

Short Bio

Don Stratton is a musician (fiddle, banjo, guitar) and dance caller for contra dances and square dances.

Don's music reflects his love for fiddle and banjo tunes from the southern Appalachians as well as the dance music of New England. He is an avid dance musician and regularly plays fiddle with the band Red Dog Riley.

As a dance caller, Don brings a welcoming and relaxed style to the mic. He has called throughout Vermont and in surrounding states. His repertoire includes modern New England contras as well as southern squares and big circle dances. Through it all he strives to lead interesting dances that will bring smiles to experienced dancers and novices alike.

He recently retired from teaching biology at the University of Vermont, which now gives him more time for playing music, writing tunes, and sharing the joy of community dance!