

CONCORD CLOVERLEAF SQUARES

We are the new kid on the block. In February 1999, we celebrated our 5th year as the Cloverleaf Squares.

In the fall of 1992, Jim and Joyce McGuire with Don and Kathy Pence, were talking round dance lessons with Chuck Jobe. Jim had been talking several times about starting a square dance club in our community. Don told Jim that if he would continue with round dance lessons he would help organize a club.

The McGuires hosted a meeting and invited all dancers in the area. There were 30 people plus Sam Dunn. Sam gave a lot of suggestions to consider and was apprehensive about the whole idea. The ladies in the living room were positive and the men had a negative outlook as they munched on goodies in the kitchen.

The second meeting was held at McGuires with 26 in attendance. The tone had changed. A suggestion was made that we begin the club with a lesson class. Jess Fugate from Sidney, Ohio was contacted and he accepted.

The first lesson class consisted of both couples and singles. The first class graduated August 1, 1993 with 11 members. The Concord Cloverleaf Squares was the name chosen.

Jim McQuire was our first president and Ray Beavers our first raid chairman. Our anniversary month is February. Mike King was our first caller at the cost of \$65.00. Admission to our dance was \$2.50. Each of us paid to get into our home dances until our treasury was built up. We are now dancing at the Concord Community Center, 3263 N. Rt. 560 north of Westville, Ohio. We dance on the 1st Friday or Saturday from 8 to 10:30.

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