

Gold Card (Life Member) - 2011

Marshall Flippo

Presented by Melton Luttrell

It is normally the goal of the presenter of a Gold Card to not divulge the name of the recipient until the latter part of the presentation. In this case, I will attempt to save all the suspense, because if I would try to tell you about the person, there would be no suspense. I would ask you individually, or in this case, as a group, to think of one person in the square dance calling field who is the most recognizable person in square dancing both by physical appearance and by name recognition. We already know who the recipient is, don't we? **Marshall Flippo** and Neeca, whom he married in 1949, took up square dancing in 1951 and he started calling in 1952. In 1958 the Flippos joined with three other couples in Abilene, Texas, and built the Wagon Wheel Square Dance Hall. In 1961 Marshall was signed on as the resident caller at Kirkwood Lodge and in 1973 the Flippos became co-owners of the enterprise.

Flip received the CALLERLAB Milestone award in 1981. As a Founding Member. of CALLERLAB, Flippo has contributed to the success of CALLERLAB in many ways. He has served on CALLERLAB's Board of Governors and has been an icon, as well as an ambassador of CALLERLAB since its inception. His presence alone makes CALLERLAB a better organization.

Ladies and gentlemen it is with great pleasure that I present the CALLERLAB Gold Card to **Marshall Flippo**