

News From
The KITTYHAWK SQUARES
Kettering, OH
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The Kittyhawk Squares are a social club that square dances and not a square dance club that socializes. We have an excellent home dance location: The Lathrem Senior Center of the Kettering Recreational Center. They help recruit and publicize our events in their bi-monthly news letter.

Our home dances are the 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday monthly. Our club caller, Jason Raleigh, does 8 to 10 of the dances and our emeritus club caller, Sam Dunn does about 6. The remaining dates are filled by excellent area callers spiced by a couple of National callers. We have line dancing between tips. These are taught by Jeff and Diane Hissong, professional instructors. Caller cost is a secondary consideration.

We are informal. We want people to attend. We don't worry much about dress. We do club visitations 6 – 8 times a month. Raid dress is optional, we just want people there.

We sponsor several special dances a year, including a charity event that raised \$3700.00 last year. We publish a bi-monthly 8+ page newsletter that is distributed free to all members and posted on our web site. Our web site is http://members.tripod.com/kittyhawk_squares/

Our club officers and trustees are elected for 1-2 years. This avoids leadership entrenchment and formation of cliques. We have 20 or more people involved in a home dance. Those that work a dance get in free as do the elected officers and trustees.

Our new dancer classes are 30 weeks and are taught by our club caller. Angels dance free at our new dancer classes. We are very active – about 30 home dances, 80 raids and 30 new dancer sessions. We give a free home dance pass to each member every time they attend 5 raids. This encourages member participation.

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