

SUPER B'S

The Beavercreek High School Adult Education offered a course in western style square dancing in 1973-74. Approximately six squares started in the beginner class. During the two ten-week sessions, some drop out occurred, but close to four squares completed the course.

Members from the Huber Hooffers were class angels, and upon graduation they volunteered to advise and guide the graduates in forming a new club, if enough were interested. Jim Erbaugh was the instructor for the course and he agreed to be the caller for the newly formed club. Angels, Al & Pat Haley, volunteered to be president. In May 1975 the new club was accepted into the Miami Valley Dance Council.

The name chosen for the club was Super B's and the club badge was designed in the shape of the slow-moving farm vehicle which was often seen in rural Beavercreek at the time. The Super B's logo on the raid badges was designed by angel/member Sandy Drake. In 1980 the members voted on the style and color for their raid attire. Being the club originated from classes held in Beavercreek High School and the school's colors were black and orange, these colors were chosen along with the white. These colors were worn all during the year until 1989 when the members voted for a summer raid attire of orange and white. At the annual meeting in 1993, the members voted to wear the original raid attire year round.

The first dances were held on Monday nights at the Beavercreek High School. The club moved to Charles I. Beaver Hall in 1976 and continued to dance on Monday nights until June 1979, when they changed to Wednesday nights. The club moved in January 1980 to Aley United Methodist Church Activity Building and danced on the first, third and fifth Wednesday nights from 8 to 10:30. Workshops were held on the second and fourth Wednesday nights from 8 to 10

From the start of the club the members became involved in community activities, such as dancing at nursing homes, demonstrations for the schools, festivals and business organizations. The club has been very unique in having so many talented and willing members. They have performed many major remodeling and maintenance projects and have always done the janitorial duties for the building where dances were held. Several members have served as officers and chaired committees for the Miami Valley Dance Council. They continue to participate in promoting local activities and state convention activities which the dance council initiates, including working on floats, furnishing a vehicle for a parade, being angels for wheelchair lesson classes at Wright State University, building the circus wagons for the 1990 convention and the buildings for promoting the 1995 State Convention to be held in Dayton.

The members have always enjoyed camping as a group and the interest continues to grow each year. The club has classes each year, special dances, mystery trips, and hi-lo dances for all students.

The club has had its peaks and valleys in membership. It has had as few as 21 members and as many as 162. Presently there are 131 on the membership list. Thirty of these members have over 100 raids and six of those have over 200 raids. We have had children of members come to classes and become very active in the club. Presently, we have some grandchildren following the trend.

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We have been fortunate to have three excellent callers for the club. Jim Erbaugh, May 1974 to April 1985; Jack Pladdys, September 1985 to December 1989; Kenny Stomps, January 1990 to present. We have guest callers on the third Wednesdays of each month. Caller Ken roberts is a former member of the club.

Dick & Marilyn Gregg met at a Super B raid. The couple was married at a square dance at Michael Solomon Pavilion with 35 plus squares in attendance.