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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY

John & Barbara Marshall



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Since we last "talked", we have been to Las Vegas twice. The first time was for a 3-day time-share "owners' celebration" weekend. The second time was for the IRS Forum that provides "certification" training hours for the both of us. During the first trip we saw Howard Mandell. Before the show actually began a man sang (on screen from a video tape) "Oh Happy Day" continuously for about 15 minutes, until the audience was booing and yelling for him to stop. Later "Howie" said that the person who sang the song was his Uncle who had just passed away, and that he was showing tribute to him. I think that he said this just to make the audience feel bad.

The second trip we went to a comedy club and went out to dinner at Hofbrauhaus Las Vegas; a good German restaurant with beer steins and drinking songs. We saw Siegfried (of Siegfried and Roy) who was there with their new protégé Hans Klaus – an illusionist. They were with a large group of people; and some other patrons of the restaurant were asking to have pictures taken with them to show their friends and family. A great time was had by all. Naturally we didn't have our camera with us. This was a necessary "sanity break" from 19 hours of classes.

Darryl Lipscomb called for us in August. He, as usual, called a terrific dance. Saturday he worked Peel and (anything), Trail and (anything). Examples: from columns: Peel and Remake, Peel and ¼ (3/4) thru, Trail (Continued on page 3)

Membership Dues are due!

It's that time of year to renew your membership for Trailblazers. The dues are \$12.00 per person per year. You may pay your membership dues to Robert or Vickie Morris (Treasurers) at the October or November dance or send a check payable to Trailblazers to:

Robert & Vickie Morris
1527 Channelwood DR.
Whittier, Ca. 90601

Please have your membership renewed before November 15th, so we can get the insurance taken care of with A Square D. If there were any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail address please let us know so we can correct the address list. If there are any questions, you can call us at (626) 333-5588 or ask us at the October or November dance.

Thank you for your help.

Robert & Vickie Morris

Coming Trailblazer Dances

Friday C-3A—Saturday A-2
Sunday—1st Session C-1, 2nd Session C-2
See the last Page for Locations

2007/2008

Oct 5, 6, 7	Barry Clasper
Nov 2, 3, 4	John Marshall
Nov 30, Dec 1, 2	Todd Fellegly
Jan 4, 5, 6	Ben Rubright/Ett McAtee
Feb 1, 2, 3	Sue Curtis
Feb 29-Mar 1, 2	Sandra Bryant
Apr 4, 5, 6	Bill Haynes

SPECIAL EVENTS!!

Oct 26-28, 2007	HELEN'S BARN Bakersfield, CA C-2 w C-3A * tip Featuring: Ben Rubright Info: Danielle@fusionlight.com
Nov 16-18, 2007	NOVEMBER SHUFFLE Hemet, CA A-2 & C-1 Featuring: Romney Tannehill, Jerry Jestin Info: www.romneytannehill.com
Nov 23-25, 2007	PACE EXTRAVAGANZA Oxnard, CA C-1, C-2, C-3A, and C-3/C4 Featuring: Vic Ceder, Geo Jedlicka, Linda Kendall, Ben Rubright Info: Gary & Blanche Rever 805-526-8010
Jan 25-27, 2008	HELEN'S BARN Bakersfield, CA C-2 w C-3A * tip Featuring: Vic Ceder Info: Danielle@fusionlight.com
Mar 14-16, 2008	BAKERSFIELD FIESTA Bakersfield, CA Featuring: Vic Ceder, Steve Kopman, Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Charlie Robertson MS thru Challenge E-Mail: ELGlines@aol.com

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<http://www.trailblazers-socal.org>



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(Continued from page 1) **[President's Message]** and Follow Your Neighbor, Peel and Walk and Dodge. In addition, he did Spin Chain and Double Exchange the Gears from Left Handed waves. He also did Finish a Ferris Wheel, and Any Hand Wave – Swing Thru and Peel and Centers Scoot and Weave.

Anne Uebelacker called in September. She was also in great form. At the Saturday workshop she concentrated on Peel and Trail and Peel Off from waves (work in your own box of four...might be behind you). On Sundays' C-1 she worked from a tidal wave Tandem Twosome (aren't tandem at all!) Right/Left Swing Thru, Fan the Top, and Spin the Top. Also from Tidal Waves do Couple Twosome Right/Left Swing Thru. I don't know what level Tandem Twosome is on, but her teach was excellent for the C-1 dancers.

All of the e-mails that were sent to the Bakersfield Fiesta Public Relations Coordinator seemed to have worked. We received an e-mail from the committee with the following message:

“Thanks to all of your concerns about the lack of a Challenge program at the Bakersfield Fiesta. The committee decided at its meeting on Saturday September 15, 2007 to reinstate the Challenge program. Vic Ceder has agreed to be the primary Challenge caller, conducting the majority of the C-1 and C-2 sessions....Please support the Fiesta's efforts to continue to keep Challenge a part of our program. Our commitment is and always has been to provide the best square dance weekend for everyone. We would appreciate your letting all your challenge friends know of this change. If you have any questions or comments, please let us hear from you.

Bakersfield Fiesta
Public Relations Coordinator
Bob and Evelyn Glines”

Now that the Challenge has been reinstated, let us all show our support of the **Bakersfield Fiesta**.

PACE is having their 30th Anniversary Party on Saturday, October 20th @ 1 pm at the Temple City His-
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**CALLERS FOR
TRAILBLAZERS DANCES
August & September, 2007**



**Darryl Lipscomb
August 2007**



**Anne Uebelacker
September 2007**

Famous Caller quotes from:

Darryl

Good start guys!
 Good work!
 And turn Lucille!
 Must have been something I didn't say!
 Super!
 All rightee!
 Yehaw!
 That didn't come out smooth at all!

Ann

Good job!
 Hummmm, We need to look at that!
 Oh! We like this so much more than the other one!
 You do know what this is called?
 (Column of 6 with a single dancer on each end) A sausage. Haven't you ever seen a cocktail sausage with the twisty bits on each end?



(Continued from page 3) **[President's Message]**
 torical Society (formally Temple City Women's Club) at 9704 Woodruff Ave; Temple City, CA 91780. Come for lunch (PACE's treat), multi-level dancing (C1 thru C4), and take time to visit and renew old friendships. The caller will be **Ross Howell**. Unfortunately, Barbara and I will not be able to attend because we will be out of town attending my 50th High School reunion. Darn!!!

We are again selling the Entertainment Guide to generate funds for the club. We even had two people call from San Francisco and from the San Fernando Valley about ordering books. We provided them with our club account number so they could go online and order the books. The books will be sent to them directly, and Trailblazers will still get credit for the sale. They found our telephone number on the internet. I don't know if it was from our Trailblazers website, or from our Entertainment Guide supplier. Either way it is amazing what can be done with a computer now days.

Please continue to support Advance and Challenge dancing whenever you can. If we don't support each other, all our clubs will die.

Hope to see you in a square soon

John and Barbara Marshall



Trailblazers is selling the **Entertainment 2008** to help pay for the operating costs for the club. The **Entertainment 2008** is packed with money-saving coupons for dining out, travel, entertainment, shopping and much more. You'll not only save a lot of money with **Entertainment 2008**, you'll also help the club.

The books will arrive during the week of August 27, 2007. Your costs are:

Orange County	\$35.
San Diego	40.
San Gabriel Valley	20.
San Fernando Valley	20.
Greater Los Angeles/Long Beach	25.
Inland Empire	20.
Las Vegas	20.

Please contact John or Barbara Marshall @ (626) 448-1061 for your requirements.



This article was submitted by Pat Rothwell

I told these tales to John Marshall and he thought others might like to hear them.

We just came back from our nearly 16-week trek across Canada and back through the U.S. We had a great trip, but along the way we had a couple of bumps in the road. We took our off-road jeep along as tow vehicle. As we were leaving Winnipeg, MB, on June 15, the jeep seemed to be towing strangely. We stopped and Norm checked the jeep and couldn't see any thing wrong. The roads were very bad...rough and pot-holed...and we thought it was just the road. However, it seemed to persist so I looked out the back window and we were experiencing "death wobble" (this is a problem with the steering that causes violent side-to-side oscillation of the front tires). We stopped and Norm found that the hime joint was broken. This is a specialized after-market part which is not available in auto parts stores but must be purchased from an industrial bearing supply company. Instead of going on into the area of small towns ahead, we turned back to Winnipeg. Mr. Murphy was in full command, as this happened on Friday afternoon. We could travel at only approx 30 mph to avoid the death wobble so it was evening before we reached Winnipeg. We checked into an old campground designed for pull trailers, and we needed to unhook the jeep to get to the sewer hookup. When I started the jeep to move it to the front of the site, it made a terrible noise. That's when we discovered that we had also sheared off a motor mount. At this point, we had the first small kindness. As we tried to push the jeep forward, the campers next to us rushed over to help.

The next morning, we went into town to try to find someone open on Saturday to fix the motor mount but no luck. Norm then proposed that we rent a trailer from U-Haul and take the jeep to Milwaukee to be fixed while we were at AACE. We rented the trailer but, as Norm was backing the motorhome up to hook to the trailer, the brakes failed on the motorhome. At this point, the only vehicles operating were the bicycles we had with us. We spent the

night in the motorhome on the street near the U-Haul lot and Norm rode a bike over to check if Napa Auto Parts was open on Sunday. By the time we fixed the brakes (in the Napa parking lot), we were running out of time to get to AACE. We stored the jeep in a storage lot and went to Milwaukee to dance. We were considering going on without it and picking it up on the way home. However, we decided we would miss having a tow vehicle and went back to Winnipeg after the dance.

Off-road jeepers are a tight community (sort of like square dancers) and we decided to try to find a web site of a local jeep club and ask if anyone had an engine hoist and workplace where we could fix the jeep ourselves. Norm posted a "California XJ stuck in Winnipeg" message and we got two responses. The one closest to where we were parked in a Flying J Truck Stop had a shop where we could work. We arranged by email to meet him the following afternoon. In the morning, there was a knock on the door and there was the young man. He had forgotten an afternoon dental appointment and came to get us to start work in the morning instead. Clint not only had a place to work and the equipment, but he was an expert welder. This part is technical for the car guys. The motor mount bolts had sheared off and were going to be hard to remove without damaging the block. Clint used a heliarc welder and tig welded a shaft onto the bolt, then welded a nut on to the shaft and removed the bolt without any damage to the block. To add to our luck, Clint actually lives in Vancouver, BC, and was only in Winnipeg to take a special welding course. This young man spent a good part of 2 days working with Norm to fix all the problems with the jeep and got us back on the road. When we tried to pay him for his time, he flatly refused to take anything, saying "Jeepers help Jeepers". He did let us take him out to dinner, and we hope he will come to California to go jeeping with us.

The trip was uneventful vehicle-wise through the rest of Canada and back down to the U.S. until we reached Bath, Maine. We had visited a museum on August 4th and were waiting at a traffic light to get back on the highway when someone banged on the

motorhome door. A fellow motorist had jumped out of his car to tell us that the jeep was coming off the motorhome. The bumper had pulled loose from the jeep on one side. If the motorist hadn't taken the time to tell us, we could have caused a terrible accident. The safety chain to hold the vehicle if the tow bar breaks is attached to the bumper so wouldn't

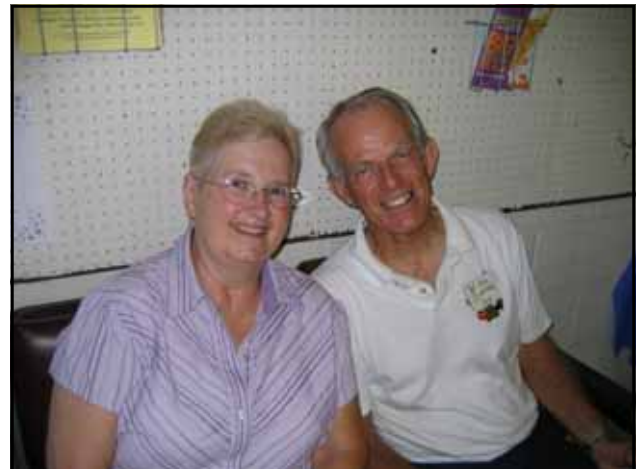


have worked. The same is true of the emergency stop mechanism on the supplemental braking system. Thank goodness for the kindness of strangers. We unhooked the jeep, and I followed Norm to a parking lot a short distance away. Norm was working to rig the jeep so we could safely drive and or tow it a short distance to get it fixed when another kind soul stopped to ask if we needed help. I told him we needed a welder and a place to park until we could talk to the welder (this also happened on a Friday evening). He told us there was a Wal-Mart just a few miles away where we could park and gave us the name of a welder he had heard was good. As we were making our way to Wal-Mart, he passed us and pointed to the off-ramp to make sure we were going the right way (he must have waited and followed us to be sure we were ok).

At Wal-Mart, I tried to call the welder and got an answer machine. I hesitated to ask for a return call to a long-distance cell phone and didn't leave a message. We went back to the museum in the motorhome on Saturday. On Sunday morning, I called the welder again to leave a message asking him to call and promising to reimburse for the long-distance. He answered the phone! When I explained our problem and asked if he had any time,

he said he could do it that morning. His main job is welder at the Navy shipyard in Bath, and he does our kind of work as a sideline. He did a great job for a very reasonable price and asked us to drop him a note when we got home to let him know we made it ok. A little side story: I had told him I didn't carry a lot of cash and might have to go to an ATM to get cash to pay him. When he was nearly done, he took the keys to his car out of his pocket and tried to hand them to me. He said that there was an ATM just back up the road to town. I asked him the price, and it was so reasonable that I had cash to cover it. Small town life in Maine! By the way, we now have a third safety chain that hooks to the frame of the tow vehicle.

We feel very lucky to have encountered all of these good people.



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Friday Schedule
C-3A 8:00 - 11:00 pm
 C-3 Tips at 10:30

ROSEMEAD BLVD
 TEMPLE CITY BLVD
 KAUFFMAN AVE.
 BALDWIN AVE.
 LONGDEN AVE
 WOODRUFF AVE
 LAS TUNAS DR
 WOMEN'S CLUB
 TO 710 FWY ← 10 FWY → TO 605 FWY →

TEMPLE CITY WOMEN'S CLUB
 9704 Woodruff Ave., Temple City

Saturday Schedule
A-2 WORKSHOP: 2:15 - 5:00 pm
 DANCE: 7:30 - 10:00 pm
 Two C-1 *Tips each session
 Two C-2 *Tips 7:00 - 7:30 pm

COMMUNITY CENTER
 105 FWY.
 ROSECRANS AVE.
 SOMERSET BLVD.
 ALONDRA BLVD.
 710 FWY.
 GARFIELD AVE.
 PARAMOUNT BLVD.
 DOWNEY AVE.
 605 FWY.
 91 FWY.

PARAMOUNT COMMUNITY CENTER
 14400 Paramount Blvd., Paramount

Sunday Schedule
C-1 11:15 am - 1:45 pm
 One C-2 *Tip
C-3B 2:45 - 3:10 pm
C-2 3:15 - 5:30 pm
 Two C-3A *Tips

SHOPPING CENTER
 22 FWY.
 BOLSA CHICA RD.
 WESTMINSTER BLVD
 SPRINGDALE ST.
 GOLDENWEST ST
 BEACH BLVD
 BOLSA AVE
 EDINOR AVE
 405 FWY

Located in Shopping Center
 5946 Westminister Ave., Westminister
 (at Springdale)

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**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,
 ALL FRIDAY NIGHT C-3A
 DANCES WILL BE HELD AT
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