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MOUNTAINEERS JANUARY 2009 TRAILBLAZER

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Presidents Letter



President Corner

By Jeff Cox

Lynette and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you had a wonderful holiday season. We are looking forward to working with the 2009 Mountaineers board and hope to provide you with a great year of dancing.

We would like to thank the following for serving on the 2009 board: Mike & Merry Lou Stafford - Vice President; Mike and Lynne Robbins - Recording Secretary; Dale & Sue Stephens - Corresponding Secretary, Bulletin Newsletter, and May Madness; Larry & Ann Amsler - Sr. Treasurers ; Lois and Dwayne Sterling - Jr. Treasurers; Ron and Karen Newton - Past Presidents; Dan McPeck & Judy Winter - Banner Stealing; Sandy Sugerman - Representative to 2010 State Festival; Dick and Kathy Niebels - Sr. Hospitality; Carol Neises- Jr. Hospitality; Lyle & Kathy Gillett - Sr. Council Representatives; Jim and Judy Taylor - Jr. Council Representatives; Pat Bailey & Walt Perry - Decorating Chairman; Laurie Bendell - Historian; Judy Taylor - Photography; Richard and Lila Keilwitz - Webmasters; and Norma Hatcher - Calling Committee Chair.

We would also like to remind you that we have a chilli social on January 12th at the church and that our next dance is on January 17th with Don Furnish and Leroy Shade. There is no Dance on January 3rd.

Jeff Cox

Lynette Ivy



KALLER'S KORNER



Happy New Year Mountaineers!!!

I want to thank Ron & Karen Newton for their steadfast leadership during the past year as Presidents of the Mountaineers.

We start a new year with fresh beginnings – a year when we can all do a just a little bit more in 2009 than in 2008 for the club and the club will benefit greatly. We have a great club and I am proud to be a part of Mountaineers by helping to keep the club strong in regards to both dance level and attendance. We continue to draw a fun and enthusiastic crowd each dance and for the most part that is because of your steady attendance. It is also largely due to the outstanding efforts of our banner coordinators. That program continues to bring in an average of 3 – 4 squares per dance. We have members that greatly support this program because they enjoy dancing at other clubs and they understand the immediate return we get for the effort. If you haven't been a part of banner stealing and retrieving please consider signing up for a few dances.

On Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm we will have a chili dinner and intro to square dancing for the winter class. This is a great time to recruit for our class. It has been shown time and again that when the country is in recession square dance classes are much larger because people are looking for cheaper forms of entertainment. We only have a couple of weeks before the class starts, spread the word about our class, you may be surprised who is interested. Tell your hairdresser, the checkout clerk at the store, wear square dance attire when you go out, even if you aren't going to dance. As you all know that will get people to come to you and ask you about the activity. Have the information available for the first night that you can give to them that has the address and time. I am going to give you the information below and you can just print it out and take it with you to the store. One last thing – come with them to their first night, you will have a great time also!

Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing all of you in this exciting new year.

Don Furnish

FREE!!!

**CHILI SUPPER WITH INTRO TO SQUARE
DANCING**

Monday, January 12, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Valley View Church of God gymnasium
4390 So. Lowell Blvd. (just south of Quincy)

Lessons will continue on Mondays and Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:00
p.m.

New Dancers can start January 12, 15, 19 (1st lesson free)

Put some FUN in your life and meet new friends!!!

Sponsored by the Mountaineers' Square Dance Club

For further information, call

Jim & Judy Taylor: (303) 795-3278 or

Don Furnish: (303) 840-7335



BANNER STEALING



Mountaineers Banner Stealing Policy

The object of banner stealing is to promote friendly visits and socialization between all clubs belonging to the Denver Area Square Dance Council. The purpose is not to over-patronize a select few but to spread the visits around to all clubs. If you are going to be a thief – be a good one and abide by the guidelines and make a practice of retrieving your own banner before stealing from other clubs.

- 1) In order to steal or retrieve a banner, the visiting club must attend the club dance with at least one full square of dancers signing in for that club. Anniversary and Special club dances will not be considered differently from other club dances.
- 2) A banner stealing and retrieving sign-in sheet must be available at all dances for those participating. This sheet would be picked up by the end of the first tip.
- 3) To qualify, **one full square from each visiting club must be present for both the first and last tips of the evening.** In cases where two or more clubs come to steal the banner, the host will select, by the visiting participating clubs drawing lots, the club to which the banner will be awarded.
- 4) Banners are not to be reserved for any visiting clubs.
- 5) Clubs may not call ahead to find out if the banner is available.
- 6) A couple who belongs to two or more clubs cannot represent one club and steal or retrieve from another club to which they belong.
- 7) A club shall not steal from another club which dances on the same night. A club shall not steal a banner unless it may be retrieved within a month.
- 8) If a plus club steals a banner from a mainstream club, then that club should provide a mainstream dance for the returning club. In all fairness however, plus clubs should steal from plus clubs, and mainstream clubs from mainstream clubs.
- 9) All clubs should have a banner for Denver Area Square and Round Dance Council members to steal.
- 10) In all cases where a club outside the Denver Area Square and Round Dance Council comes to steal a banner, a traveling banner may be given.
- 11) A Club can steal a banner or retrieve a banner on a visit to a club, but not both at the same time. It takes a visit to steal and a visit to retrieve.
- 12) When you are representing the Council as an Orbiting Square, you can sign in as an Orbiting Square and at the same dance, sign in as a member of your own club to steal or retrieve.

- 13) The Council banner per se cannot be stolen, but a “replica” of the Council banner may be obtained by the presence of three (3) squares at any one monthly Council meeting and/or dance or one square at three (3) Council meetings and/or dances.
- 14) The club stealing the Council banner must check in prior to the start of the evening’s activities and remain throughout the entire agenda.
- 15) The Council banner may be stolen only once during the Council calendar year. (Between September of the current year and May of the following year.) The Council banner cannot be stolen in June. Orbiting Squares cannot officially make a retrieval during the summer months. They can make courtesy calls throughout the year.
- 16) A banner stealing certificate will be awarded to the stealing club when the Orbiting Squares retrieve the “replica” banner.
- 17) Mountaineer members receive one point for services.
- 18) One point will be given for dancing at community service events, demo dances, dancing in parades, decorating, and other Mountaineer approved events.
- 19) In order for Mountaineer members to receive points for stealing and retrieving, the event must be a planned Mountaineers event. The banner chairperson must be notified by telephone or e-mail **in advance** of attendance at these events so other club members may attend, otherwise no points will be given.
- 20) Mountaineers must not borrow more than **one couple** to make a full square in order to steal or retrieve the banner.
- 21) After 10 steals or retrievals members will receive a free pass. A member will receive a cake, free pass and 100 bar after 100 attempts. Thereafter they will receive a bar indicating the number of attempts in 100 increments, i.e. 200, 300, 400, etc.

Judy Winter

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REPORTS



Minutes from the December 9, 2008 Mountaineers' Board Meeting

7:05 p.m. Meeting was called to order at the home of Dwayne and Lois Sterling. This is a joint meeting of the 2008 and 2009 boards.

Present were: Laurie Bendell, Dan McPeek & Judy Winter, Richard & Lila Keilwitz, Carol Neises, Mike & Merry Lou Stafford, Dale & Sue Stephens, Jeff Cox, Sandy Sugerman (guest), Lynette Ivy, Jim & Judy Taylor, Lyle & Kathy Gillett, Mike & Lynne Robbins, Dick & Kathy Niebels, Eddie & Carol Perdue, Dwayne & Lois Sterling, Ron & Karen Newton, and Jim & Norma Hatcher.

Recording Secretary's Report by Norma: There being no corrections to the minutes of November 11, 2008, the minutes are APPROVED.

Corresponding Secretary's Report by Dale: The deadline for submission of articles for the January *Trailblazer* is December 27, or the 29th at the latest. They will try to have it out by New Year's Eve.

Treasurers' Report by Richard: Richard explained the exceeded budget items. Income exceeded expenses partly because of the purchase of temporary badges and new member badges; some of this cost will be recovered. Dance proceeds and callers' fees were up because of mainstream lessons. Don Furnish still has not been paid for his share of the net proceeds from the lessons, and we still owe the church for a few remaining lessons and extra beginner dances. We netted \$83.60 on our November dances. We have paid the Denver Area Square and Round Dance Council \$336.00 for insurance - 112 members at \$3/member. We are getting more members than anticipated; lessons are working. Motion to approve the Treasurers' Report was made by Jim H. and second by Eddie; no objections. **TREASURERS' REPORT IS APPROVED.**

President's Report by Ron: Remainder of the 2008 calendar was reviewed. It is agreed that we will come in at 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 20, the day of the dance, to decorate for the Christmas Dance. Decorating for the New Year's Eve dance will begin at "sevenish" on Dec. 31. Mainstream lessons will begin January 12, 2009. On the morning of Jan. 2, 2009, Sterlings will reserve the space for our annual picnic. They will try for July 12, 2009; alternative date will be July 19.

Vice-President's Report by Jeff and Lynette: In January, they will lead a team to build the 2009 budget. They will also appoint a committee to do a financial review of the books. Larry states that the books should be ready by the end of January.

Jeff and/or Lynette will get the 2009 dance schedule to the church; the secretary already has the schedule for January through May of 2009. They will also get a copy of the schedule, including all caller and cuers and their contract information, to the treasurers. Larry points out that national callers need to be identified, since we will be charging an additional \$1 per person for them; Lynette will so designate.

The calling committee will be activated to remind all members to bring two white elephant gifts per person to the Christmas dance.

Approximately 70 tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance have been sold, and there are plans to sell at

least one more square. They will budget \$150 for snacks and breakfast food. Jeff will modify the New Year's Eve flyers to reflect that we will be serving breakfast. A sign-up sheet for bringing food and giving the time each board member will serve in the kitchen is passed around.

Lynette states that our 2009 dance schedule has been sent to the bulletin editors, and the 2009 schedule cards have been emailed to John Gille. There is a coupon in the cash box to apply to our bulletin listings.

Council Reps Report by Jim and Judy Taylor: The DAS&RDC met on December 7, 2008. There are now 28 clubs in the Council. The November Anniversary Dance netted \$900. Mountaineers had a good showing with almost three squares present.

Jim T. states that we need to schedule a date for Orbiting Squares to visit us. After discussion, it is agreed that we will schedule March 7, 2009, when Dave Guille is calling, as a promotion for *Safari Swing*. **Representatives from the Northeast Council will attend that dance. We will then schedule the visit by Orbiting Squares for May 30, 2009, to help support our Hospice benefit dance. MOTION TO SCHEDULE MARCH 7, 2009, AS A PROMOTION FOR THE STATE FESTIVAL AND TO SCHEDULE MAY 30, 2009, FOR OUR VISIT BY ORBITING SQUARES IS APPROVED.**

The election for junior state representatives was held; Carl & Joyce Severson and Dan Pantano & Don Dupsky were running; Dan and Don were elected.

Mountaineers qualified for the Dance Promoter Badge in 2007, and we will be turning in our tally for 2008. We are one of only four clubs participating in this program, which requires attendance at seven out of 15 dance events in the year.

CRDA Report by Judy: The Colo. Round Dance Assn. held their annual "Gala" in November in Greeley, with 80+ couples attending. The teacher/cuers this year were the Prows and the Scherers. CRDA members were very pleased with their programs

The next "Fun Dance" will be at the Outpost on January 10, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with George Smith and Justin Judd del Sol cueing.

Class Coordinators Report by Jim T.: Jim strongly requests that each of us send at least one couple's name to him and Judy as potential students for the January mainstream lessons. Jim also moves to have plus lessons in April and May. Dale suggests having a questionnaire indicating interest in plus lessons first. The decision of whether or not to have plus lessons in the spring will be deferred until our January meeting.

It is agreed that our board needs to be informed before Don puts any of his plans for the club into the newsletter; Ron will discuss this with Don.

Activities/Demos Report: Judy Winter reports that there are no new demos scheduled. We received some very good "p.r." on the demo at the Colorado History Museum.

Dale reports that they have had badges saying "Ask Me About May Madness" made up.

Jeff states that as of now, he and Don are scheduled as cuer and caller for the weekend in May of 2010 which is traditionally the May Madness weekend. Motion to continue participating in May Madness on the third Saturday in May through at least 2010 is made and seconded; all agree. **MOTION TO CONTINUE MAY MADNESS THROUGH 2010 IS APPROVED.**

Hospitality Report: Carol reports that Hospitality has enough servers for now. Dale & Sue and Mike & Merry Lou will be servers at the Christmas dance. Carol will get the new member information sheets and make up a schedule for servers for 2009.

Eddie reports that they have submitted another bill for coffee, which is disappearing at an alarming rate. Ways of monitoring coffee usage are discussed, including getting a lock for the coffee cabinet if we don't already have one.

Carol reports that our dance floor is too slick. Karen has called the church but not received a response. Newtons will try to get hold of Barbara, the church secretary, to discuss this.

Banner Stealing Report by Judy Winter: Judy states that we only have the Scootbacks' banner to retrieve; however, it is noted that Swing Thru's also have our banner, and they want us to come get it back.

Decorating Report by Ron for Pat and Walt: Ron will go over and pick up a tree from Laurie Bendell for the Christmas Dance. Decorating for the Christmas Dance will be at 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 20. Decorating for New Year's Eve dance will be at 7:00 p.m. on December 31.

Carol N. wants to buy two black lights @\$25 each and have the New Year's Eve Dance - or at least a few tips of it - be a "White Glove Dance." She will check on the cost of white gloves. After discussion, it is agreed that this is too quick to work out the details of such a dance.

Mike R. notes that since the caller/cuer stage has been moved, we now have some dead spots and we need at least two more baffles. Jeff suggests placing tables in those dead spots.

Eddie moves that we table discussion of the white glove dance until later in January or February, seconded by Jim H. All agree. **MOTION IS APPROVED.**

Dale moves that we purchase four black lights; Jeff seconds the motion. **MOTION IS APPROVED.** Carol will buy the black lights and check on the cost of white gloves.

Officers' handbooks will be handed over to the new 2009 officers after this meeting.

Jeff and Lynette now have the responsibility of determining board meeting dates for 2009. After discussion, it is decided that the meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month. **NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 5, 2009.**

Larry Amsler reports that he, Dale and Carol N. are still working on updating our policies and by-laws and will report on them later.

Larry states that our club contributed to Torgy's Memorial Fund by sending a donation to the Galeton Church Building Fund; we have received a thank-you note for it.

Jim H. moves that we adjourn.

8:35 p.m. Meeting is adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Jim & Norma Hatcher



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



December 2008

5	Wilton Helm
6	Erica Nelson
8	Chuck Blemler
12	Barbara Parker
14	Frank Asdell
16	Dick Rathke
18	Marilyn Hauswirth
22	Susan Schnick
25	Steve Braunstein
27	Bev Lowrimore
29	Carol Rathke

January 2009

2	Phyllis Kamstra
3	Dottie Wickom
6	Ann Amsler
6	Jan Hormuth
6	John Hormuth
7	Mike Robbins
7	Elwanda Gille
8	Marcia LeVasseur
9	Richard Keilwitz
10	Kathy Niebels
12	Dwayne Sterling
14	Carol Neises
17	Vicky Wagner
22	Minnie Robbins
23	Susan Harkness
27	Bernie Karpinski
30	Dick Laine

If we missed anyone's birthday please let us know so we can include you the next time.



NEWS around the Square



Sue and I need your help. We would like to hear from anyone who has news about themselves or their friends in the club. We would like keep our membership informed regarding the activities of our peers. Do you know who make a trip, who had a new grandchild, who moved, who received some honor or award, etc.

- Adeline Newth is driving to Eastern Nebraska to spend Christmas and New Year's Day with her family.
- Dick Rathke has finished his chemotherapy. We hope to see him and Carol at the New Year's Dance.
- Bernie Karpinski was in the hospital recently for a few days. He is recuperating at home now.

- Jim and Judy Taylor visited Puerto Vallarta over Thanksgiving. They spent a wonderful week down there and had a great time.
- Elwanda Gille had foot surgery and is home recuperating. We hope to see her and John on the square dance floor soon.
- Neill McDaniel volunteered his time and equipment to repair the chair racks and some of the chairs at the church (VVCOG). Thanks Neill.
- Mountaineers Square Dance Club, with the help of Al and Mae Harrison, performed at the Colorado History Museum on Nov. 22. See pictures below.



Al and Mae Harrison



Mae Harrison and Mike Stafford



Cards sent this past month



Gwen Laine	Thinking of you – Gwen had cataract surgery in December.
Mae Wade	Thinking of you – Mae had cataract surgery the early part of Dec.
Elwanda Gille	Foot Surgery
Bernie Karpinski	Home from Hospital



Dance Schedules

Callers & Cuers Host & Hostesses



Thanks to all of you Mountaineers who are helping with the hosting at the dances, also thanks to all who arrive a little early or stay a little later to help make the clean up go faster. Carol Neises

Please contact Carol Neises at 303-798-4472 if you need to switch with someone due to unforeseen situations.

Thanks, Carol

January 17, 2009:

Caller: **Don Furnish**

Cuer: **Leroy Shade**

Host & Hostesses:

****Richard and Gwen Laine**

Jim and Norma Hatcher

January 31, 2009:

Caller: **Charlie Robertson**

Cuer: **Ed Glenn**

Host & Hostesses:

**** Richard and Lila Keilwitz**

Dale and Margaret Quick

February 7, 2009:

Caller: **Lanny Weakland**

Cuer: **Justin Judd del Sol**

Host & Hostesses:

**** Dave and Margie Siskowic**

Darrel and Pat Buss

Richard and Carol Bushu

February 21, 2009:

Caller: **Don Furnish**

Cuer: **Leroy Shade**

Host & Hostesses:

****Gerald and Nadine Owens**

Walt Perry and Pat Bailey

March 7, 2009

Caller: **Dave Guille**

Cuer: **John Herr**

Host & Hostesses:

**** Lyle and Kathy Gillett**

Dick and Kathy Niebels

March 21, 2009

Caller: **Don Furnish**

Cuer: **Bill Carter**

Host & Hostesses:

**** Dwayne and Lois Sterling**

Neill and Denise McDaniel

April 4, 2009

Caller: **Jerry Junck**

Cuer: **Bill Holm**

Host & Hostesses:

**** Eddie and Carol Perdue**

Ron and Phyllis Kamstra

April 18, 2009

Caller: **Don Furnish**

Cuer: **Leroy Shade**

Host & Hostesses:

**** Bob Hunt**

Shirley McBroom

Mel Gifford

Nancy Bowman

2009 Officers and Committee Heads:

2009 Officers

<i>President</i>	Jeff Cox and Lynette Ivy
<i>Vice President</i>	Mike and Merry Lou Stafford
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mike and Lynne Robbins
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Dale & Sue Stephens
<i>Sr. Treasurers</i>	Larry and Ann Amsler
<i>Jr. Treasurers</i>	Dwayne and Lois Sterling

Past Presidents: Ron and Karen Newton

Committee Heads

<i>Banner Stealing</i>	Dan McPeek & Judy Winter
<i>Sr. Hospitality</i>	Dick and Kathy Niebels
<i>Jr. Hospitality</i>	Carol Neises
<i>Bulletin Newsletter</i>	Dale & Sue Stephens
<i>Sr. Council Reps</i>	Lyle and Kathy Gillett
<i>Jr. Council Reps</i>	Jim & Judy Taylor
<i>Sr. Decorating Chairman</i>	Walt Perry & Pat Bailey
<i>Historian:</i>	Laurie Bendell
<i>Photography</i>	Judy Taylor
<i>Webmasters</i>	Richard & Lila Keilwitz
<i>Calling Committee Chair</i>	Norma Hatcher
<i>May Madness</i>	Dale and Sue Stephens

➤ Visit the Mountaineers Web Site. See "What's New" on the web site.

<http://www.mountaineers.ralkjc.com>

2009 - Mountaineers Annual Membership Dues

- Annual dues are \$20.00 per couple or \$10.00 per single. **They are due by November 1, 2008.**
- Make checks out to Mountaineers Square Dance Club and mail or give to the Treasurers at a dance.

***** Larry and Ann Amsler, 8063 S. Jackson St, Littleton, CO 80122, 303-770-9107 *****

NOTE:

Please be sure to include this completed form with your check to ensure accurate and complete information, plus the greatest participation level from all of our members.

Name(s):		Phone:	
Address:		City:	
e-mail address:		State:	Zip Code:
Birthdays: (month/day)	HIS:	Hers:	

Club membership requires members to serve as Host/Hostess of a dance - one dance a year

Please mark your first and second serving preferences by marking a 1 and 2 by your choice:
 Also, indicate with a **NO** what months you absolutely cannot serve.
 Every effort will be made to give you your marked preferences.

January:	February:	March:	April:
May:	June:	July:	August:
September:	October:	November:	December:

If you would consider serving more than once a year please check this box It would help a lot

Please indicate your willingness to serve in an office or committee in the coming year or the future:

President <input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President: <input type="checkbox"/>	Recording Secretary: <input type="checkbox"/>	Corresponding Secretary: <input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer: <input type="checkbox"/>
Banner Stealing: <input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality: <input type="checkbox"/>	Council Reps: <input type="checkbox"/>	Decorating Committee: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Historian: <input type="checkbox"/>	Webmaster: <input type="checkbox"/>	Calling Committee: <input type="checkbox"/>		

Attention Treasurers:

Send a copy to each of the respective committee heads and in addition to the following: Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Corresponding Secretaries. E-mail if they have an e-mail address, otherwise mail or personally give copies to those who do not have e-mail.

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2009 Membership Form