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From the Presidents' Desk

What an incredible evening we had at the Western Summer Party! The beautiful backyard of Debbie and Eddie Borden's house was the perfect backdrop for a night of fun, laughter, and Trail Duster spirit. The turnout was fantastic—members and guests alike enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and meeting wonderful new potential Trail Dusters.

A big thank you to the amazing committee who helped make this event such a success: **Debbie Borden, Cheri Warner, Caren Blumfield, Mary Mulein, Avi Nudell, and Jill Sanders.** Your hard work and creativity brought the party to life! The turnout was fantastic, with members and guests coming together to reconnect with old friends and meet some wonderful new potential Rail Dusters. It was such a joy to see everyone mingling and enjoying the evening together.

And what an incredible start to our dance season—we kicked it off with our first three classes led by our talented new caller, Michael Kellogg. Everyone had a blast learning new steps, dancing together, and sharing plenty of smiles. We can't wait for more great classes with Michael in the months ahead.

Our first Snack-a-thon on September 17 for Welcome Back to the Squares was equally delightful. Thank you to *Debbie Borden, Mary Mulein, and Robbie Jacobs* for creating a beautifully decorated table filled with delicious, yummy treats—and of course, a huge thanks to all who brought snacks to share. It was the perfect way to celebrate the new season and keep our dancers energized!

We can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store. Here's to more great dancing, more fun, and another year of Trail Duster memories!



Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell
Co- Presidents, Trail Dusters

NEXT BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2025

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING



Oct Birthdays

Steve Bordofsky	4
Sandy Lynn	5
Jeff Hausman	18
Debbie Borden	20
Bob Sanders	22
Richard Rose	23
Geraldine Rothenberg	23
Bill Tapp	28
Renny Traub	30

Oct. Anniversaries

Leslie & Robert Ruiz	4
Shirley & Collin Brown	15
Kathy & Robert Cirillo	16
Cheri & Fred Warner	17
Rhonda & Bill Shapiro	30

**TRAIL DUSTERS, IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.
RECENT GRADUATES IT'S TIME
FOR YOU TO PAY YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
SEE FLIER ON PAGE 9**

Trail Duster members are the best ever because they participate in our fun activities. We have already received renewals from 131 members

Dues are being collected now. Your dues help pay the rent and caller fees for weekly classes and for our dances. Members receive the "Dusty Trails" monthly newsletter that will keep you informed of all of our activities and you will get a roster so

that you can keep in touch with your square dance friends.

One way to renew is

1. **Print the renewal form on page 9 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!**
2. **Make out a check to *Trail Dusters Square Dance Club* for \$40 for single membership, \$80 for couple. Same amount as last year and three years before that! Please note that checks should use our club's full name -Trail Dusters Square Dance Club**
3. **Mail the form and the check to:
Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436**

Another more modern way to renew is to send Zelle payment to:
traildustersquares@gmail.com
Be sure to include your names!
Please also send me the form on page 9 so that I can keep the roster information of the birthdays and anniversaries, up to date.

Please note that the form asks for birthday and anniversary month and date. This is used only to send best wishes in the Dusty Trails.

If you have any further questions, please call or email us.

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Snack-a-Thon

The first snack-a thon held on September 17, "Back in the Squares" was a huge success. Many thanks to **Merry Mulein and Robbie Jacobs** for arranging for the gorgeous decorations and the abundance of food.



Soon it's time for the next snack-a-thon on October 29th. The

theme is **Ghoulish Delights** see flyer on page 10.



Come in costume, what a sight,
Join the fun on dancing night!
Treats are waiting spooky bites,
Come and taste our Ghoulish delights.

Join the Ghouls if you dare,
The Vampires and Witches too,
If creativity gives you a scare,
Then Orange & Black you should wear.

Or it's OK to just come as you!

**Debbie Borden and
her "Witches" crew**

Refreshment Chair



Class Coordinators

Welcome back to square dancing to all our Trail Dusters and also a welcome to all our potential Rail Dusters. It was great to meet many of you at our wonderful summer party and hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

We had a great turnout of new people at our first Wednesday night dance. We had 27 new people with more to come in the next two weeks. The new people did a great job and learned many new calls. We were amazed how quickly they caught on with the guidance of our new caller, Michael Kellogg. We hope they all had a fun time and return to become part of our club! We want all new people to know that it becomes easier each week, particularly the first few weeks when all the calls will be repeated.

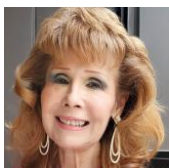
It was such a joy to meet you in the back room & introduce ourselves while enjoying your happy faces last week. Just know that your smiles will continue to shine when you come to class each week.

Good luck to all of you and remember that your coordinators are here to help all of you in any way we can. Please just ask if you need anything!

Your coordinators



Maureen and
Shelly Fried



Jeri Sobel



Gayle Cantrock



Yahoo Partners.....Sunday, September 7th, was a night to be remembered! Over 110 Trail Dusters and their guests attended our annual Summer Party at Debbie and Eddy Borden's magnificent home in Calabasas. See pages 7 & 8.

It was so wonderful to see so many of our club members together again in one place, regardless of if they still dance. Sometimes, circumstances in life prevent us from still dancing but we look forward to getting together at our special events to see old friends and meet the new.

We always appreciate our “life long” Trail Dusters who still continue to support our club through their membership dues. So many friendships and wonderful memories keep us strong.

A big thank you to the committee who worked so hard to plan this event. At the top of this list are the Bordens, who graciously offered their house and spent countless hours preparing their beautiful yard for our arrival. **Jill Saunders**, our co-president, found a date and ordered tables and chairs and brought in countless boxes of decorations. **Avi Nudell**, our other co-president carried in endless bags of ice and water as did **Bob Sanders**. **Cheri & Fred Warner, Jill & Bob Sanders, Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver** joined **Debbie & Eddy Borden** the night before and earlier on Sunday to finalize things. There were also many others who chipped in and, more importantly, stayed until the end to help clean up.

Then there was all of YOU! The food, the drinks, and the goodies you

brought were amazing. The food tables were almost not big enough to

hold all of your generous offerings. (There was enough for an army, and the army arrived). Many people came from eating out at the Stand first, thanks to **Linda Cole** for organizing our pre-dinner event. She even arrived early to set up tables for our group and we raised money by doing what we do best...eating!

The night, the weather, the ambiance could not have been better, and we were delighted to meet our guests.

These parties and group events are what make our Club so special. Some people laugh when we ask them to dance and ask, "What is Square Dancing?" We all know that it is the bond that keeps us connected. These memories we are making will last us a lifetime.

Now let's think about our Spring Week-end and do Save The Date.

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SAVE THE DATE - MAY 15-17TH

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ANNUAL SPRING WEEKEND - 2026

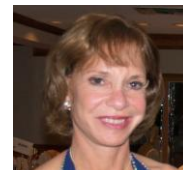
We are in the planning stages of another fabulous Spring Weekend in Oxnard, just a hop, skip and jump away. Our theme this year is “Around the World in Just 3 Days”

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★ Listen to our amazing entertainer, ★
★ Michael Quest and join our new tours, ★
★ games, etc. Stay tuned - more news to ★
★ follow. ★

**Caren
Blumfield**



Sunshine & Showers

Just as our recent weather conditions have brought some cloudy skies, recent health conditions for some of our Trail Duster members have likewise brought some dubious situations.

Leslie Ruiz is thankfully recovering well following hip replacement surgery in July. Now, she and hubby **Robert** are planning to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary (on October 4th) with a cruise through the Panama Canal in the New Year. **Leslie** and **Robert**, we're so glad that there is sunshine in your life, and we wish you a memorable trip with many more healthy & happy anniversaries still to come!

Get well wishes go out to **Denise Kurtzer** who dislocated her shoulder after taking a fall while in a hotel in Boston. After having her shoulder reset, she is now sporting a splint. Meanwhile, her right shoulder is healing from a prior injury. **Denise**, it sounds like you need to be in a bubble! Please take care. We wish you a rapid healing!

Healing thoughts go out to **Linda Rogers**, wife of **Otis Rogers**. **Linda** recently fell on her bedroom floor, hitting her head and breaking her hip. Following surgery, she was hospitalized at Los Robles Hospital and is now in Rehab in Oxnard. **Linda**, we hope that before long, you will be back home again – in time to celebrate your 41st wedding anniversary with Otis! We're so glad there's "sunshine" awaiting you!

Here's hoping next month will bring lots of SUNSHINE into your lives, AND you will remember to share it with me so I can put it out there for the rest of our Trail Duster family! All you need to do is email your news to

me at Rusty_k@verizon.net and I will contact you for the details!

Stay well and safe

Rusty Kaman
Sunshine &
Showers Chair



Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters,

I was happy to meet so many prospective new members and hope they will join us for our pre-class dinners.

Our next pre-class dinner meeting will be at The Stand in Calabasas on October 8, 2025.

Meeting before our class gives us an opportunity to get better acquainted with our members and prospective new members, as well. The restaurant gives a percentage from each sale which benefits our club. Please be sure to let the restaurant server know that you are part of the Trail Dusters group.

The following is the calendar for our October restaurants:

Oct	8	The Stand
Oct	15	Sharkey's
Oct	22	Baja Fresh
Oct	29	Calif Pita

Linda Cole

Ways & Means
Chair



OCT 1 **NO CLASS- YOM KIPPUR**

OCT 29 **GHOULISH DELIGHTS & HALLOWEEN DANCE**

NOV 19 **SNACK-A-THON**

NOV 26 **NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING**

DEC 31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA**

DEC 22 - JAN 5 - WINTER BREAK

JAN 7 **FIRST CLASS OF 2026**

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On The Lighter Side

Clever Sayings

A SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE READS:

We will heel you
We will save your sole
We will even dye for you.

A SIGN ON A BLINDS AND CURTAIN TRUCK:

"Blind man driving."

In a Podiatrist's office:

"Time wounds all heels."

On a Septic Tank Truck :

"Yesterday's Meals on Wheels"

At an Optometrist's Office :

"If you don't see what you're looking for,
You've come to the right place."

On a Plumber's truck :

"We repair what your husband fixed."

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee :

"Invite us to your next blowout"

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED AT THE SEPTEMBER SNACK-A-THON



Front row: Ruth Ann Hapner, Miriam Brauner, Ilene Abramson, Fred Warner, Laurie Bernhard, Pamela Szabo
Back row: Laura Burnstein, Jill Sanders, Paula & Avi Nudell, Adriane Kreisberg, Bruce Reisenfeld, Alan Shotsky, Merry Mulien, Mike Bloom

So many attendees at the September Snack-a-thon



LOOK WHERE TRAIL DUSTERS TAKE THE DUSTY TRAILS



Collin & Shirley Brown in front of the Bonavista Lighthouse



Ken & Eileen Burkenheim In Pisa, Italy



Joel & Lynn Ovadia in Cadiz, Spain in the Roman Theater



Jerry & Paula Seliga with son, Michael, at the Hood River in Oregon



WELCOME TO OUR WONDERFUL SUMMER PARTY

MEET THE COMMITTEE



Jill Sanders, Avi Nudell, Debbie & Eddy Borden, Caren Blumfield, Cheri Warner, Merry Mulein







TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$80 COUPLES / \$40 SINGLES

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY SEPTEMBER 30 (EARLIER PREFERRED!)

PLEASE PRINT

DATE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME(S) _____

☐ Information in the roster is correct – no changes

☐ PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING ☐ CORRECTION ☐ ADDITION ☐ DELETION

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone (hers) _____

Cell Phone (his) _____

E-Mail Address (hers) _____

(his) _____

☐ Everybody please fill out the info below

Birthday (Month & Day)

Hers _____ His _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (MONTH & DAY) _____

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR _____ MADE PAYABLE TO **TRAIL DUSTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**
AND MAIL TO:

ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON
4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE
ENCINO CA 91436

OR : ZELLE PAYMENT SENT TO traildustersquares@gmail.com

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU INCLUDE YOUR NAME(S) AND INDICATE THAT THE FUNDS ARE MEMBERSHIP FEES

REGARDLESS OF PAYMENT METHOD A COMPLETED FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ILENE & MARK ABRAMSON EITHER BY MAIL OR EMAIL.



GHOULISH DELIGHTS SNACK-A-THON AND HALLOWEEN NIGHT DANCE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

SPECIAL GUEST CATER: "DRACULA MICHAEL"

COME IN COSTUME, WHAT A SIGHT,
JOIN THE FUN ON DANCING NIGHT!
TREATS ARE WAITING SPOOKY BITES,
COME AND TASTE OUR GHOULISH
DELIGHTS.



Debbie Borden and Her "Witches" Crew
JOIN THEM IF YOU DARE - AS VAMPIRES, WITCHES
AND SUCH DANCE IN HALLOWEEN'S MOONLIGHT!



October 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 NO CLASS	2 Yom Kippur 	3	4
5	6	7	8 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m	9	10	11
12	13 	14 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	15 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Baja Fresh 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Calif Pita 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m Snack-a-thon	30	31 	