

NEWSLETTER
for Members of
CALLERLAB



The International Association
of Square Dance Callers

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Future Conventions

Mar 28-30, 1988 Bally Grand, Reno, NV
Mar 20-22, 1989 Opryland, Nashville, TN
Apr 9-11, 1990 Hyatt, Orlando, FL
Mar 25-27, 1991 Bally Grand, Las Vegas
Apr 13-15, 1992 Pavilion Towers, VA Beach

FROM THE CHAIR - Chairman Bob Osgood

If membership involvement is any measurement of success for any organization, then consider these indicators: (1) a significant percentage of our members is actively involved in one or more of our almost 30 on-going committees; (2) more than 100 members will be working on the giant post-National Convention Fund Raising Dance in Anaheim, California, June 26, 1988; (3) several hundred are already tied into the CALLERLAB around-the-world fund raising dances that will be taking place in the next few months and, (4) an estimated 180 members are presently involved in our Study Group projects created as information gathering programs vital to CALLERLAB's future.

Serving CALLERLAB is a valued responsibility. Whether your role presently consists of attending our yearly conventions and voting on our future policies; or if the part you play consists of telling others about this organization's accomplishments as well as its goals for the future; or if you are spreading the WORD about CALLERLAB among non-CALLERLAB callers in your area, you are indeed taking an active part in building our organization's future.

It might be that you are serving as a committee chairman or you may wish to become even more involved. Twenty members, the largest number ever, ran for office in our recent Board of Governors' election. The great majority of those serving on the Board at this time have been elected in recent years with only a handful of the present Board members holding office on a continuing basis since the birth of CALLERLAB. If nothing else, this is a clear indication of the willingness of new blood to serve and of veteran leaders to lend them encouragement. This willingness to work for CALLERLAB says much about our activity in general and about the calling and teaching profession in particular.

Even with those who are presently involved in one way or another, there is always opportunity for each of us to do more.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year! Bob Osgood

1988 RENO CONVENTION UPDATE

The registration for the 15th Annual CALLERLAB Convention in Reno now exceeds 600 people. To avoid disappointment, we urge you to register soon with us and the Bally Grand.

Our convention program is full and should prove highly interesting as well as educational. The theme "EDUCATE-PERPETUATE" lends itself well to the sessions scheduled. Please note some special additions as noted below.

If you are flying, please use the special convention number with United Airlines -- Account No. 8009-D. The toll-free number is 1-800-521-4041. If you have a travel agent, please refer to the above account number. The agent will earn the same commission -- we will get credit also; thus, future costs are reduced with the corresponding savings passed on to you.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Letters containing information regarding exhibiting at the Bally Grand in Reno were mailed January 4, 1988. If you are interested in exhibiting at our upcoming convention and did not receive this information, please contact Herb Egender or the home office.

The following policy will apply without exception:

1. All CALLERLAB callers and those people whose product or service is primarily for use by callers are eligible to exhibit with CALLERLAB.
2. All exhibitors must stay in the headquarters hotel -- no exceptions to this policy.
3. If an exhibitor is not registered to attend the convention, there will be an additional exhibitor fee of not less than \$50.00.

DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

If you or your partner have special dietary needs, please advise the home office at your earliest convenience so that arrangements can be made to accommodate you. Please do this even though you may have done this for prior conventions. By notifying us of your specific needs in advance, we will have informed the hotel staff and they will be prepared to meet your requirements graciously.

ATTENTION - ALL FEMALE CALLERS!

For those of you who wish your convention badge to indicate that you are the caller (and not the caller's partner), we will have available stick-on dots to affix to badges. Please request these at the convention registration desk.

ATTENTION - FULL TIME CALLERS!

A special interest session will be moderated by Mike Sikorsky for full time callers. Full time callers are defined as those callers whose principal income is derived from square dance calling and/or related fields. Please feel free to contact Mike Sikorsky or the home office to suggest topics you would like to see discussed. This session will not be restricted to those calling full time -- it could prove very helpful to those considering making square dance calling their principal source of income.

ATTENTION - COMPUTER BUFFS!

Clark Baker has agreed to moderate a session on computers at our 1988 Reno Convention. This should be a very interesting session to any of you who presently own a computer and apply it in some manner to square dancing and/or to those of you who are considering doing the same. If you have suggestions to offer regarding this session, please contact Clark Baker or the CALLERLAB Home Office.

CHALLENGE DEFINITIONS

The provisional C-1 Definitions were approved by the Board of Governors through a mail ballot. Copies of these definitions can be obtained by contacting the home office. The cost is \$2.00 per copy.

CALLERLAB COMMITTEE CHANGES

The Mainstream Definitions Committee has been disbanded. Should a definition be needed for a new Mainstream call, the Mainstream Committee will be asked to handle the same. Our sincere thanks to Don Beck for chairing this committee -- Don, your talents, time and dedication are very much appreciated by all of us!

The Formations Committee has also been discontinued. In the event additional formations or names are required, a special task force will be assigned to accomplish this function. Our thanks to Bill Davis for chairing this committee -- coordinating all the formations was not an easy task. Your hard work is very much appreciated, too!

MAINSTREAM QUARTERLY SELECTION - For The Period Beginning January 1, 1988

Decko Deck, Chairman of the Mainstream Quarterly Selection Committee, announces that "RETAIN YOUR LANE" is the Mainstream Quarterly Selection for the period beginning January 1, 1988.

RETAIN YOUR LANE - John Marshall

Starting formation(s): Parallel two faced lines or parallel ocean waves.

Ends Circulate twice (two positions) as the Centers Hinge. The very Centers Trade to Cast Off 3/4's with the awaiting Ends. Note from author: "May be used from 3 & 1 lines. In such instances, the Hinge is danced as a 'Partner Hinge'."

Ending formation(s): Two faced lines end in two faced lines; ocean waves end in ocean waves.

Teaching Tips: With the exception of the first half turn, the traffic pattern is very similar to the call "Spin Chain Thru - Ends Circulate Twice". The center action should be taught as a total 8 step routine to match the 8 step timing for the circulating dancers. Timing - 8.

Dancing Examples

From Zero Box to Zero Line:

Swing Thru, Boys Run,
RETAIN YOUR LANE, Couples Circulate,
Bend The Line, Star Thru, Pass Thru,
Trade By, Star Thru.

Zero Box to Zero Box

Swing Thru, RETAIN YOUR LANE
All 8 Circulate, Boys Run, Ferris Wheel
Centers Star Thru and Back Away,
Others Lead to the Right.

Singing Call Example: Heads (sds) Square Thru - Dosado to an Ocean Wave - RETAIN YOUR LANE - Right and Left Thru - Swing Thru, Turn Thru, Corner Swing - Promenade.

RESULTS OF MAINSTREAM KEEP/DROP BALLOT

By vote (keep/drop) of the membership, CONNECT FOUR has been dropped from the Mainstream Quarterly Selection list.

The only current Mainstream Quarterly Selection is RETAIN YOUR LANE.

PLUS QUARTERLY SELECTION - Period Beginning February 1, 1988

Ken Ritucci, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Plus Quarterly Selection Committee, is pleased to announce that "CROSS THE OCEAN" has been selected as the Plus Quarterly Selection for the period beginning February 1, 1988.

CROSS THE OCEAN - Larry Letson

Starting Formation: From Facing Couples (assume normal couples for ease of description), women diagonally pass right shoulders and then face right to become ends of right hand waves. As soon as the women clear the center, the men diagonally start to pass left shoulders, but when they meet, they join lefts and single hinge to become centers of the final waves. Timing: 4-6 beats

Examples:

From Lines Facing: Right & Left Thru ... Ladies lead - CROSS THE OCEAN ... (ends with right hand waves with boys in the center and girls on the end.)

Heads half square thru ... Slide Thru ... Right and Left Thru ... Dixie Style to a Wave ... Men Trade ... Left Swing Thru ... Single Hinge ... Women Run ... CROSS THE OCEAN ... Men Run ... Couples Circulate ... Half Tag the Line ... Men Run ... Left Allemande!

Heads Lead Right ... Circle to a Line ... Right & Left Thru ... CROSS THE OCEAN ... Right and Left Grand!

SINGING CALL FIGURE

Heads Square Thru ... Dosado ... Swing Thru ... Men Trade ... Men Run ... Bend the Line ... Right & Left Thru ... CROSS THE OCEAN ... Scoot Back ... Swing Corner ... Promenade ... Add 16 beat tag.

RESULTS OF PLUS KEEP/DROP BALLOT

The membership has voted to drop the call "COMPRESS TO A COLUMN" from the Plus Quarterly Selections effective immediately. The current Plus Quarterly Selections are "SCOOT AND RELOCATE", "ROCK THE BOAT" and "CROSS THE OCEAN".

ADVANCED QUARTERLY SELECTIONS

The current Advanced Quarterly Selections are:

Mini-Busy	Checkover
Open Up The Column	Cover Up

ROUND OF THE QUARTER - 1st Quarter 1988

Pete Diven, Vice Chairman of the CALLERLAB Round Dance Committee, is pleased to announce that the Round of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of 1988 is AIN'T SHE SWEET, MGR 034.

Previous selections for 1987 are as follows:

Kewpie Doll - TNT 252	1st Quarter 1987
Wonderful One - MGR 024 (Old HH 848 & HH 914)	2nd Quarter 1987
Sam's Song - MGR 020 (Old MacGregor 5020 & 8945)	3rd Quarter 1987
Sunday Afternoon - MGR 032 (HH 963)	4th Quarter 1987

CALLERLAB hopes that clubs will use these selections in their dance programs. Squares and Rounds do belong together and CALLERLAB encourages full participation in the Round Dance Program.

Note: Cue sheets are available by request from the CALLERLAB Home Office.

CURRENT TRADITIONAL DANCES OF THE QUARTER

1st Quarter 1987 - Rip and Snort	2nd Quarter 1987 - None
3rd Quarter 1987 - Three Ladies Chain	4th Quarter 1987 - Grand Sashay
1st Quarter 1988 - Triple Allemande	

CURRENT CONTRAS OF THE QUARTER

1st Quarter 1987 - T.A.G.	2nd Quarter 1987 - Shadrack's Delight
3rd Quarter 1987 - Tunnel of Love	4th Quarter 1987 - Patriot's Jig
1st Quarter 1988 - Inflation Reel	

CURRENT MAINSTREAM EMPHASIS CALLS

1st Quarter 1987 - Turn Thru Family	2nd Quarter 1987 - Peel Off
3rd Quarter 1987 - Tag Family	4th Quarter 1987 - Hinge Family
1st Quarter 1988 - Dixie Style to an Ocean Wave	

CURRENT PLUS EMPHASIS CALLS

1st Quarter 1987 - None

2nd Quarter 1987 - Crossfire

3rd Quarter 1987 - Anything & Roll

4th Quarter 1987 - Explode Family

1st Quarter 1988 - Follow Your Neighbor

OVERSEAS MINI-LAB

We are pleased to advise you that implementation of an overseas mini-lab has been initiated. The mini-lab will be held in Australia, June 12-14, 1990. The exact location has not yet been determined; however, it will be in the state of Queensland, in either Brisbane or along the Gold Coast. Overseas members Nev McLachlan, Eric Wendell, and Graham Rigby along with Graham Brandon and David Smythe, CALLERLAB subscribers, will be coordinating details for this mini-lab.

According to a resolution passed by the Board of Governors, the following will be asked to represent CALLERLAB: the Chairman or Vice Chairman, the Executive Secretary or Assistant Executive Secretary, and one to three members of the Board of Governors or recognized caller/trainer leaders or Caller-Coaches.

Those attending the mini-lab from any overseas country will meet the convention attendance requirement if eligible and appropriate. This will not apply to U.S. callers affiliated with CALLERLAB who attend or are on tour. No formal action(s) may be taken which would be binding to CALLERLAB as an organization.

Further information regarding this long-awaited overseas convention will be published in a future issue of DIRECTION.

CANADA - A PROBABLE FUTURE CONVENTION SITE

Members of the 1987-88 Executive Committee are pleased to announce that Canada will be among the major contenders for our 1993 annual convention. An effort will be made to make suitable convention and hotel arrangements in Ontario Province if possible. Toronto or Hamilton will be the first locations to be considered. Updates regarding this possibility will be published periodically in future issues of DIRECTION.

JERRY SCHATZER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

We are pleased to inform you that Mark Vrooman, Cobleskill, NY, has been selected as the first recipient of the "Jerry Schatzer Memorial Scholarship Fund Award", administered by CALLERLAB.

Mark learned to dance in The Netherlands while in the US Air Force. He earned his associate caller's badge from the European Callers and Teachers' Association and is currently an active member in the South Central New York Callers' Association where he has recently started a Mainstream club. Congratulations, Mark!

ERNA M. EGENDER MEMORIAL CALLERLAB CONVENTION AWARD

Congratulations to CALLERLAB member Don Williams and his wife, Eleanor, Mason, Michigan! Don and Eleanor were selected as the first recipients of the Erna M. Egender Memorial CALLERLAB Convention Award. This award, established by Herb Egender in Erna's memory, covers the convention registration fee. Don has been calling approximately 10 years. Don states, "I think we work together like most couples. Eleanor does all the work, paper work, dues, flyers, club records, sets up committees. I simply do the calling." Don has been a CALLERLAB member since 1983. Both the members of CALLERLAB and the Square Dancing Activity are proud to have Don and Eleanor as active, enthusiastic participants! We are looking forward to seeing you folks in Reno!

NOTE: Contact the CALLERLAB HOME OFFICE for applications and further information regarding scholarships available.

CALLERLAB FOUNDATION for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing

As most of you already know, The Foundation is in place and donations are being accepted. Funds donated from the many "Fund Raising" dances being held throughout the U.S. and overseas are being received by The Foundation. It should be noted that the funds generated by these fund raising dances will be used solely for the purpose of promoting Square Dancing. Undoubtedly other items will be proposed, but the first thing to be done with the funds generated is the production of a TV commercial to enlighten the general public about our activity. This TV commercial will be available to any and all square dance clubs or callers to have it run on their local or area TV stations. It is anticipated that such a commercial will greatly enhance our recruiting capacity.

Please do your share!

CALLERLAB FUND RAISING DANCES

Darryl McMillan, Chairman of the CALLERLAB Ways & Means Committee, is pleased to report the following on the CALLERLAB Fund Raising Dances:

Initial returns are looking good -- to date, we have received more than \$4,300.00 from many sources! Personal donations make up a part of this total as well as the many callers, clubs, and associations that have, thus far, sponsored a "CALLERLAB Fund Raising" dance. Florida, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Nebraska, Ohio, Arizona, South Carolina, Maryland and Iowa have all had good success! Overseas members from New Zealand and West Germany have sent personal donations and also held dances. If you haven't been contacted to help with a fund raising dance in your state, please contact the office and we will give you the name of the caller who is acting chairman for your state. If we all get behind this effort, we should meet or exceed our goal.

With your help, our \$100,000 goal can be obtained! Let's make it happen!

DANCE IN YUBA CITY, CA -

Jack Murtha has set up an International Hoedown - Saturday, March 26, 1988, Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Yuba City, CA - See flyer attached. Jack has really made a big push for this area and he has prizes, chances and other items going for a huge event. If you wish, contact Jack directly to assist, attend or take a chance on some of the great items he has garnered. Yuba City is about 2½ hours by car from Reno. If the weather is good, you might want to drop in and share in this spectacular.

HELP CALLERLAB HELP YOU! - QUESTIONNAIRE ATTACHED

Darryl McMillan, Vice Chairman, will begin his term as Chairman of the Board at the 1988 Reno Convention. Darryl has requested that we include the enclosed questionnaire as part of this issue of DIRECTION. The purpose of the questionnaire is to enable Darryl to get a better "handle" on what each of you feels is needed.

Please take the time NOW to complete and return the questionnaire! Darryl firmly believes that "YOU ARE CALLERLAB". He WANTS your ideas. Please let him hear from you!

PLEASE ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE and return it PROMPTLY to Darryl or the Home Office.

If you haven't yet paid your dues or sent in your registration deposit for the convention, please do so at your earliest convenience. A number have indicated plans to attend but no entries are made into the system until we receive a formal registrations card with a deposit.

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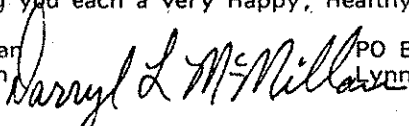
To All Callers:

January 1988

I am pleased to advise you that at the CALLERLAB 1988 Reno Convention, I will begin my term as Chairman of the Board of Governors of CALLERLAB. In attempting to chart a direction for the next year, I have devised the questionnaire below with the hopes that you will help me help you by responding giving specifics versus generalities. I sincerely feel that "YOU ARE CALLERLAB" and earnestly solicit your input, ideas, suggestions and/or recommendations. Please take the time to answer this questionnaire and return it today!

Thanks very kindly for taking a few minutes of your precious time to hopefully help me to help you! Wishing you each a very Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 1988!

Darryl McMillan PO Box 880
Vice Chairman Lynn Haven, FL 32444



1. CALLERLAB is constantly striving to improve the Square Dance Activity. Please indicate below any specific ideas or actions you feel would be beneficial in this effort.

2. Our organization is comprised of individual callers. What can CALLERLAB do to help YOU -- be it personally or to help you help CALLERLAB? Again, specific ideas and/or suggestions, please!

3. I am sure most of you have heard "Friendship is Square Dancing's Greatest Reward". Perhaps it would be a good idea to have a slogan or motto that would convey the concept and/or purpose of CALLERLAB. Kindly indicate any suggestion(s) you may have below.

4. Obviously, it would be ideal if all those affiliated with us were 100% behind what CALLERLAB's actions are. I am sincerely interested in knowing what action(s) we (CALLERLAB) could take to make it easier for you to not only get more out of CALLERLAB but make it easier for you to promote CALLERLAB?

5. As most of you know, we hope to increase the number of callers affiliated with us. Please suggest any action(s), etc. that you recommend CALLERLAB take to bring more non-CALLERLAB callers into our ranks?

6. What type of interest sessions would YOU like to see emphasized at our conventions? Please indicate topics and suggested names of presenters.

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Calling _____ Years _____ Program(s) you call most _____

Local Callers' Association _____

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