

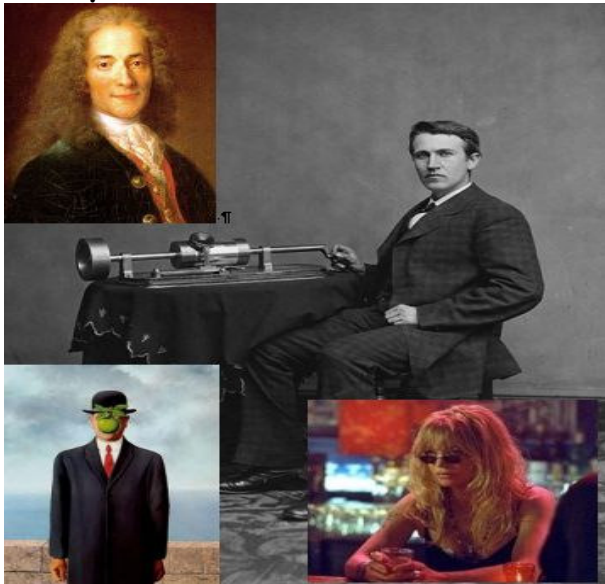
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Newsletter for November 2008

Howdy!



Thomas Edison poses with his new phonograph while Voltaire, Goldie Hawn and Rene Magritte's *Son of Man* listen to *Mary Had a Little Lamb*.

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For our "On this Date" feature - it was on this date in 1879 that Thomas Edison unveiled his phonograph (he's sitting next to it in the center). Born on this date, among others - Voltaire (top left corner), Goldie Hawn (bottom right) and painter Rene Magritte - *Son of Man*, his most famous work, is in the bottom left corner). As we prepare for national orgy of overconsumption otherwise known as Thanksgiving, let's pause for a moment and remember those of us who are not doing too well in these bleak economic times.

Several clubs are sponsoring canned food drives - see below or check the CASDC sheet. If you're planning to travel consider bringing a non-perishable food item to those dances. If not, you can always make contributions as needed to local charities, including the local soup kitchen here in Willimantic. And remember, as long as you square dance you'll never be poor - broke perhaps, but not poor. Now go work off those incoming calories -- get in a square and dance!

We Have Been Challenged!

By the South Windsor Square Dance Club to raid their Four-Star Dance at the Powder Mill Barn in Hazardville, CT. on Friday, December 5 (dance begins at 8 p.m., 7:30 Rounds). Bob Smith, Steve Garrett and Bill Mager will call separately and

together throughout the evening. Bob, Steve and Bill have called with each other before and harmonize wonderfully together. Jo Yakimowski will cue Rounds. It should be a fun evening and it would be nice for Windham to have a square somewhere other than the Sweeney School. South Windsor regularly supports our dances -- we should return the favor at least once. Please note: South Windsor tends to serve a massive spread for refreshments so eat lightly before the dance.

Teacup Auction Seeks Donors

We are planning on holding a teacup auction at our December dance. If you have small items to donate (or previous door prizes to regift :-)) Please speak to Noreen Morgan.

Rusty McLean Retiring

Rusty McLean has announced that he is planning to retire; his last dance will be on Sunday, December 7 at the Cheshire Cats in Cheshire, CT at the Parks & Recreation Building on Route 10. If you're a fan of Rusty McLean and that pretty much includes anyone who has ever danced to him, then this may be your last chance to enjoy his fun and challenging calls. Steve Garrett is the cuer; the dance begins at 7 p.m. and runs to 9:30 - no Early Rounds.

Official Travel Night for November

South Windsor SDC 45th anniversary dance: Friday, November 28: Caller: Charlie Trapp; Cuer: Roy Williams. **Club of the Month (East).** The theme is South Windsor's Annual Canned Food Drive - bring in one or more non-perishable food items and get an extra door prize ticket; 7:30 PM early rounds, square dancing starting at 8:00. Location: Powder Mill Barn, Hazardville section of Enfield, CT.

Suggestions/Special Events

Time again to nag - if we want guests we have to be guests, that means traveling. And remember, being a guest means not having to clean up or bring food and you don't have to wait for Refreshments - just show up and dance. In addition to the two dances mentioned above, here are some other travel suggestions:

Other Dances of Interest in the Area:

Saturday, November 22: Manchester: Caller: Bill Mager, Cuer: Bev Mackay. 7:30 Rounds, 8 p.m. Dance - MS/Plus, 2nd Congregational Church on North Main Street in Manchester. This is their canned food drive dance.

Saturday, December 6: Central Valley, Farmington Community Center: Caller: Jim Schell; Cuer: Bev Mackay 7:30 Rounds, dance begins at 8. Plus with one A1 tip.

Saturday, December 13: Glastonbury - Club of the Month (East): Caller: Bill Mager, Cuer: Steve Garrett; 7:30 Rounds, 8 p.m. dance, MS/Plus.

Student/Blastoff Dances

Friday, December 12: South Windsor at the Powder Mill Barn - also Club of the Month (East); Caller: Bob Smith, Cuer: Steve Garrett. Beginner/Mainstream - 7:30-8 Plus workshop, dance begins at 8.

Sunday, December 14: Cheshire Cats - also Club of the Month (West) , Caller: Jim DeNigris; Cuer: Sue Lucibello, Beginner/Mainstream - dance begins at 7, ends at 9:30, no Early Rounds.

Quiet Corner Contra Dances

The next Quiet Corner Contra Dance is scheduled for Saturday, December 6. caller is TBD, live music provided by 1st Time String Band. Everyone is invited to a Potluck Dinner/Meeting set to begin at 5 p.m. at the church (see below for directions). Instruction starts at 7:30 p.m., the dances begin at 8:00pm. Dances are held at the Hampton Congregational Church located at 256 Main St, (Route 97) in Hampton CT. Beginner dancers are always welcome; no partner is necessary. All dances are taught. Bring soft-soled shoes and water for drinking and, if you can, bring something to share for our FAMOUS dessert potluck at the break. The QCCD dance schedule for the rest of 2008-09 (always subject to change, we'll update as needed) is below:

1-03-09 Jim Gregory calling with (Band TBD)

2-7-09 Tom Roby calling with Matching Orange playing

3-7-09 Ralph Sweet calling with White Squall playing

4-04-09 Steve Holland calling with Thread City String Band playing

5-02-09 (Caller TBD) with Neo-Contras playing

6-06-09 (Caller TBD) with 1st Time String Band playing

For more information contact Susan at 860-933-3586 for more info, or check on the web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/QuietCornerContraDance>

Shindigs at the Powder Mill Barn

The Powder Mill Barn Contra Dances are held on the fourth Sunday of the month at the Powder Mill Barn in Hazardville from 7-10 p.m. Admission \$8.00; light refreshments available; guests are encouraged to bring some goodies to share! The next dance of this season is set for November 23 with the "The Swivets": Stacy Phillips, a very exciting, jazzy fiddler, backed up by Ellen Cohn on piano with Ralph Sweet calling contras and some squares. Directions: from I-91 take Exit 47E, go about 2.5 miles; in the center of Hazardville, (Valero Station on left) take a RIGHT onto South Maple Street; go down hill, look for the Red Barn on right just before

narrow bridge. For more information contact Ralph Sweet at 860-749-4494; e-mail Ralphsweet@aol.com; or go to the website at www.powdermillbarn.com.

End this Year with Cheer

Our December dance is scheduled for Friday, December 19 at the Sweeney School. Caller: John Hendron; Cuer: Steve Garrett. Refreshment assignments: Hosts: Bernie & Ernie Brisson; all members bring finger foods; chips will be provided by the club.

Begin Next Year with Cheer

Our first dance of 2009 will be on Friday, January 16 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Bill Mager; Cuer: Jo Yakimowski. Refreshment assignments: Hosts: Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz; **Sandwiches:** Alma Derway & Fred Rick; **Desserts:** Elaine Macke & Noreen Morgan; **Veggies:** Joan Weatherford; Chips provided by club.