



The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

A New Season with Your New Trail Dusters Presidents

We're excited to kick off our first season as your new Trail Dusters presidents! We have some fresh ideas to make this year even better and a little easier for everyone.

New Payment Options

We're happy to announce that you can now pay through **Zelle** for special events like membership, our New Year's Eve party, Trail Dusters weekend and even for our weekly classes.

To make things even simpler, we're offering a one-time payment option for classes through December 10. You can Zelle \$50 instead of paying week by week – a savings of \$10. This will save you time in line, eliminate the need to bring cash each week, and—yes—save you a little money, too! Important Disclaimer. There will be no refunds or credits for nights you may have missed. See flier on page 7.

Workshops & Summer Success

We are still buzzing from the success of the two wonderful workshops organized by Farryl Dickter this summer. They were such a hit that we're already hoping to plan even more for next summer!

Welcoming Our New Caller

We're thrilled to welcome our new caller, **Michael Kellogg**. We know he's going to make this season exciting and fun for everyone and improve our square-dancing skills.

Mark Your Calendars!

*Summer Party: September 7 – Don't forget to RSVP for yourself and your friends. The party is in a guard-gated community, and your name must be at the gate in order for you to get in. So RSVP early, bring your friends, and get ready for a good time! See fliers on pages 9 & 10.

*Season Kickoff: Class start September 10– Don't miss it... be there or be square!

*First Three Classes: Bring your friends along and help them discover how much fun square dancing can be. September 10, 17 & 24 are the 3 introductory classes. See flier on page 11.

We can't wait to dance with all of you this season. Let's make it one to remember!



Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell
Presidents, Trail Dusters

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE TIME & MONEY?

- Do you want to avoid the long lines and wait to sign in and pay each week for class?
- Do you want to not worry about having cash in your pocket Wednesday evenings?



We have the solution. Prepay for 12 classes from Sept 10 – Dec 10 AND SAVE \$10.00

Pay \$50.00, either at our Summer Party on Sept 7 or at our first class, then when you come to class sign in at the table designated "Prepaid."

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER - There will be no refunds or credit carried forward for any nights you may miss.

WEEKLY FEES ARE PAYABLE BY CASH OR CHECK AS USUAL, just sign in at the table designated 'Pay Here.'

Our Club now also has the ability to accept Zelle e-transfer of funds. This feature can now be used to pay Membership, New Year's Eve, and Spring Weekend fees as well as the above Class Prepaid fee.

The email for a Zelle payment is traildustersquares@gmail.com

See flier on page 7.

For More Information call Robert Sobel (818) 288-4112 or email rsobel@sanobel.com

Shirley Brown

Publicity/Webmaster



September Birthdays

Howard Weiner	1
Marilyn Zwicker	3
Gisele Don	9
Rhonda Eisner	10
Avi Nudel	11
Robert Ruiz	12
Miriam Brauner	13
Marlene Lovett	13
Stephen Levy	14
Adriane Kreisberg	13
Ronna Banks	14
Ilene Abramson	17
Fred Warner	18
Reuven Zeavy	19
Beverly Rutkin	26

September Anniversaries

Marlena & Reuven Zeavy	3
Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver	4

TRAIL DUSTERS, IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. RECENT GRADUATES ITS TIME FOR YOU TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP SEE FLIER ON PAGE 6

Trail Duster members are the best ever because they pay their dues on time and participate in our fun activities. We have already received renewals from 40 members.

As Membership chairs, our job includes receiving all dues, keeping track of who had paid, creating the roster, and sending birthday and anniversary reminders each month in the Dusty Trails.

Dues are being collected in August and September. 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.

The best way to renew or join is:

1. **Print the renewal form on page 6 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. Please note that checks should use our club's full name – Trail Dusters Square Dance Club**
3. **Mail the form and check to:**

**Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436**

***** NEWS FLASH *** NEWS FLASH *** NEWS FLASH *****

Trail Dusters have moved from the 20th Century into the 21st Century! We are now accepting Zelle payments for membership! Please send them to

Traildusterssquares@gmail.com

Be sure to include your names and in the box that says what is this for – enter membership!

Please also send me the form on page 6 so that I can keep the roster, your information, birthdays, and anniversaries, up to date.

Mark will be available at classes during the month of September with blank forms.

Please note that the form asks for birthday and anniversary, day and

month. This is used only to send best wishes in the Dusty Trails.

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

Thank you for your support and cooperation, and don't forget to tell your friends to join our fantastic Trail Dusters Club.

Ilene and Mark Abramson



Membership & Statistics markabe@aol.com
818-501-3109

Snack-a-Thon

Hi, my name is Debbie Borden and I'm here to tell you there's a new snack crew in town. I am the new Refreshment Chair. Assisting me will be Robbie Jacobs and Merry Mulein. We call ourselves the "Munchie Mavens."

I want to thank Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell for the splendid job they did with the Snack-a-thon for the last 2 years. They will be a hard act to follow. I also want to thank them for making the transition of refreshments chairs go very smoothly.

The first snack-a-thon will be held on September 17. **The theme is "Back in the Square."** See flier - page 12.

Looking forward to seeing you all enjoying our delectable treats.

Debbie Borden

Refreshment Chair



AT OUR SUMMER PARTY

Don't forget about our Western Summer Party on Sunday, September 7, 2025. This is an opportunity to invite friends to meet our Club Members and see how much fun we have together. Or come just to see friends whom you haven't seen all summer..

Bring munchies to share, such as: vegetables & hummus, cheese and crackers, (no chips), fruit platter, cookies, soda or wine. Food must be plated and ready to serve. Water and coffee will be available. Hopefully you can join us before the party for dinner at The Stand in Calabasas at 5:30 pm. See flier on page 9.

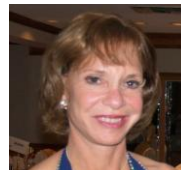
You need to RSVP to:

Caren1224@hotmail.com to join us. Debbie and Eddie Borden's home is in a gated community, so you won't be able to enter unless your name is on the list. Sweet talking or bribing the guard at the gate won't work.

Looking forward to our Square Dance Family being together again to welcome in another year of Square Dancing with Michael Kellogg, our new caller. Those of us oldtimers who have danced with him in the past are thrilled to welcome him back home.

So Long Partners and Happy Trails to You.

Caren Blumfield



Sunshine & Showers

This month's article might better be called, "**Showers Becoming Sunshine.**" That's because what began as 'showers for some people is happily turning into "sunshine."

Fred Warner is currently recovering from a detached retina that required him to lie face down and remain very still for two weeks (not an easy challenge!). I am happy to tell you that **Fred** is reporting "positive results and progress being made. In a few more weeks, he anticipates having clear vision and the removal of the stitches. **Fred**, we are all wishing you a fully successful recovery and hope that you will soon be singing, "I Can See Clearly Now!"

Renee Maier is doing well after having a pacemaker put in just one month ago. In fact, she even attended this month's Zoom Board meeting and is back on the job! **Renee**, may each day find you feeling stronger and better than ever! You're clearly going to need your strength to enjoy all your SEVEN grandchildren! Hearty congratulations on the arrival of your newest granddaughter, born on July 11th. May she always be a source of joy and happiness to you and Peter! It pays to listen to your symptoms and heed the warning signs.

Sherwin Silver thankfully, paid attention to the warning signs when he climbed the stairs in his home and felt a tightness in his chest. After undergoing tests to determine the problem, an angiogram revealed 4 clogged arteries, and on July 31st, **Sherwin** underwent 6 hours of surgery and a quadruple bypass. Thankfully, **Sherwin** is now back home as of August 9th and is recovering nicely, though he misses his favorite activities (Playing ball, bowling, golfing and square dancing).

He asked me to express his thanks to everyone for their well wishes as he looks forward to November when he hopes to return to his favorite activities. **Sherwin**, may each new day find you feeling much improved and closer to being fully recovered!

Joni and Mark Simon are celebrating the June 20th arrival of their 4th grandchild. Grant Holden Simon, born to their son and daughter-in-law Steven and Andrea. Grant joins his big brother, Luke (age 5 years,) at their Bell Canyon residence. This makes 2 granddaughters and 2 grandsons for **Joni and Mark**. Grant also has several aunts & uncles in our Trail Duster family: Patti & Marshall Goldberg, Terry Karsh & Renny Traub. **Joni and Mark** are already babysitting twice a week and are enjoying every minute of it! Warmest wishes to all the Simon family.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Lynn and Joel Ovadia** who became first time grandparents on July 20th when their daughter Elisa gave birth to Emma Sarah Barnett, a 9 lb.6 oz. baby girl! **Joel and Lynn** are beyond thrilled, and plan to make frequent flights to Seattle to see their new granddaughter. They recently returned from Seattle where much of their family, including their other two daughters, joined together for a big family reunion. **Joel** tells me he can't wait until the baby calls them "Grandma" and "Grandpa," Here's wishing all the **Ovadia** family years of happiness

Please remember to email me at Rusty_k@verizon.net with both "sunshine" and "showers" and I will call you for details.

Rusty Kaman
Sunshine &
Showers Chair



We had a Great August Workshop

The August Workshop was an even bigger success than our fabulous July workshop! Sixty-six Trail Dusters and one person from Farmer's & Charmers came out to Wilkinson to review all of the calls taught during the year. Our new caller, Michael Kellogg, did a wonderful job reinforcing the calls and we had a great time dancing to his fun, singing calls.

As usual, many helped to create this great experience. Thanks, as always to Sandra & Bob Sobel who come first and leave last! We also want to thank Paula and Jerry Seliga for coming early and helping with set up. We had delicious desserts thanks to Geraldine Rothenberg, Sandy Cohen, Margie Hausman, Linda Cole, and Sandra Sobel. We also had refreshing fruits thanks to Gail Cantrock and Terry Karsh

Thanks to Avi and Debbie for schlepping supplies and also many thanks to Robbie Jacobs and Jeff Cohen who are now storing some of the supplies along with yours truly, Farryl Dickter.

We are all ready to start a new year of dancing and know now that our experienced dancers, our angels, will be well set to guide our new rail dusters.

Farryl Dickter

Caller Coordinator



Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters,

Since this is my first article as your new Chair of Ways and Means, I want to thank the prior Ways and Means persons, Joel and Lynn

Ovadia, for their time and effort spent in explaining this position to me and making this transmission go smoothly.

I know we are all looking forward to returning to our weekly Wednesday night square dancing classes and meeting the prospective group of Rail Dusters and Trail Dusters.

The September restaurants serve healthy food and will help support our club. Your attendance affords you the opportunity to get better acquainted with the members and possible new Rail Dusters. Even if we don't all sit together at one table, we can still mingle and say hello to everyone and have a chance to visit a little before the class. As you know, our club gets a percentage back of the money we spend.

We will be meeting at The Stand in Calabasas on September 7 at 5:30 p.m. before our Western Summer Party.

The following is the calendar for our September restaurants:

Sept 10	Baja Fresh
Sept 17	Sharkeys
Sept 24	Calif
Pita	

Linda Cole

Ways & Means Chair



SEPT 1 - 30 - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

SEPT 10 FIRST CLASS OF 2025-26

SEPT 17 BACK TO SQUARES SNACK-A-THON

OCT 1 NO CLASS- YOM KIPPUR

Look how many Trail Dusters Attended the August Workshop





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.



TRAIL DUSTERS

***The 2025-26 Weekly Square Dancing
is beginning soon!***

**NEW YEAR * NEW CALLER * NEW OPTIONAL
PAYMENT METHODS.**

We are happy to welcome Michael Kellogg as our caller this year –
Michael's easy style of teaching will have your skills improving
almost effortlessly! We are also pleased to offer new ways to pay
the weekly fees.

OPTIONAL PAYMENT METHODS

Do you want to avoid the long lines and wait to sign in and pay
each week for class? Do you want to not worry about having cash
in your pocket Wednesday evenings? We have the solution.

Prepay for 12 classes from Sept 10 – Dec 10 AND SAVE \$10.00

Pay \$50.00 either at the first class, at the Summer Party, or use
Zelle for e-transfer. Then come to class and sign in at the table
designated "Prepaid" **IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER - There will be
no refunds or credit carried forward for any nights you may miss.**

WEEKLY FEES ARE PAYABLE BY CASH OR CHECK AS USUAL, just sign
in at the table designated 'Pay Here'

For More Information call Robert Sobel (818) 288-4112 or email
rsobel@sanrobel.com

The email for a Zelle payment is traildustersquares@gmail.com
Please indicate what the funds are for – membership, prepaid, etc.
on the appropriate line

CLASS SCHEDULE 2025

SEPTEMBER 10 - *FIRST CLASS - Bring your friends as new Rail Dusters!

SEPTEMBER - 17, 24. – Introductory classes continue-

OCTOBER 1 - NO CLASS - YOM KIPPUR

OCTOBER - 8, 15, 22, 29

NOVEMBER - 5, 12, 19

NOVEMBER 26 – NO CLASS -

THANKSGIVING - SCHOOL CLOSED

DECEMBER – 3, 10

DECEMBER 17- CHANGE IN CLASS LOCATION – To Be Determined

DECEMBER 22 - JAN 5 - NO CLASS - WINTER BREAK- SCHOOL CLOSED

2026

JANUARY – 7, 14, 21, 28

FEBUARY - 4, 11, 18, 25



TRAIL DUSTERS'
WESTERN SUMMER PARTY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 7:00 PM

Hosted by: Debbie & Eddie Borden
25625 Queenscliff Court, Calabasas

Their home is located in a guard gated community and a list of attendees will be provided to the security gate.

It is important to RSVP for you and your guests.

Please bring potential Rail Duster couples **AS** Guests so they experience the fun and friendship and so we can convince them how much fun square dancing can be

Price of Admission for Summer Party:

Bring munchies to share such as: vegetables & hummus, cheese and crackers, (no chips). fruit platter, cookies, soda or wine. Water and coffee will be available. Food must be plated and ready to serve.



Start the evening by meeting for dinner at 5:30 pm for good food and socializing

The Stand, 23683 Calabasas Rd, Calabasas, CA

IMPORTANT - RSVP by September 1st via email to
Caren Blumfield at caren1224@hotmail.com

WESTERN SUMMER PARTY INVITATION



Our Club, Trail Dusters, is hosting a Summer Party for members and guests and we want to invite you to join us! This is an opportunity to meet our members, introduce you to our activity, and experience the welcoming & friendly atmosphere of our Club. Hors d'oeuvres & desserts will be served.

WHEN: September 7, 2025
WHERE: Debbie & Eddie Borden
25625 Queenscliff Court, Calabasas
TIME: 7:00 PM
DRESS: Casual

Join us **AS GUESTS** and experience the fun we have being together.

MUNCH, MINGLE AND SCHMOOZ



Our party is in a guard gated community and we need to provide a list of attendees to the security gate.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO RSVP by September 1st via email to Caren Blumfield at caren1224@hotmail.com OR just let your Trail Duster friends know and they will let us know



TRAIL DUSTERS

Modern Square Dancing Classes

NEW MOVES * NEW MUSIC *** NEW FRIENDS**



If you can walk, you can square dance.
Dancing uses all 3 dimensions of a
healthy life style – physical, mental and
social - all while having **FUN!**

Weekly Wednesdays starting Sept. 10, 2025
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

3 Introductory classes Sept 10, 17, & 24

Your first evening is FREE. Thereafter \$7.00 weekly

Bay Laurel Elementary School
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas 91302

Come for one evening and see who we are
and what we do– it's free – what do you
have to lose?? And you have a lot to gain!

For More Information email Jill Harmatz Sanders
jillharmatz@gmail.com



****Fun, Friendship & Fitness****

Website: www.traildusters.com

WELCOME BACK TO SQUARES

Snack-A-Thon!!

**Wednesday, September 17,
Friends, Dancing, & Delicious Snacks
are back!**

**Join us for the first Snack-A-Thon
of the 2025-2026 season.**



**There will be delicious
treats to enjoy and friends
to dance and snack with
and a good time will be
had by all.**

**Looking forward to watching all
of you enjoying our delectable
treats!**

**Debbie Borden & "Munchie
Mavens."**





September 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Membership payments are being collected Aug & Sept See pages 2 & 6	3	4	5	6
7 See pages 3,9,10 	8	9 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	10 Baja Fresh 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m	11	12	13
14	15 1	16	17 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m	18	19	20
21	22 Autumn Equinox 	23 Rosh Hashonah 	24 Calif Pita 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m	25	26	27
28	29	30				