

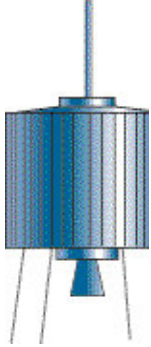
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Newsletter for April 2005

Howdy!



On April 6, 1965 "Early Bird," the world's first commercial satellite, was launched into synchronous orbit 22,000 miles above the Earth (the satellite became operational in June). Meanwhile, square dancers in the Willimantic area had to wait one more month for another historic event - the founding of the Windham Whirlers Square Dance Club. But you don't have to wait that long, just launch yourself out of your seat and get in a square!

Annual Meeting/Potluck Dinner

Our Annual General Meeting/Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. Once again Alma Derway has been kind to enough to host the meeting at her cottage on Columbia Lake. For more information and directions, please contact Alma at 455-0526 or contact Fred Rick by phone at 429-6871 or e-mail:

fhrick@yahoo.com. The major item on the agenda is the election of next year's Executive Board (see below).

Slate for Next Year's Executive Board

The Nominating committee has presented the following slate of candidates for 2005/2006:

President: Alma Derway & Fred Rick

Special Events: Jerry & Zoe Leibowitz

Program Chair: Burt & Jeanne Starkey

Hospitality: Noreen Morgan

Secretary: Alice & John Kolega

Association Representative: Pat Powers &

Treasurer: Al & Elaine Macke

Alice Leibowitz

Publicity: Dale Dyer

40th Anniversary on May 21, 2005

It's hard to believe, but the big night is almost here! Our 40th Anniversary Dance will be held on Friday, May 20, 2005 at the Sweeney School. Tickets are now available, thanks to Bob Lee -- who not only designed the ticket, but also printed them for us. Tickets are \$8 per person; admission is \$10 at the door. Gloria Lee is chairing the event and is looking for volunteers to help with decorations, food, and just about anything else that can be done. Please speak to Gloria about helping out. Contact Alice or John Kolega at 860-423-8126 or e-mail fhrick@yahoo.com for more information.

Windham Whirlers On the Road

Windham earned a travel certificate on Saturday, April 9 for having a square at the Glastonbury 45th anniversary dance. Over nine squares were in attendance as caller Jack O'Leary and cuer Liz Becker kept everyone on their toes throughout the evening. Thanks to Jeanne & Burt Starkey, Alice & John Kolega, Alma Derway, Fred Rick and especially Fred & Pat Powers for representing us at this great event.

Official Travel Nights

A shortened version of last month's lecture on this subject: If we want guests, we have to be guests. And being a guest means never having to work the kitchen or bring refreshments. So, here are some suggestions for travel in April/May:

Bucs n' Does: Friday, April 22 at 8 p.m. at the Griswold School on Heather Lane. Plus Dance with A1 Tip. Caller: Steve Xeller, Cuer: Sue Lucibello. For information and directions call 860-828-6602.

Hayloft: Saturday, May 7 at the Hayloft Barn in Sturbridge, MA. This is an MS/Plus level dance. Caller: Suptei Rogers, Cuer: Birgit Maguire.

Contra Dance in Hazardville April 17

A contra dance is scheduled for Sunday, April 17 at the Powder Mill Barn in Hazardville. Ralph Sweet will call accompanied by live music. Admission is \$8 per person. Drinks and refreshments will be provided. Causal dress is recommended. Directions are available online <http://fhrick.net/SWSDC/PowderMillBarn.html> or see Fred Rick.

Windham Whirlers Make Music at Eastern

The Morgans and 2 former Windham Whirlers (Larry Boisvert & Al Joly) will be joining a group of other musicians to put on an evening of French Canadian and Irish

Canadian tunes at the Student Center at ECSU on April 20 at 7pm. Admission is free, so come on down and enjoy the music.

Bev Boudreau's last Dance at Windham/Party at Hayloft

Tonight's dance marks the last time Bev Boudreau will be cuing for Windham Whirlers. No, don't worry; Bev will be back in September, but by then she will be Bev McKay.

On May 1 Bev will marry Bob McKay; they are inviting everyone to join them in celebrating their wedding day with a special free dance at the Hayloft Barn in Sturbridge, MA on Sunday, May 1 from 2:30 to 2:50 p.m. There will be an open mike for cuers and callers and plenty of dancing. Bev and Bob are asking for those who are planning to attend the event to RSVP them individually or as a group by April 25th. You can e-mail Bev at bnbrounds@comcast.net or telephone: 413-786-2888.

Bill Mager Steps in At Last Minute in March

Our scheduled caller for March had to cancel at the last minute due to a death in the family. We got the news the night before the dance. Luckily for us, Bill Mager was kind enough to come by and call for us on very short notice, joining cuer Bev Boudreau. And while we didn't exactly have a full hall that evening, what we lacked in quantity of dancers we more than made up for in quality as we all had fun and a really large meal thanks to the full load of refreshments.

CASDC News (by Frank Lussier)

Central Valley is sponsoring Plus Workshops at 7-9 PM on Monday evenings during April, May & June at the Farmington Community Center starting on Monday, April 4, with Bill Mager calling. A1 lessons will be offered from 9-9:30 at no additional charge.

The **47th New England Square & Round Dance Convention** will take place at Brattleboro Union High School, Brattleboro, VT on Friday & Saturday, April 22 & 23. All level Squares & Rounds; Progressive Squares and Contra Dancing. Seven SD Halls at the High School and a RD Hall at Austin School and at the VFW. 71 Callers, 25 Cuers & 14 Exhibitors. Info: Bud & Judie Clifford 802-563-2777.

In May Life and Square Dancing Begin at 40

The May dance is scheduled for Friday, March 20 at the Sweeney School. The dance begins at 8 p.m. (7:30 Rounds) and continues on to 10:45. This is our 40th Anniversary Dance. Callers: Bruce McCue and Jack O'Leary cuer: Birgit Maguire. This is a Plus

level dance. Gloria Lee is the host and chair of the event with Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz assisting. Refreshment assignments are below:

| Sandwiches (3 Doz./36 pcs) | Sweets (3 Doz./36 pcs) | Fruit | Chips & Dip | Vegetables |
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| Donated by | P. Powers | J. Starkey | A. Kolega | E. Macke |
| B. Mosca | G. Lee/ B. Brisson | A. Derway | D. Dyer | A. Leibowitz |
| | Leibowitz, Z&J | N. Morgan | G. Lee | F. Rick |

In June We'll All Scream for Ice Cream

The June dance is scheduled for Friday, June 10 (note: the *second* Friday of the month) at the Sweeney School. The dance begins at 8 p.m. (7:30 Rounds). Caller: Everett Mackin; cuer: Carole Landry. This is a Plus level dance. The hosts are Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz & with Gloria & Bob Lee assisting. This is our annual Ice Cream Social; there are no refreshment assignments,

