

## Places to Dance

Please understand that I can only keep this as updated as the club owners keep *me* updated, so you might want to call before you go to one of these places.  
As of right now 4/1/17 I have contacted them all and the info is current.

### Ballroom Dancing

**Laf-a-Lot Dance Club Dances** are held the 1st Saturday night each month at the Kern City Town Hall at 1003 Pebble Beach Drive from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. with a live band, the Bakersfield Swingtime Orchestra. Call Shari Fortino for more information at 661-324-2231, or email her at [sfortino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfortino@sbcglobal.net) You can also call Marilyn Stone at 661-900-9770.

**Dance Steppers Club Dances** are held the 2nd Saturday night each month at various locations but are mostly held the Riverview Rec Center at 401 Willow Drive 93308. All Dances include a free dance Lesson with admission. Lessons are from 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. with a different lesson each month. See flier attached for all of 2017. Call Joanne Georgio at 304-5284 or Mark Boyer 661-201-2105 for more information or go to: <http://www.dancesteppers.com>

**Smooth Dancers Club Dances** are held the 4th Saturday of every month at Rasmussen Senior Center. See flier attached with dates for all of 2017. Call Steve or Rose Peterson for more information at 661-487-9744. You can also call Mark Boyer at 661-201-2105, or go to: <http://www.kerndancers.com>

### **Fairfax Grange Ballroom Dances**

The Fairfax Grange Dances are held every Friday night 7:30-10:30 at the Fairfax Grange Hall with Dennis Acosta, DJ. Call Claudine Kephart for more information: 322-7987 or 392-8861

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Call (661) 201-2105 for more information. Admission to dances is \$15.00 Non-member guests. There is often a pre-lesson from 6:45pm to 7:30PM.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; font-size: x-small;"> <p>Join us for fun-filled evening dances. We welcome dancers of all skill levels, from beginners to pros. The only thing you need to bring is a desire to dance and have fun. Watch for notice of classes to further hone your dancing skills. If you would like to receive regular mailings, please contact us at the above numbers. Dues are \$70.00 per year per person. 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## **Salsa and Bachata Dancing**

**Club Odyssey** (the lounge at the Doubletree Hotel)  
3100 Camino del Rio (off the 99 at the Rosedale Hwy. exit)  
661-323-7111 (hotel number) *(I need a contact number for the DJ or Dance Teacher, please)*  
Dancing on Thursdays 8:00-10:30, and Sundays 6:30-8:00. Free lessons on Sunday afternoons.

### **Cielo 9**

4208 Rosedale Hwy. (Tucked away in the northwest corner of Rosedale Hwy. and Fairhaven Drive, behind Hooters)  
661-347-8471  
Open Mon-Weds 3:30-11:00 p.m., Thurs.-Sun. 3:30-2:00 a.m. Dancers get there around 9:00. Beginning dance lessons at 8:00 p.m., with a different dance taught each week (Salsa, Bachata and Cumbia). \$5 cover charge. The music starts at 9:00 after the lesson.

## **Country Dancing**

### **Trouts**

805 North Chester Avenue  
661-399-6700  
[www.troutsblackboard.com](http://www.troutsblackboard.com)  
Dancing 7 nights a week, 365 days a year. Live bands on weekends

### **Crystal Palace**

2800 Buck Owens Boulevard  
661-328-7560  
<http://www.buckowens.com>  
Dancing Tuesday through Saturday. Live bands on weekends.

### **Rustic Rail Saloon**

147 E. Norris Road  
661-703-6982  
Open Tuesday thru Thursday 1:00 p.m. till 2:00 a.m., Friday through Sunday 2:00 p.m. till 2:00 a.m. Live bands several nights a week and there's also a jukebox. (PS: If you heard there was smoking in here that was stopped around Christmas time and there is no smell in there anymore.)

### **Pairs and Spares Dance Club**

Rasmussen SeniorCenter  
115 Roberts Lane, one block east of North Chester Avenue  
661-364-4325  
Dance to a rotating schedule of live country and oldies music every Friday night from 7-10 p.m. Bands include: Jerri Arnold & the All Stars, The Tommy Hays Band, Country George, Stampede, and CRS Riders. Admission \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members (free for first-timers) includes free refreshments.

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## **Swing Dancing**

Currently there is no dedicated swing club in town, however, we swing dance (East Coast, West Coast and Lindy) at all of the places listed above.

## **Special Events / Dance Location Contact Information**

<b>DANCE EVENT LOCATIONS</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONES</b>
Bakersfield Racquet Club	1660 Pine Street (off Truxtun Avenue)	325-8652
East Bakersfield Veteran's Hall	2101 Ridge Road (off Mt. Vernon Avenue)	324-9392
Greenacres Rec Center	2014 Calloway	392-2010
No. Bakersfield Vets Hall	400 Norris Road (in Oildale)	
Rasmussen Sr. Center	115 E. Roberts Lane (in Oildale)	392-2030
So. Bakersfield Vets Hall	1905 Wilson Road (one block west of So. H Street)	
Kern City Town Hall	1003 Pebble Beach Drive	
Womens Club	2030 18th Street (corner 18th & D Streets)	325-7889
Riverview Recreation Center	401 Willow Drive (in Oildale)	392-2020
Fairfax Grange Hall	Corner of Brundage and Fairfax	321-9636

## **My Favorite (and recommended) Local Dance Bands**

The locations where these bands play vary so please contact them to verify. Most also have mailing lists you can ask to be put on, which I highly recommend. When you contact these bands, please tell them you heard about them on my website. Thanks!

**Country George** - Great Country music. This is one of my favorite country bands for danceability. Every song is danceable with a great variety of music. I always try to time it to go when they are up in the rotation at the Rasmussen Center. My friend and I went to all of the dances to hear each band, and they were a clear favorite. We danced every dance we knew to every song they played. How often can you say that about a band? They play for the Mavericks, the Pairs & Spares Dance Club, and various other locations. They are available for weddings or other private events. For more information contact Scott McArthur at: 578-1792

Local Bands Continued...

**Mento Buru** - I LOVE this Latino flavored 7 piece band! Horns and percussive instruments are my favs, and they have a sliding trombone player! Their music is self-described as “Funky Ska Punky Reggae Mambo Salsa Jazz World Beat Dance Sounds”. All I know is I can’t keep my behind in a chair whenever they are playing! For info on where they are playing and/or to book a gig, contact band leader Matt Munoz at [mentoburu@yahoo.com](mailto:mentoburu@yahoo.com), on Facebook, or on their website: <http://reverbnation.com/mentoburu>

**Foster & Friends High Octane Rhythm & Blues** – West Coast Swing dancers love R&B music and this group plays great swing music! To contact them or find out where they're playing, email Foster Campbell at: [Foster@bak.rr.com](mailto:Foster@bak.rr.com)

**Salsa Solution** - I haven't heard this band yet, but I hear they are wonderful! They tell me they play Salsa, Bachata, Cumbia and Cha-Cha in niteclubs and for special events in the valley. To contact them or find out where they're playing, contact Steve at: [www.myspace.com/salsasolution](http://www.myspace.com/salsasolution)

**Ridge Route Romeos** - They play Rockabilly in niteclubs around town and for special events in the valley. This is great swing music, dancers! To contact them or find out where they're playing, call Brian Paxton at 932-2180 or email him at: [bpaxton@bak.rr.com](mailto:bpaxton@bak.rr.com)

**Son Tropical** - This Cuban Salsa band plays at various locations in town and come highly recommended. For [info@caminorealbakersfield.com](mailto:info@caminorealbakersfield.com)