

Hello Dancers (and Would-Be Dancers) Newsletter

News on Amy's weekend dance venue picks—opportunities for those who love to dance or just love to listen to great music! Ed and I have been to many of these venues (including many of the listed dance studios), so contact me if you have a question about any of them. If you know of an upcoming event, dance opportunity, or a new dance venue, let me know and I'll send it out to the group! If you go to any of the venues listed below, let me know what you think or if the event no longer exists (after all, Ed and I can only go to a few places each weekend and have our own opinions!). Please also send pictures, band recommendations and reviews, or any item that you would like to share with others about dancing in the Northeast Ohio area! This newsletter is e-mailed weekly on Fridays (or around that time!).

Want to email me? Send your message to alee789@gmail.com.

April 4, 2014

Weekend happenings

A number of great events going on this weekend! I especially to love to see you at the USA Dance Ohio Chapter Rocky River dance where I am serving as your DJ! My playlist is sprinkled with songs about rain and rainbows. Check on the playlist on my website <http://ohiodance.webs.com> !

Amy

Can't read the newsletter in your email?

For best viewing, view the PDF newsletter attachment—if you are on the email list, you may experience some weird formatting in your email (disappearing fonts, no picture, etc.), depending on your email settings! You can also look at my web site <http://ohiodance.webs.com> to download a newsletter! Events that arrive in my email after the newsletter is produced will be posted on the web site calendar. This newsletter is a listing of accumulated and recurring events up to the time I send this out through my email list! Let me know if an event closes or does not occur—I'll take them off the listings. Much of this information comes from YOU!

Hello Dancers web site links

[Home page](#) --download newsletters and event registration

[Month events](#) --on one calendar, see dance events sponsored by USA dance, other organizations, and local studios!



Here is a picture at Otani's in Hudson. We were there with our friends John and Yan to hear the Fabulous Voices. The place was really crowded! We also saw fellow dancers there as well who popped in for a dance!

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY THIS WEEK (check "Upcoming Special Events" too!)

Disclaimer: These events are gathered through web sites and information from listservs. If you are interested in going to a certain event, you might just want to call and make sure that the event or band has not cancelled!

Savannah Bar & Grille (Friday & Saturday)—30676 Detroit Road, Westlake, OH 44145; 440-892-2266; <http://thesavannah.com/> It's back (thanks, Johnny for letting me know)—apparently they re-opened on March 12—the former owner Jim is running it again! Friday, 9 p.m.—Joe Bell & the Swing Lizards; Saturday, 9 p.m.—Swamp Boogie Band; Sunday, 6 p.m.—Carnival.

SB Eighty One (Friday & Saturday)— 24481 Detroit Rd. Westlake OH 44145; 440-835-3559; <http://sbeightyone.com/> . A small floor, but the crowd is friendly. Many people found this place when Savannah's had another owner. By the way, the food is excellent and the wait staff is nice (nice job, Terry). Every Monday—karaoke hosted by Cam "Doc" Brown, 7-10 p.m.; they say all shows start at 8 p.m., but I am not sure when they end (historically, they have played for 3 hours)! Upcoming bands:
4/3/14, Thursday, 7:30-10:30 —Swing City Big Band
4/4/14, Friday, 8-11 p.m.—One Hit Wonders
4/5/14, Saturday, 8-11 p.m.—Justo Saborit
4/10/14, Thursday, 7:30-10:30 p.m.—Blue Lunch
4/11/14, Friday, 8-11 p.m.—Cool Breeze
4/12/14, Saturday, 8-11 p.m.—Rockin' Ravers
4/17/14, Thursday, 7:30-10:30 —Ernie Drivda Quintet
4/18/14, Friday, 8-11 p.m.—Iced Cherry
4/19/14, Saturday, 8-11 p.m.—Swamp Boogie Band
4/24/14, Thursday, 7:30-10:30 —Dan Zola Orchestra
4/25/14, Friday, 8-11 p.m.—Coast-2-Coast
4/26/14, Saturday, 8-11 p.m.—The Rhythm Syndicate

Carrie Cerino's (Friday and Saturday) -- 8922 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133; 440-237-3434, <http://www.carriecerinos.com/Events/LoungeBands.aspx> Raisin' Cain is playing on Friday, 8 p.m.-12 midnight and Saturday, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Nice small dance floor in front of the band, but it gets crowded quickly.

Willoughby Brewing Company (Friday & Saturday) -- 4057 Erie Street Willoughby, Ohio; 440-975-0202; <http://willoughbybrewing.com/entertainment/>. They have a big wood dance floor in front of the band (it's more long than it is wide)! Bands generally start at 9:30 on Friday and anywhere from 8:30-10 p.m. on Saturdays—you can check the calendar link. Friday: Tricky Dick; Saturday: Spazmatics.

Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio Benefit Gala Dinner Dance (Friday, 4/4/14)—Key Center—Cleveland Marriott Downtown, 127 Public Square, Cleveland, OH 44114. Event 6:30-11 p.m. Cost \$125 per person. Music by Jerry Bruno Orchestra; performance by Dancing Classrooms students. Three course dinner (choice of sirloin, chicken or eggplant napoleon), open bar. Cocktail attire (tuxedos not required). Register by clicking on this [LINK](#). Ed and I have been here for the past couple years—we love supporting this organization (and the dance music is great)!

Cleveland Akron Swing & Hustle Club (Saturday, 4/5/14)-- Alpha Dance Studio, 767 Alpha Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44144; 440-461-0990. Hustle lesson by Jim Call at 7:30 p.m. Dance 8:20-11:30 p.m. Dance: members \$6 and nonmembers \$10; first-timers are free. DJ Katie spins the tunes. <http://www.cashdanceclub.org/>

Cleveland Singles Dance (Saturday, 4/5/14)—St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Carlton Road, Parma, OH 44134. Cost \$8 per person; 8:00 p.m.-midnight. Free dance lesson by Patricia Lynn—beginner (7-7:50 p.m.). Very large dance floor; all skill levels are welcome. Cash bar available; pizza and hot dogs for purchase. For more information, call Jackie at (440) 546-7531. This dance will be dedicated to benefit University Hospitals and Cancer research—25% of the admissions fees will go to this cause.

Gene Fiocca Band at Copley Place (Saturday, 4/5/14)-- Copley Place (Independent Retirement Living), 528 Rothrock Road, Copley, OH. Event 7 p.m. (not sure of ending time); \$5 per person. RSVP 330-668-9670. Gene tells me that there is a decent dance floor!

Men in Suits; Little Black Dress Party (Saturday, 4/5/14)-- Shooters On The Water, 1148 Main Ave Cleveland, OH; parking in Improv or Nautica parking lots. Lessons (salsa, merengue/bachata) starts

at 9, music 10 p.m.-2 a.m.; cover charge is \$10 before 11 p.m. and \$15 after. Dancers 21 and over only. Son Gitano is a live nine-piece band—they will be entertaining with their brass and percussion. DJ Nacho will spin his tunes. Sponsored by TropicalCleveland. For reservations, call 216-280-0407.

USA Dance Ohio Chapter 1st Sunday Dance (Sunday, 4/6/14)--Don Umerly Civic Center 21016 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH 44116. Admission for USA Dance members is \$3; non-members, \$6. For those of you who haven't joined yet you can pay \$6 per month (\$72 per year) or become a member at the dance on Sunday and save. Social dancers can join for as little as \$25 per year. Free refreshment. Lesson 6-7 p.m.; dance 7-10 p.m. Check out "D'JAmy's" tunes—I have posted the playlist on <http://ohiodance.webs.com>! This April's playlist contains songs sprinkled throughout with the theme of rain or rainbows. For more information, contact DJ Amy Lee at alee789@gmail.com or 330-701-1209; you can also contact membership chair Linda Harvey, LHarveyctm@yahoo.com or 440-333-7998 or board members Tom & Melinda Heffelfinger at 440-572-0335. Schedule posted on <http://ohiodance.webs.com>. Ohio USA Dance site: <http://usadanceohio.org/>

NOTES

- **NOTE:** Tina Marie Price is holding hustle lessons starting Wednesday, April 2; beginners at 6:30 and intermediate at 7:30 p.m. at Starz Ballroom. Group lesson is \$10.
- **NOTE:** Anyone in the Akron area interested in salsa? I heard that Paolo's, One West Exchange St., Akron, OH 44308 has salsa night. Apparently, some University of Akron students who enjoy salsa made arrangements with Paolo's to dance salsa (see [article](#)). I cannot tell if there are regularly scheduled nights (it seems that Thursday is the night), but to get notifications, sign onto the event's Facebook page, [Salsa Nights in Akron](#).
- **NOTE** Sandy's Wednesday Practica Sessions have resumed, starting Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. They are doing the bolero, one of the most beautiful dances and Sandy's personal favorite. For more info contact Sandy at 330-833-0408 or sandybird3@gmail.com. Website www.sandydance.com. Cost is \$6 per person.
- **NOTE:** The Gene Fiocca Band will probably start their "first Friday" dances at the Carovillese Lodge Ballroom in April.
- **NOTE:** Sue Stanton has smooth and Latin dress for sale (about size 4-8) in the \$200-300 range. Contact her if you are interested call Sue at 216-246-0948. She says that there is "one black Latin that is darling. I can't quite remember all the smooth but I think 4 (pretty sure.) One is black and red, one blue, one mainly white, and I think another black. They would fit sizes 4, 6, and maybe 8 because of course they stretch. If adjustments need to be made, I believe May said she would do for free although whoever is interested should check with me first." The dresses are located at La Danse studio.
- **NOTE:** Tina Price is now teaching on Thursday's at SB Eighty One, 244881 Detroit Rd., Westlake, OH. Intermediate class at 6:30 p.m. and beginner class at 7:30 p.m.; \$10 per person per class.
- For those of you interested in Stark/Canton area dance opportunities request to get on Jamie's dance list! Email her at DoubleJJ@sssnet.com and include your name and email address—she will add you to the list (addresses listed as blind copies so that your email stays private).

Check out other weekend activities in the special events section below! Events are categorized by upcoming events, local studios and recurring events by day of the week! Also listed are other tidbits, such as venues, bands and websites!

| UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEKEND AND FUTURE WEEKENDS | |
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| 4/10/14 | Youngstown State University Dance Club Cinderella Ball (4/10/14, Thursday) —Tyler Historical Center, 325 West Federal Street, Youngstown, OH 44503. Cost \$5 with valid YSU ID, \$10 without ID. Break out those prom dresses and suits and join the YSU Dance Club for a magical night of dancing, 7-10 p.m.! |
| 4/12/14 5/10/14 | Greater Cleveland West Coast Swing and Hustle Dance (new!) —St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Carlton Road, Parma, OH 44134. This dance will be |

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| | held on April 12, and May 10. Cost \$8 per person; 8:00 p.m.-midnight. Free dance lesson—beginner (6:30-7:10 p.m.) and intermediate (7:15-7:55 p.m.). Very large dance floor; all skill levels are welcome. Cash bar available; pizza and hot dogs for purchase. Prize drawings included. Reserved tables for “first time” dancers or attendees. Your hostess is Patricia. For more information, call Jackie at (440) 546-7531. |
| 4/12/14 | <p>La Danse Cleveland Spring Showcase (4/12/14, Saturday)-- 23366 Commerce Parkway, Beachwood, OH 44122. Phone 216-292-9777 or info@letsdancecleveland.com; website http://www.ladansecleveland.com/ . La Danse Cleveland presents the semi-annual spring showcase. That's right folks, the spring showcase is right around the corner. This year's theme is “Welcome to the Jungle.” Dinner reservations are required; call 216-464-5325</p> <p>Tentative Schedule of Events 11:00-4:30 p.m. Day Session (freestyles & solos) 5:00-6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour & General Dancing 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner & General Dancing 8:00-9:30 p.m. Evening Session (Pro Show and General Dancing)</p> |
| 4/13/14 | Akron Women's City Club Second Sunday Dance (Sunday, 4/13/14) —732 W. Exchange Street, Akron, OH. 7-10 pm.; \$10 per person; business casual. Featuring the Gene Fiocca Band; business casual (no tees, tanks or jeans). For more information, contact Donna 330-864-7007 or Julie 330-664-4634/Julie62@neo.rrc.com. |
| 4/18/14 | Spring Fling Dance (Friday, 4/18/14) —Silver Spring Lodge, 5027 Stow Road, Stow, OH 44224. The Gene Fiocca Band entertains at this dance sponsored by the Stow Glen Retirement Village. Event is 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost \$10 per person; includes appetizers and beverages. No tickets will be sold at the door; purchase tickets from Stow Parks and Recreation Department, 3760 Darrow Road, 330-689-5100. |
| 4/27/14 | Clarion Inn Dance with Frederick and Bonnie 3rd Anniversary and Charity Event-- 6624 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson, Ohio 44236; Phone: (330) 653-9191. This is a former Holiday Day Inn. The dance floor has been retained in Cruisers Bar and Grill, as well as the Friday/Saturday bands! Frederick and Bonnie host another swing and hustle dance, 6-10 p.m. As always, the event is free, the music is non-stop, the dance floor is great, and the Clarion has available wonderful food and drinks. New website www.danceclarioninn.com ! This is also the University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital Charity Event! More details to come for this exciting day! |
| 5/17/14 | All About Dancin' Anniversary Showcase and Gala —2115 Freeman Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113, (216) 479-0355. http://www.allaboutdancin.net/ . Event 2-11 p.m. |
| 7/17/14-7/20/14 | Jammin in July --Columbus Airport Marriott, 1375 N. Cassady Ave. Columbus, OH 43219. Tenth anniversary for this event! Check for details http://www.jammininjuly.net/ . Ed and I love this event—lots of dancing, friends and fun! This event sold out in 2013—only 400 tickets will be sold! |
| 7/20/14 | Ohio Chapter USA Dance Summer Serenade (7/20/14, Sunday) — Kent State University Student Center Ballroom, Kent, OH 44242. Dancing at 3:00p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m. More information and tickets will be posted on http://usadanceohio.org/ . |
| 10/19/14 | Ohio Chapter USA Dance Harvest Ball (10/19/14, Sunday) — Kent State University Student Center Ballroom, Kent, OH 44242. Dancing at 3:00p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m. More information and tickets will be posted on http://usadanceohio.org/ . |

DANCE STUDIO SOCIAL DANCE SCHEDULES

Note: Dance studios below offer group/private classes. See websites for class schedules and times. Many of these studios offer prices by the class (which I prefer!) rather than package pricing. You are generally not required to attend as a couple—singles are often

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| <p>welcome. Let me know if you have any questions regarding any of the events/studios below. To find more links to area dance studios, go to the Ohio Chapter, USA Dance site at http://www.usadanceohio.org/ and click on the “places to dance” tab. Studios may update their calendars or have special events—please check the web links or call for the specific day that you want to attend a dance!</p> | |
| <p>All About Dancin’ (Updated 2/24/12)</p> | <p>All About Dancin’ (Saturdays)—2115 Freeman Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113, (216) 479-0355. http://www.allaboutdancin.net/. Open practice 8-11 p.m.; free group class with admission to open practice. The cost is \$10. On second and third Saturdays, except the last Saturday of the month (that’s potluck Saturday, 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$7 if you bring a dish). The Cleveland Akron Swing and Hustle Club has their dance on the first Saturday of the month.</p> |
| <p>Alpha Dance Studio (New 7/19/13)</p> | <p>Alpha Dance Studio (3rd Saturdays)—(formerly American Dance Exchange) 767 Alpha Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44143; 440-461-0990. The studio will be hosting an open to the public dance party every third Saturday. The price for the pre-dance class and party is \$15 per person. For the dance alone, the price is \$10 per person; Alpha students free; 5-8 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Always Dancin’</p> | <p>Always Dancin’ (Saturdays)—6217 Elyria Ave., Elyria, OH 44035; 330-519-8307; http://alwayisdancin.com/. Open ballroom practice generally on most Fridays, 8-10 p.m. Website also mentions Saturday and Sunday night dances (but I do not see them on the calendar). Cost \$8 per person including group lesson; refreshments provided. Check calendar for specific dates http://alwayisdancin.com/index.php?option=com_jevents&view=month&task=month.calendar&Itemid=92</p> |
| <p>American Ballroom Centre (Updated 4/17/10)</p> | <p>American Ballroom Centre (3rd Fridays)--5673 Ridge Rd., Parma OH, 44129; 216-884-9200; http://www.americanballroomcentre.com/. Open dance \$10, music by DJ Denise, free refreshments. Dances on Fridays, 8-11 p.m. They may be changing the schedule to every third Friday, the next one being October 21. Make sure you check their schedule!</p> |
| <p>Andrew Fulmer Dance Studio (Updated 1/21/13)</p> | <p>Andrew Fulmer Dance Studio –<i>New location!</i> 401 West Tuscarawas Street, Canton, OH 44702 (old Daily News building), 330-353-8882. Enter thru door in alley, go to the 4th floor and follow the music! Free on-street parking (no need to feed the meters after 6 pm). Note: there is always someone available to walk the single ladies to their cars at the end of the night; check out the studio’s Facebook page for class schedules and all the happenings: (https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Andrew-Fulmer-Dance-Studios/115404948513598?sk=info). Once a month from 8-10 pm, \$10 per person includes light refreshments (you may BYOB if you like), beginners dance lesson from 7-7:45 pm is an additional \$10. The music is good, they take requests, and the atmosphere is very laid back and friendly.</p> |
| <p>Cleveland Ballroom Company (Updated 1/3/14)</p> | <p>Cleveland Ballroom Company (no ballroom social dance nights)—23500 Mercantile Rd, Suite G, Beachwood OH 44122 (off I-271 & Chagrin Blvd.); phone 216-595-6955 or email clevelandballroomcompany@gmail.com; website http://www.clevelandballroomcompany.com/. Right now, it does not seem that social dances are available, according to the event calendar. See calendar at http://www.clevelandballroomcompany.com/.</p> <p>Hustle with Jim Call (every other Monday)—lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m.; practice dance 8:30-9:30 p.m. Dance and lesson \$12. Lesson only \$10; practice dance only \$5. See calendar at http://www.clevelandballroomcompany.com/events.html</p> |
| <p>Cleveland Swing and Salsa</p> | <p>Cleveland Swing and Salsa 4151 Mayfield Rd., S. Euclid, OH. 44121 440.350.9969; http://www.clevelandswingandsalsa.com/. Parking and entrance in back and we are downstairs. Mondays, Salsa Club. 6:45 pm to 9:30 pm.</p> |

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| <p>(Updated 1/3/14)</p> | <p>Everyone and anyone, of all ages, is welcome! Cost is \$10.00 per person at the door; little Salseras and Salseros, ages 6 to 13, are half price. College students, with I.D. \$5.00. Half price when you bring a guest. Join us for the best Salsa on Mondays and learn the hottest moves in town! All levels of Salsa, from beginner's to intermediate, are taught. There is plenty of practice time throughout the evening where teachers will be on hand to help students with any trouble spots and answer any questions. Warm-up starts at 6:45. First lesson starts at 7:00. Note: Norman tells me that there are usually too many guys, so ladies are definitely welcome!</p> <p>Every Wednesday, group lessons are offered 8-9:30 p.m. in a different style of dance that changes each month. Social dance time is 9-9:30 p.m. in the studio! Cost \$35-40 for all 4 or 5 classes (depending on the number of Wednesdays in the month) or \$10 per class.</p> |
| <p>Dance d'Elegance (Updated 1/3/14)</p> | <p>Dance d'Elegance (semi-monthly Saturdays)-- 750 E. Washington Street, Medina, OH 44256 (Washington Square, Medina east side); 330-725-7635; http://www.dancedelegance.com/; char1942@zoominternet.net (owner Char Klimko). Semi-monthly Saturday dance parties. Everyone (not just students) welcome; group class offered before the party. Group lesson & party 7:00 to 10:00 PM - \$15 per person. Your guests are free. Bring a friend and snack to share. Check with studio for which two Saturdays of the month are the dance parties (not a regular pattern) or sign up on the web site to receive the schedule.</p> |
| <p>Dancer In You (Updated 1/3/14)</p> | <p>Dancer In You--Anita Converse Studio (Fridays)--2872 W. Market St., Unit D, Fairlawn, OH 44333; www.anitaconverse.com Alternating Fridays swing/Latin/ballroom socials and Argentine tango milongas. Check the web site for a calendar of events http://www.anitaconverse.com/calendar.htm Lesson starts at 7:30 p.m. and the dance 8:15-10:30 p.m. (ballroom nights) or 8-10 p.m. for Argentine tango nights. Admission \$10 per person, \$8 seniors and college students with ID. Singles and couples welcome. For more information, call 330-608-4444 or dancerinyou@yahoo.com</p> <p>Other Fridays (usually first Fridays), ballroom social dancing at Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223. Lesson at 7:30 p.m.; dancing 8:15-10:30 p.m. Coast \$10 per person; \$8 seniors and college students with ID. For questions, call 330-867-4444.</p> |
| <p>Dancetime Studio (Updated 3/6/14)</p> | <p>Dancetime Studio (Fridays) (owner Barbara Gerhart)— Elyria Amvets Quonset Hut 11087 S. Middle Ave. Elyria, Ohio. Phone: 440-823-2745. Dances are 7-10, \$10 per person. Lesson is 7:30-8 p.m. Large wood dance floor! See website or call for more information http://www.dancetime-studio.com/ or dancetime-studio@hotmail.com. Check the website calendar for when social dances are being held http://www.dancetime-studio.com/Calendar.html</p> <p><u>Locations</u> Elyria Amvets Q-Hut, 11087 Middle Ave., Elyria, Ohio Avon Isle Park, 37080 Detroit Rd., Avon, Ohio 44011 Old Avon Lake Firehouse, 100 Avon Belden Rd, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012 (Rt 83)</p> <p>March 7, Avon Isle Park March 14, Elyria Q-Hut March 21, Disco Theme Potluck, Avon Isle Park March 28, Elyria Q-Hut April 4, Elyria Q-Hut April 11 & 18, no dance, vacation</p> |

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| | <p>April 25, Elyria Q-Hut, Spring Potluck May 2 & May 9, Avon Lake Old Firehouse May 16 & May 23, Avon Isle Park May 30, Avon Isle Park, Picnic Potluck Dance June 6, Elyria Q-Hut June 14, Saturday, Potluck Flag Day, wear red, white, blue, Avon Lake Firehouse, 6:30-10pm June 20, Elyria Q-Hut June 27, Avon Lake Old Firehouse</p> |
| <p>Gotta Dance Ohio (Updated 1/17/13)</p> | <p>Gotta Dance Ohio (owner Pete Santorelli)-- 8824 Mentor Ave, Mentor OH 44060; phone 440-205-1019; website http://www.gottadanceohio.com/; email address gottadanceohio@gmail.com . Also on Facebook at Gotta Dance Ohio. Gotta Dance Ohio is located east of Route 615 before Hopkins Rd in the Heinen's Plaza next to Davitino's Italian Restaurant. Dance parties are on Friday night, 8-10:30 p.m., \$10 per person.</p> |
| <p>Greg y Donna (Updated 1/3/14)</p> | <p>Greg y Donna--http://neotango.net/page7.html For more information 330-554-8900 or neotango2000@yahoo.com Several class locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday at Kan Zaman Restaurant, 1616 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio (Next to Lutheran Hospital in Ohio City) map. Traditional tango class 7-8; nuevo tango class 8-9 p.m.; practice dance 9-11:45 p.m. Prices \$7 - 1 class (including practica); \$10 - 2 classes (including practica); \$5 practica only. Wednesdays at the Taverne of Richfield, 3960 Broadview Road Richfield, OH 44286. Free beginner lesson, 6:30-7 p.m.; all levels tango class, 7:15-8:30 p.m.; practica, 8:30-10:30 p.m. For class and practica only \$10; practia only \$5. Special prices for tango dancers on the bar/restaurant menu! Friday 6:15-11 p.m. at Sweetwater's Café Sausalito, 1301 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114. For evening--\$10. Beginner tango lesion 6:15-6:45 p.m. \$5; tango lesson 7-8 p.m., milonga 8-11 p.m. <p>**Please check Home page (http://neotango.net/home.html) "Tango In Town" to see if and where Greg and Donna are guest teaching!</p> |

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| La Danse Cleveland (Updated 3/27/14) | <p>La Danse Cleveland—formerly Let's Dance Cleveland (Fridays and Saturdays) 23366 Commerce Parkway, Beachwood, OH 44122. Phone 216-292-9777 or info@letsdancecleveland.com; website http://www.ladansecleveland.com/ . This studio is 6,000 square feet studio—very nice floor! They have general ballroom or swing/hustle dancing on Fridays and Saturdays—check the events calendar to see what they are doing (http://www.letsdancecleveland.com/calendar/month.php) ! There is general open dancing with ballroom, swing/hustle and all you Latin favorites on Fridays and Saturdays—check the events calendar online to see all events happening at "Northeast Ohio's Premier Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio" (http://www.ladansecleveland.com/calendar.htm)! We start our potluck cookouts in May. Please don't forget to book the La Danse Cleveland Dance studio for your next special event, call for details. You can e-mail your special day to info@ladansecleveland.com or remind us when you attend your regular group classes and private lessons. Invite all of your friends to celebrate the wonderful world of ballroom dancing, with our monthly GUEST GALAS and OPEN HOUSES!</p> <p>Starting 4/9/14— the Monday Night warm-up group and practice party has been moved to Wednesday at 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Please adjust your calendars to reflect this change.</p> |
| Riverfront Ballroom and Latin Dance Center Updated 1/3/14 | <p>Riverfront Ballroom and Latin Dance Center (Fridays)—137 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221; 330-992-3234: http://www.riverfrontballroom.com/. Non-students are welcome to attend open group class, 8-8:30 p.m. and practice parties on Fridays, 8-10:30 p.m. Prices for non-students-- Friday open group class and practice party is \$10.00. The cost is \$10 / person. Check the calendar on our website for current information www.riverfrontballroom.com.</p> |
| Starz Ballroom (Updated 11/14/13) | <p>Starz Ballroom Studio (Fridays)--24510 Sperry Drive, Westlake, OH 44145 (new location!), Phone (440) 871-STAR (7827): http://starzballroom.net/. Open dance nights on Fridays. Check the calendar on http://starzballroom.net/calendar-2/ Cost \$10, group lesson at 8 a.m., social dancing at 8:45 -10:30 p.m.</p> |
| Tango Cleveland Updated 5/6/12 | <p>Argentine tango at Restaurant Europa (Wednesdays)--30519 Pinetree Road, Pepper Pike, OH 44124 (intersection of Lander Road and Chagrin Blvd. Circle--every Wednesday night Argentine tango lessons and dancing. It is a Russian restaurant. Lesson at 7-8 p.m. for \$5 per person; dancing from 8-10:30 p.m. Tango is FREE when you purchase a drink at \$8. We have a five star bartender named Carla. Plenty of very safe parking. Outstanding European food at affordable price. Please come and check us out.</p> |
| Western Reserve Argentine Tango Society (Added 6/23/11) | <p>Western Reserve Argentine Tango Society—Brooklyn Heights Community Center, 225 Tuxedo Ave., Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131. Classes weekly on Thursday evenings at the Brooklyn Heights Community Center. A one hour lesson followed by practice time. No partner required, but preferred. Ages 18 and over. Thursday, August 4, 2011, 7-10 p.m. Cost \$5 per person. For information, contact Rick Ramos; somarkcir@hotmail.com; cell phone 440-503-8630.</p> |
| WHYM Dance Updated 1/3/14 | <p>WhyM Dance + Movement + More (Alternate Fridays)—32901 Station St., Suite 112, Solon, OH 44139; phone 330-618-0783; email info@danceatwhym.com. Web site http://www.danceatwhym.com/ Dance parties on alternate Fridays at 8-10 p.m. Cost is \$10. See calendar for classes and other events http://www.danceatwhym.com/calendar/</p> |
| | <p>NON-DANCE STUDIO DANCE SCHEDULES (categorized by day</p> |

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| | <p>starting from Friday)</p> <p>(Please confirm the event date/time before you go—sometimes they change the date and don't tell me. Can you believe that? Let me know if there are corrections e.g. prices, times for any of these regular events!)</p> |
| FRIDAYS | |
| Latin Quarters (every Friday) (Added 6/14/12) | <p>Latin Quarters Friday Nights-- 1409 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109 (lower level of Mexican Village Restaurant). Urban Latin DJ supply the music! New urban night presented. Doors open at 10 pm. Cover charge is \$5.</p> |
| Shadows—Latin night Friday | <p>Cleveland's Latin dance club, Shadows.</p> <p>It has a sizable, wood dance floor, lower bar, upper level seating and bar and DJ Benny Velez kicks out some great Salsa music all night long.</p> <p>Lessons from the Cleveland Swing and Salsa studio start at 8:30 pm and go until 10:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00 for the lesson. Admission is free after 10:00. Shadows is located at 1360 W. 9th St. at the corner of 9th. and St. Clair. Was Tramp/Funky Buddha.</p> |
| Quirk Cultural Center—1st Fridays | <p>Dance Fever</p> <p>07:30 pm - 10:30 pm at Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223; 330-971-8425. Looking for a chance to socialize with friends, meet new people, and enjoy great music while trying out your dance moves? Then come to the Ballroom Dance night, hosted by Anita Converse of The Dancer In You, Inc. We'll start each evening with a dance lesson from 7:30 - 8:30 pm, each month featuring a different dance. From 8:30 - 10:30 pm enjoy dancing to a variety of great music; Swing, Waltz, Cha Cha, Tango, Line Dances, and more! Fee is \$8 per person, \$5 for students and seniors with ID. No partner needed, all ages welcome. Pay at the door. Check the website for each month's schedule https://cfo.cityofcf.com/web/calendar/ (thanks, Steve, for correcting this link!)</p> |
| Bainbridge Swing Dance—1st Fridays (Added 1/28/11) | <p>First Friday Swing Dance in Bainbridge-- Kenston Intermediate School Gym, 17425 Snyder Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH. 44023. Lesson 8-9 and dance 9-11:30 p.m. Live music. Contact Will Craig at (216) 316-0068 for details. Usually held on the first Friday of each month. Admission--\$8 students; \$10 adults; \$25 families; includes swing (jitterbug) dance and lesson. ALL ages welcome. NO partners required for lesson or dance. There is fruit, snacks, beverages, and vintage-style candies of all sorts provided (for a small price). Nova says the floor is big and that the event is family friendly!</p> |
| Get Hep Swing Ltd.—2nd Friday (Updated 4/27/12) | <p>Get Hep Swing-- Second Friday of the month at Lakewood Masonic. Last Saturday of every month at Bohemian National Hall. Events feature Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, Balboa, Charleston and other dances to live band music!</p> <p>LAKEWOOD MASONIC TEMPLE (2nd Friday)</p> <p>15300 Detroit Road Lakewood, OH 44107 parking available in the back</p> <p>COST: \$12/person, \$10/students/seniors with valid ID. TIME: 8pm - 12am, LIVE Band & DJ music Get Hep Swing Jitterbug lesson from 8-9pm LOCATION: Lakewood Masonic Temple (see Locations http://www.gethepswing.com/location.htm)</p> <p>http://www.gethepswing.com/events.htm</p> |

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| TangoNovo— 2nd Friday (Added 6/2/12) | TangoNovo (2nd Friday) —All About Dancin' Studio, 2115 Freeman Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113. Starts 8:00 pm - Nuevo Tango Lesson, 9:00 pm - Dance to Nuevo Tango plus Latin Rhythms with a Euro Vibe. Co-Hosts: KB & Carmen ~ 216-749-3878; Umberto Amante ~ 216-342-1528. BYOB; \$10 per person. KB & Carmen Tango in association with Umberto Amante presents TangoNovo, a nuevo tango experience on EVERY 2nd FRIDAY: June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th! Novo, Latin for "the new" and Tango, a dance of passion, come together to form the name of this unique event, TangoNovo, a nuevo tango experience. Nuevo tango refers both to the dance style and the style of tango music. Musicians moved by the deep emotions elicited from tango are inspired to create "Novo" compositions to be interpreted by tango dancers using both nuevo and traditional forms of tango dance. TangoNovo seeks to celebrate this emerging genre of dance and music, along with other Latin rhythms interpreted with a Euro vibe. Dance to a variety of unique tango, salsa, cumbia, cha-cha-cha, merengue, etc. The ambiance for the evening will be high energy dancing in a club atmosphere. If you enjoy "dressing up" to go out this event affords you that opportunity, although dressing up is not required. Bring your favorite beverages and victuals and enjoy them at any of the plentiful tables surrounding the dance floor. |
| Quirk Cultural Center—4th Friday | Fourth Friday of the month A party DJ'ed by Pam Burton at the Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223; 330-971-8425. The crowd is fun and the dance floor is great. It starts at 7:30 with a lesson from 7:30-8:00. The dancing starts at 8:00 with continuous dancing until 10:30. There is a "light snack" around 8:30. The cost is \$8.00 per person (less than the cost of a movie and a whole lot more fun!). This is not a dress-up affair. Anything goes except jeans. 1201 Grant Ave. Cuyahoga Falls OH, 330-971-8225. Check the website for each month's schedule https://cfo.cityofcf.com/web/calendar/ (thanks, Steve, for correcting this link!) |
| 5th Friday Milonga | 5th Friday Milonga with KB and Carmen --All About Dancin' studio, 2115 Freeman Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113; www.KBandCarmenTango.com ; \$10 per person; lesson 7:30 p.m. (check particular date to see if lesson offered) and dancing 8-11:30 p.m. BYOB; please bring an appetizer or snack to share. For more info: Email - kbandcarmentango@roadrunner.com or call 216.749.3878. |
| Avon Oaks Ballroom-- Fridays | Avon Oaks Ballroom -- 1401 North State Street, Girard, Ohio 44420 (Just Minutes Away From Route 11); 330-545-1951; http://www.avonoaksballroom.com/ . Dance times: Friday dance--8- 11 p.m. (dance lessons \$5, 6-7:30 p.m. with "Ballroom...With Style" with George Hawn); Call 330-629-2030 for dance information. See July/August newsletter for schedule! |
| FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS | |
| Clarion Inn (Added 11/19/10) | Clarion Inn and Conference Center --240 East Hines Hill Road, Hudson, OH, US, 44236; Phone: (330) 653-9191. This is a former Holiday Day Inn. The dance floor has been retained in Cruisers Bar and Grill, as well as the Friday/Saturday bands! Thanks to John and Mary for letting me know! Frederick and Bonnie host occasional swing and hustle nights here! |
| SATURDAYS | |
| Cleveland Akron Swing & Hustle Club—1st | Cleveland Akron Swing & Hustle Club -- Alpha Dance Studio, 767 Alpha Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44144; 440-461-0990. (1 st Saturdays) and Cleveland Ballroom company, 23500 Mercantile Rd, Suite G, Beachwood OH |

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| and 3rd Saturdays) (Updated 2/27/14) | 44122 (off I-271 & Chagrin Blvd.) (3 rd Saturdays). Basic dance lesson from 8:00-8:40 p.m. (free to club members). Dance starts at 8:45 p.m. Dance: members \$6 and nonmembers \$10. http://www.cashdanceclub.org/ |
| Pa'l Bailador—1st or 2nd Saturday (Added 6/2/12) | <p>Pa'l Bailador (1st or 2nd Saturday)--Hillside Party Center at 4617 East 71st Street, Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125 (near Cinemark Valley View). Doors open at 9 p.m.; cover charge \$10. Live band salsa dance party! Hundreds of free and private parking spaces! Huge wood dance floor! Cash bar separate from the dance floor (Beers: \$3, Wine: \$3, Well: \$4, Water: \$2. Web page: www.PalBailador.com and Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/298839070204159/</p> <p>Pa'l Bailador is has dates for a live salsa band dance party every month at 9 p.m. at the Hillside Party Center, 4617 E 71st St, Cuyahoga Heights. The dates they have set for 2012 are: July 14th, August 4th, September 8th, October 6th, November 3rd, December 8th and New Year's Eve (December 31st).</p> |
| Hot Latin Dance Party at Shooters—1st Saturday | <p>Hot Latin Dance Party at Shooters—Shooters Riverside Cantina, 1148 Main Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113. Basic lesson in salsa, merengue or bachata at 9 p.m.; music 10 p.m.-2:30 a.m.; cover charge \$5. Large wood floor with a premium sound system; plenty of parking in the Improv or Nautica parking lots. VIP areas can be reserved for special occasions by calling 216-280-0407. Sponsored by TropicalCleveland http://www.tropicalcleveland.com/; email events@TropicalCleveland.com Dates—January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3.</p> |
| Saturday Night Dance Club—usually 1st Saturday (added 3/23/12) | <p>Saturday Night Dance Club—Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH (secure parking lot adjacent to the building). Membership for 2011-2012 season is \$200 per couple for membership and six dances. Couples joining after the start of the season have the membership fee pro-rated (May Dinner Dance is an additional cost). They have seven dance events each year (October through May, except for January). They dance from 8-11pm, with a 30-minute intermission at 9:30, with refreshments and a short program, and sometimes a short business meeting. Dress is formal attire. They use a number of different local dance bands to provide our music, and all of them play what is best described as “strict tempo” dance music. The bands play a variety of songs, and the dance card includes Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Rumba, Cha Cha, Polka, Merengue and Viennese Waltz.</p> |
| Lake Metroparks--Painesville Township Park Community Center--2nd Saturday | <p>Saturdays Ballroom dancing at the Painesville Township Park Community Center 1025 Hardy Rd., Painesville, OH 44077; (440) 354-3885</p> <p>Lake Metroparks presents ballroom dancing at 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. or country dancing 7:30-11:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) on second Saturday nights at the Painesville Township Park Community Center. Enjoy the nostalgia of dancing to the songs of yesteryear with great entertainment at one of Ohio's finest dance halls! Click here for schedule. In case of inclement weather, please call (440) 354-3885 after 3:00 pm on event day for possible dance cancellations. If there is no message indicating the dance has been cancelled, then the dance will go on as scheduled for that evening. By the way, they have country dancing generally on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month here, too (keep an eye on the calendar—it is the 1st and 3rd Friday for September only and only the 2nd Friday in December)!</p> |

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| | Concessions stand open 7:00 to 10:15 pm. \$6 per person at the door (unless otherwise marked). Adults 18 and older. |
| American Dance Exchange East Side Salsa Social--2nd Saturday (New 6/23/10) | East Side Salsa Social--2nd Saturday of the month American Dance Exchange, 767 Alpha Drive, Highland Hts., OH 44143 (off 271 Wilson Mills exit). The 2nd Saturday of each month from 7:00 PM-10:00 PM. Lessons from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM and open dancing after the lesson. Lesson and party is \$10; party only is \$8. Further information can be found on the web at ESSO.CO.NR http://esso.co.nr/ or call Tony at 216-849-4611 or Kim at 440-227-2781. |
| USA Dance Sandusky Chapter (3rd Saturday) Updated 1/7/14 | USA Dance Sandusky Chapter at Milan Ballroom Dance—3rd Saturday Milan Township Hall, Grand Upper Ballroom (circa 1889), southeast corner of square in downtown Milan, 11 South Main Street, Milan, OH. Price \$10 per person; \$5 USA Dance member (or make sure you read the flyer for admission). Time 6-10 p.m. with free dance lesson. Contact is Duane Mills at 419-370-4886. This chapter is re-vitalized! The public is welcome to attend a complimentary dance lesson and potluck followed by general ballroom dancing on the spacious hardwood dance floor of this historic 1920's dance hall. Arrive about 6 p.m. and join the potluck even if you don't have anything to bring. General dancing starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Sandusky Chapter 2094 of USA Dance will provide an instructor, DJ and refreshments. |
| USA Dance North Coast Chapter 4th Saturday Dance (Updated 1/7/13) | USA Dance North Coast Chapter 4th Saturday Monthly Dance--Painesville Township Park Community Center 1025 Hardy Rd., Painesville, OH 44077. For information, call Warren Parks at 440-257-3649 or Larry Dallies at 440-951-6531; http://www.ballroomdancingohio.org/ . Cost \$7 for members of USA Dance Club; \$10 non-members; \$3 students. Beautiful big wooden dance floor! Dance 7:00-10:00 pm. The building has a beautiful dance floor, is connected with the Metro Parks in Lake county and right on the shores of Lake Erie. Any volunteers for dance exhibitions are welcome. Directions from West: Take Route 2 to Fairport-Nursery Rd. Exit and turn left on Fairport Nursery Rd. Continue straight after on stop sign. Turn right on Hardy Rd. and go to the end; turn left into Painesville Township Park. Weather advisory phone number: if the weather is bad, call 216-288-6622 to see if the dance is still being held. <u>2014 Fourth Saturday Dance schedule</u> April 26—Fondue Night May 24-Cake Night June 28—Ice Cream Social July 26—Cookie Night August 23—Luau—Hot! Hot! Hot! September 27—Pie Night October 25—Hors d'ouvres Night |
| 4th Saturday Dance (Get Out 'n Groove) (New 1/21/11) | 4th Saturday Dance--Ukrainian Orthodox Pavilion & Center, 1025 North Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown Ohio 44509. Lesson is 7:00 pm to 8:00, dance is 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Admission \$8.00. Music by Jim Huffman. The 4th Saturday Dance leans toward swing (west coast, triple-time/east coast, single-time) and hustle, but will always include a good amount of ... waltz, cha cha, rhumba, country two-step, night-club two-step, foxtrot and a salsa, tango and bolero thrown in for good measure. For anyone who has never been to a "4th Saturday Dance," your first admission is free! (Tell your friends PLEASE.) Come check us out. No charge your first time. Experience the big floor, the big sound and a great group of friendly people. Just tell Patty, the cheery lady at the door, that it's your first time and you're good to go. For more information http://www.ngroove.net/ . |

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| Get Hep Swing-- last Saturday (Updated 6/6/11) | <p>Get Hep Swing (last Saturday)— Waterloo Ballroom in the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110 (in the artsy and lively Collinwood neighborhood). COST: \$12/person, \$10/student and seniors. TIME: 8 p.m. – 12 a.m.; Live band & DJ music. Get Hep Swing Jitterbug lesson from 8-9 p.m. second Friday of the month at Lakewood Masonic. Events feature Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, Balboa, Charleston and other dances to live band music! The Slovenian not only has a beautiful ballroom; they also have a well-stocked bar. They have alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks of all kinds for sale--including a very special Slovenian beer- Lasko! There will also be some sweet and savory snacks for sale in the bar as well. There are TWO parking lots to the right of the ballroom and there is also some street parking as well. However, if you can carpool with friends that would be recommended. We also have a security guard who keeps an eye on the hall and both parking lots. For more information, see http://www.gethepswing.com/, email at info@gethepswing.com or call Valerie at 216-374-1927.</p> <p>To check out locations: http://www.gethepswing.com/location.html For the calendar: http://www.gethepswing.com/events.html</p> |
| Sherwood Dance schedule (Certain Fridays & Saturdays) | <p>Sherwood Dance--960 Jacoby Rd., Copley; (330) 864-4484; \$6 per person Dance Dates:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call for dates (All dances at 8:30 pm unless noted otherwise.)</p> <p>I-77 to Ridgewood Rd. /Miller Rd. (Exit 133). Go ½ mile west on Ridgewood, Turn left onto Jacoby Rd. Go 1/4 mile south on Jacoby, Sherwood is on the right. If you are coming from Medina area, take SR # 18 east to I-77. Go south on I-77 to Exit 133 and follow the directions above. If you are coming from east of Akron, take I-76 west to I-77 north. Go north on I-77 to Exit 133 and follow the directions above.</p> |
| SUNDAYS | |
| Slovenian Workmen's Home polka (every Sunday) Added 12/7/12 | <p>Slovenian Workmen's Home Sunday Polka--15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110; 216-481-5378; website http://www.swh-waterloo.com . Timmy Tango tells me that he and Joanne dance there from 3:00 to 7:00 every Sunday for only \$12; plus you get a free sandwich and soft drink. He tells me that "The dance floor is perfection, The people friendly, usually dancing either Slovenian or Polish style polka. There is a different polka band each week."</p> |
| Ohio Chapter USA Dance 1st Sunday Dances in Rocky River | <p>USA Dance Ohio Chapter 1st Sunday Dance--Don Umerly Civic Center 21016 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH 44116. Admission for USA Dance members is \$3; non-members, \$6. For those of you who haven't joined yet you can pay \$6 per month (\$72 per year) or become a member at the dance on Sunday and save. Social dancers can join for as little as \$25 per year. Free refreshment. Lesson 6-7 p.m.; dance 7-10 p.m. Dance dates for 2014: 1/5/2014, 2/2/2014, 3/2/2014, 4/6/2014, 5/4/2014, 6/1/2014, 7/6/2014, 8/3/2014, 9/7/2014, 10/5/2014, 11/2/2014, and 12/7/2014. For more information, contact DJ Amy Lee at alee789@gmail.com or 330-701-1209; you can also contact membership chair Linda Harvey, LHarveyctm@yahoo.com or 440-333-7998 or board members Tom & Melinda Heffelfinger at 440-572-0335. Schedule posted on http://ohiodance.webs.com. Ohio USA Dance site: http://usadanceohio.org/</p> |
| Baila Duro (generally 1st or 2nd Sundays) | <p>Baila Duro--Philippine American Hall, 1975 West Ridgewood Dr., Parma, OH 44134. Dance 6-9:30 p.m.; lesson 5-6 p.m. with Baila Duro staff. Cover: \$10 (lesson included). Music by: DJ Israel Diaz & Frankie Flores. Dress: Casual. www.bailaduro.com This is great fun if you like to salsa (a lot of it)! Baila Duro salsa social is a dance activity organized by dancers for dancers. It's a place to dance, dance, and dance...and also to network and mingle with fellow dancers</p> |

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| | <p>and friends. Salsa will be played 90% with the other 10% of Cha Cha and Bachata. Baila Duro is now on Facebook! https://www.facebook.com/bailaduro</p> <p>2013 dates: Jan 6, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9, Jul 7, Aug 4, Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 8.</p> <p>Testimony from Norm—"The dance put on by Baila Duro in Parma was fantastic. At least 150, likely more, were there dancing! People came from Pittsburgh and Columbus. Several Salsa Dance Instructors were there just to get out and dance! This is the best Salsa Event in NE.Ohio. Make sure you bring several shirt changes though, you are guaranteed to sweat through at least 2 of them."</p> |
| Here to Dance (2nd Sundays) | <p>Here to Dance at All About Dancin' (second Sundays of the month)— All About Dancin', 2115 Freeman Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, free beginning hustle lesson 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (more experienced dancers can practice at the other end of the floor during this time if you wish), and dancing 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. \$7 per person. Dale plays requests! For more information, call Dale 216-663-5910 or Nancy 216-789-8997.</p> |
| USA Dance North Coast Chapter 2nd Sunday Dance (Updated 1/7/14) | <p>USA Dance North Coast Chapter 2nd Sunday Monthly Dance--Painesville Township Park Community Center 1025 Hardy Rd., Painesville, OH 44077. For information, call Warren Parks at 440-257-3649 or Larry Dallies at 440-951-6531; http://www.ballroomdancingohio.org/ . Cost \$7 for members of USA Dance Club; \$10 non-members; \$3 students. Beautiful big wooden dance floor! Dance 6:00-9:00 pm. The building has a beautiful dance floor, is connected with the Metro Parks in Lake county and right on the shores of Lake Erie. Any volunteers for dance exhibitions are welcome. Directions from West: Take Route 2 to Fairport-Nursery Rd. Exit and turn left on Fairport Nursery Rd. Continue straight after on stop sign. Turn right on Hardy Rd. and go to the end; turn left into Painesville Township Park. Weather advisory phone number: if the weather is bad, call 216-288-6622 to see if the dance is still being held.</p> <p><u>2014 Second Sunday Dance Schedule</u> January 12—Steppin' in the New Year February 9—Heart-n-Sole March 9—Bunny Hop April 13—Dancing in the Rain May 11—Honoring Mothers June 8—Honoring Fathers July 13—Dance Explosion August 10—Lazy Days of Summer September 14—North Coast Ball, 4-9 p.m. reservations required October 12—Broomstick Bash November 9--Harvest Hullabaloo December 14—Happy Hollydaze</p> |
| Kickin' Kountry—2nd and last Sunday (Added 4/28/10) | <p>Kickin' Kountry Ballroom Dance--10997 St Rt. 212 NE, Bolivar, OH 44612 (next to the Giant Eagle shopping plaza); 330-354-8129: http://www.kickinkountry.net/. Dances on the second and last Sunday of the month. The time is from 7:00-10:00pm and the cost is \$5 per person at the door. Refreshments available for purchase.</p> |
| La SalsoTeca (3rd Sunday) (Added 5/18/11) | <p>La Salso Teca—All About Dancin' studio, 2115 Freeman Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113, text or call 216-342-1528 for more information; http://www.lasalsoteca.com/ . Latin lesson at 7 p.m., dance 8 p.m. Admission \$10. Music is mostly salsa, but a wide variety of other related genres are</p> |

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| | <p>played—just ask the DJ if you want to hear something! Dress is casual or dressy—either way is fine and neither will feel out of place! Check them out on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/pages/La-SalsoTeca/195731487129221</p> |
| <p>Clarion Inn with Frederick and Bonnie (3rd Sunday) (Updated 3/15/13)</p> | <p>Clarion Inn Dance with Frederick and Bonnie--6624 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson, Ohio 44236; Phone: (330) 653-9191. This is a former Holiday Day Inn. The dance floor has been retained in Cruisers Bar and Grill, as well as the Friday/Saturday bands! Frederick and Bonnie host another swing and hustle dance, 6-10 p.m. As always, the event is free, the music is non-stop, the dance floor is great, and the Clarion has available wonderful food and drinks. New website www.danceclarioninn.com !</p> |
| <p>Youngstown-Warren USA Dance schedule (3rd Sunday dances—except December)</p> | <p>USA Dance Youngstown-Warren Chapter 2015-- Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Center, 1025 North Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509; http://www.usadance2015.com/Pages/default.aspx 5:00 pm—beginner basics dance lesson; 5:30 pm professional lesson; 6:30 - 9:00 pm --general dancing. Cost of dance and lesson--\$5.00 for USA Dance members; \$10.00 for non-members and guests; \$2.50 for students. Dance The night away To ballroom, Latin, swing & hustle. USA Dances are open to the public.</p> <p>January 19, 2014--Bob McPhail, waltz lesson February 16, 2014—Lynda McPhail from A Time To Dance, cha cha lesson March 16, 2014—Dave Czifra, hustle lesson April 20, 2014—YSU Cinderella Ball May 18, 2014—Jim Ferris and Suzanne Gelinis from Always Dancin', foxtrot lesson June 15, 2014--TBA July 20, 2014--TBA August 17, 2014--TBA September 21, 2014—Herb Flowers, samba lesson October 19, 2014—George Hawn from Ballroom With Style, Viennese waltz lesson November 16, 2014-- Teresa Flora from Latin American Ballroom by Teresa, tango lesson Snowflake Ball, TBA in December</p> |
| <p>Choice's Night Club (generally 2nd & 4th Sunday) (Updated 1/13/11)</p> | <p>DJ Dancin J John Prestas--Choice's Nightclub in The Holiday Inn Metroplex, 1620 Motor Inn Drive, Girard, Ohio 44420; Tollfree 1-888-447-0606 or 330-759-0606 or metroplexconferencecenter@yahoo.com. John Presta spinning your favorite tunes. Generally, the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.</p> |
| <p>Guys Party Center (every Sunday) Added 4/14/10</p> | <p>Guys Party Center Singles Dance—500 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH 44319; 330-724-6373; http://www.guyspartycenter.com/singles_dance.htm. The Singles dance is every Sunday night from 7:30 to 11:30 during winter hours (October - May) and from 8:00 - 12:00 during summer hours (June - September). All singles over 21 are welcome. Brad the DJ plays top 40 music and requests. (Marke Mark last Sunday of Month). Weekly door prizes. Free parking. No membership fees. Cocktails Reasonably priced. Admission is \$7.00. There is finger food, chips, and pretzels available with admission. Dress is casual. No ripped jeans or shorts allowed. (Thanks, Norm, for sending this! He said a friend went who stated that it is a very beautiful place inside and is well attended every week! In his own experience, he says "I went to Guys party Center Sunday and found the place to be (in my opinion) pleasant looking (not extravagant). They had a bar and a moderate dance floor with more than enough nicely set tables. The floor was acceptable and clean. It was generally just a Singles Meetup for (what seemed to be an over 50's group and not swing nor ballroom specifically). The modern popular tunes were being played though and, the volume was good so plenty of conversation was possible. If you want ballroom it's a "NO," if you want swing I would prefer Savannah's on Sunday by far. It's a good avenue for the "over 50's crowd."</p> |

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| MONDAYS | |
| Dancing with Stevie Bliss at Kickin' Kountry every Monday (added 6/8/12) | Stevie Bliss at Kickin' Kountry --10997 State Route 212 NE, Bolivar, OH 44612 (next to the Giant Eagle shopping plaza), 330-354-8129, http://www.kickinkountry.net Lesson from 7:15-8:00 pm, \$5 per person, no partner required, open dancing from 8-10 pm after the lesson with all types of music played, refreshments available for purchase. A different dance is taught each week with two fast and two slow dances covered per month, instruction by Stevie Bliss of BlissS Dance LLC. |
| Youngstown USA Dance Ballroom Boogie on first Mondays (Updated 1/7/14) | Mad Hot Monday FREE Ballroom Boogie —Kuzman's Lounge, 1025 S. State St., Girard, OH 44420, 330-545-8521 or 330-545-8895, Dance 6-9 p.m. Featuring ballroom, Latin, swing & hustle. First Mondays of the month. USA Dance partners with the hottest night club in town, to promote the hottest sport around... ballroom dancing. Dance is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Schedule for 2014: Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug 4, Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 |
| Senior Dance—every 3rd Monday Added 12/21/12 | Amherst Manor Retirement Community —VFW Hall, 165 Cleveland Avenue, Amherst, OH 44001; every third Monday (1/21/13, 2/18/13, 3/18/13, 4/15/13, 5/20/2013, 6/17/13, 7/15/13, 8/19/13, 9/16/13, 10/21/13, 11/18/13). Music provided by John Kowalski—ballroom, Latin, swing, foxtrot, polka, line dancing waltz. Admission--\$1 donation. For more information, call Medina Gonzalez, Assisted and Independent Living Manager at 440-988-4415. |
| TUESDAYS | |
| Case Western Reserve University Ballroom Dance Society (8/31/10-12/7/10) New 8/2/10 | <p>Case Western Reserve University Ballroom Dance Society—at Case Western Reserve University, under Leutner Commons in Case's North Residential Village. Tuesdays, August 31 - December 7 from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Have you wanted to learn to dance ballroom and thought you didn't have time, or couldn't afford lessons? Join the CWRU Ballroom Dance Society! We are a diverse group of students, faculty, and members of the Greater Cleveland dance community who meet to celebrate the joy of dancing. Joining CWRU BDS is a fun and affordable way to meet new people, learn to dance for social events as well as competition and membership is open to all. For more information visit our website, http://filer.case.edu/org/ballroom/; for registration/cost http://filer.case.edu/org/ballroom/lessoninfo.html .</p> <p>Message posted 8/21/10: We will learn the International Style of Ballroom and Latin Dancing including: Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Cha cha cha, Samba, Rumba, and Jive. Next Tuesday begins the first evening of lessons, and our schedule for the evening will be 6:00 Salsa (taught by BDS members) 7:00 Bronze I- International Tango 8:00 Bronze II- International Samba 9:00 Bronze III- International Quickstep</p> <p>Membership is \$100 for all classes in the semester (14 weeks) \$40 for a one hour class in the semester (less than \$3 per class!). This semester, we are pleased to announce that all members are welcome to participate in all three bronze classes as well as the salsa class.</p> <p>Happy Dancing!! Samara McCullough, Instructor/Coach, CWRU Ballroom Dance Society</p> |

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| YDance (Updated 4/4/12) | Y-Dance (The Youngstown West Coast Swing & Hustle Group) --Every Tuesday Night. Beginners lesson 6:45 pm; intermediate 7:20 pm. General Dancing 8 -10 pm. Ukrainian Orthodox Pavilion, 1025 N. Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. Admission to the dance and lessons is \$6.00 for Y-dance members and \$10.00 for non-members. Anyone under 25, the cost is \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Your first visit is free. You DO NOT need a partner. Memberships are \$20.00 per year and run November 1st through October 31st. Y-Dance is a Youngstown non-profit dance club. Join us weekly to learn West Coast Swing and Hustle dances. Your Tuesday nights will be filled with fun, new friends and hot dance moves. If you don't have a partner, no problem. We rotate partners in class which gets everybody up and dancing. Our talented instructors come from Cleveland, Ohio, Conneaut, Ohio, and Washington, PA. They have all received many awards for their accomplishments and brilliant dancing. With our great sound system, we will be playing dance music for your enjoyment. Come join us! Check http://www.y-dance.org/home.html for the lesson schedule. |
| WEDNESDAYS | |
| Kan Zaman Swing Dance (added 8/30/13) | Kan Zaman Swing Dance-- 1616 W 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44113; regular Wednesday night dance from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Kan Zaman restaurant, with a practica-style lesson at 8 p.m. The style of music spans most styles of swing including lindy hop, balboa, jitterbug, west coast swing, and blues. For more information, contact Emil Chuck. Reminders are made through Facebook only, and the admission is \$5 plus a bar or kitchen order. The money raised supports the annual Cleveland Lindy Exchange (September 20-22, 2013). Emil chuck also runs an occasional house party dance on the fifth Friday of the month. Contact Chuck for more information: \$10 for the night of dancing, which goes from 8 p.m. to at least 3 a.m. |
| Practica dancing at the Regency— (Updated 10/21/13) | SUMMER SESSION PRACTICA every Wednesday--BALLROOM DANCE PRACTICE SESSION every Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 pm hosted by Sandy Muirhead-Gould, \$6 per person. This practice session with instruction and feedback offers dancers the opportunity to practice in an informal, supportive environment. ALL LEVELS of dancers (both singles and couples) are welcome. If you wish, videotaping can be arranged. Each month we will focus on one dance: foxtrot, cha-cha, salsa, waltz, rumba, bolero, American tango, and East Coast swing. Come and enjoy personalized instruction on a wooden dance floor at The Regency on Whipple in Canton, Ohio. For more info contact Sandy at 330-833-0408 or sandybird3@gmail.com . |
| Restaurant Europa Argentine Tango (added 4/4/12) | Restaurant Europa-- 30519 Pinetree Road, Pepper Pike Ohio 44124; 216.591.1273. Argentine tango every Wednesday night with Timmy Tango. Lesson at 7 p.m. (\$5 per person), dancing at 8-11 p.m. |
| Taverne of Richfield Argentine Tango (added 8/7/13) | Tango at the Taverne of Richfield (every Wednesday)-- The Taverne of Richfield, 3960 Broadview Rd, Richfield, OH 44286, 330-554-8462, neotango2000@yahoo.com , http://neotango.net/page5.html ; 6:30-7:00 pm; free lesson for beginners, 7:00-8:00 pm Tango Class (all levels), 8:00-11:00 pm Practica (dance), \$10 for class and dance or \$5 for dance only, special prices for tango dancers on the bar/restaurant menu. Instructors are Greg & Donna. |
| Kuzman's Jitterbug (Added 10/21/10) | Kuzman's Jitterbug— 1025 S. State Street, Girard, Ohio. Phone (330) 545-8521 or (330) 545-8995. Jitterbug with DJ Carl Severino; 7:00p-11:00p on Wednesday nights. |
| John Carroll | John Carroll University Salsa Party-- Join Reid and Linda (Cleveland Swing |

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| University | and Salsa) every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in DJ Lombardo Student Union in the lower level Fitness Room, the Rec Plex, on S. Belvoir. Cost is \$10.00. http://www.clevelandswingandsalsa.com/ Resumes September 1! |
| Ohio's Northcoast Jitterbug Connection | Ohio's Northcoast Jitterbug Connection hosts dances every Wednesday at the Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223. Fee \$8. We have the largest wooden dance floor around! Each evening begins at 7:00 with dance lessons. Both beginner and advanced lessons are offered. From 7:30 to 10:00 we dance to the music of our Club DJ's. We play mostly East Coast R & B and oldie remakes. People keep coming back because they love the variety of music and its danceable beat. The very fiber of our club relies on volunteerism. E-mail us oncicdance@yahoo.com We will get back with you soon. Also check us out on the Summit County Calendar at http://www.summitcountycalendar.com ; we are listed under "Arts/Theatre/Music" search "dance". If the weather looks threatening, please call the Quirk 330-971-8425 before you venture out to make sure they will be open. If they are open, we'll be there to greet you! Website http://www.oncic.org/ . |
| WEBSITES, BANDS, VENUES, AND OTHER INFORMATION | |
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| Websites for other weekend entertainment | <p>Cleveland area: http://www.cleveland.com/clubs/ http://afterthegig.com/index.html (Thanks, Johnny, for this resource!) http://afterthegig.com/venues.html --where local bands are playing</p> <p>Akron area: http://www.ohio.com/mlid/ohio/entertainment/</p> |
| Websites on ballroom dancing | <p>Ballroomdancers.com: http://www.ballroomdancers.com/ Learn dance steps and link to a lot of great resources (shoe vendors, etc.)</p> <p>DanceVision: http://www.dancevision.com/. Find great instructional videos, music and links to other resources.</p> <p>Ballroom Inspired: The Inside Edge: http://www.ballroominspired.com/ This is a blog for students of ballroom dance from the perspective of a student, Naomi Mitchell.</p> |
| Websites for Argentine tango | <p>Where to Tango in Cleveland--http://www.neotango.net/page5.html</p> <p>Good sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.todotango.com • http://totango.net/ttindex.html • Online Tango Community Network http://tangoconnections.org/ • Tango Music Website http://www.tangoconnections.net/ <p>Northeast Ohio instructors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Converse--www.dancerinyou.com • Greg y Donna-- http://neotango.net/home.html • Guillermo & Sherrie--http://www.tangorush.com/ • KB & Carmen--www.kbandcarmentango.com/ • Timmy Tango--www.tangocleveland.com <p>Additional information on tango</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Tango: Jeanette Potts--www.doctortango.net/ Tango discussion group <ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://tangoconnections.org/ (thanks, Greg and Donna, for updating this!) | | | | |
| Websites for salsa | Tropical Cleveland — http://www.tropicalcleveland.com/ They list northeast Ohio venues and events for salsa and other types of Latin dancing! Salsa Passion (added 11/23/10) -- http://www.salsapassion.org/ This site is for Cleveland area salsa dancers—check out the videos and locations for salsa dancing! | | | | |
| Websites for swing | Cleveland Swings (added 1/28/11) -- http://www.clevelandswings.org/joomla/ This site lists swing events and opportunities. Thanks Nova, for sending this link! | | | | |
| Dancing with the Stars 2014 | Dancing with the Stars —the new season starts on March 17 at 8 p.m. on ABC. Here is the new line-up: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Danica McKellar - best known for her role as Winnie Cooper, the girl who friend-zoned Kevin on the 1990s series "The Wonder Years." She is now a mathematician and author. Partner: Val Chmerkovskiy (Maksim's brother)2. Candace Cameron Bure - she played DJ Tanner on the 1990s show "Full House" and in recent years, starred on ABC Family's "Make It Or Break It" and several TV movies. Partner: Mark Ballas3. Drew Carey - the comedian who starred in his own sitcom now hosts the game show "The Price Is Right." Partner: Cheryl Burke4. Diana Nyad - she made headlines in September 2013 when she became the first person to swim 110 miles from Cuba to Key West after trying four times unsuccessfully. Partner: Henry Byalikov5. Cody Simpson - a popular 17-year-old Australian pop star. Partner: Witney Carson.6. NeNe Leakes - this outspoken and popular "Real Housewives of Atlanta" star is now a comedy TV actress. Partner: Tony Dovolani.7. Meryl Davis - she and partner Charlie White won a gold medal for ice dancing at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia last month. Partner: Maksim Chmerkovskiy.8. Charlie White - Davis' partner will compete on "Dancing With The Stars" too! Partner: Sharna Burgess.9. Amy Purdy - a double amputee and snowboarding champion who is the first Paralympian to compete on "Dancing With The Stars." Partner: Derek Hough.10. Sean Avery - a former NHL player who played on teams such as the Detroit Red Wings, the Los Angeles Kings, the Dallas Stars and the New York Rangers. Partner: Karina Smirnoff.11. James Maslow - star of the show "Big Time Rush" and a member of the pop group of the same name. Partner: Peta Murgatroyd12. Billy Dee Williams - an actor touted as the "black Clark Gable" in the 1970s. He played Lando Calrissian in "Star Wars" films "The Empire Strikes Back" and "The Return of the Jedi" and also played Harvey Dent in the Tim Burton's 1989 movie "Batman." Partner: Emma Slater. | | | | |
| BANDS | | | | | |
| Websites for good dancin' bands | Send me your ratings to the bands that YOU see! <table><tr><td>★★★★</td><td>Great band—we want dance to almost anything they play!</td></tr><tr><td>★★★</td><td>Very good, we like dancing to them, but not everything</td></tr></table> | ★★★★ | Great band—we want dance to almost anything they play! | ★★★ | Very good, we like dancing to them, but not everything |
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| ★★ | OK music, but not the best for dancing |
| ★ | Music not that great, and we sit most of the time |
| No stars | Don't go! |

Amy's ratings—high ratings are based on bands that play a variety of good dance tunes (if they play Latin or ballroom, that is a real plus!), good dance tempos and reasonable song times (I don't like 6 minute songs or medleys that include lots of songs with the same tempo!)

Fabulous Voices <http://www.facebook.com/FabulousVoices> or <http://sites.google.com/site/wwwfabvoices> A variety of dance music, including R&R, R&B, Latin, Blues, and Jazz. We dance West Coast swing, East Coast swing, Latin, hustle. I've known these guys since about 2003—they are my favorite Akron area band! We usually see them at the GetAway Pub Akron.
Amy rating: ★★★★★

Cruisin'-- <http://www.thebandcruisin.com/>. We think this band is great! We listen to them a lot at Savannah's (they play there on many Sundays and Wednesdays) and Carrie Cerino's. Ron Howard has a great voice. Nearly everything they play is danceable—we have been able to West coast swing, East coast swing, hustle, cha cha, rumba, night club two-step!
Amy rating: ★★★★★

Tony Koussa Jr. Band <http://www.tonykoussa.com/> They specialize in many styles of music such as Rhythm & Blues, Jazz, Rock, Blues, Funk, and Fusion. Nearly everything they play is danceable—West/East Coast Swing, night club two-step, and occasionally hustle, rumba, and cha cha! Tony plays saxophone and guitar and has a smooth bluesy voice. We hear them mostly at Savannah's.
Amy rating: ★★★★★

The Chozen Few Band <http://thechozenfewband.com/> This is a huge band—ten members. They have three vocalists, sax, conga drums, guitars, etc. They play hustle, Cha Cha, night club two-step and swing. This is a fun band with high energy!
Amy rating: ★★★★★

Remember When <http://www.rememberwhenohio.com/> We have been unable to walk into several places because they have a huge following that packs the joint! They do oldies, Motown, disco, etc.—so we do hustle, East coast swing, West coast swing, and night club two-step. The lead singer is very charismatic. We have heard (or tried to hear them) at Savannah's, Doc and Louie's and places in the Akron area.
Amy rating: ★★★★★

Juke Hounds <http://www.thejukehounds.com> We heard this band at a private event and loved their sound! The vocals and instrumentals are great and perfect for west coast swing. Gerard, Bob, Mark and Jimmy are also the nicest of guys. We'll have to meet the rest of the band at another gig! As blues goes, sometimes the songs are a little long, but they are ultra cool!
Amy rating: ★★★★★

Bradford White <http://bradfordwhiteband.com/> . This is a fun band, if you like a

wide variety of music and an unusual song list. Ed and I heard them (along with Ray and Deb) at Doc and Louie's. Every time we hear them, we like them even more! We get in a variety of dancing (east coast swing, west coast swing, night club two-step, rumba—they even know a waltz!). They sing a lot of songs that we do not hear from other bands. We sure enjoy their mix of songs and band's energy!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

The Benjaminz <http://www.thebenjaminz.com/> This is a high energy band that plays a wide variety of music, a lot of it with a hustle beat. Their vocals and instrumentals don't miss a beat! Ed and I heard them at a private company event and danced our feet sore!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Aretifex http://aretifex.com/contact_us_3.html A terrific dance band that plays R&B, disco, and rock. Ed and I saw them at Vosh. Victoria, the female vocalist does a mean Proud Mary! We did west coast swing, east coast swing, hustle, night club two-step and cha cha.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

The Curve <http://www.myspace.com/thecurvecleveland> A very energetic band with outstanding female (Brittany Lobas) and male (Jimmy Maler) vocals. They sing a variety of songs that have a rock beat. Ed and I heard them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off—probably our favorite of the bands that entertained that year. They were named to Cleveland Magazine's 2011 Best of Cleveland list, performing top 20 dance rock.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

The Caliber Band <http://www.thecaliberband.com/> A terrific county band with a strong female vocal. They are recognized as the top country band in Ohio, playing today's top 40 country music. Ed and I saw them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Time Trax Band <http://www.timetraxband.com/>. Time Trax performs a large variety of dance music to satisfy nearly any audience. They can play 1950's & 60's Rock-N-Roll, 70's, Disco, 80's and today's current hits. Time Trax is known for their energetic performances, sharp stage attire and fabulous sound and light show. Ed and I heard them at the Berea Oktoberfest in 2007—a lot of really danceable music, and a huge variety!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Evil Ways Band <http://www.evilwaysband.com/> This Santana tribute band played at Stringz & Wingz in Streetsboro—and they were great! A lot of cha cha, rumba and even merengue. OK, we also got in a hustle and east coast swing. There was a fabulous floor (and the food was good, too)!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Lil Eddy and the Boilermakers <http://www.liledyandtheboilermakers.com/>. Lil Eddy himself added this recommendation! He says that they have a complete swing show, plus ad cha chas and mambo's! They are mainly based in the Akron area. Hey, Eddy, thanks for the web site! And, thanks Janice and Neil, for your rating!

Janice and Neil rating: ★★★★★

The Belairs <http://www.thebelairs.us/> This band plays a lot of 50's and 60's music (a lot of jitterbug). They play at mostly east side venues. Ed and I have not seen them, but Larry and Linda like them a lot! Mike, thanks for your interest in having your band listed!

Larry and Linda rating: ★★★★★

Run Avril Run <http://www.runavrilrun.com>. This is mostly an east-side Cleveland band, but they occasionally appear on the west-side. They are high-energy and have a great sound. They play pop/rock, disco, Motown, wedding standards, country, and classic rock. We heard them at Sly Fox, but they can also be seen at the Boneyard in Mayfield Heights and at special events.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Frank and Dean and Then Some www.theratpackandmore.com or <http://www.freewebs.com/scottbrotherton/theratpackandmore.htm>. These two guys dress up like Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. They even joke around with each other like the ol' Rat Pack! We see them at Savannah's on Monday nights. Depending on how much floor space we get, Ed and I have managed to foxtrot, rumba, cha cha, mambo, West coast swing, East coast swing and night club two-step! We just recently saw them again for New Year's Eve at Brennan's—they even updated their jokes!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Stone Pony Band <http://www.stoneponyband.com/> They are a Bruce Springsteen tribute band. Ed and I heard them at the Cleveland Oktoberfest in Berea (2010)—a great solid sound and we could dance to almost every song (west coast, east coast, rumba, night club two-step). Looks like they also play at Scoundrels, Willoughby Brewing Company and a few other places.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Mystic Taxi <http://www.mystictaxiband.com/index.html> They bill themselves as an 80's dance and classic rock band. Ed and I heard them at Ace's in Middleburg Heights and enjoyed their high energy sound. Almost everything they sing is danceable (and we liked their song list, which includes Santana, Adele, Stevie Wonder and Joe Cocker!). We did west coast, east coast swing, night club two-step, hustle, and cha cha!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Charlie in the Box <http://www.charlieinthebox.com/> They are a 80's, 90's and today music band. Ed and I heard them at Hooley House in Brooklyn. We thought we could dance to almost everything they played. We did west coast/east coast swing, hustle, night club two-step and even cha cha!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

John Hardy Band <http://www.johnhardyband.com/> If you enjoyed Lawless (broke up August 2012), you will enjoy this band. The lead singer has formed a new band with a great country sound! Ed and I heard them at Wild Billy's—we did west coast and east coast swing, night club two-step, and even a rumba!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Midtown Band <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Midtown->

[Band/143534812486468?ref=stream](http://www.band/143534812486468?ref=stream) This is an energetic band that Ed and I heard at Savannah's. We danced hustle, east coast swing, west coast swing and nightclub two-step. They had the crowd filling the floor by the second set!
Amy rating: ★★

Swamp Boogie Band <http://www.swampboogieband.com/> Blues, R&B, and rock. They were regulars at Savannah's and play a lot of West Coast swing, East Coast and night club two step.
Amy rating: ★★

Spazmatics <http://www.spazmatics.org>. This is a high energy band that performs 80's music. The band members dress like nerds! Ed and I heard them at the Cleveland Oktoberfest (2008)—they had the crowd rockin'. They often play at the Loose Moose, Willoughby Brewing Company and Scoundrels.
Amy rating: ★★

Shout! <http://www.shoutband.com/> Almost two bands in one—a Motown “Legends of Soul” set and songs from Big Band, R&B, Rock-n-Roll, Motown, 70's disco, Funk, 80's pop. They play a lot of different places and special events.
Amy rating: ★★

Heart and Soul <http://theheartandsoulshow.com/> Music ranges from R&B, rock, Motown, disco, funk, 80s pop to today's current hits. We heard them at Savannahs and got a lot of dancing in. They have a male and female singer, both great!
Amy rating: ★★

Real Life featuring Becky Boyd <http://www.myspace.com/beckyboydmusic>
We love the song “Sugar Cookie Man” which is a delightful foxtrot. Becky has a great voice, suited to jazz. We do mostly swing and night club two-step. We hear her at Savannah's.
Amy rating: ★★

Velvet Shake <http://velvetshake.com/> High energy music covering songs by Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Carrie Underwood, and Journey; also all of the music is danceable (well, we think so). Ed and I heard them at Scoundrels where we did hustle, west coast swing and night club two-step!
Amy rating: ★★

pOUT http://www.poutband.com/fr_home.cfm This is a young energetic band that sings a variety of dance tunes, including contemporary hits. Ed and I heard them at the Italian American Festival in Berea. We did west coast swing, east coast swing, rumba, night club 2-step, and hustle!
Amy rating: ★★

Sight-N-Sound <http://www.sightnsoundband.wordpress.com/> This seven person band features a female and male singer and includes a horn and sax! They put out a pretty good sound! They play a lot of Motown and R&B. We mostly did west coast swing, nightclub two-step and one rumba! They perform at Savannah's and east and west Cleveland.
Amy rating: ★★

Raisin' Cain <http://www.raisincain.com/> We heard them at a New Year's event and at the Italian American festival in Berea. They play a variety of music from Motown to contemporary hits (dancing translation—Ed and I can dance Latin, swing and ballroom, depending on floor space!).

Amy rating: ★★

Victory Highway <http://www.victoryhwy.com/> This band has a solid sound, playing classic rock, country, and dance/party music. Ed and I heard them at a neighborhood summer concert. We danced west coast and east coast swing, night club two-step, hustle, rumba and even a cha cha!

Amy rating: ★★

Coalies Run <http://www.coaliesrun.com/> Great instrumentals, good vocals; they play a mix of country and rock/pop (including a very good Pink Floyd). Ed and I heard them at Parma Tavern—their tempos are very danceable. We did west and east coast swing, night club 2-step, country 2-step, and rumba!

Amy rating: ★★

Breakfast Club <http://www.clevelandsbreakfastclub.com/main.htm> An 80's band with a lead singer that looks like Billy Idol! They have a great solid sound—we heard them at the Oktoberfest. We have danced west coast and east coast swing, nightclub two-step and even a rumba to this band!

Amy rating: ★★

Twist <http://www.twistmusic.com/> They bill themselves as a wedding band, so you know they play a huge variety of music! There are two shows—the Soul Revue Show who sing a lot of Motown and a couple of other singers, who sing more popular tunes. Ed and I heard them at a company event—we did rumba, west coast swing, east coast swing, hustle, night club two step...and even a quick-step!

Amy rating: ★★

Stiletto Overdrive <https://www.facebook.com/StilettoOverdrive> This is a pop/rock/dance band that Ed and I heard at the Grayton Road Tavern. Apparently they lost three band members in October, but provided a special performance this night. I do not know if they intend on continuing to schedule gigs, but we liked their mix of music. They have female and male vocalists, which increase the range of songs they can do. Ed and I did west and east coast swing, hustle, night club two-step and even a rumba!

Amy rating: ★★

Schoolgirl Crush <http://www.schoolgirlcrushband.com/> This is a fun band whose female vocalists dress up like naughty school girls. They have solid vocals/instrumentals and play a variety of great dance tunes. Ed and I heard them at Ace's in Middleburg Heights—we thought we could dance to most of their selections—east coast and west coast swing, night club two-step, hustle, and even rumba!

Amy rating: ★★

One Hit Wonders Band <https://www.facebook.com/theonehitwonderscleveland> Ed and I heard them at Scoundrels. They have a fun motif—a plastic ice cream cone sits on the stage in front of the performers. We heard songs that a lot of other bands do not perform, which we liked! Most of their selection is

danceable—we did east coast swing, west coast swing, night-club two-step, rumba, and hustle.

Amy rating: ★★

Uptown Cats <http://www.freewebs.com/uptowncats/> Ed and I heard these guys at the Holiday Inn at Independence—there are only three of them, but they sound great. We didn't stay very long, but we danced hustle, west coast swing, night club 2-step, rumba and a samba! They play Motown, pop and other styles.

Amy rating: ★★

Jim Fry rating: ★★

Abbey Rodeo <http://www.abbeyrodeo.com/> If you love mellow music from the 60's, you will love this band. They normally play on the east side, but we heard them at Hooley House in Brooklyn. They play a lot of rumba tempos and swing. Their vocals were reminiscent of the artists of the 60's, and they play songs that we had not heard others play.

Amy rating: ★★

Crazy Chester <http://www.facebook.com/crazychesterleveland> This Avon-based band was playing at the Berea Oktoberfest; some great songs, but unfortunately the only dance floor was a small plot of grass under a tent! Ed and I enjoyed their vocals and selection of songs. We did do a west coast swing on the uneven grass to "Son of a Preacher Man" before we headed for better dancing surfaces!

Amy rating: ★★

Pompous Ass <http://www.myspace.com/pompousassband> They play 60's to country. Ed and I heard them at Savannah's. almost everything they played was danceable (we especially liked Walkin' in Memphis!).

Amy rating: ★★

Wallace Coleman Band <http://www.wallacecoleman.com/>. He plays a Chicago style blues which is great for West Coast Swing. Ed and I have heard him at a now closed bar a while ago, but haven't seen him around lately.

Amy rating: ★★

Chasing Kelly <https://www.facebook.com/ChasingKelly> They play an odd mix of top 40, country and rock; we liked their rendition of Blurred Lines. Their music and singing are energetic and their tunes are danceable! Ed and I did swing, night club two-step, hustle and rumba. They had a male vocalist the night we saw them at Ace's in Middleburg Heights, but it seems from their videos that they have a female vocalist as well.

Amy rating: ★★

Fleshcoat Featuring Dr. E <http://www.myspace.com/giveusfreerecords> They have a good range of songs, including disco and Motown. We do hustle, East coast and West coast swing, night-club two-step and even an occasional rumba and cha cha! The lead singer is highly spirited and sometimes comes out on the floor and dances with the crowd. However, they had the oddest rendition of Mustang Sally...

Amy rating: ★★

KG Blues—(can't find a web site) almost everything they play is "West

Coastable” or “night club two-stepable.” We’ve seen them at Savannah’s.
Amy rating: ★★

2nd Avenue Project <http://www.2ndavenueband.com/> I haven’t heard them yet (but I did listen to some clips off of YouTube!), but I know one of the band members, John Rindy, and everything he does is quality work! They have played at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame! They mostly play in the west Pennsylvania/east Ohio area.
Amy rating: ★★

The GeezeCats <http://www.geezecats.com/> This is a fun band that plays lively oldies tunes—a lot of East coast swing! They have a shtick where they decorate that stage like your grandmother’s living room filled with cats and even have some “costume” changes. We see them a lot at Savannah’s.
Amy rating: ★★

Ace Molar <http://www.acemolar.com/> Ace Molar is a high octane rock-n blues band featuring Todd Meany (from Fox8 News in the morning) performing danceable hits from great artists like J. Geils Band, Rolling Stones, Blues Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Wilson Pickett and other artists. We heard them with Bob and Linda and Dan and Phyllis at the Lampliter Lounge in Parma Heights—and they do play very danceable music!
Amy rating: ★★

Sloppy Joe Band--<http://www.sloppyjoeband.net/> This is a classic rock, blues, and R&B band. Ed and I heard them at Savannah’s. They have good solid sound and good instrumentals. We did mostly east coast and west coast swing, but also a few other dances as well!
Amy rating: ★★

Kentucky Thunder <http://www.myspace.com/kentuckythunder2> This is a country band (but curiously enough, It didn’t seem like the band members had southern drawls!). We did a lot of swing (mostly west coast), nightclub two-step and a country two-step! They were playing a Wild Billy’s Bar and Grill when we heard them.
Amy rating: ★★

Qwik Sil-ver <http://www.reverbNation.com/qwiksilver> A jazz band with great instrumentals and vocalist with a smooth low bluesy voice! We heard them under muted circumstances (they were told not to play very loudly) at the 100th Bomber Group Restaurant, so we did not hear them at their fullest sound. However, if there was a good dance floor, (the band was moved inside to a carpeted lounge due to rain), we would have been able to dance at least 5-6 different kinds of dances!
Amy rating: ★★

Lost State of Franklin <http://www.loststateoffranklin.com/LSOF/home.html> Ed and I heard them at the Cuyahoga County Fair. They play bluegrass and country music. We were able to do foxtrot, west and east coast swing, nightclub two-step and polka. However, we could not figure out what to do to that fast bluegrass music (I do not have a pair of clogging shoes!). We enjoyed their solid vocals and instruments. Scott sometimes plays two horns at once!
Amy rating: ★★

People Behaving Badly <https://www.facebook.com/pbbbband/info> They play everything from Artful Dodger (remember them?) to Johnny Rivers to ZZ Top. Ed and I heard them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off.
Amy rating: ★★

Teaser <http://www.teaserlive.com/> This is a rock band that Ed and I heard at Parma Tavern. Some of it is danceable; they have a solid sound—good instrumentals and vocals (although the lead singer mostly yells, in rock fashion!)
Amy rating: ★★

Faction <http://www.factioncleveland.com/> Billed as Fox8 Hotlist's top 5 local band in 2011, they play current pop, 80's and alternative rock. These guys sound solid and are good vocalists. However, Ed and I had to choose our dances "creatively" because they sang a lot of hip hop while we were at Soundrel's. Their playlist shows that they have a wide range of great songs!
Amy rating: ★★

Redneck Incorporated <http://www.redneckincmusic.com/> A good country band, although sometime the vocals get a little pitchy. They play lot of Jason Aldean and other country greats as well as non-country music. They have a great female fiddler and play a variety of great tunes! Ed and I heard them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off.
Amy rating: ★★

Fletch and the Catch <http://www.fletchandthecatch.com/> or on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fletch-and-the-Catch/288761746371?sk=app_2309869772 They play a lot of blues and southern rock—we last heard them at Savannah's. We didn't dance to everything (we got in some west coast swing, night club two-step and even a cha cha!), but the vocals and instrumentals are solid. The songs tend to be somewhat long, but they are a pretty good listening band!
Amy rating: ★★

Funkology Band-- <http://funkologycleveland.com/> Great beat and song selection. The horn section allows them to do Chicago and Earth, Wind and Fire songs! We got in a cha cha, rumba, west coast swing, east coast swing, night club two-step, and of course, hustle! They could use stronger vocals, but otherwise inspired some fun dancing! We saw them as Savannah's.
Amy rating: ★★

Gypsy-- <http://www.myspace.com/rockwithgypsy> and <https://www.facebook.com/gypsy.rockband> They play rock and blues—good instrumentals and vocals. Their song choices and vocals somehow were not too inspiring for me and Ed. We did and west coast and night club two-step and probably could have done east coast swing and perhaps rumba. We just did not feel like doing much else.
Amy rating: ★★

New Century Beatniks <http://newcenturybeatniks.com/> They play music from the 60's to the present—a nice solid sound. You can dance some west coast swing and others. We heard them at the Cuyahoga County fair. Not everything was danceable, but we enjoyed the music!

Amy rating: ★★

Disco Inferno <http://www.discoinfernoband.com/home.htm>. I finally got to hear these guys at the Cleveland Oktoberfest (2010). They wear funky 70's costumes and play a great disco beat! Ed and I didn't listen long, but the music seems all 70's. Anyone remember the line dance to "Do the hustle?" These guys do!

Amy rating: ★★

Allergic to Katz <http://allergictokatz.com/home.cfm>. This band's web site is hilarious! Especially if you think cats disguised as hot dogs and beer guzzling TV watchers and rock stars are funny. They classify themselves as a classic rock band, but a lot of it is very danceable! Ed and I heard them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

LaFlavour <http://www.laflavour.com/> They play a lot of songs with a disco beat, so it's hustle, hustle, hustle. Sometime they string lots of songs with the same disco beat together (exhausting, if you like to dance until the music stop!)

However, they have a great solid sound and are a fun band. They play at festivals, the Holiday Inn at Rockside, 365th Fighter Group, and lots of other places!

Tom Frietchen Band <http://www.tomfrietchenband.com/index.html> A country band that features their original song Just You and Me, which reached #1 on iHeartRadio. Ed and I heard them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off. They sometimes got a bit pitchy with their vocals, but the music was very danceable!

Amy rating: ★★

The Attraxxion <http://www.theattraxxion.com/home.cfm> A band that plays music from the 80's and beyond. Ed and I heard them at Savannah's—they have solid instrumentals and vocals, but tend to play songs at the same tempo--fast. We did west coast and east coast swing and night club two step; but almost every song was played at east coast swing tempo.

Amy rating: ★★

Cruisemasters (can't find a web site) They actually have a pretty good songlist. However, for some reason, Ed and I just don't feel inspired to do much dancing to this band—is it the energy level? There seems to be a bit of chit chat between songs. We hear them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

Ed Sarley and the Survivors http://edsarley.com/en_vivo.html If you look at his web site, Ed Sarley is in a lot of bands, including The GeezeCats. I think this is a fairly new band, however, because they didn't sound very tight. They still had a good song list and danceable tunes!

Amy rating: ★★

Dave Michaels and Music on a Mission Band They play Elvis and a lot of other oldies. The vocals and instrumentals were good, but for some reason, Ed and I were not inspired to do much dancing. I think it is because they play a little too fast for our dancing speed! We heard them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

Wynng-It <http://www.myspace.com/wyngitband> A classic rock band that plays some danceable tunes—a lot of Tom Petty, Stones and Beatles. Ed and I heard them at Savannah's—we thought they had a better first set (apparently they had a lot of requests) than the second set.

Amy rating: ★★

Armstrong Bearcat Band <http://www.armstrongbearcat.com/> A blues band that tends to play long songs! We mostly dance swing, but often end up sitting. We mostly see them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

Tumblin' Dice <http://www.tumblingdicemusic.com/> Ed and I call them the world's greatest garage band! However, lately, they have been growing on us—they have done a passable version of Doors tunes. They sometimes sound "pitchy." They are mostly classic rock, so we don't dance to everything, but we can do swing and night-club two-step. We hear them at Savannah's and Doc and Louie's.

Amy rating: ★★

The Feedbacks (can't find a web site) They play rock--instrumentals were fine, but they did not have the "tightest" sound. A guest female singer really enhanced the vocals, though! Ed and I heard them at Savannah's—we could dance to most of their songs, but were not especially inspired.

Amy rating: ★★

Clayton Brother Band <http://www.myspace.com/claytonbrothersband> They list themselves as "primitive rock and roll"—a lot of the music is from the 60's (east coast swing and same tempo). They are fun guys—we heard them at Doc and Louie's in North Olmsted.

Amy rating: ★★

Colin Dussault's Blues Project <http://www.colindussault.com/>. Sometimes depends on the mood they are in—a lot of West Coast swing when they are playing blues. They have a big following, so the dance floor often fills up! Regulars at Savannah's and other places.

Amy rating: ★★

Eddie and the Edsels <http://www.eddieandtheedsels.com/> This is an oldies band that I used to really enjoy, but thought they were lacking energy the last time I saw them. They are a great oldies band, but we hear that they are branching out to other kinds of music. They play mostly swing. They are regulars at Carrie Cerino's and Savannah's (on Mondays).

Amy rating: ★★

Big in Japan <http://www.biginjapanband.com/> Three guys playing music from the 80's to current times. They play a bit too much head banging music for us (also the speaker system had the drums way too loud!). Ed and I did do some east coast and west coast swing and hustle. We heard them at Hooley House.

Amy rating: ★★

Teaser Band <http://www.teaserlive.com/> A band that has been around since the late 1970's! They play rock—good instrumentals and solid vocals (although

the singing is a bit of yelling—his vocal cords probably need a rest after a gig!). We enjoyed listening to them, but did not do a lot of dancing. We heard them at Parma Tavern.

Amy rating: ★★

BFD Blues Band <http://www.bfdbluessband.com/>. Monica Robbins, health reporter, is the lead singer. Much of this band's music is a little "too fast" for dancing, but you can still get some West Coast and East Coast swing out of them! We haven't seen them lately, but I know they were at the rib fest over Memorial Day weekend.

Amy rating: ★★

Tailor Made Classics <http://www.tailormadeclassics.com/> This is a 50's and 60's band that plays a lot of Motown and doo-wop. A couple of the members were part of the Inkspots! This band sometimes has great harmony, but sometimes they get a little pitchy! We heard them at the Holiday Inn at Belden Village (where they regularly have live bands and a small dance floor).

Amy rating: ★★

The Stone River Band

<http://www.thestoneriverband.com/acorn.php?page=home>. A 60's/70's band that plays a lot of cool music, if you like is listen. A lot of dancers didn't think they played much danceable stuff (including me and Ed). We heard them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★

The Knock-offs <http://www.theknock-offs.com/> You can knock this one off your list of must-see bands. They have a decent looking song list, but made everything sound the same (fast and unrecognizable). This was the first time that we left in the first set without dancing! We say them at Ace's Grill in North Ridgeville (by the way—they have a \$5 cover charge, which they may waive if you are eating dinner there).

Amy rating: 1/2★

BAND WISH LIST

These are bands that Ed and I want to go hear because we know they are awesome dance bands!

The Ovation Band <http://www.ovationband.net/Ovation2009.aspx> I heard from a person who books bands that audiences really enjoy this band. Also, I know the lead vocalist—she has so much energy that I know would make any want to get up to dance!

NON-LOCAL BANDS

die Schlauberger <http://www.dsbworld.com/> For a polka band, this is a great band! Ed and I, of course, heard them at the Berea Oktoberfest in 2012. The band is composed of seven guys that have great strong vocals and musical talent (a combination of rock and roll meets alpine). We did foxtrot, mambo, east coast swing and polka!

Amy rating: ★★★

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| | ADD YOUR RATING! What bands have YOU heard that you want to rate? Or add your rating to mine to any of the above bands! | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VENUE RATINGS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ratings for places to dance New feature! | Send me your ratings to venues where YOU dance! <table><tr><td>★★★★</td><td>Great venue—floor is sizeable (can comfortably fit at least 10 couples), favorable dance conditions, music usually good; has extras like good food, service, ambience, and a great crowd</td></tr><tr><td>★★★</td><td>Very good—floor is favorable for dancing (at least 6-10 couples) and music is good; may lack in “extras”</td></tr><tr><td>★★</td><td>OK venue—has some of the extras, but the floor is not very big</td></tr><tr><td>★</td><td>Desperation venue—only go if there is nothing else around!</td></tr><tr><td>No stars</td><td>Don’t go!</td></tr></table> Send in YOUR descriptions and ratings! Tell me what you think about the dance floor, bands/music, food, and ambience! Aces Grille —6847 Pearl Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130, 440-845-1800; also 32650 Lorain Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, 440-327-3333; http://www.acesgrille.com/ . They move tables around to create a dance floor. Stone cobbled floor that got a bit sticky, but the food was good (try the calzones!) and there was room to dance! There is a North Ridgeville and Middleburg Heights location (we have been to both—both locations have dance floor space!). Both floor conditions are about the same. Amy rating: ★★ ★ (Middleburg Heights location first visited July 2013; North Ridgeville location visited sometime in 2012) The Boneyard Beer Farm & Mesquite Grill -- 101 East Royalton Road, Broadview Hts., OH 44147; 440-717-WING; http://www.boneyardusa.com/ Odd concrete dance floor in front of the band (dancers on the same level as the band). Actually, there isn't a designated dance floor; however, there is space for 6-8 couples to dance between the band and the pool tables. They have mostly rock bands here. We did not have any food (fly-by dancing—we put our coats on one of the pool tables and danced to a few songs until the break and then left). Amy rating: ★★ (visited November 2012) Brothers Lounge , 11609 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102-2342; 216-226-2767. http://www.brotherslounge.com/ They have live entertainment many nights of the week. This is a cool venue for beer, wine and martini. The stage is great for the band, but the beautiful wooden floor is usually covered with tables ☹ . If anyone has encountered a better dance floor, let me know! Amy rating: ★ (visited, umm, can’t remember, long time ago) Carrie Cerino’s -- 8922 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133; 440-237-3434, http://www.carriecerinos.com/Events/LoungeBands.aspx Nice wood dance floor downstairs with good bands every Friday and Saturday; usually attracts a lot of dancers. Good food, too! Generally gets pretty crowded. Ed is not fond of | | ★★★★ | Great venue—floor is sizeable (can comfortably fit at least 10 couples), favorable dance conditions, music usually good; has extras like good food, service, ambience, and a great crowd | ★★★ | Very good—floor is favorable for dancing (at least 6-10 couples) and music is good; may lack in “extras” | ★★ | OK venue—has some of the extras, but the floor is not very big | ★ | Desperation venue—only go if there is nothing else around! | No stars | Don’t go! |
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the crowded floor, even though it can probably fit >10 couples. We have not been there for several years.

Amy rating: ★★ ★ (can't remember the last time I've been there!)

C Mulligan's Pub-- 6450 Pitts Blvd, North Ridgeville, OH 44039; (440) 327-9108. A bit of a hole in the wall; the floor in front of the band that could comfortably fit about 6 couples, unless the band spreads out their equipment over the floor. They were not serving food when we got there. The crowd was nice, and we liked the band! We don't think they served any food.

Amy rating: ★★ (last visited April 2013)

Doc and Louie's-- 24270 Lorain Road North Olmsted, OH 44070; (440) 734-0833; <http://www.docandlouies.com/> A designated dance floor, mostly surrounded by a partial divider; 4-6 couples. There is a stage extender onto the dance floor, which further limits the space for dancing. A friendly crowded; so-so food. They have bands every Friday and Saturday.

Amy rating: ★★ (last visited 12/21/12)

Fairview Tavern-- 21867 Lorain Rd Cleveland, OH 44126; (440) 799-4200; <http://thefairviewtavern.com/> They often have good live bands here, so Ed and I thought we'd visit. Unfortunately, there really is no dance floor (although a few people dance in a teeny space that is really a passage from the kitchen to the dining area! The food was delicious and the wait staff was very nice. However, because of the lack of dance floor, I really can't recommend this venue as a good dance restaurant. However, if you like great food and great music, then this is a great place!

Amy rating: ★ (last visited February 2013)

Fat Little Buddies-- 26906 Cook Road Olmsted, OH 44138; (440) 235-1338; <http://www.thefatlittlebuddies.com/> A hole in the wall, but a good size (vinyl?) dance floor for a bar in the back room (but little seating)—about an 8 couple floor. One of our favorite bands (Bradford White) plays here—we couldn't find a seat, so we danced to a break and left. We didn't try any of the food. A bit of a weird atmosphere (OK, maybe it was a bit late, and people had been drinking a while).

Amy rating: ★★ (visited spring 2012)

The GetAway Pub— 1462 North Portage Path, Akron, OH 44313; 330-867-8700; <http://www.thegetawaypub.com/> Looks like a hole in the wall, but they have a good space for a band and a wooden dance floor (6-8 couple)! The food is OK; not too much seating. Come early; it gets crowded. Ed and I only come here when our favorite Akron area band, the Fabulous Voices, play here. Otherwise, I do not recognize the other bands that play here.

Amy rating: ★★ (last visited spring 2013)

Grayton Road Tavern— 4760 Grayton Road, Cleveland, OH 44135; 216-265-7770; <http://www.graytonroadtavern.com/>. No designated dance floor, but there is space to dance (maybe 2-3 couples) on the smooth concrete floor. The food was great—Ed thought his burger was one of the best that he has had; the wait staff was friendly. The night that we visited, The Ohio State University football game delayed the band start time, and a huge birthday party occupied most of the tables. The acoustics of the venue were not the most conducive to bands (it was difficult to understand the lyrics because the sound bounced off of the high

ceilings and walls). However, we plan to go back!

Amy rating: ★★ (first visited September 2013)

Holiday Inn Cleveland/Independence, 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131; 216-524-8050. Great wood dance floor with dance bands playing Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. It gets crowded on Friday and Saturday; however, the dancers come on Wednesday and Thursday—a lot of swing and hustle. It is being newly renovated during January 2014.

Amy rating: ★★★ (last visited 12/26/13)

Hooley House, Brooklyn--10310 Cascade Crossing Brooklyn, OH 44144; (216) 362-7700; <http://www.1funpub.com/> This was the old Don Pancho's. There is a wooden floor that they have to shift tables to create a dance floor when they have bands. A night that we went in 2012, there was room for maybe three couples; however, there was no seating (a large party was occupying the dining room), so we did not stay. Upon a return visit, the floor had room for 6-8 couples to fit comfortably on the floor. The floor was wood, but was "sticky" for dancing—turning is difficult. I had the spinach salad, which was great! The serving staff was excellent!

Amy rating: ★★★ (last visited March 2014)

Jocko's Bar & Grill--1100 West Royalton Road Broadview Hts., OH 44147; (440) 877-2622; <http://www.jockosbarandgrill.com/> Dance wood floor is not bad for a bar, but not very big (maybe about 8 x 12 feet with a rounded off edge)—enough for 5-6 couples who don't take up a lot of space with dancing. We didn't eat, but was told the food was good (the menu looked tasty!). Crowd tends to be younger (well, than me and Ed); very crowded and noisy (I put in ear plugs to protect my ears). They have a good mix of dance and rock bands.

Amy rating: ★★ (visited November 2012)

Otani Restaurant and Pub—180 West Streetsboro St., Hudson, OH 44236; 330-656-0012; <http://www.otanihudson.com/> Great wood dance floor—just the right amount of "slide" for our shoes; except it is small. The bands play in the bar area, but they can move the tables. However, if there are a lot of people in the bar, they stand around on the dance floor! We ate dinner with John and Yan—the food was tasty. We enjoyed the lively crowd. Apparently bands entertain every Saturday.

Amy rating: ★★ (visited March 2014)

The Parkview NiteClub--1261 West 58th Street, Cleveland, OH; 216-961-1341; <http://www.parkviewniteclub.com/>. Located at the end of West 58th, 3 blocks north of Detroit Avenue; parking in the street. They have bands on Saturdays and decent bar food, too (with a great wait staff)! Unfortunately, they have a postage stamp-sized floor—too bad, because they have good bands here!

Amy rating: ★ (it's been a long time since we've been there)

Parma Tavern—5680 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134; 216-635-1800; <http://www.parma-tavern.com/> A slate tile dance floor that can fit 4-6 couples (if they move the tables). They have live bands or DJ every Friday or Saturday. The food and service was good; the people were nice!

Amy rating: ★★ (last visited May 2013)

Rav's Creekside Tap and Grill—9224 Darrow Rd., Twinsburg, OH; 330-425-3435; <http://ravscreekside.biz/> A small dance surface (2-3 couples), but they have good food (we like the chicken fajita salad). We have heard the Benjaminz here twice! The staff and customers are nice, too (and we meet friends here). Amy rating: ★★ (last visited 5/10/13)

Sassy's Bar & Grille—10755 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg, OH; 330-998-6529; <http://www.sassysbarandgrille.com/> . This is a really friendly place with pretty good food. The floor is a bit small, but there is some room to dance! Ed and I were there on a quiet night to hear the Juke Hounds (they sounded great, by the way—get their new CD Bluesitude), which meant the entire floor was ours! Amy rating: ★★ (last visited 1/4/14)

Savannah Bar & Grille--30676 Detroit Road, Westlake, OH 44145; 440-892-2266; <http://thesavannah.com/> After a hiatus as "Rock West," the old Savannah's is back! They have a dedicated dance floor that dancers in the area know and use! The staff and clientele are friendly and the greasy fries have even gotten a little better since they re-opened in March 2013. They have bands on nearly every day of the week! Amy rating: ★★★ (last visited January 2014)

SB Eighty One--24481 Detroit Rd. Westlake OH 44145; 440-835-3559; <http://www.sbeightyone.com/> They have moved their dance floor from downstairs to upstairs! It is smaller (about 4-6 couples comfortably fit) and was very sticky during our last visit. The food is very good, but a little pricey. They have great bands on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays! Amy rating: ★★ (visited 12/7/12)

Scoundrel's Bar & Grill-- 826 Front Street Berea, OH 44017; (440) 234-3455; <http://scoundrelsbarandgrill.com/> The wood dance floor is maybe 10 x 18 feet; up to about 8 couples on the floor. The food is OK and cheap, but the service is slow. They have a mix of good dance bands and rock bands. Amy rating: ★★★ (last visited 2/1/14)

StringZ & WingZ--9244 Market Square Drive Streetsboro, OH 44241; <http://www.stringzwingz.com/> . HUGE wood floor, good bands—and good food! The crowd differs, depending on the band; sometimes there are ballroom dancers! Sometimes has a cover charge, sometimes no cover charge (depending on the band). The dining area is separated by a wall from the room with the dance floor and bar, which they call the Z-Plex. The Z-Plex address is 1543 State Route 303, Streetsboro, OH 44241; 330-422-1200; <http://www.thezplex.com> Amy rating: ★★★ (visited April 2013)

Thirsty Cowboy--2743 Medina Rd Medina, OH 44256; (330) 722-5400; <http://www.thirstycowboys.com/> Ed and I visited last fall—they have a huge wood floor! Line dancing is taught every Wednesday (starts at 7:30 p.m.), and they have bands on Friday and Saturday. We saw Caliber Band there (we also saw them at the Ribfest last year). I do not know how the food was, since we did not eat there; however, the menu is reasonably priced! The people were nice, too. There is a charge for some of the entertainment (at least there was a cover charge when we went; it was \$5). By the way, they also have a mechanical bull, for those of you who would like to try...

Amy rating: ★★★★★ (visited September 2012)

Vosh Club--1414 Riverside Dr., Lakewood, Ohio; 216-767-5202; voshlkwd@gmail.com; <http://voshclub.com/> Vosh just opened in March 2013. They say that "the club will feature Jazz, Blues, Motown and more." They have a substantial stage for bands with cool disco lights; the dance floor looks like it could accommodate about 8 couples? In April, Ed and I poked our heads in the door—there was a cover charge, but nowhere to sit! We did not stay. However, the band sounded good; the dress code is a little more upscale than most of the bars with bands. OK, so we went back in May to hear the band Artefix (great band, by the way). The dance floor could fit about 8-10 couples—but it was a hard marble. Also, we did not think the people were very friendly; the server took our drinks from the table before we were finished (we were on the dance floor to come back to the table and found our table cleaned off even though our coats were still on our chairs!). Drinks are expensive, the food selections are limited, and the kitchen closes at 10:30 p.m.

Amy rating: ★★ (visited May 2013)

West Park Station-- 17015 Lorain Avenue Cleveland, OH 44111 (Kamm's Corners, Cleveland); (216) 476-2000; <http://www.westparkstation.com/> Ed and I came to hear a band; after we found a couple of chairs, no one came to ask if we wanted anything to eat or drink. We left before the band started. The dance floor was very small anyway. The patrons were very young; it was very crowded.

Amy rating: ★ (visited September 2012)

~~**Wild Billy's Bar and Grill** CLOSED FEBRUARY 2014-- 6600 Biddulph Rd, Brooklyn OH 44144; (216) 741-2800; <http://wildbillysbargrill.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wild-Billys-Bar-and-Grill/289271464492705>. A large floor (a bit odd shaped, but it depends on the table they move), that can fit 10-12 couples. I am not sure how the food is, since we did not order anything to eat. They tend to have country bands, but have bands that play rock and other types of music as well. Watch out for the guy with the spurs! We were told that have line dance lessons on Wednesdays.~~

~~Amy rating: ★★★★★ (visited January 2013)~~

Willoughby Brewing Company (Friday & Saturday) -- 4057 Erie Street Willoughby, Ohio; 440-975-0202; <http://willoughbybrewing.com/entertainment/>. They have a big wood dance floor in front of the band (>10 couple floor), but more deep than wide (rather odd). Good bands every Friday and Saturday. The food is good, but the seating is away from the band. Hard to find a good place to sit and listen.

Amy rating: ★★★★★ (visited several years ago)

UNRATED (because I haven't been there; but could be promising)
If you go to any of these venues, let me know YOUR rating!

Cadillac Ranch-- 200 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114. 216-685-0000; <http://cadillacranchcleveland.com/>. They have bands here on a regular basis. I haven't been here myself, so anyone that has been here, let me know about the dance floor!

Jilly's Music Room--111 North Main Street, Akron, OH 44308 (used to be

Northside); <http://www.jillysmusicroom.com>. The Juke Hounds really like playing at this new venue and encouraged us to see them at their next gig there!

Kickin' Kountry--10997 St Rt 212 NE, Bolivar OH 44612; 330-354-8129. Open Mon thru Sat, 6:30 pm to 2:00 am. See [Calendar](#) for details. <http://www.kickinkountry.net/calendar.htm>; [Map](#). For those of you closer to Bolivar than Cleveland—here's a venue for ballroom and line dance lessons and general dancing.

The Lake Club—1140 Paulin Rd., Poland, OH 44514; 330-549-3996; <http://www.thelakeclubohio.com/> The will be having Friday night bands over the summer!

Mon Ami Restaurant and Historic Winery—3845 E. Wine Cellar Rd., Port Clinton, OH 43452; 419-797-4445; info@monamiwinery.com; <http://www.monamiwinery.com/> . Friday and Saturday bands play 9 p.m.- 1 a.m.; Sunday bands play 2-6 p.m. Check out the band listing <http://www.monamiwinery.com/entertainment.htm>

Nashville Nights—88 W. Wilbeth Rd., Akron, OH 44301; 330-724-7541; <http://www.nashvillenightsakron.com/> . They have country bands (and blues or rock n roll bands) every Friday and Saturday night. Bands start at 9:30 p.m. From the pictures, it seems that they have a dance floor for maybe 4-6 couples.

DANCE TIPS FORUM:

Okay—this is a new feature to this newsletter. Occasionally, people ask questions about dancing. I thought it might be worth getting your two cents about this question. *Email me with your tips! I'd like to add YOUR two cents, too!*

“How do you decide what dance to do when you hear music?”

- Amy's two cents:
 1. Ask yourself what kind of dances can you do?
 2. Then, ask yourself, does this music “fit”* into any kind of the dances that you do?
 3. Then, count to see if the tempo is suited to the dance that you think might fit. Do you think you can dance it at that speed?
 4. If yes, then, dance it!
 5. Alternate plan: see what other people are dancing and do what looks good to you!

*“Fit” means whether or not the character of the music fits the character of the dance:

| Dance | General character | Songs |
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| East coast swing | Happy, bouncy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many Beach Boys songs• Pink Cadillac (Springsteen)• Some Kind of Wonderful (Huey Lewis & the News) |
| Hustle | Think disco! Driving beat with a flowing melody | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donna Summers songs• Get Down Tonight (Kool and the Gang)• Can't Get You Out of My Head (Kylie Minogue) |
| Night club two-step | “Prom” music; slow, romantic | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When a Man Loves a Woman (Percy Sledge)• Almost Paradise (Ann Wilson/Mike Reno)• Lady in Red (Chris DeBurgh) |

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| Rumba | Latin, sensual | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dream Lover (Bobby Darin) • Amado Mio (Pink Martini) • My Maria (Brookes and Dunn) |
| Waltz | 3/4 time; wistful; slower than Viennese Waltz | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come Away With Me (Norah Jones) • Sandy's Song (Dolly Parton) • Tennessee Waltz (Anne Murray) |
| West coast swing | Bluesy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Velvet (Alannah Myles) • Follow Me (Uncle Kracker) • You Can Leave Your Hat On (Joe Crocker) |
| Salsa/mambo | Latin, lively | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mambo #5 (Lou Bega) • Micaela (Sonora Carruseles) • Maracaibo Oriental (Beny More) |
| Cha Cha | Latin, slower," cha cha cha" rhythm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smooth (Santana) • Let's Get Loud (Jennifer Lopez) • I Need to Know (Marc Anthony) |
| Foxtrot | 4/4 time; happy; flows | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Sinatra songs • A Fine Romance (Ella Fitzgerald) • I'm Beginning to See the Light (Bobby Darin) |