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Future Conventions

1984 Apr 16-18,	Chicago Hyatt O'Hare
1985 Apr 1- 3,	Phoenix Hyatt
1986 Mar 24-26,	Baltimore Hyatt
1987 Apr 13-15,	New Orleans Hyatt
1988 Mar 28-30,	Reno MGM Grand
1989 Mar 20-22,	Orlando Hyatt

CONVENTION UPDATE

The convention registrations continue to come in at a good rate and we still have time to process more if you find that you will be able to attend. There are more than 700 total people registered with a very interesting program planned for you. We are trying several new innovations this year. On Sunday night, after the Social Hour, we will allow time for dinner and then conduct an orientation session for all first time attendees as well as those of you who choose to be brought up to date on recent actions of CALLERLAB. This orientation session is scheduled to take 1½ hours and will be chaired by Bob Osgood, with assistance by Ken Kernen, Jerry Helt, Jack Murtha and Gloria Roth.

On Monday morning, we start off with some pre-convention committee meetings for the following committees: Mainstream with Jack Murtha, Advanced with Kip Garvey, Plus with Mike Seastrom, Mainstream QS with Harold Bausch and Plus QS with Jerry Schatzer. These early morning meetings are to review the actions during the past year and to plan for further committee meetings during this convention. They will be Monday morning from 7:00 AM until 8:15 AM.

A reminder to all of you that breakfast on Monday is not a part of the convention package. You are on your own for that meal. The opening session begins promptly at 9:00 AM with Chairman Bob Van Antwerp and the Board of Governors. Each Committee Chairman will also be introduced with very short reviews of what will take place during their respective meetings.

Previous newsletters have advised you that our theme this year is "GOOD TEACHING IS FAR REACHING". To support this theme, we have several interesting topics which will be presented and discussed by all delegates. Leaders of these multiple discussion topics for all delegates include: Frank Lane, Jerry Haag, Don Beck, Jim Mayo, Ernie Kinney, Jack Murtha, Jon Jones, Don Hanhurst and Jack Lasry. While most of these names are familiar to you, we have also included many other equally fine leaders to help with the presentations during our annual convention. Of course you will get to meet all of our faithful committee chairmen.

Interest sessions will include LEADERSHIP with Stan Burdick, Norm Cross and Mike Seastrom. The BUSINESS SIDE OF CALLING will be conducted by Bill Peters, Ted Frye and Francis Zeller. A STYLING session will be conducted by Lois Wolfson, Bob Comyn

and Cris Crisler while MUSIC will be chaired by Jerry Schatzer with Jack Berg, Wade Driver and Dan Nordbye.

Committee meetings will complete the scheduled events for the daytime sessions. These include Advanced, Formations, Teaching in Schools, Rural Area Considerations, Timing and the first of three sessions for the Callers' Partners. This first partners' session will deal with the subject of Fashion Shows.

The Monday night banquet will include giving some awards as well as entertainment by the Red Boot Boys who have donated their time and talent to provide a change to our banquets. Post banquet, the exhibitor area will be open after the banquet until 11:00 PM when all formal activities cease. The Challenge Committee has requested and been granted a post banquet session for their initial committee meeting.

Tuesday morning starts off with five choreography sessions as follows:
 Mainstream with Joe Casey, Martin Mallard, Vaughn Parrish and Gene Trimmer.
 Plus with Darryl McMillan, Gerald McWhirter and Ivan Midlam.
 Advanced with John Marshall and Red Bates.
 Challenge with Chuck Stinchcomb, Mike Jacobs and Anne Redden.
 Traditional & Contra with Stew Shacklette, Hillie Bailey and Ken Kernen.
 7:00 AM folks. Breakfast will be a continental breakfast at 8:15 AM.

More interest sessions will include COMPUTERS with Clark Baker and Pat Grymes, DEVELOPING MAINSTREAM AS A FOUNDATION with Dave Taylor, Bob Hester and Eddie Mayall, and a TIMING interest session with Bob Bennett, Don Beck and Mike Degmetich. The balance of this time slot will include several more committee meetings including: MSQS, Challenge, Contra, Caller-Coach, Styling, Ways & Means, Research & Development and the second session for Partners. This Partners' session will have many leaders in small groups in an unstructured format. Each of six rooms will have two or more clusters of chairs and the topics will be whatever that group wants to discuss.

Lunch will follow for everyone as a part of the package. The afternoon sessions will be all committee sessions to complete all of the necessary meetings for the critical work each committee has assigned to it. These include: Contra, Plus, Glossary, Ethics, Round Dancing, Advanced, Caller Training, Dance By Definition, Benefits and our third Partners session. This session will deal with special events.

Our final segment of meetings will include additional committee meetings on: Plus QS, Advanced QS, Communications & PR, Accreditation, Traditional, Record Producers, Mainstream, Caller Association Liaison, Caller Training and MSQS.

The Tuesday evening banquet is billed as the Awards banquet and will include a short talk by our Chairman of the Board - Bob Van Antwerp. Wednesday morning will include a full breakfast to be followed by the general business meeting where formal votes may be taken on one or more issues developed during the convention.

As you can see, we have a full schedule planned for these three days. There is still time to register but please hurry. It is just over a month away.

CONVENTION DRESS

From time to time we receive inquiries as to what should be worn at the convention, particularly from those who will be joining us for the first time. We offer the following:

For the guys - informal attire is suitable at all sessions. Some prefer to get a little dressier for the banquets but this is not a requirement. Square dance attire is appropriate but again not required. Many wear sweaters during the day and vests or jackets in the evening.

For the gals - informal attire is suitable at any session. Most ladies attending wear casual clothes during the day and get dressier for the evening banquets. Square dance dresses are not needed as there is no scheduled dancing planned except for an occasional impromptu demonstration during a committee meeting or interest session. Also, since airconditioning is ever-present, a sweater might make life more comfortable. If you plan to tour Chicago either pre or post convention, please remember that April in Illinois may require a versatile wardrobe.

The weather in Chicago is totally unpredictable during this time of year. As you may be aware, Chicago is often called "the windy city". We would anticipate that the weather would probably be on the cool side. Since you do not need to leave the hotel for the CALLERLAB Convention, we would suggest you plan your wardrobe accordingly. Being spring, rain or drizzle is an ever-present possibility.

SPECIAL DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The meals at the convention this year will include two light lunches, one "fowl" and one beef dinner, one continental breakfast and one full breakfast. If you require any special dietary considerations, please submit your needs to the office in writing and be sure that you tell your waiter prior to the serving of any food. By sending us your specific needs in advance, we will have informed the hotel staff and they will be prepared to meet your requirements.

INTERESTED IN COMPUTERS?

As most of you know, we have scheduled a session dealing with the use of computers for our upcoming Chicago Convention. Clark Baker, chairman of this session, has requested that anyone interested in the same and who perhaps already uses a computer to help with any aspect of calling (e.g. taxes, record keeping, choreography, text processing, etc.), please drop him a line giving a brief synopsis of actual computer use.

You may reach Clark at the following address:

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119 Pierce Road	(617) 864-4660 - Office
Watertown, MA 02172	

Clark would appreciate any input you may have to offer!

MAINSTREAM EMPHASIS CALLS

Jack Murtha, Chairman of the Mainstream Committee has announced the following calls as having been selected as the quarterly "Emphasis Calls":

2nd Quarter 1984 - April through June

Swing Thru (Centers start from left hand waves)
Pass The Ocean (mixed sexes)

3rd Quarter 1984 - July through September

Alamo Style (other than Swing Thru)
Reverse Flutterwheel (mixed sexes)

4th Quarter 1984 - October through December

Left Square Thru
Lead Right (Other than Circle to a Line)

CLARIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS CALLERLAB "MEMBERSHIP" CLASSIFICATIONS

Periodically we get letters from prospective members indicating that they have been invited to join by our CALLERLAB members. In some instances, they have received misinformation about the various categories of membership and affiliation available. For your review and benefit therefore, we are listing the categories and criteria for the various forms of affiliation available.

Full Membership - Open to callers who have been calling a minimum of three years at least once each week. Guest tips do not count but active calling is construed to mean calling or teaching a full evening dance of some type - Basic, One Night Stand, Class, Club etc. Full members receive insurance, may serve on committees and vote in all matters dealing with the organization. Physical attendance is required at one convention prior to becoming a full member.

Subscriber - A category of affiliation, not full membership, that must meet all requirements of full membership except that physical attendance is not required. Basically a subscriber gets the same privileges as a full member except that only straw votes are permitted and a subscriber may not serve on committees.

Affiliate Organization - Open to caller associations by application and submission of roster and payment of established dues. An organization must have one member attend a convention in accordance with full membership requirements - for Continental North America, one convention at least every three years - for overseas, one convention every six years. Straw votes are permitted. Association members who are not CALLERLAB members or subscribers in their own right may elect to secure insurance if they are in continental USA. (We are working on extending this insurance to our Canadian members and subscribers.)

Associate Members - This category was established to cover the situations where a caller was a full member and had attended at least three previous conventions. It is designed for the caller who is no longer actively calling but who retains an active interest in CALLERLAB. Dues are assessed at a lesser amount - currently 40% of full membership.

Accreditation - Full members and subscribers must become accredited within two years of their affiliation with CALLERLAB. The accreditation period is initially for five years (recommendation to change it to six to coincide with the renewal period) and the renewals are valid for a six year period. The accreditation fee is \$20.00.

Other categories of affiliation and support of CALLERLAB are being reviewed regularly but as of now, none have been approved. Stay tuned.

PLUS COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Mike Seastrom, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Plus Committee, has asked that the following tabulation and comment summary from his committee's recent questionnaire be published. Below are the questions included with the responses received:

1. Do you support putting a limit on the number of calls in the Plus Program (presently we have 27 calls)?

YES	110	76%
NO	35	24%

The most popular range for limit was 27-30 calls.

COMMENT SUMMARY

YES responses:

1. To keep from becoming too much for the average dancer.
2. Need limit to have adequate time to teach properly.

NO responses:

1. Limiting hinders natural progress.
2. Good judgment should be limiting factor (i.e., let evolve).

2. Should we place a limit on the number of calls added or deleted on a per year or per "x" number of years basis?

YES	122	84%
NO	20	14%

Most popular range of limit was 2-3 calls per year.

3. Do you support freezing the Plus list at the Chicago CALLERLAB Convention?

YES	90	62%
NO	51	35%
	4	3% Undecided

If YES, how long?

3 years - 42 votes - 47%
2 years - 26 votes - 29%

4. The Plus Program Teaching Order was approved in Philadelphia for a one year trial basis. At this time, how do you feel?

1. Approve of teaching order	101	78%
2. Change the teaching order	19	15%
3. It doesn't matter	4	3.2%
4. Undecided, wait another year	5	3.8%

COMMENT SUMMARY - (Responses against approving the teaching order)

1. As good as any - use as a guide.
2. Alter the order to meet the needs of the group.
3. Teaching order is not viable as groups vary.
4. Teach the more popular calls first.

5. What do you think should be the goals of the Plus Committee for the Chicago Convention and beyond?

1. Develop methods to ease transition from class to club dancing.
 - a. Develop a transitional program
 - b. Develop caller leadership roles to prevent rush to Plus.
 - c. Promote more Mainstream dancing in applicable areas
2. Standardize Plus list, terms and concepts.
3. Provide leadership and guidance to callers and dancers on teaching, styling, timing and proper utilization of Plus calls.
4. Refine the Plus list and eliminate inappropriate or seldom used calls.

- 5. Define Plus concepts and formations (i.e., Plus versus Mainstream, Advanced, or Challenge).
- 6. Put together a CALLERLAB Plus book to cover teaching, styling, timing and teaching hints. Two forms were suggested:
 - a. 3 ring binder with replaceable pages
 - b. Video cassette

Other comments on goals:

- 1. Add more calls (i.e., high frequency Advanced calls), to further separate Mainstream from Plus (11 out of 145 responses - 7.5%).
- 2. Split Plus list (6 out of 145 responses - 4%)

6. What other topics or projects do you feel the Plus Committee should address itself to in the future?

- 1. Identify uncomfortable set-ups and usage of Plus calls.
- 2. Hold more sessions on variety and smoothness of choreography.

P R E S S R E L E A S E
(For Release After March 15, 1984)

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For the quarter beginning April 1, 1984, Harold Bausch, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Mainstream Quarterly Selection Committee, has announced that there will be no new quarterly figure. The Mainstream Quarterly Selection Committee feels there is currently no available call worthy of placement on the list.

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For the quarter beginning April 1, 1984, John Marshall, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Advanced Quarterly Selection Committee, has announced that there will be no new quarterly figure. The Committee feels there is currently no available call worthy of placement on the Advanced Quarterly Selection list.

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Jerry Schatzer, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Plus Quarterly Selection Committee, has announced that the Plus Quarterly Selection for the second quarter of 1984 (beginning April 1, 1984) is CHASE THE TAG (Right, Left, In, Out). The definition, timing and dancing examples for this call are as follows:

CHASE THE TAG (Right, Left, In, Out)

From couples back-to-back, right-side dancers right-face U-Turn Back, left-side dancers Fold. All finish as in Tag the Line, then take the facing command (Right, Left, In, Out) if one is given. Variations would include: Chase the Half Tag, Chase the 3/4 Tag. Note that if no facing direction is given, the movement ends as in Tag the Line, with dancers in single file awaiting the next command.

Timing: 6 Beats

Dancing Examples:

Heads Square Thru 4
Touch $\frac{1}{2}$, Walk & Dodge
Chase The Tag Right
Wheel & Deal
Box The Gnat
Change hands, Left Alle.

Heads lead right, Circle to a line
Pass Thru,
Chase The Tag In
Pass Thru, Wheel & Deal
Zoom, new centers Turn Thru
Single Circle to a Wave
Boys Trade & Turn Thru,
Left Alle.

Sides R & L Thru & Rollaway
Heads Pass Thru & Chase The Tag
Lady go Right & Boy go left ...
outside around 1 to line of 4
All Turn Thru and Chase The Tag
Boys go Centers In between girls
Cast Off 3/4
Pass Thru, Wheel & Deal
Centers Swing Thru
Extend & Right & Left Grand

Heads Square Thru 4
Slide Thru & Pass Thru
Chase The Tag Out
Ladies Fold and Star Thru
Couples Circulate
Ladies Trade & Ladies Run Left
to a Left Swing Thru, and a
Left Alle., full turn to partner
Right & Left Grand

Any questions and/or comments should be directed to the CALLERLAB Office or directly to Jerry Schatzer, Chairman of the Plus Quarterly Selection Committee, 1203 N. Sweetzer Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS

In an effort to keep costs down, it has been decided to discontinue sending out membership cards upon receipt of dues here at the office. You will now receive only a cash acknowledgement card and, of course, your record will be annotated that your current dues have been paid. Besides eliminating the printing costs of these cards and the office staff's time in completing them with your name and the year covered, it will also save on postage and other administrative details such as envelopes, stuffing, and typing of the small cards. This may not sound like much but through the course of a year, it adds up close to \$2,000.00 if we send membership and subscriber cards out to each individual. (That's right - \$1.00 per person and even more for our overseas callers.)

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS

We have received some questions regarding the lack of a box number on the CALLERLAB letterhead and whether or not the mail would reach the home office if it was addressed to CALLERLAB, Pocono Pines, PA 18350. Pocono Pines is a very small village and anything pertaining to square, dancing or calling will have no trouble finding its way to our office. It would help the postal people, however, if you would use our Box number. For packages or UPS shipments, please add the street - McCauley Ave.

CALLERLAB
Box 679 McCauley Ave
Pocono Pines, PA 18350

Our phone number remains 717-646-8411

Thanks very much!

CROSSING RULE

It has been proposed that the crossing rule be deleted and that when two people are required to pass, the pass would be a right shoulder pass. In the event that this proposed change is adopted, #38e Cross Run & #59e Cross Fold will be changed as a result of this deletion.

The procedure to be followed for this sort of change requires that we notify the membership in writing of the proposed change. The proposal may then be voted upon at the next scheduled convention. This is a direct result of the improper vote taken at the Philadelphia convention.

THE FIRST WORLD FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

In August of 1985, the FIRST WORLD FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL will take place in Munich, West Germany. America-Tours, official representative of this event in the U.S., is eager to bring the festival to the attention of the many talented square dance groups throughout the country.

The festival will be highlighted by international participation, competition and a grand finale performance in the renowned Munich Olympic Stadium. All participating groups will have an opportunity to perform throughout the city of Munich and to participate in the award-winning competition.

Should you desire further information regarding this exciting event, please contact Rene R. Dolbeau, President, America-Tours, Inc., 345 North Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60606 - (312) 930-9550.