

RED RIVER SINGLES...THE NEWS

October-November 2012

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Anniversary Dance recap

Thank you to everyone who joined in the big 35th anniversary celebration for Red River Singles. It was a fun and festive evening, made even more special by Lute Simley unexpectedly donating his deejay services for the occasion. In appreciation of his generosity, the board sent him a thank you note and gift card on behalf of the club. His response to that was:



To everyone on the RRS Board and membership,

Hi! Thank you for the great card and gift certificate I received from you! That was very nice! I love being part of the RRS family!

My self-proclaimed nickname this year has been "Lucky Lute". I feel that way for many reasons but mostly the reason I feel lucky is because of the wonderful people and friends in my life. RRS has been a blessing to me and I feel so lucky to have all of you as my friends! You've done so much for me staying active in dancing, being a "dance DJ", allowing me to do my thing, and to participate in all the dancing fun! This is a part of my life I hope will continue for a long time to come. I am the lucky and blessed one because of all of you! Like the card you sent me says "Dance first, think later". That is so cool. We all need this special time dancing together. What a better way to get away from all the issues and stress that many of experience in our daily routines. Long live RRS and congratulations on your first 35 years! Thank you for everything you do for me and your membership!

Your friend with love and appreciation,
"Lucky" Lute

Halloween Dance and Costume Contest

This year's Halloween Dance is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th, at Johnson's Barn. Yes, it's eleven days early, but that gives everyone a chance to work the bugs either out of or into your costumes before the big day. We will be starting the dancing at 8:30 pm and will go until 12:30. Lute will be playing, as we apparently haven't scared him off yet. We will be having a costume contest again this year, with prizes of \$25, \$20, \$15, and \$10 for first, second, third and fourth place, as judged by those attending. All who participate in the contest will receive a \$1 off coupon to be used at a future dance. Barn dances are BYOB (in this context we mean "bottle", but "broomstick" works, too). The Johnsons sell a mean hamburger or BBQ, if you need to put some meat on your skeleton.



Changes for 2013

We will begin selling 2013 memberships at the Halloween dance. Memberships will be good through the rest of this year and all of next year.

For those who bought memberships earlier this year under the old system, we have devised a somewhat complex, but fair, prorating system that Connie, the cashier, would love to explain. I'm pretty sure.



The big news is that we will be holding all our non-Barn dances downstairs at the West Fargo VFW next year. That poses additional opportunities and challenges for us. The cost of the hall rental will be significantly lower for us. We know that people like going to the VFW (see just about any weekend), but we will need people to join us downstairs for the dances. To that end, we are going to try lowering the membership fee to \$25 and the nonmember admittance fee to \$7. Alumni and other singles club members will pay \$6. Members will still pay \$5. The new fees will take effect at the January dance. We are hoping that by making it a bit more affordable, attendance will be higher, as it was for all three dances this summer. With our lower cost, it can be a win-win for everyone. We will also be charging a \$5 fee between 11:00 and 11:30 pm for those who like to join us later in the evening. All dances will be from 8:30 to 12:30 next year. Lute has suggested foregoing the dance lessons and starting the dance itself at 8:30. Unless there is a huge groundswell of dance lesson demand, that's the new plan.

The schedule for next year is in the final stages of preparation, with the expectation that printed schedules will be available at the Halloween dance. That would be so ghoul. Fingers crossed.

Election of Officers

The sign-up sheet for those interested in executive board positions will be available at the



Halloween dance. Being on the board is not so scary. Please consider signing up, or volunteering for an appointed position. The board will be meeting before the November 17th dance for election of officers. If there is no competition for an executive office, the board will appoint someone to that position. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting and vote, if necessary.

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Thanksgiving Dance

The November 17th dance, in addition to board election night, is also our Thanksgiving dance. Lute will be playing at 8:30 at the Sons of Norway. The board is so grateful for all the support we receive, both financial and moral, throughout the year. Please join us at the dance as we appreciate the fun and friendship the club brings to our lives.



Other Singles Clubs

Bismarck, ND: www.bismarcksinglefile.com
Dickinson, ND: www.singlesnmore.com
Brainerd, MN: www.lakesareasingles.com
St. Cloud, MN: www.stcloudsingles.net

Directions to Johnson's Barn

From the south, go north on I-29, take Exit 79 (Highway 4) at Argusville. Turn left and go west for 12 miles to Highway 18. Turn right and go north. The barn is on the east side of the highway, two miles north of Arthur.
Or, take I-94 west to the Casselton exit, go through town and follow Highway 18 approximately 12 miles north.

From the north, go south on I-29 to exit 100 (County Road 26) at Gardner. Turn right and go west about twelve miles to Highway 18. Turn left and go for about a mile and a third. Look for the barn on the left (east) side. Thank, or blame, Google and Mapquest.

RED RIVER SINGLES DANCES

Dances start at 8:30 p.m.

Johnson's Barn

2 miles north of Arthur, ND
BYOB-Costume Contest

October 20th...Halloween Dance...Lute Simley, DJ

Sons of Norway

722 2nd Avenue North, Fargo

November 17th...Board Elections...Lute Simley, DJ
December 15th...Christmas Dance...Lute Simley, DJ

West Fargo VFW

308 Sheyenne Street-Downstairs

December 31st...New Year's Eve...Sideline



That's all we have time
for....Gotta leaf....



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