



## **CALVIN CAMPBELL MILESTONE 2006**

**C**al Campbell first got involved in square dancing, as a child, in the 1940s and again at Colorado A&M in the middle 1950's. Soon after he joined the activity there he decided to try calling and he's been at it ever since. He has earned his living as a veterinarian with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and called for clubs in Texas and New Mexico. He moved to Colorado in 1980 and has been active in Colorado square dancing ever since. He is also a hot air balloon pilot and author of a well known book with the title "Balloons Are For Chasing."

Cal has always had a strong interest in the history of square dancing. He and his wife, Judy, who he met during his college days, were founding members of the Lloyd Shaw Foundation and have long been active supporters of that organization. They were both in attendance at the first CALLERLAB Convention in 1974. He was elected to the Board of Governors in 1998. In that capacity he has been an outspoken advocate on behalf of the one-night party. He has urged awareness of the need to make this recreation available for folks who choose not to commit their entire recreational life to it. Although this has not always been a popular

point of view, Cal has shown us how to be successful with that kind of square dancing and he has published several books to encourage and teach that style of calling.

Starting in the late 1990's Cal and Judy have managed a Beginner Party Dance Leaders Seminar (BPDLs) on the weekend preceding the CALLERLAB Convention. He has overcome a substantial early reluctance to promote and encourage this form of dancing and persevered to see that seminar become a function of which CALLERLAB is justifiably proud.

In addition to his calling and ballooning skills, Cal has become very competent with visual presentation of square dancing, first in video tape format and more recently on digital video disks (DVD). He produced a five DVD set of disks for sale by CALLERLAB showing segments of the BDPLS and an history session from the 2004 Convention.

Cal is always willing to share the credit for the things he accomplishes and says "I take bits of what Mrs. Shaw, Don Armstrong, Bob Howell, Bill Peters, Bob Osgood, and others have taught me, over the years, and pass them on." He does this with great dedication and commitment..