

HOT TIPS



March / April 2014

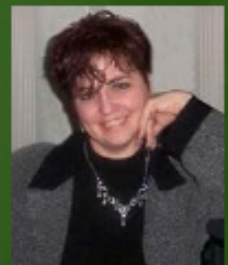
DANCE THIS SATURDAY

BACK TO BASICS
DANCE
WE DANCE, WE EAT, WE DANCE
SOME MORE
SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2014



First Metropolitan Community Church
of Atlanta
1379 Tullie Road
Atlanta, GA 30329

CALLER: PAM
COURTS FROM
BATAVIA, OHIO
7-8 ADVANCED
8-10 MS & PLUS
\$6 MEMBERS/\$8 NON-MEMBERS



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

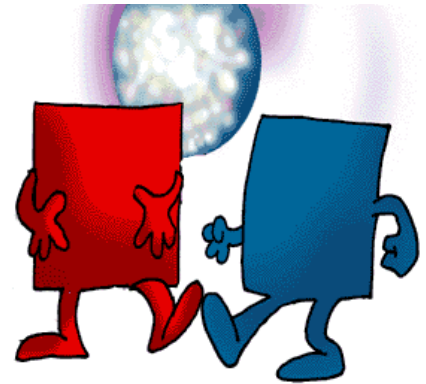
Calling all Hotlanta Squares members!

This Saturday, March 15th, is the first qualifying dance for our new "Frequent Dancer" program! All members who attend all of our weekend dances between now and November will get free admission to our Holiday Dance in December.

No cards to punch; we'll know if you were here!

Such a deal...don't let it pass you by.

See you on Saturday.



THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE:

From F. William Chickering's Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Square Dance Behavior

What is square dancing all about? Square dancing is all about pleasure: the pleasure of calls well executed, the pleasure of a good laugh if your square does break down, the pleasure of a social activity in a friendly atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation. To keep square dancing pleasurable, we must all observe a few guideline. After all, square dancing is a group activity.

- Avoid drinking and drugs that may affect your reaction time and cause you to break down a square (or even cause serious injuries). Most clubs discourage drinking both before and during dancing, as the smell of alcohol on the breath can be unpleasant to others.
- Start out Fresh. Shower, use deodorant, and brush your teeth. Avoid eating strong smelling foods like garlic right before dancing. This may sound corny, but it can make a big difference to your fellow dancers.
- In most clubs, for each new tip dancers form new sets by squaring up randomly. It is considered unfriendly and discourteous to pass by a forming square to look for another.
- At the beginning of a new tip, introduce yourself to dancers you don't know. Friendliness is one of the best aspects of square dance activities.
- Rule: once in a square, under no circumstances abandon it. Exception: in a medical emergency or if someone is injured.
- Help your set dance its best. Be friendly about it. If you see a need to direct a fellow dancer be sure that you are correct, and be gentle in your assistance. Think of the best interest of the group and take care not to hurt other dancers' feelings. Do not be too critical of others. This can ruin everyone's fun if it results in bickering or a condescending attitude. Remember, we all make mistakes and the next one might be yours. Be especially supportive of new dancers; without them our pleasurable pastime would die out.
- Listen to the caller. Do not talk when the caller is talking or calling. Not only is it rude, but all dancers may need the information offered.

IAGSDC Convention is Coming Up Soon: Information for Convention Virgins

Sam Shepherd

Our annual square dance convention for the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) is coming up July 3-6, 2014, in Salt Lake City, Utah. This annual gathering will have from 800 to 1200 LGBT dancers and their straight friends. We don't discriminate! About 70 percent of the dancers are male, but women usually have a good group and we all have a good time. They do have some special events for women and a Women's Hospitality Room. Rates are \$205 for dancers until April 30 then they go up. Non-dancer rate is \$90 right now. The registration for non-dancers includes some meals and there are activities for non-dancers. Excited yet? Let me tell you what you can expect. **Squeeze the Hive** is the convention name. All of the convention names are derived from a square dance call and are incorporated into the convention themes. There will be some wonderful callers who will sound foreign to you at first, but you will catch on to their calling style. There will also be a variety of music types from traditional country to more pop music like Madonna, ABBA, or Maroon Five. There will be workshops for various dance levels so you can brush up on your dancing skills. Specialty tips will be held with various themes such as Munchkin, Redwood, Bear, Leather or Moonshine. (Ask an experienced convention person about the Moonshine tip.)

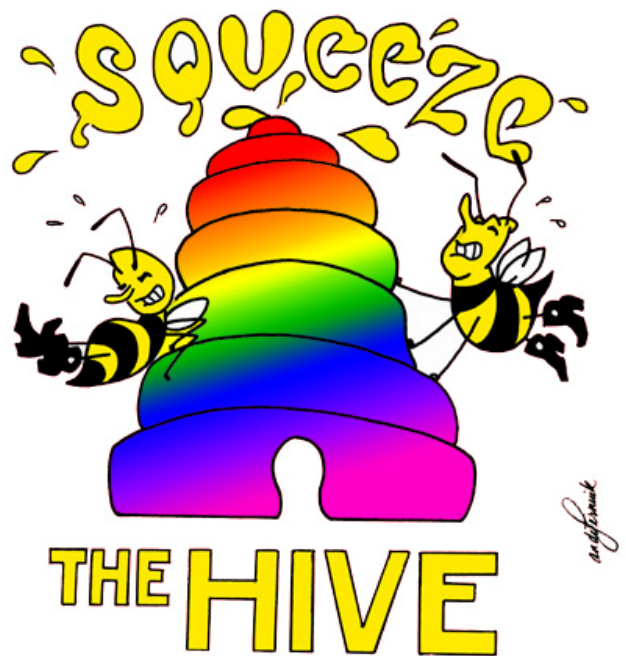
The convention usually starts with a Trail-In Dance as people come to town. The Opening Ceremonies and Grand March are the next day where all of the clubs march in their uniforms with their Club Banner. We wear Hotlanta Squares vests with gay primary colored shirts (rainbow colors) and black pants or jeans. Think of the recent Olympics March. The convention includes a brunch and a banquet. There is also a Honky Tonk Queen Contest (drag) and a Fun Badge Tour. On a Fun Badge Tour, you travel around the city and dance at various places of interests. Usually there is a bar tour. You can also take side trips to places of interest near the convention city.

Besides the dancing part, the most important thing you will do is make new friends from all over the U.S. and Canada and perhaps some other countries.

There is an excellent "Guide to IAGSDC Conventions" developed by Allan Hurst on the IAGSDC website.

http://iagsdc.org/v2/resources/page/convention_guide.php

Allan's guide is about 55 pages and includes much more detail including tips for packing. This will be my 11th convention and I have enjoyed every one of them! See you in a square!



Dancin' at the Hangar

April Square Dance



Caller – Dayle Hodge, Columbia, MD

Saturday, April 26

6-7 p.m. Pot luck supper

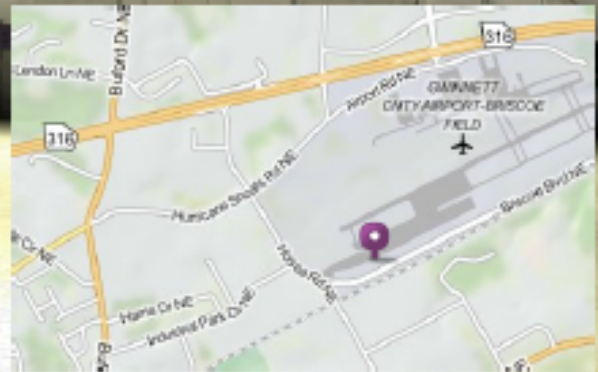
7-10 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Advanced

\$6.00 members/\$8.00 non-members

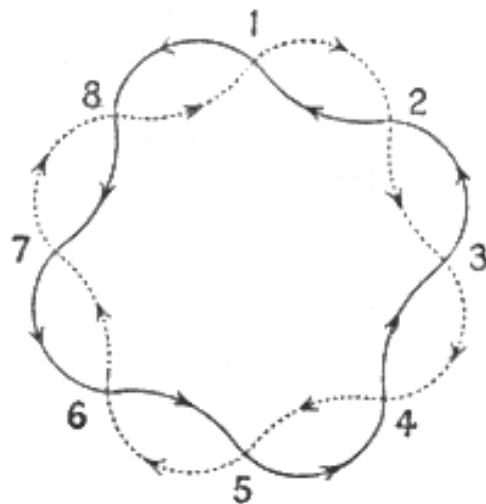
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456 Briscoe Boulevard
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
(Briscoe Field/Gwinnett County Airport)

Directions to Atlanta Attachment Aviation:

- Take 85 North
- Merge onto 316 toward Lawrenceville/Athens (8.5 miles)
- At second stop light turn right onto Buford Drive/Hwy 20 (1/2 mile)
- At first stop light turn left onto Hurricane Shoals Road (1/2 mile)
- At first stop light turn right onto Hosea Road (1/2 mile)
- 1st left is Briscoe Boulevard (after passing runway and before crossing railroad tracks)
- 456 Briscoe Boulevard is 3rd Building on your left



Weave the Ring



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NAME:	DATE:
TIME	EVENT TYPE:
LOCATION:	ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO KNOW?

UPCOMING 2014 AIGSDC EVENTS

22-Mar	Pot O Gold Special Club Event. Callers: David Mee	Bloomin Squares Tujunga
28-Mar 30-Mar	HEY WORLD, ALLEMANDE WHAT I AM! Flyin. Callers: Darren Gallina, Betsy Gotta, and John Marshall	Independence Squares Suburban Wilmington, DE
11-Apr 13-Apr	Ropin The River 2014 - Cast a Shadow on the River Flyin. Callers: Ett McAtee & Howard Richman	Grand River Squares Grand Rapids, MI
11-Apr 13-Apr	2014 West Coast Queer Contra Camp Non-affiliated (gay). Callers: Adina Gordon & Chris Ricciotti calling, Music by "Bonfire" and "Swing Farm"	SFBQCD Aptos, CA
14-Apr 16-Apr	2014 CALLERLAB Convention Non-affiliated (gay-friendly). Callers:	CALLERLAB Reno, NV
25-Apr 26-Apr	An Ocean of Memories Special Club Event. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb	Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus Denver, CO
26-Apr	Conventional Specialty Tips Dance Special Club Event. Callers: Bill Harrison	Independence Squares Center City Philadelphia, PA