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Paul took lessons in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1958 from a caller out of Waurika, Ok. Named Stub Davis. He and his wife (at the time), were the youngest couple taking lessons, and also, dancing. It did not take much time before he was hooked. At the time, his wife's brother & his wife, her sister & her husband, her father & his wife all danced.

After not quite a year, Paul's father-in-law (at the time), decided he needed to learn to call. He brought out an old turntable, a mike, some old 78's, and said here, you need to learn these. Then he brought in some 45's, and said he needed to learn a little more modern record.

In 1959, Paul started his first club, in Henrietta, Tx. They had about 2 squares. He continued to call for that club, as well as, the Clay County Pioneers (they danced in the "Pioneer" Bldg. at the Rodeo Grounds). He also started the Jim Bowie Dancers in Bowie, TX, The Jacksboro Roll-A-Ways in Jacksboro, The Road Runners in Wichita Falls and the Starlighters in Seymour. He continued calling for these clubs until he moved to Ft Worth in 1974. Most of these clubs are now inactive, but many of the dancers are still dancing.

He started calling for the Diamond Jubileers, in 1975, and the Tri-City Promenaders, in 1980. He still calls for and teaches lessons for both, as well as, a guest caller for a number of North Texas clubs. He is an active member of the NTCA & the TSCA. He is has been the treasurer for the NTCA for the last several years. Paul has tirelessly and wholeheartedly taught square dance lessons for the past 50 years and is currently teaching basic lessons partnered with Tarrant County College.

Other calling venues include calling for local Nursing homes Christmas exhibitions, weekend resorts and campouts.

He married his wife Mary in 1985 and between them have a daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren.

He recently received a Certificate of Achievement from the American Callers Association for his 50 years of calling. The Diamond Jubileers honored Paul for his fifty years of calling with a special dance in April where he was inducted into the Texas Callers Hall of Fame. In October of 2008, the Tri City Promenaders celebrated his 25 years of calling for them and presented him with a special recognition plaque.

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