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Wade Driver learned to Square Dance from his father, Doc Driver in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was born. It was then that he performed his first singing call and has been calling ever since. From 1957 until 1966, Wade attended and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and served his time as an officer in the Navy. Upon discharge from the Navy, he began to pursue a civilian career while continuing his education at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta. In 1975, after moving to Houston, Texas, Wade quit his regular job to pursue Square Dance calling as a full-time profession. In September of 1975, he produced the first records on the "Rhythm" label. Since 1975, Wade has made Rhythm Records one of the top Square Dance labels in the world. He personally has recorded such hits as "Some Broken Hearts Never Mend", "Boogie Grass Band", "Dream Lover", "New Attitude", and many others. The success of the label is due primarily to Wade's management and musical skills. Wade and his wife, Helene, live in Spring, Texas. In addition to calling at home, he travels all over the world calling various Specials, State Conventions, Square Dance Resorts, and other Festivals. He has called in almost every state in the union as well as Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand, England, Germany, Sweden, Austria and Canada. He also called a winter program in Mesa, AZ for eighteen years. Wade has also taught numerous caller schools at home and abroad. In addition to his Calling career, Wade spent time as a financial analyst with Smith Barney and as a realtor with First Millennium Realty in Texas. Helene is from Vasteras, Sweden and is a registered nurse specializing in orthopedics at the Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Woodlands, TX. Wade has three children, two stepchildren, and four grandchildren. Wade has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1976 and is a past member of the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee. He is a recipient of the CALLERLAB Milestone Award. Wade is also a member of the Texas State Callers Association Hall of Fame. Wade says, "Those of us who have made our living as Square Dance Callers owe it to the activity to put back into the activity as least as much as we have taken out. Square Dancing is a fun recreation. Callers should make sure that it always stays that way".

