



Happy Time Squares

December 31, 2008

Square Dance Club, Lawrence, KS

Travel Dances for 2008

Club & # of Travelers

January	
<i>Shawnee Swingers</i>	29
February	
<i>Kuntry Kuzzins</i>	20
<i>K.C. WhirlAways</i>	17
March	
<i>Sunflower Squares</i>	
April	
<i>Strato Jets</i>	
<i>Bluestem Swingers</i>	34
May	
<i>Swinging Squares</i>	34
<i>Crosstrailers</i>	18
June	
<i>No Official Travels</i>	
July	
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August	
<i>Wheathearts</i>	35
September	
<i>RiverBend Prom.</i>	21
October	
<i>Frontier Twirlers</i>	
<i>Swingin Singles</i>	15
November	
<i>Ottawa Prom.</i>	28
<i>Top-Kan</i>	40
December	
<i>Strato Jets</i>	17

HTS Club Dances

As 2008 is bidding us Adieu we hope that you will enjoy our recap of *Happy Time Squares* dances and activities for the year.

DANCES

January: The first dance of the year was our **Anniversary dance** with 141 dancers, 104 members and 37 guests dancing to **Vic, Judy and Vernon**. Guest Callers were **Larry Crady, Virginia Yerta and McKenna Crady**. The evening was made more special with the Decorations and Refreshments. **Tonya Ketchum** made an **Anniversary cake** for the occasion. A group **picture**, with everyone dressed in **Red, Black and Yellow** was taken at the end of the dance with 96 members, what a group.

February: **Cupids Capers Dance** was attended by 123 members and guests. Red and White outfits set the atmosphere along with the Decorations and Food.

March: **Leprechauns & Lucky Shamrocks** set the scene as 112 dancers, made a person think spring with all of the green color.

April: Our **Springtime with Donna** dance was a fun evening. Donna chose all of the singing calls for Vic. and 92 of us enjoyed your selections. Thank you Donna.

May: As soon as we walked in the door the decorations transported 121 dancers to the Island for our **Waikiki Beach Party**. What a trip.

June: Wanted Posters plastered the walls with pictures of dubious characters for our **Happy Trails Dance**. The **Lone Ranger** made our 102 dancers set up and take notice as he rode through the hall. We are lucky the sheriff did not show up.

July: There was something special in the air for our **God Bless America** dance. All 110 dancers felt the inspiration throughout the evening.

August: **The Roaring 20's** dance brought out the Flapper and Gangster look for our 109 dancers. Of course music and decorations for the era completed the theme.

September: Poodle skirts, scarf's and saddle oxfords met up with white tee-shirts and slicked back hair for our **50's Sock-Hop**. It brought back memories for a lot of the 97 dancers.

October: Ninety-five people, some of them in strange looking dress came to our **Spooky Special** dance. The costumes were exceptionally good with some people hard to recognize.

Fun Dances for 2008

According to Lareeda's monthly calendars HTS went to 78 Fun Dances.

We also have members that went to other dances not listed.

*Ace and Lareeda are outstanding Travel Chair's
They keep us informed and on the move.
Thank you for a job well done.*

Demonstrations

As a way of promoting square dancing and our upcoming lessons we did five Demo's

*Tonganoxie Days
First Nazarene Church
Mustard Seed Church
DG. CO. Fair
Free Methodist Church*

These events have resulted in New Dancers to our club.

At the present time we are in the midst of lessons for 34 new dancers. This class is the result of ideas and implementation of those ideas by Dave and Barbara and the advertising committee. This committee reached out to the community in a variety of ways that had not been tried in the past. It worked.

November: We really **Shared our Blessings** at this dance, 100 dancers came with 200 pounds of food along with \$150.00 cash that was taken to **EKAN** by **Ace and Lareeda Hickey**. Thank you.

December: Our Christmas dance **Fireside Fun** was enjoyed by 122 members and guests. It was an evening filled with fun, fellowship and entertainment. The dancing was led by the best **Caller and Cuers** in the area. Entertainment was provided by the **Happy Time Stompers**, our own **Cloggers** performing **Grandma got run over by a Reindeer**.

Recognitions

December was a busy dance night with a lot of Thanks being said.

On behalf of the club monetary gifts were presented to **Vic and Donna Perry, Vernon and Toni Nelson and Judy and Gene Broers** for their **Calling and Cueing** expertise and dedication throughout the year.

Frank and I were presented with gifts from the club, a framed group picture of all of you, a photo album of pictures that go back several years and a lovely gift basket of goodies. *Thank you, we appreciate your thoughtfulness, we will always treasure the memories of this year.*

After the dance a Club Meeting was held during which Frank and I were able to recognize all of the Officers, Helpers and Chairperson's that have worked so hard during the year to make this club a success. We were able to accomplish much with the willing help from all of our members. We give everyone of you our heartfelt thanks.

Special Events

Graduation

Our graduation dinner in February was attended by 68 dancers. Twenty-one dancers graduated (two were unable to attend the dinner); Forty-nine angels that had helped during lessons were came and showed support for our new members. Thanks to Stan and Lois for preparing the meal and thank you to Rosalee for heading the decoration committee. With all of your help it was a festive party. All of the new dancers had studied hard and passed the final test that Vic gave. **Congratulations!!**

Summer Sizzle

In August, Vic and Donna provided us the opportunity for a fun weekend at Kimberling City on Table Rock lake in Missouri. We learned new calls, ate, went boating, ate, shopped, ate, just relaxed and ate again. It was a wonderful weekend with friends and that is what square dancing is all about -- Being with friends. **Thank you Vic and Donna.**

Your New Officers

The officers you have elected to lead you in 2009 are ready to start to work for our club. We know you will continue your support because that is just the kind of people you are - The Best. Congratulations!!!

Our Closing Thoughts.

So much went on this year that we ran out of room to express our thanks.

Again, we wish to thank this years officers, helpers to the officers and committee chair's for your help and hard work. Many other members have helped on these committees and special projects. For all of your hard work we thank you.

To every member of Happy Time Squares this is an outstanding club and we think a good part of it is because you are all fun loving and friendly. Keep it up and enjoy dancing every chance you get.

You have all given us many special memories of this year that we would not trade for anything.

Keep Smiling and we will see all of you in 2009.

Frank and Betty

NEKSDAA

Happy Time Squares attended all of the NE District dance events

March was the Tenderfoot Dance at Croco Hall. Fifteen new HTS dancers attended along with thirty-three of their angels. It was a great introduction to the square dance world.

July was the NEKSDA annual picnic and HTS volunteered to host the event again this year. It is an opportunity to attend their business meeting and visit with people that time does not permit during a dance.

National Convention in Wichita

This was one of the big events of the year. Several of our members worked very hard assisting other Kansan's with preparations before and during the convention. The Style Show, Sew and Save, Registration and Check-in and Educational Panel's are some of the areas that our members worked with.

Most of our eighty- two members that attended were able to stay together at the Sleep-In hotel. We had our own bus that took us to and from the convention each day. The hotel was kind and allowed us to use their breakfast room for ice-cream each night after dancing all day. As we all know ice-cream is an important part of our social activities.

Boots Bows & Barbeque

Our fund raiser for the year was held September 27th. Stan and Lois with help from their seasoned crew served pork loin, homemade french fries, cole slaw, relishes and a variety of desserts to more than 300 people. Awards and special recognition was given for all of the extra effort that went into the successful event.

Frank and I were fortunate that the BB&B was the same day as our fifty-seventh anniversary so we could spend it with more than three hundred of our closest friends. Surprises of a cake, flowers and a card signed by many in attendance made for another special memory.

New Officers for 2009

Your new officers for 2009 are ready to start work with enthusiasm and new ideas.

Dave and Barbara Neff,	Presidents
Lynn and Sherry Brun,	First Vice-Presidents
Larry and Alice DeMoss,	Second Vice-Presidents
Elois and Gary Allan	Secretary
Vicki and Mike Hegeman	Treasurer

Dave and Tonya Ketchum	Assistants to the First Vice-President
Pat and C.J. Baker	Assistants to the Secretary