

Swinging Squares

(Independence, Missouri)

The Swinging Squares was formed in 1961 by approximately 10 couples living in the northeast district of Kansas City, Missouri. They danced at the Melrose Methodist Church, and Ivan Sells was their caller. They were unable to apply for federation until after they had graduated their first class.

Although they started out slowly, the club soon became a lively one and they outgrew their hall in 1963 when they moved to St Stephens School. The club then moved once again to Minute Circle Friendly House, 24th and Elmwood, Kansas City, Missouri on the second and fourth Saturdays.

Ivan Sells was their caller from 1961 until December of 1970. Dick Naudet became the club's second caller in January of 1970 and called as long as they club existed.

There were at least 40 active member couples in the club during the 70's, and still they grew with active square dance lessons on a timely basis.

Club Spirit was one of the best features of the Swinging Squares. Whether getting together for a regular dance, visiting other clubs, attending a festival or pitching for a special event, you could always recognize the presence of the Swinging Squares, the ones with smiles on their faces, a genuine spirit of friendship and the ability to have a good time.

For more than 25 years, Dick Naudet continued to call for the Swinging Squares until they folded in late 90's. Dick was known to be one of the best "hot hash" in the area, and provided much to square dancing!

Club No Longer Dancing