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Mar 20-22, 1989 Opryland, Nashville, TN
Apr 9-11, 1990 Hyatt, Orlando, FL
Mar 25-27, 1991 Bally Grand, Las Vegas
Apr 13-15, 1992 Pavilion Towers, VA Beach

FROM THE CHAIR - Chairman Bob Osgood

There isn't one of us who at some time has not been faced by a critic of CALLERLAB, someone who claims that our organization is responsible for the problems facing square dancing today, whether these be attrition of classes, declining club attendance, too many dance programs or not enough dance programs, and so forth. When this happens, it is an opportunity for each of us, as well as our responsibility, to set the record straight. CALLERLAB is not responsible for these difficulties nor is it a cure-all for them, but it has provided many solutions and directions and continues to work for others.

Take time out to review some of the achievements of CALLERLAB in your own thinking so you'll be prepared to explain them to fellow members, non-members as well as dancers should they take critical aim at CALLERLAB. Today, via our organization, there are communications between callers beyond the local range which allow world-wide goals to be set. We have a system of accreditation for callers, an established caller-training curriculum and a universally recognized system of dance programs to be used wisely as the needs of our various communities dictate. Look back; perhaps you'll remember as I do, when at one time, prior to CALLERLAB, we counted more than 20 different labels for square dance programs such as high, low, intermediate, easy, fun, club level, etc., many of which were concepts with little meaning from one area to the next.

CALLERLAB will always have more to accomplish and, within its democratic framework, we can agree to disagree with each other. But by working together, great strides can continue to be taken. What we have is something very special. CALLERLAB is working and it will continue to work as each of us recognizes that we must do our part in supporting it and keeping it well and prosperous.

PRESS RELEASES - There have been several press releases sent out in the last few days. All are included in this issue for your information and guidance.

Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year - Bob & Becky Osgood
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' ELECTION RESULTS

* * * * * S T A R T * * * * *

The CALLERLAB 1987 balloting for the Board of Governors has resulted in the election of the following individuals: JACK BERG from Chicago, IL, *DARYL CLEN-DENIN, Portland, OR, BILL DAVIS, Sunnyvale, CA, *HERB EGENDER, Aurora, CO, LARRY LETSON, Pharr, TX, MELTON LUTTRELL, Fort Worth, TX, JIM MAYO, Hampstead, NH, *BOB OSGOOD, (current Chairman of the Board), Beverly Hills, CA, and *MIKE SEASTROM, Northridge, CA. JACK BERG will complete the remainder of the term left vacant by Gene Trimmer's untimely death. The other elected candidates will serve three (3) year terms. Congratulations to each of these well-qualified callers!

We also would like to thank and congratulate those candidates who, although unsuccessful at this time, took the time and had the interest to run for the Board of Governors. These include BUDDY ALLISON, Powder Springs, CA, LARRY COLE, Marion, IN, DECKO DECK, Rehoboth Beach, DE, BOB "FATBACK" GREEN, Selma, AL, MIKE JACOBS, Fairfax, VA, EDDIE MAYALL, Tyngsboro, MA, BOB NEWMAN, Harlingen, TX, TONY OXENDINE, Sumter, SC, KEITH RIPPETO, Parkersburg, WV, KEN RITUCCI, W. Springfield, MA, and JOHN SYBALSKY, Oakland, CA.

Other members of the Board of Governors currently serving are: RED BATES, DON BECK, NORM CROSS, BETSY GOTTA, DON HANHURST, JIM HAYES, ERNIE KINNEY, MARTIN MALLARD, JOHN MARSHALL, *DARRYL McMILLAN (current Vice Chairman of the Board), JACK MURTHA, STEW SHACKLETTE, *ELMER SHEFFIELD, JR., GARY SHOEMAKE, MIKE TROMBLY, RALPH TROUT and FRANCIS ZELLER. *John Kaltenthaler serves as Executive Secretary and *Herb Egender serves as Assistant Executive Secretary. The office staff secretaries are Bunny Broderick, Betty Deane and Carol Neff. (* denotes members of the Executive Committee.)

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RESULTS OF ADVANCED DANCING KEEP/DROP BALLOT

* * * * * S T A R T * * * * *

John Marshall, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Advanced Dancing Committee, announced that his committee has reviewed the current A-1 and A-2 programs and voted to make the following changes:

** A-1 CALLS DROPPED:**
ALL 8 SWING THRU
ARKY ALLEMANDE
ARKY GRAND
CROSS CLOVERLEAF

** A-2 CALLS DROPPED:**
ALL FOUR COUPLES:
PASS THRU
CROSS TRAIL THRU
BEAU/BELLE NAMING CONVENTION

** CALLS ADDED TO THE ADVANCED PROGRAMS:**
DIAMOND CHAIN THRU
GRAND THREE-QUARTER THRU TRANSFER AND (ANYTHING)

The added calls will be temporarily assigned to the A-2 program. Review and discussion by the Advanced Committee will take place at the CALLERLAB Convention in Reno, Nevada in March 1988. Bulk distribution of the revised Advanced lists is now available through the CALLERLAB Office, Box 679, Pocono Pines, PA 18350. Cost is $4.50 per 100 (including postage).

THE ABOVE CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

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May you all have a healthy and happy holiday season - Darryl & Ann McMillan
*** START ***

Mike Jacobs, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Advanced Quarterly Selection Committee, announces that NO NEW MOVEMENT received the most votes on the recent Advanced quarterly selection ballot for the period beginning December 1, 1987.

The current Advanced Quarterly Selections are:
- Mini-Busy
- Checkover
- Open Up The Column
- Cover Up

Mike stated that his committee feels there is currently no available call worthy of being placed on this list. Mike also stated that he was pleased with the 71% voting response of his committee.

*** END ***

TRADITIONAL DANCE OF THE QUARTER

*** START ***

Mona Cannell, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Contra and Traditional Dance Committee, has announced that "TRIPLE ALLEMANDE" has been chosen as the Traditional Dance of the Quarter for the 1st quarter of 1988.

TRIPLE ALLEMANDE


Dance Call:
- Allemande left and the ladies star
- Gents walk around but not too far
- Allemande left and the gentlemen star
- The ladies walk around but not too far
- Allemande with the old left hand
- Right to your partner, right and left grand.

Dance Description:
The dancers do an allemande left and immediately the ladies form a right hand star in the center of the set and turn the star forward (clockwise), while the gents promenade single file (counter-clockwise), around the outside of the set. Turn the same corner halfway by the left and the gents step to the center to form a right hand star and turn the star forward (clockwise) as the ladies promenade single file (counter-clockwise) around the outside of the set. With the same original corner, allemande left and right and left grand.

Note: The fun in dancing the TRIPLE ALLEMANDE is to get all of the dancers dancing at the same pace so that the figure flows smoothly. Caution the dancers that with the star in motion and dancers moving on the outside in the opposite direction, the corner comes around very quickly and that they must be alert.

*** END ***

Happy Holidays - Your Executive Committee
CONTRA OF THE QUARTER

START

Mona Cannell, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Contra and Traditional Committee, announces that "INFLATION REEL" has been chosen as the Contra of the Quarter for the 1st quarter of 1988. "INFLATION REEL" was authored by Tony Parkes.

INFLATION REEL

Formation: Improper Duple--1, 3, 5, etc. active and crossed over.


Intro -- --- -- --, With one below (corner) do sa do 8 cts
1-8 -- --- -- --, With the same lady swing 8 cts
9-16 -- --- -- --, Put her on your right, go down in fours 8 cts
17-24 -- -- Wheel turn, -- -- come back to place 8 cts
25-32 -- -- Bend the Line, -- -- right and left thru 8 cts
33-40 -- -- -- -- -- -- Two ladies chain 8 cts
41-48 -- -- -- -- -- -- Circle four 8 cts
49-56 -- -- -- -- -- -- Once -- and a quarter more** 8 cts
57-64 -- -- Pass thru, NEW corner do sa do (etc.) 8 cts

* For new callers, a standard length piece of music is considered to be one in which the melody plays through one time in 64 beats.

** At this point in the dance, the caller indicates head and foot couples cross over.

END

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

Just a brief reminder to those of you who have not attended a convention since 1984 or in the case of overseas members, 1980, -- in accordance with our By-Laws, in order to maintain full membership, it is necessary to attend a convention physically once every four (4) years for those who reside in continental North America and once every eight (8) years for those overseas.

In the event that you find you cannot meet this attendance requirement, we would suggest that you request a waiver for the same. Please put this request in writing stating the reason such a waiver is being requested and forward it to the home office. If a waiver is not requested and granted, your status will be changed to that of a Subscriber until such time as you are able to attend a convention provided, of course, that your payment of dues is current. Should you have any questions regarding this membership requirement, please do not hesitate to contact the home office.

1988 RENO CONVENTION UPDATE

Plans are well underway for the 15th Annual CALLERLAB Convention at the fabulous Bally Grand Reno. This hotel is the same hotel we used in 1982 when it was called the MGM Grand. We again have the same use of meeting space which was absolutely fantastic. We will again have the dinner show for our Monday evening banquet and this is truly a memorable experience. For those of you who own recreational vehicles, Bally's Reno has a campground associated with the hotel and the rates are a very nominal amount. Of course, you must still utilize the full convention packet for meals etc but it could save you up to $50.00 per day or so.

Joyous Noel -- The Board of Governors
The program for the convention is filled with many meaty subjects that should be of great interest to all of the attendees. We will have a session on Taxes, one on Your Voice, four separate sessions on some aspect of Teaching, one session on After-parties, one session on Goal Setting, one session on Showmanship & Entertaining the Dancer, one session on Programming, one session on Presentation Skills and one session on Music. Of course we will have the usual function of an indoctrination session for the Apprentices and others interested in some of the reasons we dance the way we do. A Sunday evening Orientation will familiarize all attendees with where we now are and what to expect during this convention.

All working committees who requested meetings are scheduled for one or more time slots with some very important decisions to be discussed and formulated. All of the dance programs approved on a trial basis in New Orleans will be reviewed as well as voted upon for retention or modification. Thelma Murtha has a full program set up for the partners with an on-going hospitality room.

We have more than 66 separately scheduled functions excluding meals during these three days. Everyone should be able to find multiple interests during any given hour in order to feel productive.

**INSURANCE CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE**

We just received the insurance certificates in the office and they are now available to those of you who need them in order to secure a hall. We do not name hall owners as co-insured parties nor is the policy a general accident policy for your dancers. It is designed as a protection for you, as a caller, and also provides accident insurance for you while traveling to or from a dance and while at a dance in which you are calling.

Many of you realize how expensive liability insurance is getting to be and we believe that the insurance program we have established for our Canadian and US callers is well worth the small dues fee we charge. The cost of this insurance coverage was not inexpensive, however and the dues will have to be raised for the period beginning April 1, 1988. The dues notices will be sent out sometime during the month of December and we ask that you pay promptly. When we renegotiated the new policy, it resulted in an additional expense to CALLERLAB of $23,000 and there was no extra assessment to the members.

Some of the reasons we are able to keep the dues as low as they are include: Your prompt payment of dues when billed, your willingness to support the organization in our efforts to expand our caller base, your willingness to attend the annual conventions and your donations of time, talent and money to complete the many projects we have undertaken over the past few years. We truly appreciate your support and solicit your continued cooperation.

**CONVENTION COSTS**

The costs for the conventions are based upon "guestimates" on how many caller units will attend. A caller unit is defined as a single caller or a caller and his or her partner. Callers who bring a partner to the convention are only charged extra for the actual costs associated with meals and others attendance costs of the partner. With the exception of the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the paid office staff, all delegates including all Board members pay their own expenses for the convention and the hotel rooms. It is true that we do pay expenses for the the Executive Committee meetings other than at the conventions but they, as individuals, give up a great deal of time and in most instances, it costs them a considerable amount of money to serve in this capacity. Why not take the time to thank them for their efforts in your behalf?
FUND RAISING REPORT

Darryl McMillan, chairman of this ambitious project, reports that results are starting to come in with reports of fund raising dances in Colorado, Florida, Nebraska, New Zealand, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Virginia.

Are you involved with one or more of these "fun" raising dances in your area or state? Please contact Darryl McMillan for further information.

All proceeds from these dances are to be donated to the Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing and are tentatively earmarked to be used for the production of a TV commercial to enlighten the general public about our activity. This TV commercial will be available at cost to any and all square dance clubs or callers to have it run on their local or area TV stations. This should greatly enhance our recruiting capacity.

You may contact Darryl at P O Box 880, Lynn Haven, FL 32444. His telephone number is (904) 265-2050. Help CALLERLAB help YOU!

CURRENT MAINSTREAM QUARTERLY SELECTION - Connect Four (Please note that this call is being considered on the keep/drop ballot enclosed.)

MAINSTREAM EMPHASIS CALLS - 1987

1st Quarter 1987 - Turn Thru Family 2nd Quarter 1987 - Peel Off
3rd Quarter 1987 - Tag Family 4th Quarter 1987 - Hinge Family

CURRENT PLUS QUARTERLY SELECTIONS - 1987

Compress to a Column (Please note that this call is being considered for retention on the enclosed keep/drop ballot)
Scoot and Relocate
Rock The Boat

PLUS EMPHASIS CALLS - 1987

1st Quarter 1987 - None 2nd Quarter 1987 - Crossfire
3rd Quarter 1987 - Anything & Roll 4th Quarter 1987 - Explode Family
1st Quarter 1988 - Follow Your Neighbor

CURRENT ADVANCED QUARTERLY SELECTIONS

Mini-Busy  Checkover
Open Up The Column  Cover Up

CURRENT CONTRAS OF THE QUARTER

1st Quarter 1987 - T.A.G. 2nd Quarter 1987 - Shadrack's Delight
3rd Quarter 1987 - Tunnel of Love 4th Quarter 1987 - Patriot's Jig
1st Quarter 1988 - Inflation Reel

CURRENT ROUNDS OF THE QUARTER

1st Quarter 1987 - Kewpie Doll 2nd Quarter 1987 - Wonderful One
3rd Quarter 1987 - Sam's Song 4th Quarter 1987 - Sunday Afternoon

CURRENT TRADITIONAL DANCES OF THE QUARTER

1st Quarter 1987 - Rip and Snort 2nd Quarter 1987 - None
3rd Quarter 1987 - Three Ladies Chain 4th Quarter 1987 - Grand Sashay
1st Quarter 1988 - Triple Allemande

Happy Holidays - John & Freddie Kaltenthaler and the CALLERLAB Office Staff - Herb Egender, Bunny Broderick, Betty Deane and Carol Neff
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In keeping with our policy of reviewing all quarterly selections which have been on our list for a period of six (6) months or more, the following calls are presented for your keep/drop vote.

Please cast your ballot accordingly and return to the CALLERLAB Home Office no later than December 30, 1987!

Your prompt attention to this matter will be very much appreciated. Thanks!

KEEP/DROP BALLOT

From the MAINSTREAM QS

Keep                                      Drop

Connect Four

From the PLUS QS

Keep                                      Drop

Compress to a Column

(Name Printed) ____________________________  (Signature) __________________________

Please return this ballot NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 30, 1987!

MAIL TO:

CALLERLAB
P O Box 679
Pocono Pines, PA 18350
November 9, 1987

To    : CALLERLAB Membership
From  : Red Bates, Chairman of the 25 Week Mainstream & Plus Learn To Dance Program
Re    : Data from callers using this program

At the CALLERLAB Convention in Reno, March of 1988, we will be asked to assess the 25 Week Combined Mainstream/Plus Learn to Dance Program and make recommendations with regard to its future. Therefore, in order to make an intelligent decision concerning this program, we need to gather all available data from callers who are actually using it or a modified version of it. We will need to look at such questions as:

1. Can the program be taught in 25 weeks with reasonable success?
2. How do the class members fit into the parent club upon graduation?
3. Retention? (Data on this may not be available for another year.)
4. What, if any, changes should be made in the lists as they now stand?

MOST IMMEDIATELY, I need to know the names of those of you who are actually using the program at this time. Please take the time to send me your name, address and phone number and the number of couples in your class. Send this information to me directly at the following address:

   Red Bates
   19 Hadley St., #17
   South Hadley, MA 01075

(413) 536-0564

Please feel free to send along any and all comments that will help in the assessment of this important program. At a later time, I'll be in touch with you to see how things are going. Thanks for your help!

Regards,

Red Bates
Chairman

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN TO THE CALLERLAB HOME OFFICE!