

## Introducing Our Event ...

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Hello! I am Terry Cassis, the Executive Director of the North Alabama Square Dance Association, the sponsors of this unique dance. I hope to spend a little bit of time each month giving you more information about the dance, (next month I'll introduce you to our callers and cuer) and helping you plan your visit to Huntsville if you are from out of state. I work in the space business in Huntsville, and this dance has been a dream of mine since the first time I walked into the USSRC after I became a square dancer 3 years ago. I hope that you will make plans NOW to come to the dance next year. If you don't square dance yet, there's time to learn and become proficient! We are teaching classes starting in September if you live in Huntsville.

**See you across the square on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2019!**

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# Experience a Once in A Lifetime Event

## Dance Under a Saturn V Rocket!

Next year on Tuesday night, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2019, the North Alabama Square Dance Association invites you to join us to square dance the night away *underneath an authentic Saturn V rocket* in the most spectacular, historical and awe-inspiring venue you will likely ever dance in – the Davidson Center for Space Exploration at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. This Smithsonian Affiliate museum houses the largest collection of space, rocket, missile and missile defense artifacts in the world. The Saturn V is the largest, most powerful rocket ever built, and was the backbone of the US moon exploration program. There are only 3 Saturn Vs remaining in existence, and this one is the best preserved and displayed.



*Dance here under this amazing Saturn V Rocket!*

A dance like this has never happened before and because of the timing, it can never happen again. Our dance will occur only 3 weeks before NASA's own celebration of the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Man Landing on the Moon** on July 20<sup>th</sup>. All the outside museum exhibits including the vertical Saturn V replica that landmarks the USSRC Davidson Hall, the Rocket Garden, the full Space Shuttle stack up, and the A12 OXCART reconnaissance aircraft (the CIA version and predecessor to the SR 71 Blackbird) will be newly refurbished just in time for our event!

*Pick a spot for your tip...*



## It's quite a venue.

This is the command module for the Apollo 16 lunar mission. The command modules were the safe places for the astronauts when the Saturn V was propelling them into orbit, through the trip to the moon, and was the payload that returned to earth (or re-entered). This command module shows the results of the extreme heating effects caused by re-entry into the earth's atmosphere at velocities of 11 km/s (that "s" is not a typo, that's 24,600 mph). It is displayed beneath one of the three parachutes used to slow the re-entry module down before landing.

The US Space and Rocket Center is the visitors center for the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, and the home of the US Space Camp and Aviation Challenge. Dancers who come to the Saturn V Dance will have the hard job of choosing where their tip will square up – maybe next to a real lunar lander or lunar rover, or next to a moon rock or the Apollo 16 re-entry vehicle? Perhaps you will dance next to the design module for SKYLAB, or next to real astronaut space suits and satellites? The Saturn V rocket is 354 ft tall and is displayed horizontally with these and many other NASA space program artifacts from the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo programs of the past, and NASA programs of the future. The Saturn V dominates the hall from the five giant F1 rocket engines at the base, to the emergency escape system that protected astronaut lives during lift off, but every foot of the Hall has something special to offer.



*See the only full space shuttle stack up in the world!*

We haven't forgotten about the dancing either. A square dance in a venue this awesome demands a really great square dance program – and we have one lined up! Our featured callers are three young and exciting callers of national repute - Hunter Keller, Justin Russell and Travis Cook. Our featured cuer is Ms. Pauline Angress, and our Master of Ceremonies is our own NASDA caller Mr. Skip Cleland. We will tell you all about them in our next newsletter. Gates will open at 5:30 pm and rounds will start at 6:00. At 6:30 we will start square dancing Mainstream and Plus tips. The dance will end at 9:30pm, but don't plan to head out until later! The Davidson Center will continue to be open for our private viewing pleasure for another 2 hours until 11:30.

## For More Information, Contact Us

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Have Fun,  
Square Dance!



## Your Questions Answered

**Q. How do I get tickets and how much are they?**

**A.** Tickets to the dance and additional information is available online at [NorthAlabamaSquareDance.com](http://NorthAlabamaSquareDance.com). The cost for the dance will be \$20 per person when pre-purchased through the website or via mail up to 3 months prior to the dance. Tickets after that (and at the door) will be \$25 per person. If you wish to pre-register via mail, complete the form on the website or send your name, address, email, phone, and \$20 per ticket to the address in the right-hand panel of this newsletter. To some, the cost of this dance may seem a little steep, but it is actually lower than the normal \$25 museum admission all by itself and is a great deal!

**Q. Where is the US Space and Rocket Center?**

**A.** The US Space and Rocket Center is located at One Tranquility Base Rd in Huntsville Alabama, right off Highway 565, and less than 10 miles and a 15-minute drive from the Huntsville International Airport. Huntsville is located a convenient 3 ½ hour drive from Atlanta, GA, and is 2 hours South of Nashville and 2 hours North of Birmingham.

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*The Saturn V Square Dance is sponsored by the North Alabama Square Dance Association, a not-for-profit organization that is organized and committed to growing square dancing and American folk dance through collaboration with local community organizations, conducting dance classes, helping existing clubs and forming new clubs with advertising and assistance programs, and sponsoring promotional events like this one. Our belief is that square dance is unique in its own way, making dance with all its positive health and quality of life benefits accessible to almost every American. We fell in love with the activity 3 years ago when we went to our first square dance and saw 80 people laughing, dancing and having so much fun their faces couldn't hide it. We are convinced that the world needs more of that, and this is our mission – to share it with as many people as possible and help it grow.*

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