

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

WOW!!! WHAT A GRADUATION!
 "Wow" may be an understatement. The graduation on June 12th was FANTASTIC, from the dinner, to the handing out of the diplomas, to the wonderful and funny Rail Dusters' play, to having everyone square dancing in a big circle. Even the grandchildren, as young as four years old, were dancing. It all resulted in a perfect night. Thank you to everyone who made the night so magical.

Anita, Gary, and everyone who helped you, thanks for putting on a terrific dinner. All of those who got the auditorium ready by putting out the chairs, setting up the stage, and getting all the equipment and lights set up, thank you. Thanks to **Alex and Bob** for making sure a stubborn and uncooperative audio system was finally working perfectly by the time the graduation started. Thanks to **Jeri and Ron** for checking everyone in at the door. **Randee and Mark**, you were such a big part of the evening's success due to your efforts to help the Rail Dusters become proficient dancers ready to graduate. **Paul**, you were our teacher, mentor, cheerleader, and caller that encouraged an average of a hundred people a week to

come to class and enjoy your teaching and square dance calling. In short, thank you to everyone who, even though not mentioned here by name, worked so hard to make this a great graduation.

Another year has come and gone. We have added new and wonderful members to our family. We have, as a club, accomplished many ground breaking things. First and foremost, we brought **Paul Waters** into our club as our new caller. We think he has been life changing in the most positive way for our club. Our first class level dance was a tremendous success. We had Paul Waters and Mike Seastrom as the callers and our attendance was one of our best with over 80 Trail Dusters at the dance.

The Trail Dusters club was co-sponsors of a fundraiser for the fire victims of the fires we experienced in latter part of 2018. We helped raise \$6,000.00. This was an accomplishment for which we can all be proud.

Let's not forget the "Newsies Play" fundraiser that was organized by **Marilyn and Hy Katlein** or the New Year's Eve party that is always the best

way to bring in the New Year. Thank you **Caren, Jeri, Marilyn & Maureen.**

We also instituted a mentor program to help the Rail Dusters. This allowed Trail Duster volunteers to dance with the new students, providing them consistent and expert guidance during their learning curve.

The Spring weekend was a huge success. The center pieces were amazing, the play was hilarious, and the joke off led by **Judith**, as always, was a million laughs. Thank you to our Wagon Masters, **Caren** and **Jane**, for organizing such a fun weekend– see Camp Trailers article on pages 5 & 6.

It has been a very good year. It has been our honor to be your presidents. We will continue to work hard in the coming year for the benefit of the club and all its members. We're looking forward to another great year.

Best Wishes,
Joni & Mark Simon



Presidents

Watermelon Crawl

On **Saturday, July 14th** Ken Bower will once again be calling at our monthly dance- see flier page 17. Ken was first introduced into square dancing in 1961 and within one year started calling. By 1965 he was traveling full time. Ken will tell you that he started calling before he was born!

Ken has called across the United States and in countries around the world and is a favorite caller for many dancers. He has a great singing voice, an excellent variety

of music and truly loves calling. He calls with high energy – but not necessarily fast – and is a first class entertainer. Whether you are a dancer, or a dancer sitting out, you cannot help but enjoy his tips. All this translates into a wonderful evening of entertainment. To round out (pun intended) the evening, our Round Dancers will be enjoying the smooth cueing of a new cuer for the month, Jim Elder. Jim is well known to the round dancers in Southern California and regularly cues the monthly dance for Lads 'n' Lassies.



As usual many members of the Club will be on hand to prepare and serve nibbles and munchies for all to enjoy. No one ever goes home hungry from one of our dances as it is the unwritten rule of our host & hostesses in the kitchen each month.

There are many good reasons to attend this dance – some listed above. One more excellent reason is to come out and visit with your fellow Trail Dusters and mentor our newest dancers, the graduating class of 2019!

Your roving reporters from Canada,

Shirley & Collin Brown
Publicity
Chairs



NEXT BOARD MEETING

JULY 9 , 2019

7:30 P.M.

**JONI & MARK
SIMON'S HOUSE**



CRAZY HAT DANCE FROM LAST MONTH



We had a great time dancing to our number one club caller, Paul Waters, and round dancing to our number one cuer, Milo Molitoris. Many

arrived in



crazy hats including cowboy ones (they weren't crazy but very appropriately worn).



Dr. Seuss was present with a "Cat in the Hat" and "Go Dog Go" chapeau. Chiquita Banana was present and even a few crabs showed up. There were five winners (see picture on page 17) which included one couple. Winners received prizes donated by our presidents, **Joni & Mark Simon**.



A big thank you to **Farryl and Bill**



Dickter and Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver for providing the refreshments and a huge thanks to the ever present kitchen crew, **Sandy & Robert Sobel**.

The refreshment table was adorned with classic hats, and it added to the fun of the evening. Be sure to join us next month and dance away the night. Be at our Watermelon Crawl with Ken Bower calling.

Your Dance Reporter
Caren Blumfield



Visitation

Our July visitation is to

Buckles and Bows

Saturday July 27, 2019

7:00-10:00 P.M.

Rounds start at 7:00 P.M.

Squares start at 7:30 P.M.

Caller: Rick Gittelman

Goebel Adult Community Center

1385 E. Janss Road, T.O.

Visitation Chairs,
**Lynn & Joel
Ovadia**



July Birthdays



Elaine Pfefferman	1
Hy Katlein	3
Steven Katz	4
Al Masters	4
Joni Simon	4
Roy Okada	4
Leland Baum	7
Nikki Rosentsweig	7
David Simon	9
Bernie Brauner	11
Percy Calkins	11
Barbara Kelner	11
Diane Townsend	12
Mark Abramson	13
Terry Holtzman	13
Louise Schoenneman	16
Sheldon Levin	18
Judy Levy (Judy & Stephen)	18
Shirley Brown	20
Gayle Stern	20
Sherwin Silver	26
Nancy Sachs	27

July Anniversaries

Anita & Gary Higer	1
Gloria & Marc Schwartz	1
Mindy & Al Brown	11
Paula & Avi Nudell	11
Sandy & Bill Sarnoff	16

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Anniversaries (cont'd)

Margie & Jeff Hausman 21
Harriet & Steve Berman 26

Membership

All eleven of the graduating Rail Dusters have become Trail Dusters. We also have two mid-year additions, Paula Masters and Barbara Kelner.

Let's give a big shouted THANK YOU and WELCOME to all our new members.

The club now includes 195 dues-paying members. This includes 64 couples, 48 women, and 19 men.

There will be a new roster distributed in early July. If any of you have any last-minute roster changes, please email us IMMEDIATELY at:
markabe@aol.com.

**Ilene & Mark
Abramson**
Membership
Chairs



Sunshine & Showers

The month of June was filled with sunshine for many of our Trail Duster families. However, there were also occasions of showers for others and I will begin with those. Our hearts go out to brand new graduate, **Barbara Weisbrod Solomon**, whose husband Alvin Solomon passed away on May 30th at the age of 102. Alvin was a World War II Veteran and served in the Pacific for 40 months. He was also the best friend of **Barbara's** late husband. **Barbara**, we all extend our sincere sympathy and wish you brighter days ahead.

On June 13th **Mike Sternfeld's** older sister, Lois Rosenfeld, passed away at the age of 81. **Mike** and Lois enjoyed a close and loving relationship for many years, and she will be sorely missed. **Mike** and **Ellen**, we are truly sorry for your loss and hope that all your years of making happy memories together with Lois will remain with you always.

Joining Trail Dusters can sometimes mean even more than learning to square dance. On September 18, 2017, **Randee Samsky** came to class and picked **Mark Cutter** to be her "Angel," and a few weeks later, in **Randee's** words, "things began happening!" In April 2019, **Mark** took **Randee** on a "pre-honeymoon" to Tahiti, and after a recent trip to Hawaii, **Mark** proposed! Now they are planning a large wedding for some time next year. **Randee** and **Mark**, we wish you a lifetime of happiness and square dancing together!

Bob Zoren, son of longtime Trail Dusters **Arlene & Mitch Zoren** (who brought us into our club in 1993!) and soon-to-be Rail Duster **Jennifer Mantell**, have just announced their engagement. The couple met through mutual friends, and now, **Jennifer** enjoys watching square dancing on Wednesday nights and looks forward to starting in September. Meanwhile, she works as a Courtesy Clerk at Ralph's in WLA while **Bob** is employed at Target in Woodland Hills in addition to being a musician, a drummer & singer. Warm congratulations, **Bob** and **Jennifer**. Congratulations and best wishes to all the family!

Barbara Weisbrod Solomon proudly announces the graduation of her granddaughter, Alexa, from U C Irvine where she has earned

her BS Degree in Business Administration. CONGRATULATIONS, **Barbara**, Alexa and family. May you continue to have lots more "Sunshine" to share in the future!

There's lots of excitement at **Lynn** and **Joel Ovadia's** home recently. They are proud to announce the engagement of their middle daughter, Julie, to David Seeman. Julie works in the advertising department at Deloitte and David works in the Finance Department at HBO. The young couple plans to marry in 2020. Warmest wishes, Julie and David. May you enjoy a lifetime of happiness.

Lynn and **Joel's** youngest daughter, Elisa, attended her "Hooding Convocation Ceremony" (graduation,) on May 31st to officially receive her Ph.D in Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware. Elisa is now working for Kite Pharmaceutical doing cancer research. To the proud and happy parents, CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes!

A HUGE thank you to all who have taken the time to contact me with your "sunshine and showers." Hopefully even more of you will take a moment, when the occasion arises, to e-mail me with your news so that I can share it with the rest of our club family. Remember that I will write only with the permission of the person involved!

Wishing everyone
sunny skies.

Warm regards,
Sunshine & Showers
Chair

Rusty Kaman
rusty_k@verizon.net



Coordinators Corner

The Rail Dusters graduation took place on June 12th. We are pleased to announce that all eleven Groovy Dusters graduated and have become members of our club. Their success was due to all the angels and mentors who came every week to help. Their play "Square Dancing Through the Ages" was a big hit, super fun and lively! We all laughed our heads off (see next issue for more details about graduation).

This is an incredible group of individuals with many talents. We are blessed to have them as our friends.

A big thank you to **Alex Strouser**, **Bob Sobel** and **Paul Waters** for their technical support. Our new caller, Paul, has made a huge difference in our club. He is patient, kind and truly cares about all of us. He also adds his humor to our learning experience. Thank you Paul for your hard work and expertise teaching the calls.

A big shout out and thank you to our fearless presidents, **Joni & Mark Simon**. They have always been there to support us and have spent many hours helping us organize throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without them.

We look forward to meeting the new class of 2019-2020 as part of the coordinators team.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all in a square.

**Randee Samsky
and Mark Cutter**

Class
Coordinators



CAMP TRAIL DUSTERS



All of our campers are back home, life is continuing with its hectic pace and our Camp Trail Duster Weekend is probably just a fond memory. Isn't it nice though to remember all the fun and friendship and laughs we had even if only for three short days and two nights. Where else could we experience "camp" as adults.

There are so many people to thank for our fabulous time. **Farryl Dickter** and **Wendy Goldzband** purchased, set up and kept stocked our hospitality room. Thank you to those who brought your maj sets and poker cards and to all of you who supplied our wine and soda. The centerpieces you all made for Saturday were beyond our expectations and the hotel staff was once again mesmerized by your creativity and skills. Our hope was that you all got to know each other a little bit better working together.

Your table skits and performances were only surpassed by our entertainment from **Tatiana** on Friday night. **Marilyn Bloom** worked so hard behind the scenes keeping track of everyone's room and meal choices and trying to balance our weekend budget. **Jane Lief** stuffed all your hospitality bags and was our liaison between the hotel staff making sure all arrangements went smoothly, including all last minute changes. **Maureen Fried** designed and printed all the incredible table names and posters

you saw including our Friday night "Senior First Aid Kits". Her skills are irreplaceable. **Robert Sobel** worked non stop making sure the rooms were set up correctly, the schedule ran smoothly, and that the sound system **Alex Strouzer** purchased for us moved from room to room. Thank you **Alex Strouzer** for all that you did. A big kudo to **Ron Lynn** for arranging his ukulele class. We hope it becomes a weekend tradition and we want a recital next year!

Once again our Thespians were "A" rated in their performances in the Saturday night play. These fellow Trail Dusters worked so hard memorizing their parts and rehearsing to entertain you under the guidance of their director, **Rhonda Shapiro**. Please consider joining them next year. We closed our weekend with our sensational Joke-Off led by **Judith Altman**. She missed her calling in life and it is impossible to describe how much fun this event was. You have to experience it.

I would be amiss if I did not thank my life partner **Sherwin Silver** for helping me with everything I do and putting up with me being away so often to rehearse and plan and execute things. He helps me drag everything in and out of the car. This year he even purchased a new pick up truck, I'm sure with me in mind, so that we could schlep more junk. He is my biggest supporter and also my biggest critic, which continues to make me strive to be better. My love and appreciation for him is endless.

If I have left anyone off, I apologize. So many of you offered to help before and during the event and your participation in everything is so much appreciated. Your friendships and support are always heartwarming. There is no club like Trail Dusters.

We hope you enjoyed the weekend as much as we enjoyed planning it for you. We sincerely hope that these friends and memories will last you a lifetime.

Pictures of our incredible weekend follow.

Caren Blumfield and Jane Lief
Wagon Masters



WE ARRIVE

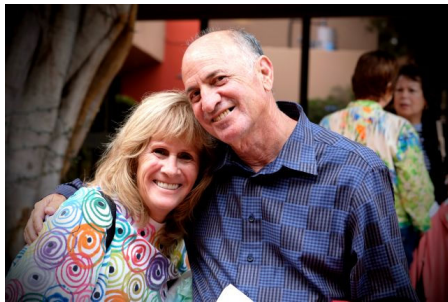
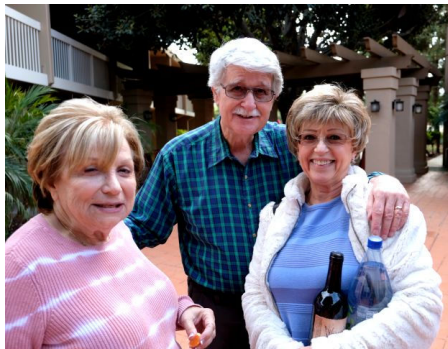


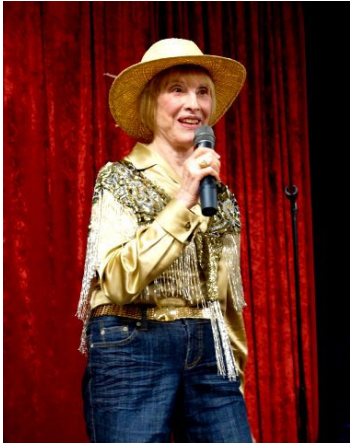
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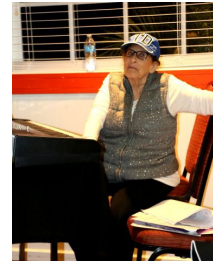


IN THE PATIO





THE SHOW



THE JOKE OFF



We Created Centerpieces

Wedding Chapel



Lone Flats



I Fall to Pieces



Barking Up the Wrong Tree

Cotton Creek



Lincoln Lodge

Sticks Not Bricks



Castle Peak Lodge

Sponge Bob's Hideaway



House of Cards



OUR HOEDOWN FUNDRAISER/RECRUITMENT ALL ROLLED UP IN ONE

What is a Hoedown?

A combination of old and new friends coming together to eat, drink, dance (if desired) and have an old fashioned good time.

- On Wednesday, September 4th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, we are having a "Hoedown Fundraiser" to benefit "Ronald McDonald House Charities". This will be our only charity drive this year.
 - Every dollar goes to the charity and none at all to the club.
 - A \$20 per couple donation will entitle you to join us in a fun evening of camaraderie, snacks and square dancing which will be geared to encourage new dancers.
 - There will be a Grand Prize Drawing: "Marriott / Starwood Resort Getaway" is shorthand for the actual grand prize of 20,000 Starwood points. These can be used at any Starwood property worldwide.
 - **The ticket purchaser need not be present to win. If you choose not to attend the Hoedown, that's OK, but your donation will be appreciated.**
 - If you have not received your envelope with the tickets & information sheets or need additional tickets, please contact Robert Sobel.
 - Your tax deductible checks are to be made out to "Ronald McDonald House Charities", and sent to Robert Sobel along with the ticket stubs to be included in the Grand Prize Drawing.
 - Thank you to the many members who have already submitted stubs and checks and requested additional tickets. Trail Dusters, make sure you buy a ticket for yourself. We want you with us at the Hoedown.
 - *The deadline for receiving donations is August 20th.*
- Contact: Robert Sobel - P O Box #9004 - Canoga Park, CA 91309
(818) 925-4773 sanrobel2@gmail.com**

This is what the tickets look like (front and back). Remember that the cost of a ticket is \$20 for a couple. We are asking our Trail Dusters members to take a book (or books) of five tickets, purchase tickets for yourselves and sell the others.

Give the ticket to the purchaser and keep the filled out stub to be placed in the drawing which will take place at our first class on September 4.

<p>Hoedown Fundraiser</p> <p>  Ronald McDonald House Charities Southern California Chapter</p> <p>Checks Payable to </p> <p>Wednesday, September 4, 2019 7:00PM – 9:00PM</p> <p>Bay Laurel Elementary School 24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas</p> <p>Join us for a fun-filled evening of square dancing and help support this wonderful charity</p> <p>Admission – \$20/Couple</p> <p>Sponsored by Trail Dusters Square Dance Club</p> <hr/> <p>Grand Prize Marriott / Starwood Resort Getaway</p>	<p>Continue Learning to Square Dance!</p> <p>Trail Dusters Square Dance Club</p> <p>September 11 & 18 7:00PM — 9:00PM 2019 Introductory Classes</p> <p>Every Wednesday 7:00PM — 9:00PM</p> <p>\$7 / Person / Class</p> <p>Bay Laurel Elementary School 24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas</p> <p>For More Information Mark Simon — (323) 333-4947 www.TrailDusters.com</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____ <i>please print</i></p>
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SUMMER BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Gayle Stern, Ronnie Cohn, Judith Altman, Irwin Tuckman, Lynn Ovadia, Nancy Sachs, Elaine Pfefferman, Margie Hausman
2nd row: Nikki Rosentsweig, Sandy Sobel, Roy Okada, Diane Townsend, Bill Dickter, Joni Simon, Sheldon Levin, Jeff Cohen, Bill Shapiro

DUSTY TRAILS GO TO



Lithuania where Jerry & Paula Seliga went biking and to Solvang where Steve & Nikki Rosentsweig ask the Ostriches to join Trail Dusters

MEET YOUR 2019-2020 BOARD



First row: Judy Comroe, Rusty Kaman, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig, Mark & Joni Simon, Marilyn & Len Bloom
2nd row: Al Masters, Farryl Dickter, Denise Kurtzer, Paula Masters, Flo Tapp, Ilene & Mark Abramson, Gary & Anita Higer, Cindy Kestenbaum, Bob & Sandy Sobel, Wendy Goldzband
Back row: Richard Rose, Dale Kaufman, Bill Dickter, Caren Blumfield, Jeri & Ron Sobel, Mark Cutter
Not Pictured: Shirley & Collin Brown, Jane Lief, Randee Samsky, Lynn & Joel Ovadia, Pat Kessler

LOOK WHO WAS IN THE SHOW



Seated: Wendy Goldzband, Judith Altman, Sandy Kaufman, Caren Blumfield, Sandy Lynn, Rhonda Shapiro, Flo Tapp, Bill Shapiro
Back row: Nikki Rosentsweig, Jerry Seliga, Steve Katz, Jack Levy, Steve Berman, Len & Marilyn Bloom, Stan Zwicker, Irwin Tuckman, Harriet Berman, Jeri Sobel, Beverly Rutkin, Cindy Kestenbaum, Alex Strouzer, Dale Kaufman, Steve Rosentsweig

ATTENDEES TO OUR JUNE DANCE WHO WORE CRAZY HATS



Front row: Jerry Seliga, Sandy Sobel, Art & Judie Hirsh, Gloria & Marc Schwartz, Mark Simon, Gary & Anita Higer, Ron Sobel, Joni Simon, Ray Cianci
On stage: Caren Blumfield, Paula Seliga, Farryl & Bill Dickter, Margie & Jeff Hausman, Marilyn Bloom

AND THE WINNERS ARE



Bill & Farryl Dickter, Sandy Sobel, Ron Sobel, Caren Blumfield, Jerry Seliga, Joni Simon



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule - 2019

2ND Saturday of Month

Rounds @ 7:00 PM – First Tip @ 8:00 PM
Alternating Rounds & Tips with 1 A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center – 8956 Vanalden – Northridge

DATE	CALLER	THEME
April 13, 2019	<i>Mike Seastrom</i>	Cupcake Night
May 11, 2019	<i>Vic Ceder</i>	Strawberry Fair
June 8, 2019	<i>Paul Waters</i>	*Crazy Hat Dance
July 13, 2019	Ken Bower	* Watermelon Crawl
August 10, 2019	<i>Pat Carnathan</i>	* Pool Party
September 14, 2019	<i>Buddy Weaver & Mike Kellogg</i>	Pearls & Black Tie Parade
October 12, 2019	<i>Tim Pepper</i>	Scarecrow Ball
November 9, 2019	<i>Rod Shuping</i>	Great American Barn Dance
December	<i>Dark</i>	

*** Summer Casual Attire***

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947

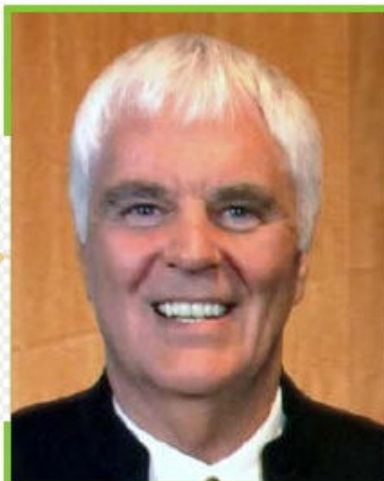


TRAIL DUSTERS

Saturday, July 13, 2019

Watermelon Crawl

CALLER: KEN BOWER



CUER: JIM ELDER

*Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 pm and between tips
Squares 8:00 – 10:00 pm - Plus Level Dance, A-1 Tip
Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge, CA*



UPCOMING DANCES

AUGUST 10	– Pat Carnathan – Pool Party
SEPTEMBER 14	– Buddy Weaver & Mike Kellogg Black Tie & Pearls Parade
OCTOBER 12	– Tim Pepper – The Scarecrow Ball

For More Information Call Joni & Mark Simon 323 333-4947
Website: www.traildusters.com – Singles and Couples Welcome



Summer Workshops 2019



Sunday	Farmers & Charmers - Dale Hoppers Line Dance 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Square Dance 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. July 7 - August 18, 2019 Wilkinson Center Northridge - 8956 Vanalden
Monday	Lads & Lassies - Rod Shuping Square Dance 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Ongoing Wilkinson Center Northridge - 8956 Vanalden
Monday	Boots & Slippers - Dick Hodnefield Square Dance 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. June 17 - August 26, 2019 Simi Senior Center, Simi Valley - 3900 Avenida Simi
Tuesday	Buckles & Bows - Mike Seastrom Square Dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. June 11 - August 13, 2019 - 1335 -1369 Janss Rd. Goebel Community Center, Thousand Oaks
Tuesday	Western Weavers - Dale Hoppers Line Dance 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Square Dance 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. June 25 - August 20, 2019 - 2828 W. Magnolia Bl. Magnolia Park Methodist Church, Burbank
Tuesday	Valley Trailers - Don Schadt Mainstream 7:00- 8:15 p.m. Plus 8:20 - 9:30 p.m. Ongoing Wilkinson Center Northridge - 8956 Vanalden
Thursday	Happy Squares - Rod Shuping Square Dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. June - August 2019 4191 Cochran St. Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, Simi Valley

July Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting 7:30pm Joni & Mark Simon's House House	10	11	12	13 Dance at Wilkinson - caller: Ken Bower cuer: Jim Elder see pages 2 & 19
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Visitation Buckles & Bows caller: Rick Gittleman See page 3
28	29	30	31			

TRAIL DUSTERS

Anita & Gary Higer
14348 Riverside Drive #14
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

