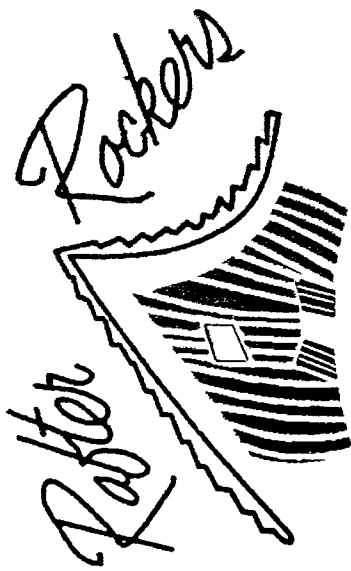




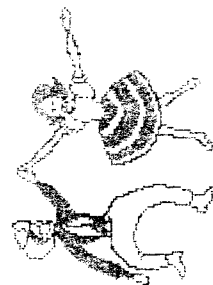
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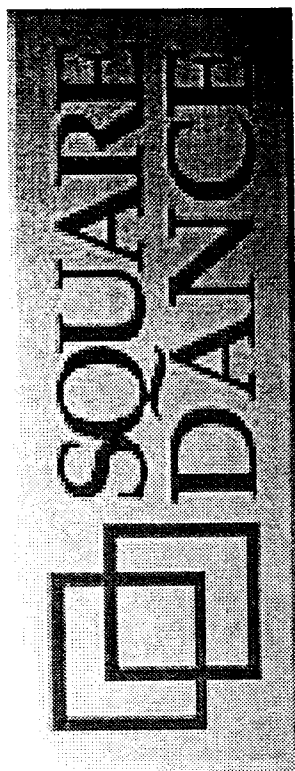
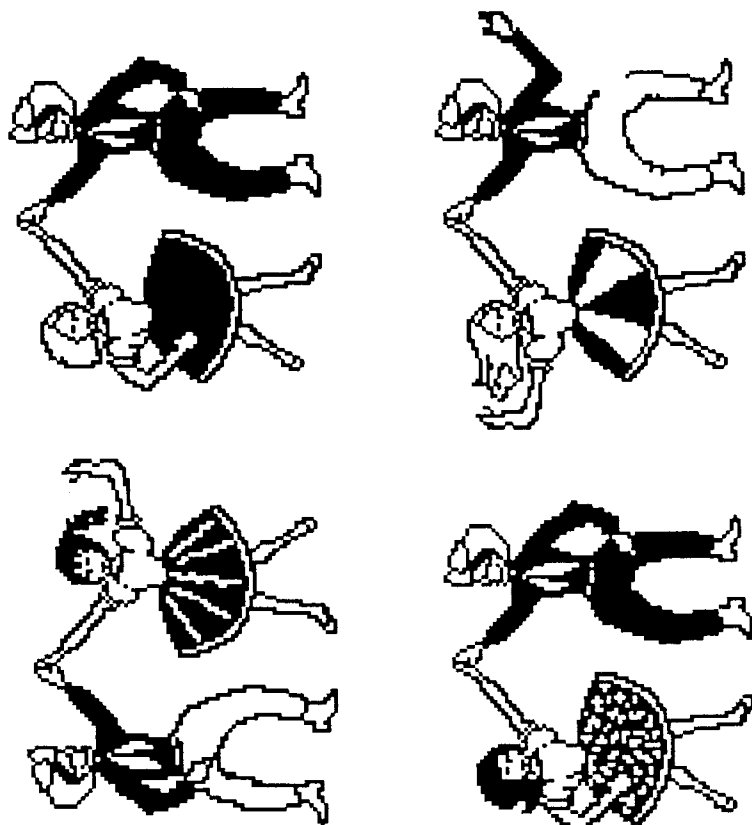


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Gary Carnes
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Caller's Tav
Diane Carnes
(They tell me that Tav means "favorite one", but I think it really means "boss")



Rafter Rockers Square Heads

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From The President

Don & Donna

Dear Dancers -

Are we thinking about CIRCUS-CIRCUS? Our dance will be different this

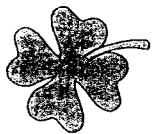
year because of the change of real estate from Leigh HS to John Muir MS. Bob and Susan Cavallero have looked over the new site and spotted a possible challenge in hanging a parachute from a large, glittering mirrored dance ball. Our animal cutouts and antique posters will have new locations. But with everyone in the club on hand to help on Saturday afternoon - we can do it! We are a crafty, creative group and we can have fun shuffling our prize decorations around to glamorize the new hall. Another change in this year's dance is that there will be no door prizes. All prizes will be raffled. Let's start thinking about raffle prizes. Suggestions include: boxed candy, wine, plants, painted garden pots, homemade specialties (like toffee, sugared pecans), gift certificates from restaurants, grocers, beauty salon, pet supply store. Unusual gifts, yes, but no white elephant. We've always been generous in this area. Another change this year is the pre-sale of ribbons.

Soon, very soon, the Nominating Committee will be circulating around the club to seek out members who will elect to serve as officers of the club. The Committee will be looking for a Vice President who is willing to serve as vice president for one year and then automatically rotate into the president position for a one-year term. The by-laws provide for the couple to serve in the VP slot for that year to become acquainted with club business before taking the reins as president. As you know, Bob and Susan Cavallero will be President in May. We also need to find willing members for Treasurer, Secretary, and the Publicity chair for the 2001 - 2002 term.

Happy dancing folks!

Don and Donna





The Secretary Sez

Please check your e-mail address in the new roster. If it needs correction or change, please let Don Arndt know.

Minutes - January 24, 2001

The minutes of the December board were approved as read.

Club Liaison - Chuck DePalmo has arranged an alternate dance site for RRs for February 21st at the Methodist Church on Leigh Avenue, two blocks off Hiway 85. Chuck also states that next year Union Middle School will take on a major renovation, and it is likely that we'll be forced to find another dance location.

Membership - Don Arndt. We have received a resignation letter from Fred and Carmen Rios stating that it has become too difficult to get to our dance location. Al and Patsy Abele have bought a home in Las Vegas and will split their time between there and there home here. They request LOA for a year. New members Tony and Janet King have been assigned to square 5.

Hayloft - Dick. Still need input on activities and other areas.

Publicity - Ann and Richard Sadler have sold their home and will be leaving the area. They are resigning their membership with RRs.

New Business:

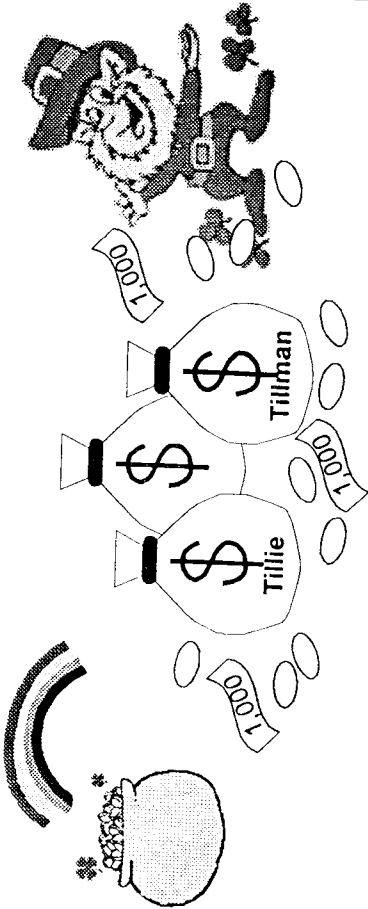
Festival Calendar: In regard to the Festival Calendar produced by Van Symons annually, Marv Tanner would like to propose to the board that a policy or guideline be established to determine which festivals the RRs will attend as a club. for example, festivals within say a 150 mile radius. And, of course, the policy would include those festivals where Gary is a caller. then a wagonmaster can be appointed to those activities the club will participate in.

Next board meeting, February 28th, 7 PM, at Union School.

From your secretary,

Doris Gerken

The Treasurer Reports:



FINANCIAL STATEMENT, RAFTER ROCKERS, February, 2001

FEB

Starting Balance, Oct. 1, 2000

\$7,647.26

INCOME

Items include club dues and guest fees

Total income

\$1,334.00

EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditures

\$658.47

Hall rent owed but not yet billed 1,872.00

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Ending Balance, Oct. 31, 2000

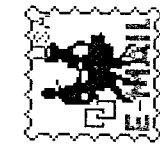
\$8,322.79

From the Editor's Desk

Dick Gaskill

Howdy all !

Well, I got a few comments about the newsletter and Donna and I worked out a few details. As you can see, it's pretty much the same as it was. Hope you like it.

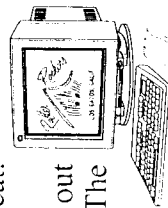


NEWSLETTER DEADLINE !

Please don't forget -- if you have volunteered a contribution for the Hayloft, I need it by the end of the month. If it doesn't arrive in my in-box in time, it'll have to wait until the next issue. Send it by regular mail, carrier pigeon or even a phone call. Email is best, though. Send info to dgcallee@earthlink.net. If you don't have email or carrier pigeons, give it to me on club night. Hey, some of the best stuff gets written on napkins or the back of envelopes. Note that I might make a few edits to what you send me. Thanks.

Web Site Info

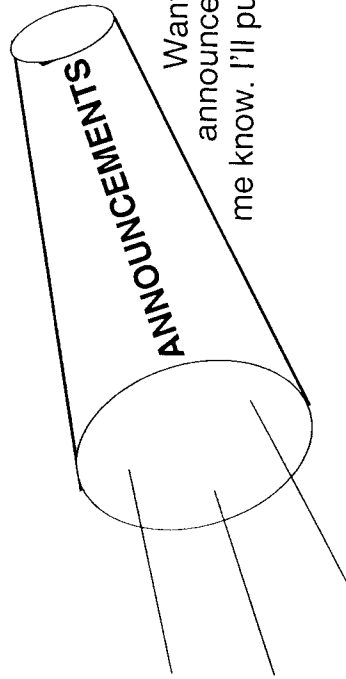
If you have a computer, you're in for a treat. We now have our own web site, where people from **all over the world** can find out about us and what a good time we have. The URL to the Rafter Rocker's web site is <http://www.rafterrockers.com> I've been there. It's great! Just one page now, but it'll grow! You will probably find your picture on it soon. You'll be world famous!



Puzzle Answers

In the last issue, I included a puzzle sent in by Jim Pead and Betsy Waite. They found it in the British Square Dance Magazine. Here are the answers.

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Brought Rinsy | Boys Run Right |
| 2. I Scrag Futile Ice Nell | Single File Circulate |
| 3. Test Your Crun | Courtesy Turn |
| 4. Shant Ruin Chip | Spin Chain Thru |
| 5. Cold Fairie Shaun | Four Ladies Chain |
| 6. Stock Boosy Cab | Boys Scoot Back |
| 7. Lady Bikes, Dogs Growl | Boys Walk, Girls Dodge |
| 8. Shade Gilds Tire | Sides Lead Right |
| 9. Strength Fuwil | Left Swing Thru |
| 10. Ditch A Low Nine Hen | Chain Down the Line |



Want to make an announcement? Let me know. I'll put it right here!

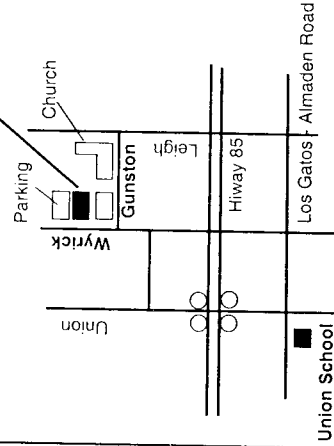
New Alternate Dance Location

By Chuck DePalmo

Union Middle School will not be available for Rafter Rocker Dancing on several Wednesday evenings this spring due to school vacations and other school activities. Arrangements have been made with the Cambrian Park United Methodist Church to use their hall on these nights. The Church is located at the intersection of Leigh Avenue and Gunston Way, just north of where Hiway 85 crosses Leigh. The hall is on the backside of the Church property (actually on Wyrick Avenue) and there is a parking lot off Wyrick adjacent to the hall.

We will be dancing at the Methodist Church on April 11 and May 2. On May 9 we will dance at the Campbell Community Center (Orchard City Hall) and starting May 16, we will dance at the Methodist Church through the summer. That's right, we will NOT be dancing at St. Francis Cabrini as we have in the past.

Church Hall



★★ WANTED ★★ From the Prez...

If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, or an inside track to finding another *regular* dance location for our club, please let Chuck Depalmo know. Chuck is going to need everyone's help on this problem. Chuck has followed up on every lead - and there have been some promising possibilities - but so far, no luck.

Circus-Circus Hoedown Plans

Our annual Circus-Circus Hoedown will be held on April 21 this year in the John Muir Middle School Cafeteria. This is a change from our usual venue at Leigh High School because we are able to rent comparable facilities at a much lower cost. The site change will require some alterations in how we decorate and serve refreshments. The cafeteria will be open at 4:00 pm for decorating and again from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm for dancing. Because of the changes, it is hoped that all members will participate in the decorating and setup process at 4:00 pm. Many hands make the job easy!!



Hospitality

Do you know someone in the club who is sick? Needs a ride to a dance? Needs help at home? Give either **Tom or Anna Hoegel** a call at 408-996-0870 and they'll set the wheels in motion to provide some help.

Lose Something?

Well, if you did, you can advertise here for free. We have some sharp-eyed dancers here, folks and might just have found that earring or collar tab you lost at the last dance or hoedown.

If you found something that you think one of our club members might have lost, let me know and I'll describe it partially here. The seeker has to come up with the rest of the description to claim the item.

Starting in the next issue...

It's mug shot time - I mean picture time of course. But of who? Well, from now on in each issue of the Hayloft, we're going to feature an article on one couple in the club. But which one? Will it be you? That's the mystery, folks, and we're not tellin' yet. But if you see some newshound with a TV camera heading your way, you'll know it's your turn to be famous.

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

- . . . Ruth Tillman and Jack Stewart are brother and sister?
- . . . Joe Zankich has a beautiful voice and sings opera?
- . . . Bob Cavallaro served as president of Rafter Rockers 25 years ago?
- . . . Joe Carboni LOVES to dance?

Shingle Shakers Class!

We are so pleased with our class. What a great group! They are moving along so fast. Gary worked them from 7 to 9 pm on 5th Wednesday night. We club members had as much fun with the class as the rest of the club did with the 5th Wednesday group. - Donna

Remember when it is your square's angel duty, please come at 7:00PM to join the class in dancing and in helping them along. We have run out of Square Steppers badges. If any of you have badges from when you were beginners, please return them so we can reuse them. - Marv Tanner

New Members

It's always great when dancers decide that they like our club well enough to join. Especially when they are as nice as **Cliff and Josie Rhea**. Cliff has been dancing for 18 years. He started with the Beaus and Bows in 1983. Josie started dancing with the Sunnyvale Singles class of 89-90 (hey, that was MY class). Anyway, one day Cliff came over to dance with the Sunnyvale Singles and Josie spotted him. Well, he tried real hard to get away, but it was too late. . . . I'm just kidding, folks. What really happened is that Cliff figured out really quick that he had a good thing going, and before long, Cliff and Josie joined the other 135 or so "Sweetheart" couples who met at Sunnyvale Singles, including at least four other couples in the RR.

If you find Cliff and Josie in your square, give them a big yellowrock and make sure they know that we are glad they are here. Welcome, Cliff and Josie!



Club Activities

Lots of people contributed to the activities section. Great job folks, and thanks for the help!



Well, gang, as you will see from the next few pages, the Rafter Rockers have been their usual busy selves. There is definitely no grass growing under OUR feet, that's for sure! And boy do we ever have fun!

Activity Survey

Before I get started telling you about all the fun things we did, I just wanted to remind you that if you have a fun activity that you would like to share with the club, all you have to do is let us know. Activity survey forms are available for club members to provide some input as to what activities might be considered for the coming months. Please give this some thought and give your completed form to Jane Bishop or any RR board member (the names are inside the front cover). If you have any ideas for future RR activities, please see Don or Donna Herrera, Jane Bishop, or Tom Robertson.

Winter Festival (January)

As in past Winter Festivals, our Rafter Rockers were well represented at the 2001 festival in King City. There were 20 couples in our contingent of dancers. These included **Bill & Joan Blood, Ron & Reta Boyles, Dennis & Lavon Busch, Bob & Susan Cavallaro, Dick & Jeanne Gaskill, Mel & Helen Grant, Don & Donna Herrera, Bob & Judy Hogan, Earl & Carol Johnson, Cliff & Josie Rhea, Tom Robertson & Jane Bishop, Dick & Anne Sandler, Frank Smith & Betty Watson, Marv & Ina Tanner, Glenn & Lenny Weber, and Don & Jeanne Wilson.** Joining our group were returning Rafter Rockers **Hugh & Jobie Berry, Jerry & Joan denBroeder, John & Kathleen Howard, and Bill & Ruth Marshall.** Lenny & Glenn Weber came in their fancy new motorhome. The theme for the event was **Mardi Gras**, and as usual, national callers **Jerry Story, Tony Oxendine, Kip Garvey, and Bronc Wise** put on a top-notch show (see the pictures on the next page) and the square dancing was fun and lively.

(Article continued after the pictures.)



Four top-notch national callers, (in costume, from left) **Bob Baier, Jerry (the Wiz) Story, Kip Garvey, Bronc Wise, and Tony Oxendine** put on a really great show. Do you recognize the caller on the stage with all those other top-notch callers? Well, you ought to! Our very own **Gary Carnes** was the MC and put on a great afterparty. Super job, Gary.

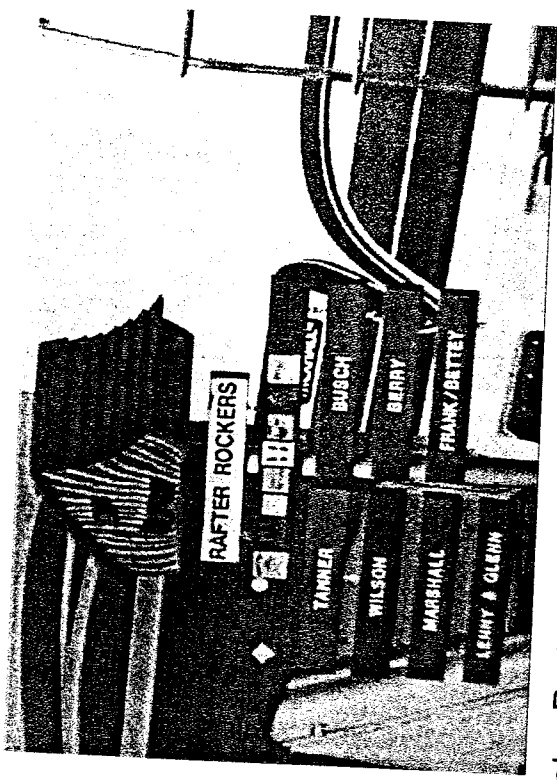


What a crowd! Winterfest was very well attended. Notice the familiar face right in the middle? **Jane, I think they've got you surrounded.**

It was great to see **Sharon Parker** teaching rounds without her leg brace. She is recovering well from her December knee surgery. The folks in their RVs made good use of the leisure time, enjoying the excellent weather and all the goodies that seem to come out of nowhere. For the Saturday dinner

break, 13 couples ventured over to Keefers Inn for an expeditiously served and delicious meal. Bill & Joan Blood were dressed exquisitely for the Mardi Gras theme after party, but the seating area was too dark for Dick to get a good picture. We have experienced another great Winter Festival. At the close of the weekend, the "Barn" was passed to Frank Smith and Betty Watson, who were wagonmasters for the 44th Annual Squar Rama at Tulare on Feb. 16-17-19.

- Marv and Ina Tanner, Wagonmasters



Theater Party

The Rafter Rockers theater party on 2/9 was another success with 49 dancers and friends enjoying The Fantasticks and humming "Try to Remember" as they left the Saratoga Community Theater. Many of us grouped for dinner before the show at Casa Valencia. Because so many of you enjoy the theater parties, Jane has already made arrangements for us to attend another great show. See the info in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

Squar Rama

The Squar Rama festival down in Tulare (south of Fresno) the weekend of February 16-19. The theme for the event was also Mardi Gras, and national callers **Jerry Story**, and **Tony Oxendine** reprised their previous great performance, along with **Johnny Preston** (substituting for Kip who was ill), and super-singer **Deborah (Parnell) Carrol**. It was another really great show. The dancing was super and lots of dancers came to the afterparty in costume.

The Havloft February - March 2001

Sweetheart Special

On February 10, 2001, our former caller, **KEN KENMILLE** called the Katyids annual Sweetheart Special at the Campbell Community Center. The Katyids put on a super spread in the kitchen, and Ken called a great dance.

But there was a whooooo lot more to this dance than that!

Well, folks, I gotta tellya, the place was jam-packed, not only with a big turnout from ALL FIVE of the clubs Ken called for, but from a large part of the rest of the valley square dance community as well. It was pretty obvious how popular and well-liked Ken and Chris are. Everybody turned to show them how much we appreciated the years of wonderful calling he did at the Rafter Rockers and his other clubs, not to mention all the hoedowns he did over the years. They were a bit surprised by all the attention, but they had a wonderful time, and so did all the dancers..

Chris says that they love their new home and are really enjoying their retirement. She also says that the only sound they hear when they wake up in the morning is birds singing.

And wouldn't you know it, somebody (I won't mention any names here but you can guess) forgot to bring his video camera that night. Next time, for sure, Ken.



Upcoming Events



Rafter Rockers St. Patty's Day Dance

**happy
st. patty's**

Faith and Begorrah! It's almost St. Paddy's day again dontcha know. And we'll be havin' our annual wearin' o' the green on club night, we will. And that'd be March 14th o' course. This is our regular club night, but we're invitin' the CLASS

to come and have a good time with us. Well now, lads and lassies, dontcha forget to bring lots of GREEN food (no, not the moldy kind) hors'doeuvres, finger food, and other yummy Irish goodies.

Hoedowns

On Saturday, March 24, The Katyids will be holding a **newer dancer hoedown**, with caller Harold Fleeman behind the mike. Lets all encourage our **class members** to attend, and be there with them and show them how much we support them.

The Havloft February - March 2001

On April 21, the CIRCUS is coming to town! Complete with clowns, a "big top", lots of circus decorations, and a ringmaster who bears an amazing resemblance to our caller Gary Carnes. Of course, I'm talking about the big Rafter Rockers Circus-Circus hoedown. This year will be a little different, though, because we are holding it at John Muir Middle School instead of Leigh High School, where it has been for years. But we're sure to draw a big crowd and we'll all have a great time as we always do. This year, Bob & Susan Cavallero are chairing the hoedown.

Festivals

Coming up in early May, there is **Silver State** in Reno, and for the first time, this festival will be held in the MGM Grand Hotel rather than at the fairgrounds where it has been held for years. Complimenting the top four national callers Jerry Story, Tony Oxendine, Johnny Preston, and Jerry Junck, will be our well known local cuers, Wally and Ione Wade.

On Memorial Day weekend, the **Golden State Roundup** will be held for the first time at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Hey, that's only a half hour away, a lot easier than driving all the way up to Oakland. It's easy to get to, right off the 680 freeway, parking is easy, and there will be four really good national callers (Bob Baier, Bill Helms, and Tom Roper) to entertain you as well as a group of callers from the Northern CA Square Dance Callers Association, including our very own Dick Gaskill.

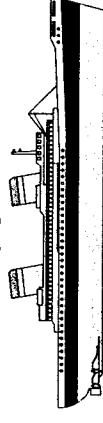
And in June, it's the **National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim**. Folks, the nationals is an event that you really don't want to miss. But you do need to plan way ahead for it so I'm putting info in this newsletter instead of waiting until May. There are twenty halls to dance in, including four halls just for round dancing. And so many great callers you just can't count them all (including a few callers from this area). Four days of square, round, line, and country-western dancing, as well as clogging. Dancers from all over the world, including Japan, Taiwan, South Africa and Australian square dancers have sent in their registrations.

Lots and lots of square dance clothing vendors will be there of course (Petticoat Junction?) and there will be several exhibition teams there to entertain you as well. One of the highlights of the nationals will be a BIG square dance in Disneyland, which is right across the street from the Anaheim Convention Center where the nationals are being held.

We've all danced at large hoedowns and festivals with 50 to 100 squares of dancers, but wait until you dance with over 500 squares in the Live Band Hall! Several bands, including the Ghost Riders will be there. I guarantee that you'll bump in to every square dancer you've ever met.

The committee putting the nationals on has also rounded up a lot of great deals on local tours and attractions, including Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and many others, including a special square dance CRUISE, with eleven TOP national callers from all over the USA!

If you have any questions, need registration forms, etc. See either Jim Pead or Betsy Waite. They are the official representatives of the 50th NSDC and they dance with us quite often. If you have a computer and access to the internet, you can also visit the 50th Nationals really great website.



Cruise of the Century

It's a little ways off, but if you want to go on this one, you definitely need to reserve soon. In April 2002, there is a cruise hosted by none other than Cap'n GARY CARNES and his crew of (literally the best) national callers, including Jerry Story, Tony Oxendine, Randy Dougherty, Tim Marriner, Larry Letson, and Marshall Flipppo. Wow! Believe me folks, that is SOME lineup. Just doesn't get any better. See Gary for more info.

Train Ride

We were planning to arrange a trip on the Sierra Railroad Golden Sunset Dinner Train out of Oakdale after the first of the year. There appeared to be a good deal of interest in this outing. This little railroad, called the movie train, was featured in many Hollywood movies and was used in Petticoat Junction, water tower and all. It runs 38 miles along the Sierra Foothills from Oakdale to Cooperstown.

Upon further investigation, however, we found that the cost of the brunch aboard the train is significantly higher than we originally thought. Some of us lost interest after finding that it will cost \$140.00 for a 38 mile, 2 1/2 hour outing.

We're still going to make the Floating White House tour happen, though. There will be announcements on club night and in the next issue of this newsletter.

Theater Party



Make your reservations with Jane, soon folks, this one's going to be a sellout for sure. On June 1, the Saratoga Community Theater will present the hit play, "Mame." As you know we always go to someone's home afterward for dessert, but we don't have that home reserved yet. So if you're planning going to the play and would like to host the (pot luck) dessert afterward, please let Jane know.