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## Weekly NEWSLETTER

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# Big Country: Where Southern Nights Come Alive



### Weekly Roundup!

Your guide to the best country music, partner and line dance, and country venues in Saint Louis and across the U.S.

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## Featured Venue of the Week



### ***Big Country of Bossier City, LA***

A Two-Story Honky tonk Adventure in the Heart of Bossier City – Big Country of Bossier City, Featured Venue of the Week

This week we are spotlighting Bossier City's Big Country. Bossier City's Big Country isn't just a nightclub, it's a full-blown experience. Whether you're two-stepping under neon lights or conquering the mechanical bull, this two-story country nightclub delivers high-energy fun with a Southern twist.

#### **Why Go?**

I had the chance to visit Big Country while back home visiting family in nearby Texarkana. It was my first time stepping into this local gem, and I made it a stop on my Honk Tonk Tour across the country. Let me tell you, this is not your typical country bar.

- Two-Story Layout: Upon entering, a stairwell leads to the second level that overlooks the expansive main dance floor below.
- Dance Floors: The main floor is about 1,200 sq ft and dedicated to country music and line dancing. Upstairs, a smaller 200 sq ft dance floor pumps out Top 40 hits.
- Mechanical Bull: Tucked in the corner, it's a must-try for thrill-seekers.
- Pool Tables: Both levels feature pool tables—perfect for playing while watching dancers below.
- Bars & Seating: Two full bars flank the main dance floor, with ample seating throughout. The second level also has its own bar and seating overlooking the action.

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- **VIP Longhorn Lounge:** A cozy corner on the lower level with plush seating, ideal for private parties.

### What to Expect

- **Dance styles:** Two-step, country swing, partner dancing, and line routines fit comfortably on the floor.
- **Music:** The DJ plays classic country, two-step, and line dancing songs downstairs. The DJ-driven music upstairs plays modern dance, top 40, and party music.
- **Room:** A large dance floor downstairs dedicated to country music, line dancing, and two-stepping. Free line dancing lessons are offered on Friday nights. **Upstairs:** A separate area with a DJ playing Top 40 and other popular dance hits.
- **Grab a bite:** The **Big Country Grill** is a full-service restaurant located within the venue, offering local food and appetizers.
- **Cover charge:** A cover charge is often in effect. However, ladies get in free before midnight on Thursdays and Fridays.
- **Dress code:** While the dress code is casual, some general restrictions apply. For men, sleeveless shirts are not allowed, and the club prohibits offensive, vulgar, baggy, or gym attire for all patrons. The venue also restricts "flying colors," which typically refers to gang colors.
- **Check social media:** The club often posts about weekly specials, drink deals, and events on its Instagram and Threads accounts.

### My favorite moment

Dancing on the main floor while watching the crowd from above was surreal. The energy was electric, and the mix of country charm with modern flair made it unforgettable. Playing pool upstairs while the dancers twirled below added a whole new vibe to the night.

### Insider tips

- Arrive early on weekends to avoid long lines
- Book the VIP lounge for special occasions—it's worth it
- Don't skip the line dancing lessons, even if you're a beginner
- The bull gets tougher as the night goes on—ride early!

### Quick Info

- Address: 1003 Gould Drive, Bossier City, LA
- Phone: (318)584-7218
- Website: [bigcountrybossier.com](https://bigcountrybossier.com)
- Hours: Wed-Sat, 7:00 PM - 2:00 AM

Big Country is where boots meet beats and every night feels like a celebration. Whether you're a local or just passing through, it's a must-stop for anyone who loves a good time with a country twist.

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Read the full Gene's experience and see photos → [BootsBeatsLife.com](https://BootsBeatsLife.com) or on Facebook at Friends of Country Music and Dance Halls

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## Country Music Spotlight

### *Artist of the Week: Zach Top*

Zach Top, a rising neotraditional country artist, channels the timeless sound of legends like my favorite country artist, George Strait with smooth vocals, steel guitar, and heartfelt storytelling. His latest single “Sounds Like the Radio” is a nostalgic anthem that brings classic country back to center stage. Check out his latest track: “**Sounds Like the Radio**” → [https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=V\\_R4iVA6Nts&si=RdNfpuMYOCW31Q4w](https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=V_R4iVA6Nts&si=RdNfpuMYOCW31Q4w)

### *Local Artist/Group of the Week: Whiskey Morning*



Whiskey Morning Band brings a soulful blend of country grit and Southern charm to every stage they play. Though I first heard them and danced to their music back in 2022, it wasn't until I saw them again at Trainwreck this year that I absolutely fell in love with their musical style. Their sound is rich with heartfelt lyrics, tight harmonies, and a rhythm that keeps the dance floor alive. Catch them live and let their music move you → [https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=abRJ9\\_nAJ1c&si=RUMUzTtlnrEsmE7](https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=abRJ9_nAJ1c&si=RUMUzTtlnrEsmE7)

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## Upcoming Events

### *Where to Dance This Week:*

- Monday
  - **The Legacy Center** – Normandy, MO | Just4Kix Soul Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 pm |
  - *Laced Up Studio* – St. Louis, MO | Line Dance Lessons | 5:45-7:15 pm & 7:30-9:30 pm | \$10.00
  - **Lumiere of Chesterfield** – Chesterfield, MO | 6:00-7:30 pm |
  - Collinsville VFW – Collinsville, IL | Line Dance Lessons w/ Stompin' Boots Line Dance | 6:00-9:00 pm |
- Tuesday
  - *Laced Up Studio* – St. Louis, MO | Line Dance Lessons | 6:00-8:00 pm | \$4-\$10 |
  - **High Ridge Elks Lodge #2455** – High Ridge, MO | Line Dance Lessons and dance | 7:00-9:30 pm |
  - **Silver Creek Sports & Social** – Belleville, IL | Line Dancing by Little Cactus Line Dancing Co. | 7:00-9:00 pm |
  - **MK Ranch Bar & Grill** – Warrenton, MO | Line Dancing w/ Krissy Schulze | 6:00-9:00 pm |
  - **Brookdale Farms** – Eureka, MO | Line Dancing w/ Stacey Schwartz | 6:30-9:00 pm |
- Wednesday
  - *Laced Up Studio* – St. Louis, MO | Line Dance Lessons | 6:15-8:15 pm |
  - **Diamond Music Hall** – St Peters, MO | DJ Fish Productions
  - **Highland VFW** – Highland, IL | Little Cactus Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 pm |
  - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Couples' Dance Lessons | 7:00-9:00 pm |
  - **The Outfield Sports Bar and Grill** – Marthasville, MO | Lessons 6:00-7:00 pm Open dance 7:00-9:00 pm |
  - **Silver Creek Sports & Social** – Belleville, IL | Line Dance Lessons w/ Stompin' Boots Line Dance | Lessons 6:00-7:00 pm Open Dance 7:00-9:00 pm |
- Thursday
  - **Laced Up Studio** – St. Louis, MO | Line Dance Lessons | 7:00-9:00 pm |
  - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO – MabeeFitness Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 pm |



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- **Elks Lodge** – Osage Beach, MO | Tammy Marie and Club Ready - Line Dance LOTO | Lessons 4:30-7:30 pm
  - *Civic Center East* – Hazelwood, MO | Sassy Slide Line Dance | Lessons 6:00 pm |
  - **Breese America Legion** – Breese, IL | Little Cactus Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 pm |
  - **Fast Eddie's Bon Air** – Alton, IL | Live Band “Truckers” | 6:00-10:00 pm |
  - Friday
    - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Live Band - Rick Wagner Show | 7:30-11:30 pm |
    - *The Gala Rose* – St. Louis, MO | 5:00 PM
    - **54 Country** – Kingdom City, MO |
    - **Rec Hall STL** – St. Charles, MO | Line Dancing Lessons 7:00-8:00 pm | Open Dance 8:00 pm to closing |
  - Saturday
    - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Live Band - Hill Williams Band | 7:30-11:30 pm |
    - **Gene's Country Club** – Pevely, MO | Live Band - House Cats | 6:00 pm-closing |
    - **54 Country** – Kingdom City | Dance lessons 8:00-9:00 pm | Live Band 9:00 pm-1:00 am |
    - *Centennial Commons* – University City, MO | Sassy Slide Line Dance | Lessons 11:00 am
    - **Willoughby Farm** – Collinsville, IL | Boot Scootin' Boogie Barn Dance w/ Stompin' Boots Line Dance | 6:30-10:00 pm
    - **Breese America Legion** – Breese, IL | Little Cactus Line Dancing | 7:00-11:00 pm |
  - Sunday
    - **HandleBar** – St. Louis, MO | Sunday Stomp Line Dance | 4:30 - 7:30 pm |
    - **The Loading Dock Bar & Grill** – Grafton, IL | Live music - The Truckers | 1:00-4:00 pm |
    - **Sugar Creek Winery** – Defiance, Mo | DJ Tim music | 2:00-6:00 pm |
    - **Fast Eddie's Bon Air** – Alton, IL | Live Band “BoulderDash” | 1:00-5:00 pm |

Submit your event → [events@bootsbeatslife.com](mailto:events@bootsbeatslife.com)

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## Photo of the Week



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## Community Corner

A special shoutout to Jonny Kruse & the Diamond Music Hall Team! For the past four years, Jonny Kruse, alongside his co-owners and dedicated staff—has given country and line dancers more than just a venue. He's given us a home away from home. Diamond Music Hall has become a place where we can leave our troubles at the door, kick up our boots, and dance with like-minded friends who've become family.

Thank you, Jonny, for creating a space filled with music, laughter, and connection. You've built more than a dance floor—you've built a community.

### Country Dance and Line Dance Instructors

- MabeeFitness Line Dancing with Sami Mabee | <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082928104230>
- Line Dance St. Louis with Evan VanScoyk, Thomas Poon, Mona Frame | <https://www.facebook.com/groups/355089921712327/>
- Little Cactus Line Dancing with Christina | <https://www.facebook.com/groups/927986201977457>
- Line Dancing with Krissy Schulze
- Stompin' Boots Line Dance with Jean Marie Gromacki | <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2503204983072566>
- Line Dancing with Stacey Schwartz | <https://www.facebook.com/stacey.schwartz.346585>
- Sassy Slide Line Dance with Tia Lester | <https://www.facebook.com/SassySlide>
- Laced Up Studio | <https://www.facebook.com/LacedUpStudio>

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