

Brian White Bio

I literally grew up in a square dance hall. My parents began square dancing in Beaumont, Texas in 1946. My dad was a caller so I guess I came about it naturally. My parents stopped dancing in 1960 so they could spend more time with my brother, sister and me. After we kids got our drivers' licenses and didn't have to be chauffeured everywhere my parents returned to a square dance class in 1968. After my parents graduated from beginner's class my parents started in on us kids to take square dance lessons. We remembered the twangy live music and the old 78-rpm records, the elaborate ladies squaw dresses and men's shirts and boots and wanted no part of it! After a couple of years of hearing about new classes coming up, we "used-to-be-kids" now with our spouses finally agreed to try square dancing but only with the condition that if we didn't like it we would never again be bombarded with future invitations. The deal was made and January of 1971 all of the White clan went to lessons. My siblings and I were surprised. No twangy live music, no hokey 78-rpm records, no calls like "Make two stars; one like Venus one like Mars", the dress attire was modern and it was actually fun. Graduation was in April, I started calling in August and I had my own club all before 1971 ended. Dad, mom and my brother are gone and I am the only remaining family square dancer.

I have been club caller and teacher for many clubs in and around the Beaumont area. I have attended many local, state and national conventions through the years and made

many close and lasting friendships. I have attended different callers clinics around the country as well as locally. I have called in many states across the country as well as Mexico. I enjoy calling very much but I have a passion for teaching beginner classes. I moved from Beaumont to Houston in 1996. I dance through Challenge I and call through A-2. I round dance through Phase II. I am currently serving as president of the Houston Callers Association. I am a full member of the Texas State Callers Association and the American Callers Association.

Besides square and round dancing I enjoy growing orchids. I am a former certified orchid judge through the American Orchid Society. I am currently living in Cypress, Texas with my adorable dog Prissy and am establishing a small farm there where I grow vegetables, berries and fruit, raise broiler chickens and layers and Californian rabbits.

I am the father of Jeremy, 38 (actor and playwright living in Louisville, KY), Jason, 34 (musician in Beaumont), Joshua, 34 (career military in Army recently back from deployment in Africa), Jonathan, 32 (living in Beaumont attending Lamar University in his first year of medical school and recently honorably discharged from the Army with a Bronze Star with Valor) and Jenny, 29 (living in Baton Rouge with her husband Shannon Fontenot).