

## STETSUN TRAVELING SQUARES

In the mid 80's, a group of seven people graduated from a lesson class taught by Jess Fugate from Sidney, Ohio and ventured out into the square dance world calling ourselves the "Magnificent Seven". We joined a couple of area square dance clubs and soon decided the club scene didn't fit our style of dancing.

During this time, the men wore "Stetson" hats as part of their square dance attire and the women wore the usual square dance dress and petticoat. Our philosophy of fun, laughter and fellowship soon spread over a 3-state area and influenced us to change our name to the "Stetsun Traveling Squares". Our group grew rapidly and was widely becoming known for the enthusiasm we generated at the club dances we attended.

In the late 80's, one person in the group, Bob Jones, became interested in the calling aspect of the square dance activity. With the support of the other dancers in the group and with the help from Ron Everhart's Caller's School he became a new (rookie) caller. After yearly lesson classes taught by Bob and "angeled" by the other dancers in the group we have grown to a total of 50 dancers. Our goal is to let everyone know that square dancing is an art for fun, laughter and fellowship.

As Stetsun's we have no officers, no dues, and no club dances. We spend our time traveling around supporting other clubs in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana sharing the fun, enthusiasm and fellowship we feel is important to keep square dancing alive today, as it should be.

We actively keep in touch with area community functions including annual parades and festivals. It is always our pleasure to entertain the shut-ins in local nursing homes and care centers. We look forward to sharing our fun, enthusiasm and fellowship with your club or organization in the near future.

Bob and Janice Jones