



**OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS
WRITTEN REPORTS TURNED IN AT THE 2001 SUMMER FESTIVAL HELD AT
THE DESCHUTES COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ON JULY 15, 2001**

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Linda Lambert): I am sorry that I am not able to attend this meeting. A big thank you to Ralph for filling in for me. I do believe that each of us need to depend on others at various times.

I have prepared the proposed budget for the upcoming year. This has been distributed and I will be asking for approval at the September meeting. I want to thank both the Summer Festival 2000 and Mid-Winter Festival 2001 for making profits. The profits that these two committees presented to the Federation certainly made my job easier. As you remember we now budget based on the funds from these two festivals.

I am in the process of filling all of the appointed positions. If there is anyone with a GREAT desire for a position, please contact Ralph and let him know of your desires. All of the appointed positions need to provide Kay Rogers a picture for the directory. This needs to be done very rapidly. Kay can inform everyone of the deadline.

I hope to do a great deal more traveling during the upcoming year. If any of your Councils have special meetings or dances, please let me know soon so I can start to set up my travel calendar.

2002 SUMMER FESTIVAL REPORT (Lee Ashwill): Plans for the 2002 Oregon State Summer Square Dance Festival are proceeding rapidly. Starting in August the Festival Committee meetings will be held monthly. Each committee is working diligently to make this a fun Festival for all who attend. All contracts are signed and in place. There is a **TRAILS END** dance scheduled for Thursday night, June 6, 2002, in the Mainstream Hall at the Polk County Fairgrounds. This dance is sponsored by the Mid-Willamette Area and flyers will soon be seen throughout the State. There are registration forms in front of each officer and delegate. We would appreciate each of you registering early and taking the second registration form home and getting a friend to register early.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Kay Rogers): Since the May meeting Jim and I have traveled to several Washington Festivals, to Anaheim and now to the wonderful Central Oregon area. Nowhere have we seen a festival that had so much heart poured into it. It shows - wonderful job, guys.

If you have any expense claims, turn them in to me during the break as we need to get them approved before we leave the meeting today.

I need to know how many directories you want for your Councils. They will be delivered at the state meeting in September and will need to be paid for at that time. They will be \$1.85 each unless I notify you of a change. Since so few delegates returned with an order for directories, it is impossible to verify the cost at this point in time.

Neither the OFN nor Marilyn has pictures of last year's officers and appointees. Please send me your pictures no later than August 1.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Marilyn Schmit): Before I begin my report, I will report a little personal business. Ron and I returned from Anaheim on Sunday afternoon only to learn that my mother had quadruple bypass surgery while

we were gone. I'm happy to report that my 80-year old mother was dismissed on Thursday after her operation the previous Saturday. She went home by car and is progressing slowly and getting stronger each day. She has finally found a comfortable way to sleep for now and I'm sure that will get better as time goes by.

I have sent several cards since our May meeting. Several get well and a few sympathy.

Get Well

Sheila Scott, Klamath Falls
Carolyn Ewing, W Richland, WA
Jim Fehr, Lyle, WA
Polly Smith, The Dalles
Ed Cushman, Sale
Mimi Mills, Eugene
Floyd Bard, Eugene
Bill & Lois Mosier, Eugene
Bob Waibel, Sweet Home
Ed Sneed, Eugene
Neta Minten, Independence
Karen Andvick, Salem
Ardell Wolf, Salem
Peggy Vegas, Eugene
Cheryl Muir, Umpqua

Sympathy

Dennis Driessen, Klamath Falls-mother
Rick Ewing, W Richland, WA-mother
Ron Bales, The Dalles - mother
Jim Voll, Lebanon - mother
Thelma Freeman, Salem - sister
Family of Ed Shepherd, Beaverton
Family of Karen Andvick, Salem
Family of Varena Anderson, NEC
Evelyn Knight, Salem - daughter

Thanks to all who have submitted names to us who needed cards for one reason or another. Keep up the good work.

We haven't done much traveling or dancing due to our work schedules, but we are active as best we can. We still hold club office and I go into Council office in September.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS (Marilyn Schmit): Ron, with the assistance of Don and Karel Morris set up the Oregon display on Wednesday in Anaheim. The Showcase opened on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and we closed down at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Otis Jones and Dick and Marge Pentecost relieved us for lunch and dinner on Thursday. We were really busy on Friday morning after the bid session let out. Our relief for Friday was Otis Jones, Genevieve Churchill and the Pentecost's again. Ron and I thank all of the above for their assistance. We gave away all the OFN's and the Oregon magazines that were provided by POVA. We sent home part of a box of maps and the much-wanted Oregon fans were scooped up and what was left either went home with Ed Warmoth or back to POVA.

We dismantled the display on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. after the rush was over from the style show letting out. Other displays were going down at the same time. Frank and Clara Kilbourne assisted us. Thank you.

We felt our display turned out pretty well and many stopped to look at those people who have danced for 40 years or more.

I have an idea for next year's display but will wait until the September meeting to pass on the ideas.

We wish to thank the Ashwill's for transporting the stickers, POVA for shipping some of our display and the Oregon dancers who submitted their pictures and biographies for the display.

A note for future displays, the space under the table is not for storing your personal articles while you visit other areas of the convention. We are not responsible for personal articles if we leave the display unmanned at any time.

We have received the application for the Showcase in St. Paul. It is due by February 2002 but it will be sent much before then.

Ed Warmoth took two OFN's to the Publications Display. He said there were none out for perusal. Since the Publications area was in a separate part of the building on another floor, we were unaware that Oregon was not represented in the Publications Display. All the appropriate information and instructions were sent to the Hughes immediately after Mid-Winter.

We distributed approximately 5,000 stickers to dancers from all over the world at Anaheim.

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA (USDA) REPORT (Marilyn Schmit): Our Summer meetings have come and gone and I have a bunch of minutes to transcribe and five boxes of stuff to ship to the new Secretary in California. Ron and I have been appointed to chair the committee for Historian/Archives/Showcase of Ideas. So we will be in charge of setting up the display for USDA in St. Paul. Our winter meeting is in South Las Vegas in late January or early February depending on the hotel space. Late January is Super Bowl weekend and it is mostly all reserved already.

We admitted the Square Dance Association of Wisconsin as a new Affiliate. We now have 54 Affiliates with a total vote count of 140. We accepted the resignations of the chair of the National Folk Dance Committee, chair of the Historian/Archives/Showcase of Ideas Committee, and the chair of the Youth Committee-Western Region. New people on the board are from California, Missouri and Arkansas.

I have enclosed a United Square Dancers of America Youth Scholarship application in your distributions. I encourage you to seek out a worth teen square dancer and get the paperwork put together so the Northwest can be heard from. Two \$500 scholarships have been awarded both in North Carolina. They were the only applicants in the year they were submitted in 2000 and 2001.

Also in your paperwork is a description of a discount prescription program through Creative Benefits Design, Inc. The small cards are for your use. A supply of the cards will be available in the near future. USDA will receive 25 cents for each prescription filled. These cards can be used at almost all pharmacies. They can be used by non square dancers also. You are urged to do competitive shopping to see if your insurance price is better than the Creative Benefits program.

Larry and Carol Reetz and Gary and Betty Willoughby were in the Oregon delegates to the USDA Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Thank you for taking time out of your schedules to attend. It was very much appreciated.

Our new position is for one year as some of the appointed positions will be realigned and assigned to the regional Vice Presidents. That will be done to cut down on summer and winter meeting expenses.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Clara Kilbourne): Disbanded Clubs: Tualatin Valley's Rollin' Squares Wheelchair, they are unable to find a caller; and Waldport Sunset Squares.

I have supplied each council delegate with a list of the clubs of the Oregon Federation. This list shows the items that I still will need from the clubs they have been highlighted. I will need a copy of the corporation papers from each club as they renew for the year 2001. I have several for the past months, but I will need them when they come up in the future months.

This is a very rewarding job when things come together. I have started working on next year in hopes that it will make the job clearer in definition.

I did not get my information timely, but I have been getting them. I will be working closely with the delegates over the next month in getting the remainder information to me.

I am reporting that we are in compliance. The items I am missing should be in at the end of the month.

INSURANCE CHAIR REPORT (Jim Rogers): Please continue to send in names, addresses and phone numbers of new members and students. Do not send any money in now until renewal time later this year. Don't forget to send in your notice of events for the August 18th blitz.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT (Tim Roberts): I've distributed fifty copies of all the P&P updates from the May meeting. If you need more, let me know.

STATE PUBLICITY/STATE REPORTER (Ed Warmoth): There are several parts to my report today.

- (1) Oregon Square Dance Week, August 18-25: Blitz Kick-off Dances Saturday afternoon, August 18, several places across Oregon. Contact Project Chairman Lola and Tony Robello for full information: call 503-286-0710 or e-mail therobellos@earthlink.net newsletters.
- (2) State Cooperative Advertising: Area Council Officers have information and authority to sign deals for State Cooperative Advertising Money, up to \$300 per Council. Now's the time to plan for advertising fall classes.

- (3) Square Dance Decals: Just \$1 each as a state fund-raiser. Buy them now from your State Publicity Chairman and use on vehicle windows, briefcases, etc. Get them to give as dance prizes.
- (4) Square dancing at the State Fair: Sponsored for fun and promotion by the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. The dates are August 23-September 3, Saturday through Saturday. Contact Chairman Fran and Ray Bunch to confirm a day and time.
- (5) Toll Free State Publicity Number: If you need information or want to give the number to someone to call, it is 1-888-637-7321. The Web address for the State Federation is www.squaredance.gen.or.us
- (6) Oregon Gets Contract to Host the 2005 NSDC in Portland: General Chairman Lee & Barbi Ashwill of Salem will be announcing the Board members and their plan of action at the September State Federation Meeting. There will be plenty of room for everybody as we gather up the wagons and head down the trail to June 22-25, 2005!
- (7) Now is the Time to Sign Up for St. Paul: The 51st National Square Dance Convention (NSDC) will be coming up June 26-29, 2002. Registration forms, tour leaflets and full information are available. Their Web site is www.51nsdc.com.

(Ask Barbi about including list of coming events and special dances).

BMI/ASCAP COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Ralph Lambert): Everything is current with both organizations.

STATE FAIR REPORT (Fran Bunch): As of today I have 9 clubs signed up to dance at the Fair: Sunday, August 26, 2-4, M&M's; Sunday, August 26, 7-9, Cross Trailers; Monday, August 27, 7-9, Salem Swingin' Stars; Tuesday, August 28, 7-9, Willamette Squares; Wednesday, August 29, 2-4, Eager Beavers; Wednesday, August 29, 7-9, IWW; Friday, August 31, 7-9, Timber Twirlers; Sunday, September 2, 2-4, BnB's; and Sunday, September 2, 7-9, Crazy Creek Rockers.

This leaves us 12 slots to dance. If I'm not able to fill them the Fair takes that time and puts something else there. We gave up 7 slots last year. They've already taken Saturday, August 25, all day, and Saturday, September 1, the 2-4 slots from us this year. I talked with Debbie Gorski this morning. They will not publish names in the daily schedule this year. It will just say square dancing and the time. I have to turn in the schedule on Monday. The times we don't have filled, they will fill. I will need your lists of names by August 10, 2001. I will be mailing letters to clubs in the next week. Maybe its time to give up dancing at this fair and concentrate on dancing at local County fairs. It's hard to get them to give us time when we don't fill it up and they have to scramble to find entertainment for that stage at the last minute.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING (Barbara Schaumburg): Round of the Month for September, 2001, "If it Ain't Love," written by Nancy & Dewayne Baldwin, Phase II plus one fishtail - two step. Record: Lamon 10206. Artist: Moody Brothers. Chosen by Tualatin Valley Council. E-mail notification, certificates and postcards have been sent out.

DELEGATE MEETING (Virginia Meyers): The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by President Barbi Ashwill. Those delegates who have e-mail will receive meeting agenda by that method. All other agendas will be mailed. Discussion was held regarding a motion by Karel Morris, South Coast Area Council Delegate, to charge a \$10 fee for each usage of the State trailer. John Hernandez, Umpqua Council Delegate and Recording Secretary Nancy Cobb, will obtain the necessary information for PE accreditation of Square Dancing for home-schooled children. Such information will be available at the September meeting. President Barbi Ashwill reported that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dancers had received the bid for the 2005 National Convention at the National Convention recently held in Anaheim. 350 square dancers from Oregon in their green and white outfits made quite an impression. The 2005 registration table is open in the North Sister Hall. Meeting adjourned at 2:30. The next meeting will be hosted by the Tualatin Valley Council on September 15th.

54TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION REPORT (Lee Ashwill): As you probably know by now, Oregon was successful in the bid to host the 54th National Square Dance Convention in Portland, Oregon, in June 2005. In the September issue of the OFN and at the September State meeting, we will be announcing the Chairman we select for the seven Chairmanships, the Computer Coordinator and hopefully the Secretary. Under each Chairmanship, we will list the sub-committees of that Chairman. The Chairmen will also have interest sheets to distribute to dancers, however, if you see an area you would like to volunteer for, please contact the Chairman and let them know. We have procured a Legal Advisor and we are currently working on changing the Corporation from the 43rd National Square Dance Convention to the 54th National Square Dance Convention. As soon as we get that accomplished, we will request the \$25,000.00 check from the Treasurer. We would like to thank all the dancers that supported the bid presentation in Anaheim and those that joined us in the Parade of States. It was an awesome sight to see all that green and white. We would like to

offer a public "thank you" to Ed Warmoth for his narration of the Power Point presentation. What a professional job he did. In front of all the officers and delegates that were unable to be in Anaheim, we have placed a scarf and Oregon pin. These are the gifts that were given to each dancer from Oregon and Washington who attended the bid session. We would like the Officers and Delegates of the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs to each have a scarf since they are our sponsoring organization. In addition, in front of the Delegates, there are scarves for the Presidents of their respective Councils as we appreciate their support. Once again, we would to say "THANK YOU" to all the Oregon and Washington dancers for your support. We sincerely appreciate it. Also, there are advance registration forms in front of you that we would appreciate you completing to be a supporting part of this project.

OREGON SQUARE DANCE MUSEUM (*Originally presented at the January 2001 State Meeting*): A Proposal to the Oregon Federation of Square and round Dancers for the Establishment of the Oregon Museum for the Preservation and Promotion of Square and Round Dance. *Submitted by Jay and Bonnie Stimler, Square Dancers and Round Dancers, Round Dance Cuers and Instructors, Current Area Council Round Dance Coordinators, Current Summer Festival Round Dance Chairman, Former Square Dance Club Vice-President, Former Round Dance Club President, Former Federation Round of the Mount Coordinators, Former Oregon Round Dance Teachers Association President, Former Summer Festival Round Dance Co-Chairman, Former National Convention Showcase of Rounds Co-Chairman.*

Who: The Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dancers with the support of square and round dancers of the State of Oregon, the Oregon Round Dance Teachers Association, and other organizations involved in the square and round dance activity, such as Caller and Cuer Associations, etc.

What: A Museum containing memorabilia and exhibits of Square and Round Dancing and activities designed to promote the activity. It could be used to support dances and could be rented out to meeting and convention groups under 200 persons.

The building would contain: 1) a large multi-use hall with hard-wood floors, sound equipment and facilities to accommodate Square and Round dances and large meetings; 2) a small kitchen to support the facility; 3) a small office space for Administrative Offices; and 4) at least five galleries: 1) a Hall of Fame recognizing dancers, Callers, and Cuers historical significance to the Square and Round dance activity in Oregon; 2) an exhibit of audio equipment old and new, including records, tapes, CD's, etc.; 3) an exhibit of Square and Round Dance attire from the old to the new, including the current Mid-Winter and Summer Festival outfits; 4) an exhibit of literature about the activity such as archives of Oregon Federation News, American square Dancer Magazine, etc. and old and new videos, movies, and pictures of Square and Round Dancing; and 5) an exhibit of Square and Round Dance Club memorabilia such as club banners, both existing and former clubs.

Where: The museum would be located in a new or existing building in Salem, Oregon, the State capitol, with easy access and adequate parking.

When: We should establish as our ultimate goal to dedicate this new facility at the 2005 National Square and Round Dance Convention, so that we could ask square and round dancers from around the country to attend the convention and to help us inaugurate the Oregon Museum for the Preservation and Promotion of Square and Round Dance.

Why: There are many reasons to establish this facility.

1. Square Dancing is the STATE DANCE. It is part of the history of Oregon, as worthy of preservation as the Oregon Trail, the Pioneer, historical buildings, 100 year old trees and spotted owls. It should be our legacy that future generations should be able to learn about and appreciate Square and Round dancing and their significance in Oregon's History. The OMPPRSD Museum is the perfect vehicle to preserve that portion of Oregon's history, as surely as the Oregon Trail Museum in Oregon City, the National Toy Museum and the Mission Mill Museum in Salem preserve those portions of Oregon history to which they are dedicated. Our generation has an obligation to Square and Round dancing to preserve this legacy, not only to repay the great times we have had, but also to future generations so that they may appreciate Square and Round dancing and continue to preserve it. To not preserve Square and Round dancing through this Museum would be neglectful and lacking in foresight. We also have an obligation to recognize the leaders of Square and Round dancing in Oregon who have gone before us and to recognize their contributions to the activity from which we have derived so much pleasure.
2. The Museum is an ideal way to advertise Square and Round dancing. It would be listed in tourist literature about the State of Oregon and the capitol city of Salem. We would be able to get assistance from the Oregon Visitors Bureau and the Salem Convention and Visitors Association publicizing the Museum, which would, in turn, showcase Square and Round dancing, attracting more dancers. Not only would the Museum be advertised as a tourist sight, but also attendees at meetings and conventions at the facility would be exposed to

Square and Round dancing, increasing their awareness of the State Dance and attracting more dancers.

3. The Museum could be attended by students from schools as a field trip. It would showcase Square and Round dancing in a favorable light to the students and attract new dancers to the movement from among students.

How: There would be a non-profit corporation established. Administration would be by a Board of directors composed of the Oregon Federation Historian (who would serve as Chairman), the First or Second Vice-President, Publicity Chairman, Membership Chairman and Education Chairman. The committee would be the Directors of the Corporation and the Chairman of the corporation would report to the Federation. Directors would serve without compensation as an additional duty of their Federation office. Eventually, the Museum may employ a curator or administrator as necessary and financially viable.

Financing for the corporation would be from donations, corporate and government grants, and fees from use of the facility. One goal would be that part of corporate grants (after acquisition of the building) would go into an endowment fund which we would try to grow to sufficient size that profits from the endowment would provide adequate income to make the facility financially self-sufficient.

Plan of Action:

1. Pass the attached resolution to establish the Museum.
2. Create a non-profit corporation.
3. Seek support from the Oregon Round Dance Teachers Association, Caller and Cues associations, and the square and round dancers of the State of Oregon.
4. Request each Area Council to hold one seed dance within six months of incorporation, donating the proceeds of that dance to the corporation as start-up money.
5. Begin an aggressive program of pursuing government and corporate grants to be used for the facility acquisition fund and the endowment fund.
6. Obtain money and pledges totaling \$500,000 prior to April of 2004. During this time, we should seek volunteer services of an architect to assist the directors to determine feasibility between building a new purpose-built facility or acquiring an existing facility for renovation. They could then establish a clearer cost and decide on the best course of action.
7. Acquire donations of items to be exhibited in the Museum. This may require leasing some storage space, and should be directed by the Federation Historian.
8. Oregon square and round dancers come from many diverse backgrounds and have talents and skills in many areas of business. Volunteers should be requested to help with such items as grant writing, business solicitations, building acquisition, document storage, etc.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL (Bonnie Berry): Blue Mountain Council has troubles. Our last meeting only our Treasurer showed up -- so we couldn't have a meeting. We were supposed to elect new officers. Maybe it's time to reorganize. We only meet on the fifth Saturdays. That's approximately four to five times a year. I would like to hear from each of you delegates on how your councils are run. My address is 1801 "Y" Avenue, LaGrande, OR 97850.

Dennis and Irene Hogan are moving from the area. This leaves the Elkhorn Swingers of Baker City without a caller. Dale Counsell, caller for the LaGrande Star Promenaders has offered to call once a month for them while they are in transition. August 18th is a go for the 2:00 p.m. in Max Square in LaGrande. Other demos are being planned.

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL (Virginia Meyers): The Bachelor Beauts are busy, as all clubs are, with new officers taking their positions and trying to keep gardens in line. The new dancers are being diligent in their efforts to attend the dances. The Summer dance program of all mainstream calling helps. All new dancers are encouraged to "angel" at the lessons, which will start in January, but time flies and we'll be their before we know it! Detroit Lake is taking shape nicely and Club members feel we're really doing a service in that small town by patronizing businesses and supporting the local economy. The Bachelor Beauts and the Swinging Mountaineers will join in a demonstration at the Bend Wal-Mart on August 18th. Dorothy Murray and Anna Ashby stopped by the Bachelor Beauts' dance on the 16th of June. Dorothy is enjoying excellent health and she, Marge and Dick Pentecost and Ron and Terri Bliven had a great time reminiscing about the "really good old days." We're looking forward to another visit with the two ladies.

The High Lake Swingers installed new officers and planned the coming year's activities at their last meeting, which includes a trip to Leavenworth in October. Plans for co-hosting the Fort Rock Hoedown in September are coming along nicely and everyone is looking forward to the weekend of dancing to Don Young's calling and Marian Cook's cuing. Six couples had a great time at the Buckeroo Round-up. The High Lake Swingers will dance in the Midstate Electric (LaPine) parking lot on August 18th.

Swinging Mountaineers Plus Club had a very successful venture manning the food booths at the Sisters Rodeo the

second weekend in June. That's the only fund raising effort the Club does and the only way to support the wonderful callers and cuers the Club has all year. The Birthday Dance in May, with Daryl Clendenen and Ron Noble calling and cuing was enjoyed by a good group of enthusiastic dancers. The Club is hosting a bus trip to the Independence Wagon Wheelers in Rickreall on September 8th and will co-host the Fort Rock Hoedown the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of September.

The Central Oregon Area Council clubs participated in the Senior Fair at the Deschutes Exposition Center in Redmond on June 13th and were very actively promoting the 2001 Summer Festival there. A large group of people were very attentive and enthusiastic during the demonstration. Most attendees couldn't have danced but they were all very gracious and particularly enjoyed the colorful dresses the ladies wore. We met a number of ex-square dancers while staffing the booth the Council had.

The 2002 Central Oregon Roundup will be held at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville. There are at least 60 with a possible 80 full hook-up RV spaces available and the outlook for a great Hoedown is anticipated!

Although Bob and Marie Towe haven't danced for a number of years, they've always been enthusiastic and very supportive of square dancing and all it entails. Bob passed away on June 11th after a long illness and we will miss him. Our sympathy goes out to Marie and the family.

EASTERN OREGON COUNCIL (Lorene Griffith): Hermiston Square Knots: They had a successful Hat Rock camp out and dance the first weekend in June. They danced to the calling of their own caller Rick Ewing of W Richland, Washington. The cuer was Marge Pentecost of The Dalles, Oregon. The Saturday evening potluck did include steaks prepared by Chief Dean Wood of Baker City. The weekend was enjoyed by dancers from near and far. The Square Knots are dancing on the 3rd Friday though September, watch the When and Where for the new schedule.

Grand Squares: They finished their 2000-2001 dance season with a potluck at Paradise, a hide-out with a cabin and a small barn to dance in. This is where the Grand Squares usually finish the dance season each year. The Grand Squares will begin their new dance season on Saturday, September 22, at Condon, at Gilliam County Fairgrounds, off Highway 19. The Grand Squares will be dancing in several locations, so be sure to check the When and Where in the OFN.

EMERALD EMPIRE (Angie Barta): We had a good sized group in Anaheim in support for the 2005 Convention bid. We also enjoyed Disneyland and the parade and dancing there. Our Area Council held a potluck supplying the grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, for all new and old officers and delegates. It was well attended and we had a good time. Meeting followed. Plans are well under way for Blitz Day on August 18th. Our main caller is Mike Sikorsky, but also Don Marshall, Dale Hornburger and Kirby Goode doing teaching spectators.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS (Cathy Pochatko): Tule Twirlers Hoedown in April. Dance classes Mondays through the summer. Dancing every other month, odd months. Happy Huggers - Dark for the summer. KC's - No report. Tall Town - No Report. Highlanders: Blitz Week, August 18, West One Auto at 2:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. in front of KLAD Radio. Saturday, August 25th, Jefferson Square hall trying for Wednesday at Fred Meyers. Raffle: prizes, 1st - \$200. 2nd - \$100. 3rd - \$50 certificate for Safeway; 4th - \$50 Bi-Mart certificate; 5th, 6th and 7th, Quello's. All had a great time at Anaheim and Summer Festival.

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK AREA COUNCIL (Buzz Buczkowski): Coast Swingers had a float in the Tillamook Dairy Days Parade and had several inquiries about square dancing. Their rotating new dancer class has three squares, including angels. They are enjoying the many visitors at their dances this summer and their next big dance will be Garibaldi Days on July 28. A 13-year old girl in their new dancer class entered the Humane Society's poster contest for "Be Kind to Animals" and has won first place among 5000 entries and is receiving \$100 and a dinner in Portland. Sherri's granddaughter entered a poem about her grandmother in a national poetry contest and has been notified that she is one of 20 finalists nationwide.

Sea Twirlers, the area's traveling club, has been out and about the coast and valley visiting various clubs.

The Toledo 49ers had five couples attend the National Convention in Anaheim. We all had a great time and enjoyed meeting dancers from all over the country and other nations. We are also proud that our caller, Charlotte Jeskey, was on the program. Along with all our fun, Oregon securing the National Convention in 2005 was a great experience for us all. The 49ers have several demo dances coming up: July 19 at the Lincoln County Fair, August 3 at Beverly Beach State Park, August 5 at Toledo Summer Festival, August 18th at 2:00 pm at the Newport Walmart Store, and November 10th at the Newport Holiday Blowout and Fun Fair at the Armory. The Crazy Creek Rockers visited on July 8th and did the Chicken Dance in order to get their traveling banner back from us. What fun! The 49ers will celebrate their 52nd

birthday on August 4th and invite all square dancers to join us in our celebration. Come down and enjoy our beautiful Oregon coast with us.

PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL (Bill Rooper): PAC officers for 2001-2002 were installed at a picnic meeting at North Clackamas Park on June 18. New president will be Bill Young; Vice President, Wynn Cupp; Secretary, Kami Zinser; Treasurer, Lori Belt; and State Delegate, Bill Rooper.

June was a busy month for PAC events. The Rose Festival Dance on June 3; the International Showcase at the Coliseum; the dancing at Riverfront Park on June 5 and 7; and the Rose Festival Starlight Parade. The BnB's and Canby Cloverleaf's won a prize in their division for their entry in the Starlight Parade. Then, of course, our picnic meeting on June 18, and we finished off the month with our regular fifth Friday dance on June 29.

The PAC plans to dance at the Jantzen Beach Mall at 2:00 p.m. on August 18. The Columbia Gorge Plus club is having a dance at Peyrolez Pasture at 2:00 on the 18th.

ROGUE SIS-Q COUNCIL (Rex Bounds): Blitz will be August 18 in Rogue Valley Mall. Square dancers danced at Josephine County Fair with entry free in square dance attire. Siskiyou Stompers danced July 4 in Lithia Park, at entrance to park. 15,000 people came to see the parade and shop at the booths in the park. Don't miss Diamond Lake Festival.

SOUTH COAST AREA (Karel Morris): Many of the South Coast Area dancers attended the 50th Anniversary Party Dance for Dale and Betty Roberson on Memorial Weekend. Beachcombers held a very successful 48th Birthday Dance prior to the 4th of July. They have the ideal location for camping, dancing and relaxing and have recently added new electrical hookups for the campers. That will be a plus for dancers planning to attend the 2nd Annual Battle Rock Dance on Labor Day weekend.

There is no report from Jefferson State Squares.

The Saints-N-Aints will be dark this month and possibly August as well, but are continuing Phase 3 and 4 Round Dance classes. Lessons will begin October 14. Plans are progressing for the Coastal Fanta-Sea on Labor Day weekend.

Sets in Order will be holding their Birthday Dance on October 13th with all singing calls being gospel songs. Johnnie Nichols and Kirby Goode are callers. Denise Harris and Christina Corelli Goode are cuers. Lessons will begin in September.

Skyloft Squares members continue to get together socially, generally for eating. A fall camp out is in the works.

I am embarrassed and chagrined to report the South Coast Area dancers are not enthusiastically jumping on the bandwagon for the Blitz in August. It will probably be dark in the South Coast Area on August 18th at 1:00 p.m.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL (Carolyn Bosch): The TVC installed their new officers at the meeting last month. President Bob Bosch told the delegates this was their council and he needed all their help to make this a successful year.

To begin the year off with a bang, we participated in the Hillsboro 4th of July parade on a float. Norm Yoder and Harold Kleve called for about three squares, one dancing, one resting and one walking. We handed out lots of flyers that told about class lessons throughout the council and of course the customary candy that was given to the kids along the parade route.

We are busy preparing for the August 18th blitz. The TVC and the PAC will be dancing at the Jantzen Beach Mall at 2:00 and one of our clubs, the Sunset Promenades, will be dancing at the Garlic Festival in North Plains.

Plans are underway for the State Meeting in September and packets have been handed out with information in them.

Also planned in September will be our 5th Saturday dance at the Hahn Barn. This has become an annual affair. The Hahn barn is a century farm, but has a wonderful barn for dancing. If you are in the neighborhood, please plan to come dance with us. Directions will be in the OFN just prior to our dance.

We have also begun plans for our Annual TVC/PAC Joint Meeting in December. It's of course the best meeting of the year with a call the meeting to order and then adjourn immediately to the fun and friendship of our councils together.

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TIM AND KATHY ROBERTS: Considering it's been less than two months since our last meeting, we've had a packed schedule.

We joined the Toe Draggers on a visitation over to the Hillsboro Hoedown for their second dance in May. The Hoedown always puts on a good show.

In June, we headed northwest for the farewell dance of the Clatskanie Promenaders. It was a bittersweet dance; a fine celebration with more than four squares packed into their little hall, but it brings an end to many decades of dancing in Clatskanie. Our own Carolyn Bosch learned to dance with the Promenaders, although she refused to say how long ago that was . . .

We also attended the Washington State Summer Festival in Ocean Shores. They had a great crowd, with almost 2,000 dancers. I was particularly impressed with the way Ocean Shores, a relatively small town, bent over backwards to make all the dancers feel welcome.

The biggest event of the summer, of course, was the 50th National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim. Only at a National Convention can one find oneself dancing in consecutive tips to Dan Nordbye, Mike Seastrom, Mike Sikorsky, and Deborah Parnell-Carroll-Jones, capped off by a quartet of all four. That's what keeps people coming back! I was struck by the number of people who expressed to me their pleasure at the possibility of returning to Portland in four years.

The NSDC had unexpected fallout for us. At the July 6th regular dance of the Toe Draggers, we had as guests a couple from Taiwan who had attended the Convention and gone touring the west coast afterward. Considering that the Kinton Grange is a bit off the beaten path, this was a special treat. They were a delightful addition to our dance.

RAY AND BETTY JONES: Let's see, what has happened since the last state meeting . . . well, after taking advantage of some warranty work on our new trailer in Portland, we headed up to Ocean Shores, Washington, to their summer festival and had a great time there. The festival was spread out but it is a beautiful area so traveling from one hall to another was fun. Lots of personal friends there from all over the Northwest and great dancing.

The next stop was Anaheim for the Nationals and the Oregon bid for 2005. We were surprised at the number of old friends and fellow square dancers we met from Arizona, California and Oregon. A great time and a successful bid by Oregon. Lee and Barbi did a tremendous job and Ed Warmoth's talk and presentation were excellent.

After the Nationals, we went up to San Simeon and toured the Hearst Castle. A must see attraction. It is fascinating to think that anyone could build and house so many works of art.

The drive through Big Sur, pulling a trailer is an adventure in itself and the heat in the area of Salinas and Gilroy was a little much . . . 103+ is too hot for us! It has been a great summer. We have certainly enjoyed ourselves at this summer festival and look forward to many more.

DON AND KAREL MORRIS: Since our last report, we hosted a South Coast Area meeting at our house. Maybe that will be the new plan because there was a better attendance than there had been at many of the previous meetings.

We attended the National Convention in Anaheim with many of the rest of you. We wondered what we were doing when we went through Redding and it was 103! That I-5 corridor is truly a small world, as we stopped at a rest area south of Stockton and ran into the Ashwill's. Lee *might* have a story to tell about that. It is always fun to see familiar faces in unexpected places. While in Anaheim, we took the tour to Catalina Island. As it turned out, Jack and Rosemary Williams took the same tour, so we spent a delightful day with them exploring the streets and shops of Avalon. We showed up to help Ron Schmit set up the Showcase of Ideas but we ended up mostly being moral support. He does such a good job! We were then solicited to help before the bid session and had the enviable job of placing western scarves around the necks of all the Oregon supporters. When your hands are raised, putting a scarf around someone's neck, you automatically get a hug! That worked very well! We enjoyed the Convention but know Oregon can do better!

DICK AND MARGE PENTECOST: Portland Area Council monthly meetings. We have attended as delegates of Columbia Gorge Plus Dancers as was possible. Lone Grand Squares: We attended the annual club picnic, dance, meeting at Paradise Ranch just north of Condon. We all look forward to this annual visit - barn square dance and sumptuous spread of food. Columbia Gorge Plus - Marge cued the monthly plus dances. Swap and Swing Square

Dance Club: We have attended some of the regular dances and Dick has angeled at several square dance lesson sessions. We called and cued a special entertainment demo at the Mill Creek Point Retirement Community on a Sunday afternoon. Bachelor Beaus and Swinging Mountaineers - Bend. Marge has cued the rounds at three dances - and we attended the Swinging Mountaineers big birthday bash and the next night we attended the Sagebrush Shuffler's regular mainstream dance. Hermiston Square Knots: We attended and Marge cued the 14th Annual Hat Rock weekend when Rick Ewing called - at the Hat Rock Campground - wonderful dancing, weather, fellowship and food - life doesn't get better than that. River City Dancers - Milwaukie, Oregon. Marge was invited to cue their anniversary dance - when Tami Helms was unable to do so. Good Time! ! Dick and I helped Oregon win the bid at the National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim the last week of June. We also attended the Roundalab Convention that preceded the square dance convention. We were proud of our Oregon delegation and their presentation. Congratulations Lee, Barbi and all. We attended (and actually danced) at the 4th of July square/round dancing weekend at the Circle 8 Ranch, Cle Elum, Washington, hosted by the Clendenon Chinook Boys. Fort Dalles Riders square dancers on horseback - we have practices with them as their and our schedules allowed. Good Times! !

BENJAMIN AND PENNY BROWN: Hi all! Hope this note finds you Healthy and Happy! We're "On the road again" (I love that song). On June 18th, Ray & Zola Jones joined us in Eugene, Oregon as we ventured south toward the 50th National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim, CA. Our trip took us to the Oregon Coast, starting at Florence, OR. We stopped in Coos Bay, OR to have lunch with Don & Karel Morris and Ken & Nancy Carson, square dance friends. Then, we were on our way, down Hwy. 101 through the giant Redwoods, Napa Valley vineyards, Pismo Beach, Lompoc to visit Benjamin's sister and finally, Anaheim.. As we travel around the US of A, we talk about the beauty of our country. I have to tell you that any other area in the world needs to go a long way to match the awesome, rugged beauty of the Oregon Coast. There are some lookouts on the cliffs that just take your breath away. If you are lucky you may see a whale or two, sea lions, and all kinds of birds, trees, wild rhododendrons and various plant life that at this time of year is in full bloom. Another reason to give thanks for another day. Ray and Zola, the couple we went to Baja with, are fun explorers. Ray is easygoing and is still trying to teach Benjamin to relax and practice retirement 101! So, whenever we came to a place of interest we would take whatever time was required to enjoy all the beauty of the scenery. Some day, we will retrace our route when we have time to take all the side roads. If you get a chance to take Hwy 101 from the top of Washington to the bottom of California, do it, and make sure you have lots of time because there is so much to see. The Convention started for us on Tuesday the 26th of June when we were able to help Don & Shirley White as they hosted the National Executive Committee (NEC) for lunch. What a fun bunch of people they are. On Wednesday, we took a shuttle bus from our RV park to Disneyland and then a tram to the Convention Center where the square dances were held. We got in line with about 13,000 other dancers to get our badges and information packets. Once we had our badges, we were on our feet for the next four days from 7 A.M. until 11 P.M. At this convention, members of the Oregon Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs bid for the opportunity to host the 2005 National Square Dance Convention. Which in short means Oregon will invite square dancers from all over the world to come to Portland and dance in 2005. Oregon was given the bid by the NEC, now the work begins for the dancers in Oregon. Now the convention is over and we are on our way to Chippewa Falls, WI for the Escapees Fun Days week. It is now Wednesday, July 4th and we are in Las Vegas, NV and are ready to get on the way as early as we can. Yesterday it was 118 degrees outside, almost too hot to run from the truck to the 5th wheel where the air conditioners were running at their max. Some time today, we plan to make camp at St. George, UT and if it is not too hot, we would like to see Zion National Park. Gotta get going, you know time and tide.....