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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY

John & Carolyn Melstrom



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Bill Haynes called a great weekend for the Trailblazers in February. He provided his usual unique choreography and many challenges for the dancers. In his light-hearted way, Bill frequently reminded the dancers to “breathe” and “smile.” Carolyn and I had spent a week in Phoenix in January, and we had the opportunity to dance to Bill Haynes and Dave

Wilson in nearby Mesa. This was our first time dancing there. The weather was great, the RV halls were spacious, and there were many squares of dancers. One can dance two to three times daily at all levels. We even ran into Trailblazer members who were spending time in Mesa. Carolyn and I enjoyed it so much that we went back to Phoenix after Bill's February dance. Again we were treated to great weather and dancing. Hopefully, some of the “snowbirds” who leave after the winter season in Mesa will come to Southern California and visit the Trailblazers. Dave Wilson will be calling for us in November.

Due to a family emergency, Todd Fellegly was unable to call for us in March. Fortunately, Vic Ceder filled in at the last minute. It's great to have callers such as Vic who are willing to help at a moment's notice. Vic's dances were very well attended, and everyone had a terrific weekend. Vic works well with the dancers, warming them up ... and then concludes with his famous asymmetrics, always a big crowd pleaser. Trailblazers and other local dancers got to see Vic again at the Bakersfield Fiesta. The Challenge hall (Continued on page 6) **[President's Message]**



Ben just received his new Trailblazer badge from President John Melstrom

Coming Trailblazer Dances

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

Apr 2, 3, 2011	Barry Clasper
May 7, 8, 2011	John Marshall
June 4, 5, 2011	Ross Howell
July	DARK
Aug 6, 7, 2011	Rob French/C. J. Smith
Sept 3, 4, 2011	Bronc Wise
Oct 1, 2, 2011	Darryl Lipscomb

SPECIAL EVENTS!!

Jun 11, 2011	PHANTOM SQUARES C-3A WORKSHOP Manhattan Beach, CA Featuring: Vic Ceder Info: Sharon & Ralph Simon (818) 769-3222 Gail & Nick Boone (818) 991-2706
Jun 15-18, 2011	AACE Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin A2 thru C3B. Part time C4 Featuring: Sandie Bryant, Vic Ceder, Barry Clasper, Ross Howell, Todd Fellegly, Lee Kopman and Anne Uebelacker. Featured Caller: Lynette Bellini Info: Debbie Ceder (805) 686-1108 www.ceder.net/aace
Aug 7-11, 2011	McCLOUD DANCE COUNTRY McCloud, Ca. Featuring: Vic Ceder C-3A w/* tips Info: John and Melissa Rickard (530) 964-2992 Email: jrickard@frontier.com Or www.mcclouddancecountry.com

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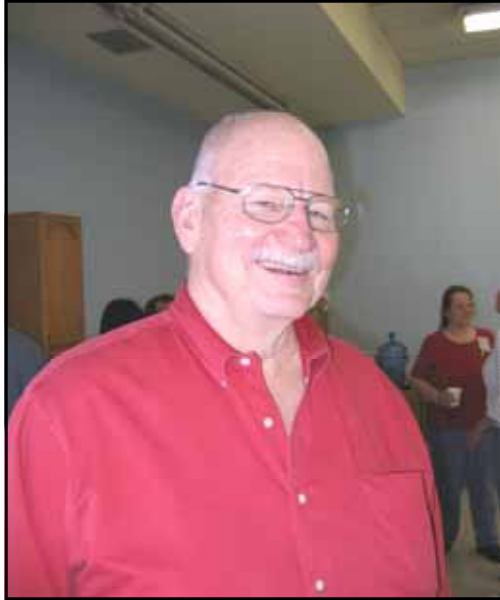
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**CALLER FOR
TRAILBLAZER DANCE
February 2011**



Bill Haynes



Caller Quotes

By Bill Haynes

Hope is on the way ... never fear.
Just keep smiling ... it's a good day.
Always shake your head up and down.
I appreciate you trying ... it's your corner I'm worried about.
I'm watching you two ... not him.
You're fine ... take a breath.
If you think your square is bad, look at the square in the back ... Oh, that's John's square.
Is that one of the 80 you know?
Oh, wrong girl ... nice choice.
It looks really beautiful ... NOT!
Oh yeah ... that spot goes to sleep every time.
Smile ... it's doable.
That was pretty good ... not very smooth, but you made it!
Don't get nervous ... we're not done yet.
You guys are amazing ... I learn so much here; it takes me a week to figure it out.
Thank goodness it's not the star tip yet!
One too many enchiladas!
It's fixable ... I hope.

Calls and Concepts

By Bill Haynes

Split Counter Rotate and Counter Rotate



**CALLER FOR
TRAILBLAZER DANCE
March 2011**



Vic Ceder

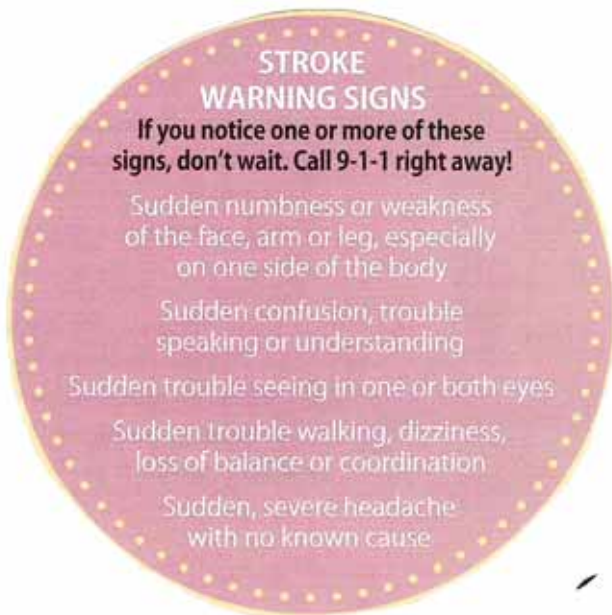


Caller Quotes

By Vic Ceder

Well, they all can't be gems!
Wake up, Wendy!
Checkover ... cast three and smooch!
Boy, look at this ... like you knew what you were doing.
Boy do we have a difference of opinion. I don't think so either.
I'm dumb enough to try it again.
You might get this ... where's Craig?
John, can't you dance in the other room when you do that?
Can't you guys keep your sexes straight?
Maybe I wanted you in the back
Bend that puppy ... woof to the middle and back.
Well it worked on 75% of the squares.
Let's chalk that up to caller error ... I was looking at the caller in square two.
Just make any formation ... I'll put the rest of the floor in that formation.
You wonder where I get the asymmetric ideas!
Put that thing away. It makes me nervous when he whips that thing out (recorder).
That square's right; the other square's right; that square's right; who cares about the back one!
Let's try it again to see if it's me or you!
Everybody Half Breed Thru ... not that I'm watching your square.
Oh my God! ... they're symmetric





The above has really hit home with me. Sometime around March 3 or 4 my 74 year old sister suffered a severe stroke. Unfortunately, she was not found for three days. In addition to the above information, possibly we all should consider wearing a seniors medical alarm device. If we live alone (like my sister) or are alone a lot it would be a good idea. My sister would have benefited from such a device. Steve and I will be visiting her in Texas April 10 thru 16.

Mickey Klinger, Editor



ATTENTION C-3A DANCERS

C-3A dancers who have already completed learning all the 3A calls will soon have an opportunity to fine tune their skills at a one-day workshop with **Vic Ceder**, to be held in Manhattan Beach on Saturday, June 11. The total price for the two sessions on Saturday is \$20 per person.

The workshop is currently full, but interested dancers, including C3-B and C-4 angels, are asked to contact Ralph and Sharon Simon to be placed on the waiting list. Refunds for those currently enrolled will be made **ONLY** if the space can be filled. Direct cancellations to Sharon and Ralph.

Vic's plan is to do two full workshops on Saturday. The hours for Saturday will be: 11:00 to 1:30 and 2:30 to 5:00.

Any questions can be directed to Ralph and Sharon Simon at (818) 769-3222 or Nick and Gail Boone at (818) 991-2706.



(Continued from page 1) **[PRESIDENT'S MSG]** had many squares, a sign that higher level dancers still support the Fiesta. There had been concerns in recent years that the Challenge level might not be offered. Dancers also had the opportunity to dance to Bronc Wise. He will be calling for the Trailblazers in September.

An observation made at a recent dance is worth mentioning. One of the benefits of dancing at the higher levels is the ability of the dancers to help each other when one goes astray. Verbal prompts and definition reciting help wanderers figure out where to go. Also, when everyone continues with the call, an open spot at the end of the call is a clue to the disoriented. Light hand contact is all that is necessary, enough to maintain the formation and let partners and others know your presence. When I reached the level where hands were down, I marveled at how much more enjoyable dancing was. There are times, however, when stopping a person from heading in the wrong direction is necessary. I like Pete McCourt's method. He gives the wanderer time to realize his/her mistake before gently advising them by voice or touch the proper direction. There is no need for jerking anybody around. At my age I have enough aches and kinks. I don't need any new shoulder or back problems. Please remember to use the gentler methods of guidance.

Nominations for the Trailblazer Board of Directors concluded at the end of the March dance. All offices were filled and there were no others running for the same position. Accordingly, pending the current Board approval, a vote of acclamation will take place at all sessions of the April dance. The new Trailblazer Board is as follows:

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Installation of the new Board will take place at the May Trailblazer dance.

With the beginning of Spring we look forward to sunnier and warmer weather. Southern California has had its bouts of rain and cool temperatures, but we are much more fortunate than many other parts of the country. We look forward to April's dance and offer Barry Clasper a glimpse of sunshine. It promises to be a great dance. In May we extend the same "warm" welcome to John Marshall from Virginia.

See you on the dance floor ...



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A-2 & C-1 SCHEDULE

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1st Saturday of the Month

C-1: 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM A-2: 3:15 to 5:45 PM
 Last tip increased difficulty at C-1 Last tip increased difficulty at A-2

Dances are at Paramount Community Center.



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C-2 & C-3A SCHEDULE

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Sunday following the 1st Saturday of the Month

C-2: 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM
 Last tip increased difficulty at C-2

C-3A: 3:15 to 5:45 PM
 Last tip is C-3B

Dances are at Mel's Place.



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Saturday Schedule

C-1 11:15 AM — 1:45 PM

A-2 3:15 PM — 5:45 PM



Sunday Schedule

C-2 11:15 AM — 1:45 PM

C-3A 3:15 PM — 5:45 PM



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