drove to Birmingham for their Turkey Trot. Barb Kirchner call and the Red Mountain White Trash played. There were enough people to run three lines for about half the night. Fun dance!

I haven't heard any reviews, but rumor has it that some North Alabama dancers made it over to the CTDS dance at Split Tree Farm that same Saturday. Great!

RMWT Concert at UAH

The newsletter went to press after this event was over, but the Red Mountain White Trash played a free concert at the UAH University Center on Tuesday morning, December 2nd. Apparently they talked a bit about traditional string band music in Alabama and played a mess of it too. The concert was well received by an audience of students, faculty and the public.

Alas, my work schedule did not flex enough for me to attend, but I sure would have liked to.

Plan now for our Holiday Dance

Our special Holiday dance this year will be on December 20th, at Faith Presbyterian Church. Dress in your best festive apparel because this is one of our special, more fancy dances. It will cost a bit more: \$10 for adults and \$7 for teens. No passes accepted.

We'll meet to decorate the gym at noon. Later in the afternoon, Faith will have it's annual Homeless Banquet. (Donations of warm clothing and blankets will be accepted at our dance on the sixth.) A refresher class will start at 7:30 after the banquet is over. The dance itself will last from 8 until 11.

Chrissy Davis-Camp will call and Contraindicated will provide the tunes. There will be a party at the Mebane's after the dance, so bring a goodie to share. Directions to their house will be provided.

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) for more info.*

Dec. 2 (Tue.) Huntsville - Red Mountain White Trash in concert at UAH Univ. Center - 11:00 AM

Dec. 5 (Fri.) Nashville: Susan Kevra with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson <- *Huntsville band!*

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).

Dec. 6 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Dec. 12 (Fri.) Nashville: Eddie Doss calling with Wingates

Dec. 13 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - No Dance, but a party at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens

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

Dec. 13 (Sat.) Chattanooga - No Dance

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>

Dec. 19 (Fri.) Nashville: Jim Coode calling with Playin' Possum

Dec. 20 (Sat.) NACDS Holiday Dance - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Brasstown's Contraindicated

Dec. 26 (Fri.) Nashville: NO DANCE

Dec. 31 (Wed.) B'ham FoOTMaD - New Year's Eve Dance - Cattywampus with Susan Davis

Jan. 2 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA

Jan. 3 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Mountain Creek (Bryant Haynes and Mike Robinson)

Jan. 9 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA

Jan. 10 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - TBA

Jan. 10 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Nick Boulet with TBD

Jan. 16 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA

Jan. 17 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Seth Tepfer with TBD

Jan. 23 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA

Jan. 24 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Barb Kirchner with Fletcher Bright String Band

Jan. 30 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA

Jan. 31 (Sat.) CTDS @ Gorham's Bluff - Waltz in the afternoon & Contra at night with Barb, Seth, Ed & Elsie!

Jan. 31 (Sat.) NACDS - Open Mike calling with Bob & Cathy White, Curt Lewis & Jim Holland

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 20th of the month. - Doug & Bryan

Other Dance Events of Note

New Year's Eve Contradance in Atlanta - Seth Tepfer with the String Beings - see <http://www.dancerhapsody.com/>

Dance Sampler at Gorham's Bluff - see <http://www.gorhamsbluff.com/arts/events.html> for details

30th Annual Knoxville Dance Weekend - Feb 13-15 2004 see <http://www.kornet.org/kcd/fest2004.htm>