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These days, with video-camera powered cell phones and the internet, almost anything can pop up in your morning e-mail. That's how I found out about square dancing on farm tractors.

My immediate reaction: We should do that!

Being a list-oriented person, I noted the advantages:

- We'd have a new challenge.
- We'd have an entertaining way to attract more interest in square dancing.
- I could, quite naturally, include a tractor pull.

... and the obstacles:

- We'd need a place considerably larger than the Frisco Senior Center.
- Not all couples have two farm tractors. In fact, very few condo garages have even one.
- The California Twirl might require extra practice.

Clearly, the obstacles aren't that bad.

Space – I checked, and the parking grounds at Keystone have nothing booked for June 31st.

Tractors – We don't need four or five squares. Just one would be fun.

California Twirl – If you don't have it perfected, slip in a Partner Trade.

So, check your calendar, un-hitch the corn-picker, gas up old Betsy, and head up to Summit County for another fun dance.

The caller is TBD. Fortunately, the callers I've contacted are all open on that date.

The really good news, is that this is just the beginning. I'm already planning a snow-shoe square dance next year on February 29th.

This gives me several months to work on the slightly more formidable obstacles:

- Swing Through could be really hard on the shins.
- For Couples Promenade, the snowshoes tend to overlap. In fact, for each step, the odds are 3:1 that a dancer's shoe is pinned down – considered by some, to be a problem. I'm thinking that after two steps we'd have something like the great, old party game Twister. Of course, we'd need bodies flexible enough to play Twister. Finding farm tractors may be easier.

Even if these exciting events don't fit your calendar, I hope you plan some regular mountain trips for regular square dancing.

P.S. The Denver Council's insurance company doesn't need to see this article.