

## 50 Years ECTA Song

*At the ECTA Convention there was a song in honour of ECTA.  
The melody goes after "Living next door to Alice".*

*Hier der Text des Afterparty-Songs "50 Years of ECTA" in Suhl.*

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### 1. Strophe

Harold called and he said „did you hear it  
Cal,  
EAA wanna send us to he\*\*?  
We talk to much about figures at  
meetings!“  
Cal said, „We need a workgroup real  
quick,  
to discuss the movements, that make  
dancers sick.“  
those were the days, when ECTA was  
build.

### Refrain:

These two they had it comin', they made  
a motion here,  
to have caller clinic , after lots of beer.  
And little bit later they founded ECTA  
(ECTA? - 50 Years of ECTA!)  
We got a handbook for our goal to call,  
with figures written down, that could be  
danced by all.  
And since that time Squaredance grew  
well with ECTA.  
(ECTA? - 50 Years of ECTA!)

### 2. Strophe

Many Years Later, you have to pass a  
test,  
to get your Badge and show you're  
among the best.  
Oh, I've got that white one!  
But later the Black one disappeared,  
no more test for the callers we heard.  
Just 3 Signatures will do now ...

### Refrain:

3 People made a plan, really out of fun,  
let us show the others, what they just have done,  
and a little dog got a membership in ECTA  
(ECTA? - 50 Years of ECTA!)  
Jim and Lorna laughed, 'till tears run down their face,  
never had imagined, things could change in such a  
pace  
and their dog just became the smallest caller in  
ECTA.  
(ECTA? - 50 Years of ECTA!)

### 3. Strophe

Time passed on, the first convention was planned,  
callers came by, from all across the land,  
to learn, to discuss and party.  
Now we have four councils, one for each dance form,  
individual seminars became the norm,  
we've got far, were we started from.

### Refrain (2x):

50 Years of ECTA, were here to celebrate  
and it does'nt really matter, that we're 2 years too  
late.  
All the board members nearly worked off their heads  
for ECTA!  
(ECTA? - 50 Years of ECTA!)  
We are looking forward, there're many years to  
come,  
no one will imagine, all things that could be done  
and we're shoutin' out loud „I'm proud to be in ECTA“  
(ECTA? - 50 Years of ECTA!)

### TAG:

And without us all, there would be no ECTA ...

### **Erklärungen:**

**Harold Dean und Cal Golden** waren die Initiatoren für eine europäische Callervereinigung.

**Jim und Lorna Robar** (und ihr Dackel) sollten vielen Tänzern noch in guter Erinnerung sein, auch wenn Jim in Deutschland schon länger nicht mehr callt.