

The Sugar on the Floor Barn Dance Society

doorbardance@hotmail.com

www.dcfolk.com

State of the Dance- May, 2007

Hey Barndancers,

This past weekend we had one of my top three dances of all time. Thanks to everyone who came, helped out and performed. Terry Simeone did a great job calling and teaching the dance. Thanks to Gretchen Schmelzer for sponsoring the dance and the Team Leadership Center for letting us use their wonderful barn. I hope to get some good pictures of the dance, which I will try to post on the website.

For the next dance we are having another Family Dance on June 24th at Crossroads at Big Creek from 2:00-3:30 PM. There will be live music by the Sugar on the Floor Barn Dance Orchestra. Local callers, led by Lu Ann Desotelle will teach and call the dances. Hope you can make it. Remember we have two types of dances: Family and Contra. They are both fun. Descriptions of the dances are on the website: www.dcfolk.com (as well as dates of all confirmed dances).

So here is where we stand. We have a great band that is playing better and better together each dance. Thank you to them for their dedication and hard work to learn the music and come to practices and dances. We seem to have found enough venues (though we are always on the lookout for more) to hold dances. We are reaching more and more people and developing a dance community. We are going to try to incorporate as a not for profit organization this year, which should help get grants and help with underwriting dances.

The biggest drawback at this time is the lack of a local caller who is ready to do a whole Contra Dance by themselves. We are very grateful to have people who are interested in learning to call dances, but we are in need of one who is ready to call a whole evening of dances now. Here is why it is so critical. I wanted to do two dances in July, but have not been able to find callers who are available. I have contacted at least 10 callers in Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago or other smaller Wisconsin towns. I would like to follow up on this last dance with another one soon, but I need a caller. I want you to know why we are not likely to have another Contra Dance before fall. I am still hoping to find a caller, but it is not looking good. One thing I will do to try to avoid this dilemma in the future is to come up with a schedule of dances for next year and try to get callers committed by the end of this year.

I am confident we will solve the caller problem and if you think you might want to learn how to call, please email me. We have both band and caller practices once a month. New callers and musicians are always welcome.

Again I want to thank everyone who has supported the dances these past 12 years. I look forward to bigger and better dances in the future. If you have any feedback or comments, let me know by emailing me at: doorbarndance@hotmail.com.

Stay Well, Be Safe, Keep in Touch

Cy

Our Motto is: "You can't beat fun for a good time"