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Memorial Day Clogging Spectacular May 28-29, 2010

Another fun-filled event in Mason, Ohio has come and gone. But what a weekend it was!

This year's event was dedicated to Arthur Jarvis, father of Sallie James and to all the veterans of the USA. The theme this year was Red, White, and Boom, and what great representation it brought.

Fun workshops started on Friday and were presented by a wonderfully long list of some of the finest instructors. The Friday Night fun dance sent everyone off with tired toes to rest up for the next day. Saturday the workshops continued in full swing. Theme flavored exhibitions by the Country Side Cloggers, Yellow Rose of Ohio, and the All Ohio cloggers were a highlight of the evening, followed by another raucous fun dance and the traditional Lights Out Fun Dance rounded out the weekend. Saturday night also included a celebration of one of clogging's most beloved figures. This year marked the retirement of one of the most respected teachers/directors, Sallie Atkins James. Her contributions to the clogging world will be fondly remembered for many years to come. (see page 2 for more)



Some of the instructors with Sallie



Country Side Cloggers perform

**Red,
White
and
Boom!**



It's America performed by the Yellow Rose Cloggers of Ohio



Sallie enjoys the All Ohio Cloggers performing a routine she choreographed



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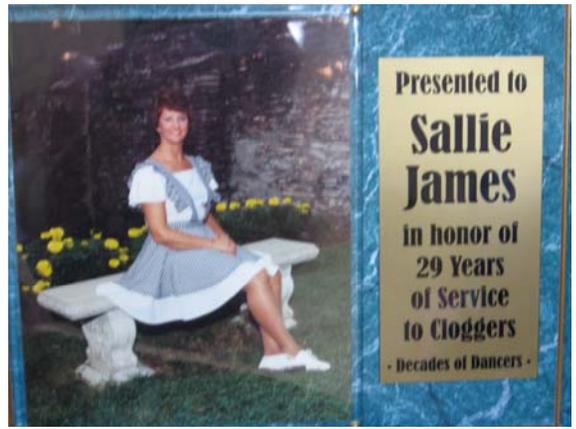
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A legend and friend retires.....

I started clogging in Jan 1979? In a few years I started the Midwest Cloggers. Many years later, Heritage Cloggers was formed along with my traveling clog shop, Heritage Clog Supply. Many have seen me with a hammer in my hand, pounding away to nail taps on shoes. I have driven thousands of miles in my old vans and in the past 3 years, my traveling companion has been my 84 yr old MOM! How I loved those days. Hard work, back breaking til last year when I literally did...Break my Back!



Memorial Day Clogging Spectacular was born 19 years ago with Steve Smith, Charlie Burns, Tandy Barrett and Jeff Driggs. Now, this is my final year. So I want to say a big THANK YOU to all the instructors who are doing a great job this year to bring out the best in every clogger in attendance...from Basic to Traditional to Advanced students. I know this being my last workshop and clogging experience since my tragic fall and broken back this time last year, I will surely miss each and everyone that I have come to know and love in this clogging world. My advice to all instructors and cloggers alike..say a kind word to someone, smile at someone, hug someone, and pray for someone each day.

I will miss you and my clogging world terribly. Sooo even though I am not out there in the clogging world in body....remember I am here in Spirit! I wish each one happiness, health, and friendship, but, above all this....I wish you LOVE!

GOD BLESS YA'ALL
 Sallie James.....Over and Out!



Below: Sallie receives some affection from dancers at her honoring.

Above: Sallie receives the plaque pictured above honoring her commitment to clogging.



On The Beat...**News from around the clogging world**

Meet our own

Ms NC Senior America 2010

Sarah Daffron, CCI!!!

It is my pleasure to introduce you to a reigning Queen in the clogging world— Ms Sarah Daffron. She was crowned Tuesday, June 8. She will going to Atlantic City, October 3-7 to compete for the National Senior America title. Her experience in her own words is detailed below. What an exciting experience and another awesome representation of clogging! For more on Sarah go to:

<http://www.senioramerica.org/North%20Carolina.htm>

By Sarah Daffron

As a Certified Clogging Instructor, I dance with two clogging groups – Southern Country Cloggers in Greensboro and Quicksilver Cloggers in Robbins. In the spring of 2009 after dancing with Quicksilver Cloggers at the Buggy Festival in Carthage, a wonderful lady by the name of Carole Wunderlin approached our group. She gave us her business card which referenced the MS North Carolina Senior America Pageant. She suggested that if any of us were of the “Age of Elegance” (that being 60) we would be welcomed as candidates for this pageant.

Of course, being only 59 at the time I was not old enough to participate. My curiosity got the best of me, however, and a couple of us decided to attend the pageant that year just to see what it was all about. There were 7 contestants ranging in age from 64 to 83. The categories for judging were evening gown, talent, philosophy and an interview with the judges. After this pageant, I decided I would give it a shot.

This year the pageant was held at Owens Auditorium at the Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst on Tuesday, June 8th, 2010. There were eight contestants ranging in age from 60 to 72. It was interesting to me that there were ladies from all over North Carolina competing and the range of talent was so wide – stand up comedy, dancing, singing, a cheerleader and a dramatization. Of course, clogging was my talent .

I believe performing with these clogging groups on stages in and around the area for the last 15 years ma have given me an edge. I have been in several clogging competitions as well as competing at the NC State Fair. I completed the course for a Certified Clogging Instructor in 2007 at the National Clogging Convention in Nashville, TN.

The National Competition for the Senior America Pageant will be held in October in Atlantic City at Harrah’s Casino and Resort. There are approximately 29 states who are currently participating in this event. I will be performing as the representative for North Carolina. I think this will be a wonderful experience and a chance to meet and make friends with people from all over the United States.

If you are of the “Age of Elegance” and would like to participate in the NC Senior America Pageant 2011, please contact me at sdaffron@triad.rr.com or Beverly Wetherbie, North Carolina Co-Director at Wetherbie@nc.rr.com or go to www.senioramerica.org.

Wish me luck!
Sarah Daffron, CCI

**Congratulations Sarah
Good Luck in Atlantic City!!**



THE GAMBLER by KENNY ROGERS*Easy Intermediate.**Choreo: Tony Broderick- (tbroderick1@mac.com)**Wait 8 Beats Left Foot Lead**KENNY ROGERS: GREATEST HITS**CAPITOL RECORDS NASHVILLE 1994***PART A (32)**

(8) BRUSH OVER LEFT & SLUR VINE BRUSH *ds-br(up)hc-ds--rs--ds-slur-st-ds-br(up)hc*
L R L R LR L R R L R L

(8) DONKEY & TRIPLE *ds-ttch(xif)hc-ttch(ots)hc-ttch(xif)hc-ds-ds-ds--rs*
L R L R L R L R L R LR

*Repeat above***PART B (32)**

(8) COWBOY (TURN 1/4 L) *ds-ds-ds-br(up)hc-ds--rs--rs--rs*
L R L R L R LR LR LR

(8) 2 JOEYS - LEFT AND RIGHT *dt(ba)st-ba(xib)-ba(ots)-ba(s)-ba(xib)-ba(ots)-st*
L R L R L R L

(8) KARATE 1/2 LEFT & FANCY DOUBLE *ds-kick(turn1/2)hc -ds- kick(if)hc-ds-ds--rs--rs*
L R L R L R LR LR

(8) COWBOY (TURN 1/4 L)
2 RUNS (FIRST TIME ONLY)

PART C (32)

(8) SAMANTHA *ds-ds(xif)-dr(b)-s(b)-dr(b)-st--rs-ds-ds--rs*
L R L R L R LR L R LR

(8) ROOSTER RUN & CHARLESTON BRUSH *ds-ds(xif)-ba(s)-ba(b)-ba(s)-s(f)-ds-tt(f)hc-tt(b)hc-tt(f)hc*
L R L R L R L R L R L R L

(8) ROOSTER RUN & CHARLESTON BRUSH *ds-tt(up)hc- tt(up)hc-tt(up)hc-ds-ds-ds--rs*
R L R L R L R L R L RL

*(8) SAMANTHA***CHORUS (32)**

(8) DRAG & A LOOP-DRAG & A BASIC (L) *ds-dr-k(f)-st-ds loop(be)-st-ds-dr-k(f)-st-ds--rs*
L L R L R L L R L RL

(8) HILLBILLY AND TRIPLE .
Option Turn Hillbilly half both times *ds-tt(up)hc- tt(up)hc-tt(up)hc-ds-ds-ds--rs*
R L R L R L R L R L RL

*(8) DRAG & A LOOP-DRAG & A BASIC (R)**(8) HILLBILLY AND TRIPLE***6 RUNS (FIRST TIME ONLY)**

(Continued from page 4)

REPEAT PART B (NO RUNS)

REPEAT PART C

REPEAT CHORUS (NO RUNS)

BREAK(32)

(16) STEP VINE-TAP AND CLAP (LEFT-RIGHT)	st(ots)-st(be)- st(ots)-tap & clap-st(ots)-st(be)-st(ots)-tap & clap
	L R L R R L R

(16) STEP VINE TAP & CLAP (FWD-BACK)	st(f)-st(f)-st(f)-tap & clap-st(b)-st(b)-st(b)-tap & clap
	L R L R R L R L

END(31)

(8) DRAG & A LOOP-DRAG & A BASIC

(8) HILLBILLY--TRIPLE

(8) DRAG & A LOOP-DRAG & A BASIC

(4) HILLBILLY

(3) DOUBLE BASIC

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Send cue sheets for consideration to Mary Snyder, marysnyder2@comcast.net
PO Box 33
Glen Gardner, NJ
USA 08826.

SEQUENCE--A/B/C/CHORUS/B(NO RUNS)/C/ CHORUS(NO RUNS)/ BREAK/END

b=back ba=ball of foot be=behind br=brush f=forward hc=heel click k=kick
ots=out to side st=step tt=toe touch xib=cross in back xif=cross in front



Convention 2010 - Nashville Opryland Hotel Progress



"We continue to make excellent progress on the restoration of Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center – and remain on track to meet our November 15, 2010 reopening date.

More than a thousand people are at work inside the hotel every day — representing 38 separate contracting companies including architectural, interior design, procurement, engineering, and construction." - Opryland Hotel.

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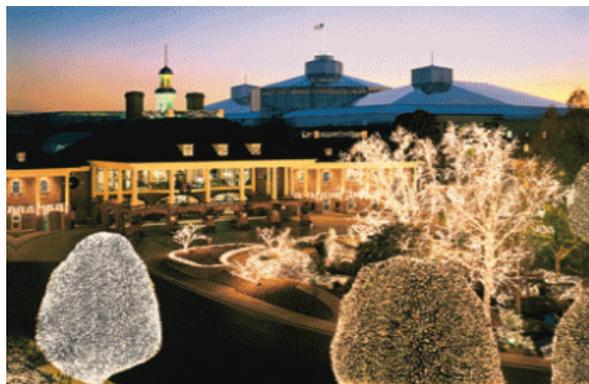
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More on The Beat...**News from around the clogging world****SMALL TREASURES**

By: Barbara Elko

In the hustle and bustle of the clogging world, smaller workshops have little wide spread notoriety. However, these smaller workshops pack a big punch for those lucky enough to have found them. For twenty years Clarence Watkins organized such a workshop, as part of the West Virginia Dance Convention (square dancing and clogging). held annually in Buckhannon, West Virginia. Year after year, this dedicated man quietly assured a modest number of cloggers a place to dance. Sharing his passion for clogging, numerous instructors eagerly arrived each year, cue sheets in hand. His exuberance set the tempo for a weekend of toe tapping, foot stomping, heel clicking fun. Many routines, ideas, and laughs were shared in the room he prepared. Sadly, this year Clarence has retired as chairman of this event. It is with great affection we say farewell, and thanks to our distinguished friend.

**FONDA HILL'S
MIDWEST ROUNDUP**

By: Barbara Elko

Once again instructors and dancers hit the trail to Fort Mitchell Kentucky for the 17th annual Midwest Workshop. Inside the Drawbridge Inn three corrals were set up to contain the herd of restless dancers.

Fonda's deputies included Mustang Trevor DeWitt, Bronco Buster Morgan Hudson, Trail Riders Brian Tucker, Danny Lee, Sam Gill, Vaquero Steve Harbin, Miss Tina Curtis, Miss Reina Beaven, Miss Janet Kingery, and Swing Riders Connie and Dave Huffman. The varied choreography accommodated both the greenhorns, and the more seasoned wranglers. With an occasional use of a lariat and gallop it did not take long for these folks to tame the stampede of cloggers.

Of course all gathered in the main corral for the signature "Cue it & Do it" to satisfied their thirst for all routines available. After a short break to grab some fiddles from one of the on site or local chuck wagons the evening festivities began. Under the skilled leadership of Connie and Dave Huffman, all dancers were encouraged to learn and then demo a hoedown. The laughter shared preparing for, then dancing a hoedown is unmatched! Thanks to this hard working couple the hoedown is a tradition at this workshop. All too soon the sunset, and the Midwest ended. Thanks Fonda and company for providing a great time.

TILL NEXT YEAR HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!

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Upcoming Events

(see more listings at <http://www.clog.org/clogtoday/>)

September 24-25, 2010

Fontana Clogging Jamboree
Fontana Dam, NC
Fontana Village Resort
Naomi Pyle
812-579-6979
www.fontanaworkshop.com

October 2, 2010

IPCA Just For Fun Workshop
Macon County Fairgrounds
Decatur, IL
Judy Gagnon
309-261-0007
clogdog73@yahoo.com
www.illinoislogging.com

October 15 & 16, 2010

Gopher-It Fall Workshop
Alexandria, MN
Arrowwood Resort and Conf Ctr
612-991-3270
smashingto@yahoo.com

October 23, 2010

23rd Annual Oktober(Clog)Fest Workshop
The Seasons Lodge
Nashville, IN
Naomi Pyle
812-579-6979
www.oktoberfest.com

November 5 & 6, 2010

Frolic in the Fall
Jamestown, KY
Lake Cumberland Resort State Park
Trevor DeWitt 317-670-8934
Trevor@clogdancing.com
<http://lehighvalleycloggers.com/PennsylvaniaHarvestStomp.html>

November 6, 2010

Harvest Stomp
Easton, PA
Mary Snyder, 908-537-2564
marysnyder2@comcast.net
<http://lehighvalleycloggers.com/PennsylvaniaHarvestStomp.html>

November 19 & 20, 2010

Hickory Hoedown
Hickory, NC
Hickory Metro Conf Ctr
AJ Kirby
828-781-5920

November 20, 2010

Ohio Michigan Fall Festival
Toledo, OH
Common Space I
1700 N. Reynolds Rd.
www.rumblinrhythmcloggers.bravehost.com

November 25-27, 2010

25th Annual National Clogging Convention
Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214
David and Susan Phillips
678-889-4355
www.clog.org/convention

March 25-26, 2011

IPCA Illinois Classic Clogging Workshop
ISU Bone Student Center
Normal, IL
Judy Gagnon
309-261-0007
clogdog73@yahoo.com
www.illinoislogging.com

April 23, 2011

Clogging in the Natural State
Mountain Home, AR
Kathy Wilson
870-243-8113
dancetymestudio@yahoo.com

2010 Competition Season

October 16, 2010

W GA Fair Clogging Extravaganza
Carrollton, CA
Lawana Musick 770-834-2564
rackingnana@yahoo.com

November 20 & 21, 2010

Hickory Hoedown
Hickory, NC
Hickory Metro Conf Ctr
ACHF Sanctioned
AJ or Jill Kirby 828-396-2052
simscountrycloggers@yahoo.com
www.clognc.com

CLOG Welcomes New Members

We would like to welcome the following 6 new members to CLOG:

Misty Harrison, NC
Lesia Linkous, VA
Rosalee Rainholt, KS
Janet Williams, NC
James & Judy Short, TNJ
Jessica Beaudoin, ME
Julie Auten, IL
Charlotte McGaw, IN

For information on joining CLOG and the benefits of becoming a member, fill out and send in the application in this issue or at our web site at www.clog.org, or contact us at 678-889-4355 or clog@clog.org.



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Name Home Phone
Address Work Phone
City, State, Zip E-mail address

Clogging Group Membership
List membership in area, state, and/or national clogging associations

To: **CLOG, Inc.**

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~ Monday ~ Wednesday
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CCI Testing ~ Thursday

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Evening Dance ~ Wednesday
Open Teach Halls ~ Wednesday & Thursday
Dance Expose' ~ Thursday

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Parade of Colors ~ Thursday Evening
Evening Dancing ~ Thursday - Saturday
Workshops ~ Friday & Saturday
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Exhibitions ~ Friday Evening
Showcase ~ Saturday Evening

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TN 37214

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Premium rooms: \$164.00

Register Online at www.clog.org/convention

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