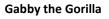


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Our Traveling Ambassadors Are On Their Way!



Oscar the Koala and Zahari the Zebra, our traveling ambassadors, have been launched! They are having a contest to see who can travel the farthest over the next two years. Look for them at a dance near you—fill in their passport and journal, take a picture, and send them on. They need to be back in San Diego by August 18, 2021.

Early Bird registration is open through June 30, 2020—you can enjoy three full days of dancing, exhibitions, educational sessions, vendors, and more for only \$55.00 per person. Register online or download a registration form to mail at <u>www.california.usawest.net</u>. Watch the website for the latest convention information!

-LPaul and Sally Schmidt, General Chairmen

Convention Highlight: Ghost Riders Square Dance Band

The Ghost Riders will be in the house! Yes, the Ghost Riders Square Dance Band will be at the 2021 USA West Square Dance Convention, backing up callers for your dancing pleasure. The Ghost Riders have been around square dancing for more than 45 years. They have performed with square dance callers and in concert from the local to the national level.



Dance on the Wild Side!



Quincy's Corner: USA West History



Only one other USA West Convention has been held in California, when we "Danced by the Gate in 1998" in San Francisco. Can you guess where these conventions were held?

- Twirl Your Date in the Potato State
- Pass the Ocean to Paradise
- Destination: Big Sky Country

Find these answers and learn more about USA West Conventions at <u>www.usawest.net</u>.

San Diego Spotlight: USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum

San Diego has a rich military history and is the current home to both Navy and Marine facilities. The city is proud to have the USS Midway aircraft carrier open as a museum. Visitors can explore more than 60 exhibits, see 29 restored aircraft, and experience sights both on and below deck! Self-guided audio tours are available, along with the Battle of Midway Theater, a flight simulator, and onboard docents.

Plan your adventure at: www.midway.org/visit/.

