

A Fun Weekend!

Two events made for a fun weekend for Happy Time Squares!

America the Beautiful Dance Saturday Night



Twelve squares participated in a grand march to start the Mainstream portion of our July dance! In honor of our country and to celebrate Independence Day, we all joined in singing The Star Spangled Banner.

While we were lined up, we took the opportunity to recognize Bob Rainbolt and his son Kevin for their work on the Happy Time Squares website. Bob and Kevin have operated the website since the club formed in September 2005. It is, we believe, one of the best square dance websites anywhere. After introductory remarks by David Neff, Vic Perry presented Bob and Kevin with plaques that expressed our thanks for their hard work and dedication over the years. Thank you, Bob and Kevin, for all that you do.

By the time we started dancing, there were fifteen squares on the floor to kick off two more hours of fun! In all, we had 135 dancers - 87 members and 48 guests! We also enjoyed several guests who came to watch.

The decorating committee of Phil and Tammy Gabriel, Darin and DeeAnn Howell, Sam and Robin Hunsaker, and Rosalee Rainbolt artfully carried out the theme of America the Beautiful with banners, bunting, flags and flowers.

Robert Mugridge and Ron and Linda Wright greeted members and guests alike and made them feel welcome.

Larry and Alice DeMoss kept the water and tea jugs filled, which was no small task during the warm evening! Lloyd and Connie Northrop, Clarence and Sharon Kowalewski, and Norma and Jerry Henley helped them at the refreshment table. We thank all of these people for setting up drinks and refreshments in a pleasing manner. We also thank all of our members who bring the great snacks and desserts for our party!

We also want to extend a thank you to those members who worked the greeting table accepting admission donations, selling Pot of Gold tickets, and selling Boots Bows & Barbeque tickets. Lynn and Sherry Brun, Stan and Lois Zaremba, Bob and Cherry McCabria, Jim and Betty Driver, Ruth Mitchel, Donna Perry and Toni Nelson all gave of their time. A special silver dollar celebrating our Constitution was a bonus for the Pot of Gold. This kept interest high and the people selling POG tickets very busy!

We thank those who came early to help set up and stay late to ferry equipment and restore order. So many people contribute to the success of our dances and we thank you all. Everyone who comes to dance adds to the evening's pleasure.

Vic called a great dance, with Vernon and Judy cuing popular round and line dances. They all help keep the evening's fun moving along! We truly appreciate their talent and effort. Bill Roles (Frontier Twirlers caller) and our own Wade Morrow added a lively tip.

A lively group from the Emporia Blue Stem Swingers retrieved their banner. In all, the guests represented ten clubs.

We had missed the June dance and were really happy to be back for this one. As always, it was so much fun! What a great group of dancers!



Shindig in the Barn Sunday Evening

At least thirty-seven members of Happy Time Squares gathered at the home of Dave and Tonya Ketchum for a Shindig in the Barn. The weather really cooperated, giving us a very pleasant evening for dancing to Wade Morrow's calls. We had lots of time to visit and enjoy really good food! Dave and Tonya, Phil and Tammy Gabriel, Mike and Betty Anderson, Bob and Rosalee Rainbolt, and Wade and Laura Morrow all helped with the evening's festivities.

The barn is Dave and Tonya's brand new three-car garage that has the same log cabin theme as their home. We enjoyed Tonya's wonderful landscaping a profusion of beautiful wildflowers and other plantings.

A most relaxing and enjoyable evening!

We look forward to seeing you at our First Annual Summer Social on Sunday, July 26.

Dave and Barbara