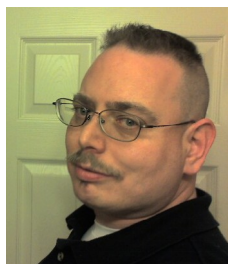


## Allan Hurst: Never at a loss for words.

Since late 2006, Allan Hurst has been Editor of the GCA newsletter, *The Call Sheet*. Among his stranger accomplishments are authoring articles for "SquareUp!" magazine and writing the Fun Badge Tour script for the 2005 IAGSDC Convention "Star Thru The Silicon Galaxy". He publishes articles on square dancing and calling via his website, at <http://www.danceinfo.org>

Allan was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, moving to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1981.



Professionally, Allan is a partner in a computer network services company in Fremont, California. Allan holds a Bachelors of Science in Information Systems Management from the University of San Francisco, as well as multiple technical certifications from Novell, Microsoft, and other vendors.

Allan's been dancing since his first class with the El Camino Reelers of Palo Alto, California, back in 1995. His first IAGSDC Convention was "Stars, Thars and Cable Cars", held in San Francisco in 1996.

In addition to the El Camino Reelers, in the Bay Area, Allan is a member of Foggy City Dancers, and both a member and co-administrator of Midnight Squares. Slightly further abroad, Allan has been a member of Vancouver, BC's Squares Across the Border since 1999, and of Chicago's Chi-Town Squares since 2001.

Allan dances and calls from Basic to C1. Although he loves calling to any floor, he admits to a slight preference for Advanced and C1.

The first time Allan picked up a mic was at the 1997 GCA Caller School held in Las Vegas. He's been calling ever since, and has called club nights or dances for El Camino Reelers, Foggy City Dancers, Western Star Dancers, Midnight Squares, Chi-Town Squares, McHenry B'n'Bs, and American Squares.

Starting in July of 2007, Allan took a break from calling and dancing to work through a 48-week stint of chemotherapy for chronic Hepatitis C. Allan expects to return to active calling and dancing in June of 2008.

When not editing the GCA Call Sheet, Allan can be found working on projects as diverse as the electronic restoration of the LGBT history book "10 Years IAGSDC: A Collection of Pages From Our Memory Book", and running a computer network group (NOBUG – the Novell Oakland Bayarea Users Group) based in Oakland, California.

On a more personal note, he enjoys watching (mostly classic) films, theater, live concerts, and reading science-fiction, fantasy, and mystery novels. His musical taste is eclectic, meaning anything goes from ABBA to Shostakovich, with an emphasis on jazz and vocal music. Favorite authors include Robert Heinlein, Spider Robinson, Suzette Haden Elgin, and Melissa Scott. Allan's favorite book is "The Annotated Alice," edited by Martin Gardner.

Allan is partnered to Randy Hensley, who also dances with El Camino Reelers. They were legally married [under Canadian law] in Vancouver, BC in November of 2004. They reside, along with three tortoises, in Sunnyvale, California.

