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1980 March 31-Apr 2 Americana Hotel, Miami Bch.  
1981 April 13-15 Radisson Muehlebach, Kansas City  
1982 April 5-7 MGM Grand Hotel, Reno, NV.  
1983 March 28-30 Marriott, Philadelphia, PA.  
1984 April 17-19 New Orleans, Tentatively  
1985 April 1-3 Hyatt Regency, Phoenix, AZ

## CONVENTION UPDATE - CONVENTION THEME - "ATTITUDE-JUDGEMENT"

The Seventh Annual CALLERLAB Convention is less than one month from now at the beautiful Americana Hotel in the Bal Harbour section of Miami Beach Florida. We have more than 900 registered for the Convention at this time with some additional registrations still coming in and of course some cancellations due to unplanned circumstances. The Convention itself will see some additional firsts which we hope will provide interest to all who attend.

We are having a Sunday night social hour for the first time for those who arrive early. The Executive Committee felt that we never seem to have enough time to just visit with one another and therefore, we set aside Sunday night as a pre-convention period when the callers and their partners can just socialize. There will be both a Rum punch as well as a Fruit punch and for those who choose neither, there will also be a Cash Bar where you can order and pay for whatever you desire. Since this is pre-convention, we do not wish to imply any pressure for anyone to attend this session if they do not choose to do so. However, there are no conflicting meetings to interfere and if you are in town early, we would welcome your visit and an opportunity to chat.

The Convention itself will formally begin with the opening ceremonies on Monday at 10:30AM in the Grand Ballroom. This will be a short opening and then we split up into some interest and committee sessions while the main orientation session is held in the Grand Ballroom. Just prior to the noon meal, we will again have the Board of Governors' reception line to meet and short chit chat with those whom you didn't get to see the night before. This has always been a popular item on our scenario.

Monday afternoon will again see many Interest sessions and Committee meetings but we will be innovating something new in this area. We have contracted to have an outside Professional Tape Service come in and record onto cassettes 14 of our Interest sessions. We have contracted a good package price for you so if you just don't have room for one more item in your suitcase, we will have tapes available for sale for the following sessions: Styling (3 sessions), Creative Choreography at MS/QS, at Plus Levels, at Advanced and Challenge Levels, Taxes and Record Keeping, Programming for Survival, Education, Teaching, Caller's Partner (2 sessions), Festival Callers and Duties of an MC. While there are

still many other sessions, (a total of 43 sessions are scheduled) we felt that these were the ones that most attendees would like to have a record of and have therefore contracted for the taping of these. Of course, if you wish to use your own tape recorders, you are welcome to do so. The tapes will be available for sale shortly after the close of each session and there will be a sale booth in the Ballroom Foyer to handle your requests. We have also made arrangements with the hotel to allow you to charge the tapes to your room bill as an added convenience.

We have made every effort to provide something that will interest every person during each hour of the Convention. However, we are also providing a change in format this year in that the Exhibit area will be open at all sessions except the opening session, the banquets and the final business session. Perhaps one of the highlights will be the Monday night Banquet speaker - Bjorn Secher. He will be talking to us about Leadership and after dinner, he will conduct a two hour workshop on Leadership and Motivation. He is a dynamic individual and many of you have suggested that we conduct this type of event. Don't miss this one.

#### What to Wear:

Southern Florida is very nice at this time of year. However, if you do go outside in early morning or during the evening, you might need a light sweater or coat. All of our scheduled activities will be in the hotel and the hotel is adequately airconditioned. Unfortunately, some of you will be housed in a nearby hotel (two minute walk) so come prepared. The Americana has both an indoor and an outdoor pool as well as the beautiful and famed Miami Beach for swimming. All meeting sessions are informal and casual attire is suggested. We have included six consecutive meals beginning with lunch on Monday so that you won't have to stand in line or be hassled by a small coffee shop. Meals are also informal although many desire to get a bit dressier for the two evening banquets. Many of the ladies wear floor length gowns for the evening meals although cocktail dresses as well as pants suits are also quite evident. Square Dance attire is not required and except for an occasional demonstration or two, there is no formal dance session planned. Of course, if you are getting into the Miami area early or staying after the Convention, you might wish to have some square dance attire since there are many fine clubs in the area. Dresses, Slacks, skirts and sweaters are appropriate for the ladies while any casual or informal clothing is suitable for the gentlemen at all sessions.

#### Special Meeting Considerations:

As in the past, we do not permit smoking during any of the meetings. This is due to the large number of people that we have in each session and the smallness of some of the rooms. We do permit smoking at all of the meal functions, however, and the hotel has been instructed to have ashtrays on each table. There will be no ashtrays in any of the meeting rooms, however, so if you do smoke, we suggest that you sit in the back of the room so that you may get up and move to the hallway to have your smoke. We sincerely appreciate your understanding on this.

Taping is permitted at all sessions. We have contracted to get tapes for 14 of the sessions but there are another 29 sessions scheduled so if you want a permanent record, by all means bring your own tape recorders. However, there are a limited number of wall plugs in the meeting rooms so the tape recorders that are battery operated are best as well as those having some kind of condenser mikes. As usual, a complete report will be included in the June Direction. We will also try to get a special Convention Flash Report out to all of you within a week after the close of the Convention. Please understand that this means it will be mailed within a week, not that you will get it within

a week. We can do lots of things, but making the postal service efficient is not one of them.

### Future Conventions:

This year some of you were disappointed because you couldn't get flight reservations or housing at the main hotel. As our size increases and as costs and limitations on transportation become more apparent, we urge all of you to make your plans early and avoid disappointments. We try to get the invitations out sometime in July. Generally speaking, airlines accept flight reservations about 9 or 10 months in advance so if you have to cancel, you risk nothing since you do get a full refund. Room reservations are in a similar fashion, register early and avoid unnecessary concerns.

Next year will see us again in the Radisson Muehlebach. There are a number of hotels near the Radisson and as they only can commit 600 rooms to us, you will want to register early.

### Dues and Deposits:

Some of you may not realize that we put all monies we receive into the bank in such a way as to work for us. This year, for instance, we earned more than \$10,000 in interest. That translates into reduced dues for you and we can hold the Convention costs as low as possible. However, this also means that it works best if all members pay their dues in advance as we requested in the January dues notice as well as pay all Convention fees prior to the Convention. While the current rate of interest earned on deposits is quite high, we budget based upon a more conservative approach. We do plan to earn more than \$10,000 again this year but the exact amount will depend on a number of factors. If each of us does a proportionate share, we could increase this even more. The Convention next year should be slightly less expensive.

### For Sale Items:

CALLERLAB will offer selected items for sale to its members. Items include Portfolios with the CALLERLAB emblem, Notebooks (1½" three ring type), Decals for inside or outside of glass, Bumper stickers which look great on cars as well as equipment or portfolios, Belt buckles made of pewter, Halls booklets, Confirmation agreements and the Recognition pins or charms. These items will be available at the time of registration or in the Exhibit area during normal selling hours.

We have more than 14 exhibitors who will again be displaying their merchandise. They will be setting up on Sunday afternoon and they will all be located in the corridor off of the main lobby floor in Rooms 204 through 212. Records, Sound Systems, Speakers, Clothing, Jewelry and Publications will all be on display and available for sale. Support those who support us.

### VIP Guests:

This year we will also have some VIP guests attending the CALLERLAB Convention as observers. We have two couples from the National Executive Committee, two couples from LEGACY and two couples from ROUNDALAB. Please take the time to visit with them and make them feel welcome. They, too, are an important part of the team promoting square dancing. Incidentally, they are paying the same Convention fee as you do.

### Fee Structure for the Tapes:

Any one tape	\$ 5.00	
Any four tapes with holder	20.00	
Any 8 tapes with holder	38.00	
Any 10 tapes with holder	45.00	plus two singles
Any 12 tapes with 2 holders	52.00	
All 14 tapes with 2 holders	59.00	with two empty slots

Requirements for Membership:

For those of you who have not attended a Convention since 1977, you are reminded that the ongoing requirements for membership include the attendance at one Convention out of each three Conventions except for those members serving outside the continental United States and Canada. If you are not registered to attend, if you have not already requested a waiver, you must submit a waiver stating the reasons for your non-attendance. We already have several requests for waivers and many of you are registered to attend. However, some of you have not registered, paid your dues nor requested a waiver. Others have paid their dues but no mention if you want a waiver or not. Unless the attendance requirements change (not a sure thing) you must request a waiver or face the prospect of being dropped from active membership. If you fit into this category, please submit a request for waiver today and state the reasons why you cannot attend.

Press Releases:

We have made the following press releases since the last issue of Direction. You will notice that the Quarterly Selection for the quarter beginning April 1, 1980 is included in this. The QS for the quarter is LINEAR CYCLE. Please note that the definition is changed to reflect Mainstream terminology. If you use this figure, please teach it as written and presented here. Thank you. See you in Miami.

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For the quarter beginning on April 1, 1980, the CALLERLAB Quarterly Selections Committee has selected one new figure for use during workshops at Mainstream Dances for those groups who enjoy trying the Quarterly Selections. The figure has seen quite a bit of action and use since its release and is quite easily handled by Mainstream dancers. The figure was Co-Authored by Lee Kopman and Dave Hodson and is called

LINEAR CYCLE. The definition has been reworded to conform to Mainstream terminology and has been reviewed and approved by one of the Co-Authors. While the definition appears and is described for right handed waves, it can be adapted to left handed waves and for some groups, it can also be used in other variations. For most Mainstream clubs, however, we encourage the right hand wave version.

LINEAR CYCLE: In any Right Handed Ocean Wave(s) - Ends and Adjacent Centers

Single HINGE, Dancers facing out FOLD, all DOUBLE PASS THRU, and PEEL RIGHT. Results in facing lines standing at right angles to the starting wave. If done from Left Hand waves, the pass is a left shoulder pass and the peel is to the left.

Some Dancing examples:

From 1p2p lines:

PASS the OCEAN, LINEAR CYCLE,  
PASS THRU, WHEEL & DEAL, (Centers)  
SWING THRU, TURN THRU, Allemande Left

From Box 1-4 Wave:

ALL 8 CIRCULATE, LINEAR CYCLE,  
HALF SQUARE THRU, TRADE BY,  
Allemande Left

From Box 1-4 Wave:

LINEAR CYCLE, SLIDE THRU,  
Allemande Left

From Box 1-4 Wave:

GIRLS TRADE, LINEAR CYCLE,  
SWEEP  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Allemande Left

From Box 1-4 Wave:

SWING THRU, LINEAR CYCLE,  
BOX the GNAT, RIGHT and LEFT THRU,  
PASS the OCEAN, RECYCLE, Allemande LEFT

From a Tidal Wave:

DO-SA-DO to a WAVE, (each wave)  
LINEAR CYCLE, PASS THRU,  
Allemande LEFT

General Comments: The description allows for the figure to be done from a variety of starting positions including a  $\frac{1}{2}$  TAG formation. The timing for the figure should be comfortably in 10-12 beats although as you gain familiarity with the move, you can do it in less time. This is a comfortable move if not rushed and the PEEL RIGHT does not seem to bother the dancers. It is the same action as a normal PEEL OFF for the dancers on the right hand side of the DOUBLE PASS THRU.

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Please note that the release date is not before the week of March 24, 1980. We appreciate any coverage you may give to the Press Release. We also appreciate your past coverage you have given us to previous releases. We will be providing a flash update of our Convention, coming up shortly after the first week in April. Have a good Winter and early Spring.

Regards,



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For Immediate Release

## P R E S S R E L E A S E

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CALLERLAB is pleased to announce additional information for the Callers' Seminar to be held during the Annual National Square Dance Convention. The National Executive Committee has been sponsoring these Seminars since San Antonio, and beginning with Milwaukee has asked CALLERLAB to conduct them. The sessions are no charge to registered National Square Dance Attendees and we would urge all callers and interested dancers to attend. The subjects to be included are all parts of the approved CALLERLAB Curriculum and will be conducted in two hour segments. The sessions are scheduled daily from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and during the afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Handouts will be provided at each session which highlight the individual sessions. However, in order to get the handout, you must sign in for that session.

The staff for the Callers' Seminar will include Kip Garvey, CA, Harold Bausch, <sup>CA</sup> Bill Davis, CA, Lee Kopman, NY, Bill Peters, CA, C. O. Guest, TX, Herb Egender, CO, Stan Burdick, OH, Cal Golden, AR, and John Kaltenthaler, PA.

An outstanding staff of talented callers and teachers and a great opportunity to learn more about the calling profession. Make it a point to attend as many of these sessions as you can - you will be glad you did.

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Thank you for any coverage you are able to give this release.

Regards,



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Executive Secretary