

# Midwest Morris Ale

SIXTH ANNUAL MIDWEST MORRIS ALE \* MAY 23 - 26, 1986 \* ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
c/o John B. Shewmaker, 4907 Pershing Place, St. Louis, MO 63108

April 25, 1986 \* Third Letter

Dear Folks:

The price for the weekend is: \$33.00, per person, not including housing.

Housing costs: \$2.00 per person per night in a tent; \$5 per person per night in a bunk. Therefore, add \$6.00 for the weekend for each person in a tent; \$15 for the weekend for each person sleeping in a bunkhouse in a bed. The beds are double-decker Army surplus. Kids under 4 are free except for the housing charge, which is the same for them as for an adult.

For this price a superb weekend with seven - 7! - Full Meals, snacks and St. Louis' reknowned liquid refreshment, busses on both days for two days of the finest Morris tours with large crowds guaranteed, contradance on Sunday night with our finest callers and contradance band, Church tours, workshops and a swimming pool.

Enclosed:

1. Registration forms. Photocopy any extras you may need. Please return by May 8.
2. Corrections to instructions for massed dances, through the kind assistance of Ed Stern. Please make sure the corrections are attached to the originals or noted thereon.

We would like to know who has training as a physician, registered nurse, as a swimming-pool lifeguard, or has training in administering first aid.

We request your suggestions for workshops and volunteers to teach.

Upon receipt of registration forms together with fees indicated, we will send you a letter confirming receipt and enclosing maps to the camp.

Payment may be made by the checks of the individuals attending or by a check drawn on a single account, such as your team, or by some mixture thereof.

Please make checks payable to "The Media School, Inc." and return by May 8.

Very truly yours,

CAPERING ROISTERS

By John B. Shewmaker  
John Long  
Ken Johnson  
Dan O'Halloran

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT BY MAY 8  
THANKS!

Telephones: (314) 367-9017 (Answering Machine attached) (314) 367-9079 (Let it ring) (314) 725-6920 Shewmaker & McNearney (work); (314) 434-3319 (Ken)



ANSWERS TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS THAT HAVE ARISEN:

REGISTRATION

Please do not hold up mailing the registration forms for any reason. If in doubt, call us. On May 9 we will order the T-Shirts and necessary food. There will be no registering at the gate or at the last minute. If you simply must have extra time, you must call us.

The grant application we hoped for was turned down yesterday, despite a favorable staff recommendation, by a citizens' review committee. We will appeal to Monday's board meeting, but without much hope. If we get any substantial additional funds, we will disburse them as refunds. We will continue to look for outside help.

We are designating one cabin as women only, in deference to the young teen aged women dancers from the school teams. If you would like to stay in that cabin, please indicate. No one but women will be permitted therein.

POVERTY

If someone is flat broke and if your team really can't help out, please let us know, and we'll see what we can do, under the circumstances.

AIRPLANE TRAVEL

We will arrange to pick up persons flying in at the St. Louis metropolitan airport and take them to camp, and return them to the airport on Monday, a round-trip of about eighty miles. If we find it necessary to rent a 15-passenger van for the purpose, we will ask for a contribution of about \$10 a person (round-trip) to help defray the cost. The only other way to get to camp would be by rented car or taxi.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

The closest Holiday Inn is: (314) 894-0700

The closest Howard Johnson's is: (314) 892-2000

The closest Quality Inn is: (314) 842-1200

The closest Ramada Inn: (314) 938-6661

The closest motel we know about is Best Western Gannon Motor Lodge, Festus, Missouri, (314) 937-0700.

The chains have 800 numbers which will save you money.

PECULIAR DIETS

If anyone is on an extremely peculiar diet it will be possible to make other arrangements. Most vegetarians will be well accomodated by our menu.

NO INDOOR SMOKING, NO DRUGS, NO GLASS CONTAINERS.

ABSOLUTELY NO PETS.

The official policy of the camp is no alcohol of any kind or quantity. We have an unwritten understanding with the management that beer and wine will be allowed if handled discreetly. We plan to offer a modest amount of beer from kegs. We hope not to have broken glass.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

### CUMULATIVE TOTALS

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADULTS & CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$33.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN under 4 : \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

# IN TENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# IN BUNKS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRTS:

ADULTS:

XLARGE \_\_\_\_\_  
LARGE \_\_\_\_\_  
MEDIUM \_\_\_\_\_  
SMALL \_\_\_\_\_

KIDS:

LARGE \_\_\_\_\_  
MEDIUM \_\_\_\_\_  
SMALL \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL

T-SHIRTS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ (everything above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In filling out estimated arrival times, we would appreciate having an estimate from those arriving by automobile.

There will be a goodly amount of tent space, on the lawn & in the woods.

We would like an estimate of the number of automobiles you are bringing:

All T-Shirts will have the same design, except for those that don't. Confidence is our middle name. Puce and lavender are out of stock. We are not making extra t-shirts. You want one, order it and trust to our superb artistic judgment.



\*PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT\*

T-shirt size

[illegible]

CORRECTIONS TO MASSED DANCES, 1986 MIDWEST MORRIS ALE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
April 29, 1986

Please put these corrections with the original sent earlier, or even better, make the corrections on the originals where possible. Nothing is so persistent as printed errors.

Soldier O! From Ed Stern, the author of Soldier O!:

"Although I think I like the clarification about the arm motions, I am afraid that you got the footwork exactly backwards. As "clarified" it is what I would call a CLOSED side step, not open as stated in the original. At no time should any dancer have either heel proceeding toward the line of travel. May I suggest the following reclarification:

"Side-step: The foot closest to your partner has its toe directed toward them, and you are looking at them, while your other foot is perpendicular to and placed behind the first (toe toward the line of travel). When in this position, the foot in back is that of the leading hip, i.e. toward the line of travel. The side step consists of seven...." [at this point continue as revised.]

"In case this is not clear, let me try to explain it another way: To begin with, define the outside foot as Left for the odd file and Right for the even file (inside foot is the other one). The Long Processional and the Short Processional both begin by stepping onto this original outside foot, as also does the first Side Step. This is the foot with its toe pointed toward your partner during the Side Step, and it takes weight on counts 1, 3, 5, 7; hop on count 8. At this point your original inside hip is toward the head of the set, and the original inside foot is behind with its toe also pointed toward the top of the set; it takes weight on counts 2, 4, 6. The second half of the Short Processional is done mirror image to the first half, thus uses opposite footwork (Bars 5-8).

"When doing the dance if care is taken to do all the Double Steps with hops at the end, etc., it is hard to go wrong. Start at the beginning of the dance and walk it through. If there is still any misunderstanding, give me a call (612)-379-8318."

Ed also pointed out that we erred in identifying, on the music, that the dance is one of those of the "Minneapolis on Mississippi" tradition. It is not, of course, and we regret the error.

Also, the music ending "2" occurs only at the end of the very final "A".

Lads-a-Bunchum

The double sticking is first and fourth times, the single sticking is second and fifth times, and the high clap is third and sixth times. The pattern is, therefore, double sticking, single sticking, high-clap, repeated.

Morning Star & Young Collins

HR was omitted, instead of what is shown, it should read:

OY; FU; DF; HG; DF; WG; DF; HR; DF

Waltzing Matilda

The strike after the toss is backhand.

Abraham Brown

There were two sheets to these instructions. One person we know of only got one sheet. The tune is the second tune in Bacon's book.