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October 2nd

Harry Delugach with Cross Town Traffic

The band Cross Town Traffic includes **Mike Robinson** on fiddle, **Brian Baker** on guitar, **Bill Porter** on flute and **Brian Donahue** on mandolin. Mike lives near Brasstown, NC and the others are from the Atlanta area. The caller, **Harry Delugach** is, of course, from Huntspatch.

October 16th:

Archie Faulkner with Wolves A Howlin'

The biggest news of the month is that **Bob & Cathy White, Curt Lewis and Jim Holland** have at last picked a name. Yes, it's true! The group formerly known as "The Nameless Band" and more recently as just "Bob, Cathy, Curt & Jim" are now "Wolves A Howlin'." Birmingham's **Archie Faulkner** will be the caller.

<p>The fine print: NACDS dances the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church on Whitesburg at Airport Rd. in Huntsville. Come to the refresher workshop at 7PM, then dance until 10:30 for \$7 (\$6 for members, \$4 for teens.) Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes to dance in and please wear a name tag. Bring someone new to a dance this month!</p>

Steering Committee Meeting

A NACDS steering committee meeting was held at the Mebane's on Wednesday night, September 15th, 2004. Attendees were: Bryan Walls, Linda Harmon, Mark Mohon, Jerry & Carol Mebane and Doug Roth.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for our Blue Moon dance weekend next May 20-22).

We covered: alternatives to the UAH University Center as venue. (The cost of using the UC will be about \$1300 more in 2005 than previously.) An examination of a proposed budget with the new cost of the UC was made. Several options were explored including local School gyms, the gym at Faith Pres. etc. Eventually, we decided to stay with the UC, despite the increased cost.

It was announced that our original selection for a band, "Domino" is apparently no longer booking dates, and thus are not available. David Kaynor (see <http://www.davidkaynor.com/>) has been contacted and negotiations are proceeding for a 3-4 member band of his - perhaps called "Three Good Reasons" - to be our Saturday night band next May. David is both a very well regarded musician and a caller with 25 years experience.

Other band and caller possibilities were explored as well. The meeting broke up before hurricane Ivan arrived.

Get on our email list or talk to the folks at the table at our next dance to help the group plan for future events. NACDS is your dance group!

Contra Dance Designer

Among my duties as editor of the newsletter is the exploration of dance related websites. (It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it!) Anyway, I recently found one of interest.

The Seattle folk dance group has a page on their website that will allow you to create your own contras! You can pick from a list of over 200 dance figures, and put a dance together. Once you have a series of moves entered (using a simple interface) you can push a button and little colored symbols will swirl around and animate your dance!

They even have a couple of sample dances set up already. The first is an improper contra with a full hey-for-4. It's kinda fun to watch. The other dance lines up proper and then turns 1/4 circle right as if to get into becket formation. Very strange!

I'll warn you that the page only works with Internet Explorer. More secure browsers need not apply.

<http://seattledance.org/contra/design/>

Why not give it a try?

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$10 (\$15 for families), payable to NACDS at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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Calendar

*Local events in **bold**; contact Bryan Walls (256 837-0656; bwalls@pobox.com) for more info.*

Oct. 1 (Fri.) Nashville - Eddie Doss with Playin' Possum

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriol, near I-440 & Nolensville Rd.

Instruction at 7:30, dance at 8:00. For more info, contact Chrissy (615-210-6808) or John (DanceFools@aol.com).

Oct. 2 (Sat.) NACDS - Harry Delugach with Cross Town Traffic

Oct. 8 (Fri.) Nashville - Chrissy Davis-Camp with In The Woods

Oct. 9 (Sat.) - FoOTMaD - Vicki Herndon with Leo's Trio

FoOTMaD dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 3rd Ave. & 23rd St. in Birmingham. 7:30 - \$8.

Oct. 9 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Rob Harper with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

CTDS dances 2nd and 4th Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown; 8-11 P.M.; \$5.

For info contact: Steve at 706-937-4991 or Claire & Bryant at 423-876-7359 or: <http://contranooga.org>

Oct. 15 (Fri.) Nashville - Doug Singleton with Whistlin' Rufus (from Atlanta)

Oct. 16 (Sat.) NACDS - Archie Faulkner with Wolves A Howlin'

Oct. 22 (Fri.) Nashville - Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg, James & Rachel Bryan & Friends

Oct. 23 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Wolves A Howlin'

Oct. 29-31 Nashville - Music City Masquerade - Andy Wilson with Groovemongers

For info: http://www.dancenashville.org/html/fall_weekend.html

Oct. 29 (Fri.) Sewanee - Harry Delugach with Melmac Lickers

This Misty Mountain Dance starts at 8 in the Legion Hall in Sewanee TN. Call 931 598-0814 for more info.

Oct. 30 (Sat.) NACDS - No Dance

Nov. 5 (Fri.) Nashville - TBA

Nov. 6 (Sat.) NACDS - Jane Ewing with Wolves A Howlin'

Nov. 12 (Fri.) Nashville - TBA

Nov. 13 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Vicki Herndon with Mountain Creek Boys

Nov. 13 (Sat.) FoOTMaD - Becca Impello with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Nov. 19 (Fri.) Nashville - TBA

Nov. 20 (Sat.) NACDS - Vicki Herndon with Tom Kat and the Fiddle

Nov. 26 (Fri.) Nashville - TBA

Nov. 27 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Turkey Trot - Caller TBA with Red Mountain White Trash

Nov. 27 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Caller TBA with Fiery Gizzard String Band

In Atlanta they dance on Fridays and Tuesdays - see <http://contradance.org>

In Knoxville they dance every Monday - see <http://www.kornet.org/kcd/>

In Memphis they dance 1st and 3rd Fridays - see <http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

To get your dances on the schedule, e-mail us with the particulars by the 20th of the month. - Doug & Bryan

Other Dance Events of Note

Lake Eden Arts Festival - Oct. 15-17 2004 - Black Mountain, NC see <http://www.theleaf.com/>

Knoxville 31st Annual Dance Festival 2005 - Feb. 18-20 - Flapjack & Cis Hinkle