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Barnwarmers Square Dance Club

On October of 1975, the Barnwarmers celebrated their Tenth Anniversary. The club was organized in 1965 by Edie & Arkie Parker with sixteen member couples at the start. Edie was the clubs only caller, and missed calling for only two dances during the first decade. Through the dreams, efforts, and sacrifices of Arkie, and their many square dance callers and friends, the Barnwarmers have enjoyed not one, but two square dance homes, Twirling Acres and Ark-N-Taw Barn. Some of the problems encountered in the births of these two facilities seemed insurmountable but determination won out, which in itself is a long story.

The Barnwarmers progressed like a daisy chain, and at one time enjoyed a membership in excess of seventy couples. What an active and friendly group they were. Some of the clubs highlights were a Monthly Newspaper, a record of 41 couple visits to another club, high attendance at the National Conventions, Knot head Trips, Stage Shows and After Party at the last dance, Wild Life Dinners, New Years Eve Dances and Club Picnics. Visitors were always welcomed to join the Barnwarmers, after each dance, at their favorite gathering place. Their enthusiasm for square dancing provided the club with many years of success, and they were a truly fun club to visit!

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