



Happy Time Sun-Times

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Happy Times Squares

Lawrence, Kansas

The Year in Review

This was the Fifth Anniversary year for our club. Happy Time Squares was organized in September, 2005 and our first dance was January 14, 2006. 2010 was another great year with our members supporting not only HTS monthly dances and numerous demonstrations, but other dances in Kansas, Missouri, and Kentucky. We follow in the footsteps of our predecessors with this newsletter to celebrate highlights of 2010. **Thank you** to every member of Happy Time Squares who contributed to the success of the club during the year.



Fund Raiser

Happy Time Squares threw another great party - our fifth annual edition of Boots, Bows & Barbecue. Over 350 members and guests from 18 clubs gathered on August 28 for food, fun and fellowship. Stan and Lois Zaremba, with the help of so many members, cooked and served a great meal.

Fun continued throughout the evening. Line dancing with Judy for everyone, a demonstration by our Happy Time Stompers, an introduction to square dancing with guests participating, a Grand March followed by square dancing, Rounds, and Lines.

HTS recognized Stan and Lois Zaremba for their leadership, along with salespeople Toni Nelson, Lloyd Northrop, Lynn Brun, and Frank Alexander.

Caller Vic concluded the evening with our traditional "Happy Trails" circle to send everyone home with a smile.

Special Events Add Fun to Our Year



Second Annual Summer Social

On Sunday, July 25, seventy-eight members and several guests gathered at Centennial Park for our second annual summer social. We again had perfect weather for the event. Connie Northrop and her committee are to be congratulated on organizing another successful picnic. Several games were available including horseshoes, ladder ball, 3-legged race, and a pin-the-glasses-on-Vic game which drew many participants. It was an afternoon of Fun, Food, and Fellowship!



Special Dances & Events

HTS members attended many special dances and events during the year. These are only a few

Jan 9 - HTS Fabulous Fourth Anniversary Dance

Feb 6 - 53rd NEKSDCA Festival

Feb 15 - HTS New Dancer Graduation

Mar 13 - Tenderfoot Dance

April 11 - Wally Kelly Retirement dance party

April 16 - Strato-Jets Last Luau

April 17 - Ottawa Promenaders 60th Anniversary Dance

April 30 - Leprechaun Boys, St. Joe, MO

May 5 - Shindig In The Driveway, w/Wade Morrow

June 4-5 - 58th Kansas State Convention, Salina

June 13 - Carl & Mary K's 1st Anniversary Dance

June 23-26 - 59th National Square Dance Convention, Louisville, KY

July 17 - HTS hosted NEKSDA Picnic, Croco Hall

Aug 28 - HTS 5th Annual BBQ

Sep 26 - NEKSDA Friendship Dance

Oct 22 - Wheathearts' Annual Octoberfest

Nov 6 - Ottawa Promenaders Annual Hog Roast



Happy Time Squares Members, Fifth Anniversary Dance, January 9, 2010

HTS Members Enjoy Monthly Club Dances

HTS Members and guests enjoyed twelve regular monthly dances during the year. Our average dance attendance was 77 members and 40 guests from ten clubs. We owe such success to our hard working members who provide a party atmosphere for each dance, and of course, our excellent caller and cuers. Thanks Vic & Donna, Judy & Gene, and Vernon & Toni!

January: Seventy-eight Members and 23 guests from eight clubs braved heavy snow to celebrate our [Fifth Anniversary Dance](#) on January 9, 2010. The Grand March ended with 11 squares for the first Mainstream tip.

February: Our [Aged to Perfection](#) dance celebrated Vic's birthday with 80 HTS Members and 54 guests from eight clubs in attendance.

March: [Follow The Irish Rainbow](#) was the theme for the March 13 dance, with 86 members and 28 guests from eight clubs displaying the green. Barbara Neff distributed our 2010 Membership Directory.

April: [Dancing In The Rain](#) on the 10th (actually a dry evening) had 76

members and 41 guests. Eleven squares were in the Grand March. Four clubs lined up for banner marches.

May: [Tiptoe Through The Tulips](#) with 76 members and 37 guests from 11 clubs. *Happy Time Stompers* clogged to Tiny Tim's version of the song. Wheathearts retrieved their banner.

June: [Roaring Twenties](#) was the theme and many dancers turned out in appropriate costume. Seventy-three members and 45 guests from 14 clubs were in attendance. BBQ tickets were put on sale.

July: An historical regular monthly dance as guests outnumber our members! Seventy-nine guest from 13 clubs joined 78 members for our [God Bless America](#) dance. Fifteen squares were in the Grand March.

August: [Jayhawk Jamboree](#) dance with appropriate colors everywhere. Seventy-one members and 60 guests from 14 clubs!

September: A month with historically low dancer turnout brought 63 members and 20 guests from five clubs to our alternate dance location, Eagles Lodge, for [Shindig In The Barn](#). Annual membership meeting and officer election followed dance.

October: [Share Our Harvest](#) was the theme with 74 members, 41 guests from nine clubs. Food donations to homeless. Three clubs marched for banners. Caller Vic was kidnapped!

November: [Thanksgiving Turkey Trot](#) with toy donations to Salvation Army. Eighty-one members, 34 guests from nine clubs. Vic invited our New Dancers onto the floor for the first Mainstream tip and they did a great job.

December: Our [Christmas Giving Dance](#). Eighty-four members, 18 guests from eight clubs braved a frigid north wind for a lot of fun, with everyone cuing and calling to Christmas songs! Eleven of our New Dancers were on the floor for two tips! Santa Claus even made an appearance. Our *Happy Time Stompers* performed for us and we concluded the dance with "Silent Night." After the dance we installed the new officers and recognized the officers and chair people who'd done so much for our club during the year.

 **Photos from all these dances are available in our Club Photo Album on the HTS website: www.happytimesquares.com You will also find presidents' dance reports here.**



HTS Members assembled for our traditional Salina photo on Saturday evening. Those unable to make it to the photo session later joined the group for Grand March.

Kansas State Convention, June 4-5

Fifty-nine HTS members attended the Kansas State Convention in Salina the weekend of June 4-5. We had great fun dancing to national caller Nick Hartley, and our own Kansas callers. Pam Young was the featured round dance cuer. Other cuers included our own Vernon & Toni Nelson for Rounds and Judy & Gene Broers for Lines. Several

members also attended workshops for Plus and Mainstream, Contra, Rounds, Lines, and Clogging, and possibly the last Fashion Show to be held at our State level. We had a couple of dinner outings on Friday and Saturday evenings, Fazoli's for Italian and Western Sizzlin for steaks. Of course, both evenings ended in our traditional ice cream party back at the motel!



Happy Time Squares Members pose with square dance Friends at Churchill Downs, Louisville

National Convention June 23-26

Thirty-five members of HTS attended the 59th National Square Dance Convention in Louisville, KY June 23-26. Our esteemed lodging coordinators, Ace & Lareeda Hickey, along with Dave & Barbara Neff, obtained fantastic accommodations for the group, who were joined by our Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois square dance friends.

The group enjoyed four days and evenings of touring the Louisville attractions, dancing and partying. Friday and Saturday evenings ended back at our motel with ice cream and wrap-up of the day's activities. Each dancer has memories of their highlights of the convention, whether a tour, workshop, dancing, or just plain fun, food and fellowship.



Travelling with Ace and Lareeda

Ace and Lareeda Hickey led us to at least one Travel Dance per month during 2010. Each travel consisted of two or more HTS squares. All NEKSDA clubs were visited to either steal their banner or retrieve ours. Travel dances, of course, result in reciprocal visits from those clubs and allows our members to display our hospitality of food, fun and fellowship. Thank you, Ace & Lareeda for your work this year!



Graduation

HTS graduation dinner and dance was February 15, with nine New Dancers receiving their diplomas and club badges. 1st VP Vernon & Toni conducted ceremonies, Stan & Lois Zaremba provided the dinner of sloppy joes. Cake and ice cream followed the meal, of course.



Round Dance Lessons

Vernon & Toni conducted Phase II round dance lessons, beginning in January and running for 15 weeks, with a graduation party on April 29. They awarded diplomas to 19 couples at the graduation party. Cake and ice cream was served, of course.



Tenderfoot Dance

March 14 was NEKSDA's 34th Annual Tenderfoot dance. Area callers and cuers provide an afternoon and evening of square, line, and round dancing, free to our New Dancers. It is a fun time to square up with so many of the new folks, and the club banner march is always neat.

♥ HTS Cares to Share

HTS Members responded to the call for October food for the homeless, November Salvation Army toys for tots, and December food for ECKAN, with items and money. Each organization responded with their thanks.



Dance Demos

This was a very busy year for square dance demos (11 by our count). Our 1st VP Vernon & Toni, along with their lessons committee and several HTS members, organized these demo dances to introduce our great activity to those who might be interested in our fall lessons. Our average attendance was almost four squares per demo!

Apr 13-Free Methodist Church
Apr 21 - Drury Place
Apr 26 - Lecompton Historical Society (also clogging demo)
Jun 19 - Baldwin City, with Ottawa Promenaders
Jul 3 - 1st UMC picnic
Jul 24 - Eudora CPA picnic, with Wade calling
Aug 5 - Douglas County Fair
Aug 29 - Emanuel Luth. Church
Sep 12 - South Park Arts&Crafts, with Wade calling
Sep 23 - Tonganoxie Hospice, with Sam calling
Nov 13 - National Agriculture Hall of Fame, Bonner Springs

Thank you HTS dancers, and Caller Vic (and Wade and Sam) for all those hours of demonstrating. Judging by our fall class of New Dancers, it paid off!



Lessons

HTS lessons kicked off in full swing on Sept 13 with 2010-2011 lessons. Several squares took advantage of the first three free lessons. Twenty-five have committed, and are enjoying the weekly lessons.



Carl & MK 1st Anniversary Dance

Carl & Mary K Bahnmaier celebrated their first anniversary with a free dance at Croco Hall on June 13, with Caller Vic calling the dance. It was a well attended affair with their friends and relatives, HTS members, and many of their friends they have met through square dancing. Carl & Mary K met at a square dance, and you will remember they threw a wedding square dance last year.



Shindig In The Driveway

Three member couples conspired to throw a birthday square dance party for Dave Ketchum and Mike Anderson on May 5th, the venue being the driveway at Wade & Laura Morrow's house, with Wade calling. The event was well attended, with guests dropping in for a tip or two during the afternoon blast. Thanks Betty, Tonya, and Laura (and Wade) for a fun time!

Salute Caller/Cuers



Happy Time Squares is fortunate in that we offer dancers not only great square dancing but also Rounds and Lines at our dances. Caller Vic Perry, Rounds by Vernon Nelson, Lines by Judy Broers, each respected by their peers for dedication and ability with their craft. And a special thank-you to Robin Wood for her choreography and cuing for our Happy Time Stompers.



2011 Officers Installed

Stan & Lois Zaremba were installed as HTS President following December's monthly dance. They are founding members (Lois suggested our club name), and bring with them a contagious good humor and love of square dancing.

Most of our other 2010 officers agreed to stay on another year:

1st Vice-President: Vernon & Toni Nelson

Treasurer: Don & Ivey Harris
Secretary: Elsie Middleton

2nd Vice-President Larry & Alice DeMoss are retiring after serving two years. They did an outstanding job and our club is deeply indebted for their service.

Stepping up to 2nd Vice-President, and sharing office are CJ & Pat Baker and Danny & Betty Lucas. They have served in other capacities over the years and we look forward to both couples serving on the Board. Congratulations to all!



Demo Dance Agricultural Hall of Fame

The National Agricultural Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs invited Happy Time Squares to join them on November 13 for their Harvest Celebration special event. Three squares accompanied Caller Vic over for two sessions of square dance demonstrations. Toward the end of each session, Vic invited the public to join us for an introduction to square dancing, and 100% squared up with us each time! It was a fun morning and afternoon, dancing in an old barn, a free lunch provided by our host, and an opportunity to tour the Ag Hall grounds. We had plenty of time to return home and prepare for HTS' Thanksgiving Turkey Trot dance that evening.



Thank You to our 2010 Officers

We are indebted to those who served on the 2010 Board of Directors and gave so much of their time to ensure Happy Time Squares had a successful year:

Vernon & Toni who took over in our absence, cued Rounds at every monthly dance, artful work on HTS' Scrapbook, organizing demonstrations, heading up a most successful New Dancer committee and working so many hours contacting the new prospects.

Larry & Alice headed up the monthly Dance Committee to ensure we had refreshments, the hall was decorated, our guests were greeted at the door, and setup/cleanup was orderly. Plus, doing the same thing for our lessons! Don & Ivey were always present at the front table to check in our members and guests, sell pot-of-gold tickets, and keep money things organized. They missed quite a few tips but never complained.

Elsie miraculously translated simultaneous conversations at meetings and put the events into orderly transcript, as well as other secretarial duties we forget we asked her to do.

And, Dave & Barbara were always just a phone call away for answering endless questions and provide advice.

. . . . and our Committee Members

Frank & Betty Alexander, CJ & Pat Baker, Jim Boehle & Edie Boehle, Tom & Nancy DeGarmo, Dale & Betty Guder, Jerry & Norma Henley, Ace & Lareeda Hickey, Dave & Tonya Ketchum, Keith & Carol Noe, Lloyd & Connie Northrop, Tim & Ronda Shepard, Dave & Nancy Wickersheim, Stan & Lois Zaremba.



Did We Forget Anything?

If we left out someone or something, we apologize. We attempted to include highlights of the year, but with such an active club and so little room here, we may have overlooked your favorite memory. Please let us know, and we'll try to add it to this year-end review.



Rosalee and I thank HTS for allowing us to serve as 2010 President. It was a blast!