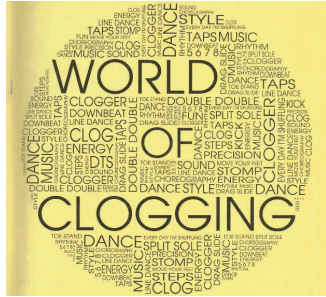


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By: Barbara Elko



This workshop/competition held at the Crowne Plaza in Cincinnati Ohio was a blast! What an awesome way to spent the Memorial Holiday Weekend, clogging with great people, fantastic instructors, and watching some amazing competitive dancers.

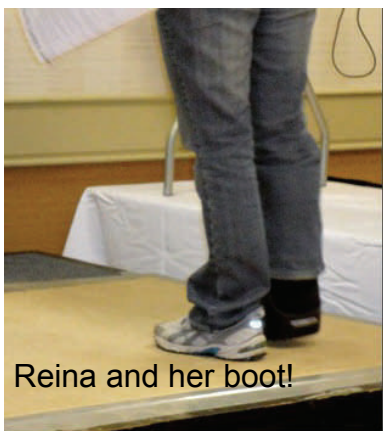


Speaking of amazing dancers the clogging group ALL THAT were there working on some new material. Saturday evening the group performed and generously spent time posing for pictures and signing autographs. The members of ALL THAT are presently involved with the television show America's Got Talent. They were selected to move on to Las Vegas. We will be watching and cheering them on to victory!

With four rooms opened and seventeen instructors on hand this workshop had everything and all. Banjo taught by Jeff Driggs and Naomi Pyle was a class that many of us enjoyed. It was a good routine, but the stories shared about certain adventures Jeff and Naomi experienced had the masses in uncontrollable laughter. These two are just having too much fun! Tina Curtis taught for the first



time at the World of Clogging, and it will not be the last time we see Tina. She has talent beyond my words, and energy to match. Speaking of energy, Fonda Hill reminds me of a small package containing the best gift. Her routines and music selections are always great! Trevor DeWitt and his ever present humor is always something to look forward to, and this time was no different. His teach of Georgia Peaches filled the room, as dancers eagerly awaited the routine knowing it would



Reina and her boot!

be special. "Rubber Legs" Morgan Hudson was on hand, and as usual everyone still wants to know how does he do that? This man just loves to dance and the way he twists and bends is supernatural. Danny Lee bravely taught a routine, which included bouncer basics, unclogs, and scissor turns. I say bravely, because Danny Lee had a mouth full of stitches from recent dental surgery, now that's devotion! **Reina Beaven, a delightful instructor, also demonstrated her love of clogging as she taught with a torn achilles heel. Wearing a boot on her right foot she led the dancers through a routine to Domino. Thanks Renia for your stupendous effort, and speedy recovery. All the instructors did a great job this workshop was fun!**

Let's talk fun dance. A couple of things made this one a bit different.

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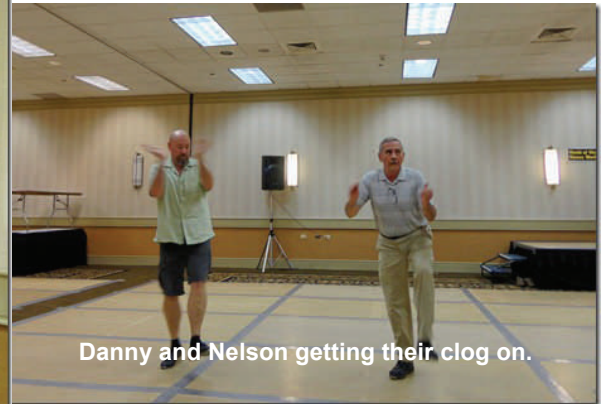
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Barb and the Huffmans getting photo bombed by Sissy!



Conrad and Janet enjoying WOC!



Danny and Nelson getting their clog on.

Barry Welch, an astonishing dancer actually added clogging steps to the electric glide. What a welcomed creative change! For those of you that have not witnessed Barry's "History of Clogging" watch the video on line it is amazing. Trevor DeWitt added a mixer which is always excessive amusement. Trevor also held a moment of silence to remember our military men and women who bravely serve our great country. The workshop came to a close with Happy Trails playing....till we meet again.

Thanks Jeff, and all those involved putting the World of Clogging together. It was a grand weekend spent with our clogging family.



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Dancin'!



Dancin'!



Dancin'!



Dancin'



Machines!

On The Beat...

News from around the clogging world

BLUE RIDGE THUNDER CLOGGERS CELEBRATE

By: Barbara Elko

The last weekend in June this closely knit club celebrated their 15th year together WOW!

The mini workshop took place at the Carver Center in Purcellville Virginia. Wood floors need I say more? Clogging, games, a pot luck dinner, and more clogging were the menu of the day. Joyce Guthrie and Mary Smith, the directors, know how to throw a hoe-down. They invited master clogger, Jeff Driggs, to lead the festivities. Jeff, with the impact of a Cannonball, headed everyone down a Country Road, with a Banjo. The dancers joyously clogged to old favorites All Shook Up and Calling Baton Rouge, cause Baby We Were Born This Way. It is not often an instructor is asked to run a workshop for the entire day. That was the task handed to Jeff Driggs. He tirelessly filled requests, and even closed out the workshop singing!



Now if that is not enough to make you respect this man's passion for dance let me set the stage. Due to a powerful storm, the area suffered major power outages. The evening before the workshop, Driggs was housed in a hotel without power, no air conditioning, no lights. He dressed in the dark, as a result half way through the day he realized the reason his shorts were not exactly staying up comfortably was his belt was on wrong. At the conclusion of the workshop Jeff had to drive two hours to Washington D.C. to get ready for the 4th of July Clogging Expo. He called ahead to make sure the D.C. hotels had not been

affected by the storm. They assured him everything was operating. When Jeff arrived at his hotel he was turned away due to power outages, and was told the closest hotels accepting people were in Ohio. Jeff's only option, turn around drive two hours back to Virginia to stay at Joyce Guthrie's house. Oh did I mention Joyce's house was also without electricity? Joyce led Jeff by candlelight to the room that he would be staying in, and she suggested he take a shower it might relax him after such a grueling day. When is the last time you have taken a shower with unheated spring water? Relaxing is not the word that comes to mind, I think shocking is a better adjective. Jeff said he has not had a shower like that since his early boy scout days. The following day Jeff headed back to D.C. to find a place that would be able to house the few hundred cloggers

that would soon be arriving for the Expo. This man deserves a medal, or at least a hot shower. Thanks Jeff for giving so much of yourself to your clogging family!



Tami and her cake!

Now keep in mind Joyce Guthrie, Mary Smith, and many of the BRTC cloggers put this gala together without the luxury of electricity in their homes. The offerings at the pot luck dinner would challenge any restaurants smorgasbord. Tami Salinas made a absolutely incredible cake for the celebration, it was a shame we had to cut it. The spirits of the Blue Ridge Thunder Cloggers and those attending this workshop matched the



Check out the taps! Handmade out of Fondant! Amazing! They looked so real!



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mercury reading on the outside thermometer-HOT! The Blue Ridge Thunder Cloggers have lasted fifteen years in my opinion because of the warmth they share amongst themselves. They continue to grow in numbers, Jessie and Charlessa will introduce a new member this December, congratulations! The group looks for reasons to share the fun of clog dancing. Joyce puts together web sites for any group interested free of charge, they have summer week long clogging camps open to all, and impromptu workshops. You all did an admirable job thanks!



A promotional banner for America's Got Talent. It features a group of nine men in various colored shirts (white, blue, red, orange, purple, brown, light blue, yellow) standing on a stage with a city skyline backdrop. The text "America's got Talent" is in the top right corner. Below the group, the text "All That!" is written in large white letters. At the bottom, it says "WATCH AND VOTE THIS SUMMER!" and "NBC.COM/AGT" with the NBC peacock logo on the right.

Have a Star(s) or Group event you want to see shine?
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Drivin' Nails in My Coffin 3:00

Easy Intermediate – Line Dance – Fast

Music: Rhonda Vincent The Storm Still Rages CD

Choreo: Wilmya Goldsberry Bowie, MD wilmya@dakotacom.net

Sequence: Intro A B C A B C A B C* B END

16 count wait Left foot lead

Intro:

(16) 16 count wait

(8) 8 Claps

(8) 8 Walk its ¼ left each

T-H T-H

(4) 2 Basics

DS-RS

Part A:

(32) 4 Cowboy Turns ¼ left each

DS-DS-DS-Br up (forward) (turn ¼ left) DS-RS-RS-RS

L R L R

R LR LR LR

&1 &2 &3 &4

&1 &2 &3 &4

Part B:

(16) 2 Brushover turkeys (left & right)

DS-Br up (moving diag)-DS-RS-(p)-Heel flap-S-DS-RS

L R R LR L L R L RL

&1 &2 &3 &4 &5 &6 &7 &8

(8) 4 Kicks ¼ left each

DS-Kick DS-Kick DS-Kick DS-Kick

L R R L L R L R

&1 &2 &3 &4 &5 &6 &7 &8

(8) 2 Charlestons

DS-Tch(if)-T-H-RS

L R R R LR

&1 &2 &3 &4

Part C:

(8) 4 Unclog Skuffs (forward)

Stamp-Stomp-Skuff Up

L L R R

& 1 & 2

(8) 4 Basics (back)

DS-RS

(4) 1 Karate turn

DS-Br up (turn ½)-DS-Kick

L R R L

(4) 1 Triple

DS-DS-DS-RS

(4) 1 Karate turn (R)

(4) 1 Triple

(4) 4 Shuffles

DR-SL (face right, left, right, left)

Repeat Part A:

4 Cowboy Turns ¼ left each

Repeat Part B:

2 Brushover turkeys, 4 Kicks ¼ left each, 2 Charlestons

Repeat Part C:

4 Unclog Skuffs (fwd), 4 Basics (back), Karate, Triple, Karate, Triple, 4 Shuffles

Repeat Part A:

4 Cowboy Turns ¼ left each

Repeat Part B:

2 Brushover turkeys, 4 Kicks ¼ left each, 2 Charlestons

Part C*:4 Unclog Skuffs (fwd), 4 Basics (back), Karate, Triple, Karate, Triple (**OMIT Shuffles**)**Repeat Part B:**

2 Brushover turkeys, 4 Kicks ¼ left each, 2 Charlestons

End:

(8) 4 Kicks ¼ left each

(4) 1 Finn

DS(ib)-R-Heel flap (twist out)-TchT(ib)-Toetap (untwist)-S(f)

L R L R L R

&1 &2 & 3 & 4



Upcoming Events

(see more listings at www.clog.org/clogtoday/)

August 10-12, 2012

Mississippi Clogging Extravaganza
Camp Wesley Pines, MS
Angie Miller 601-906-2882
www.msclonextravaganza.com

September 8, 2012

Clogging & Folk Festival
Mountain View, AR
807-269-3851
www.ozarkfolkcenter.com

September 21-22, 2012

Fontana Clogging Jamboree
Fontana Village, NC
304-776-9571
ccajeff@aol.com
fontanaworkshop.com

October 12-13, 2012

CLOG-toberfest
Fort Saskatchewan, Legion-Normandy Room
Fort Saskatchewan, AB, Canada
780-998-5405
blizzardcloggers@yahoo.ca

October 20, 2012

OctoberClogFest
Seasons Lodge & Conf Ctr
Columbus, IN
Naomi Pyle 812-579-6979
Naomi_P@sbcglobal.net

November 15-17, 2012

Hickory Hoedown Workshop
Hickory, NC
AJ & Jill Kirby 828-396-2052
simscountrycloggers@yahoo.com
SimsCountryCloggers.com

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clogrpam@comcast.net

April 27, 2013

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Mt. Home, AR
Kathey Wilson 870-243-8113
dancetymestudio@yahoo.com

Competitions

August 18, 2012

Foothills Clogging Challenge
Lenoir, NC
Jill Kirby 828-396-2052
simscountrycloggers@yahoo.com
SimsCountryCloggers.com

October 6-7, 2012

The Challenge
The Blake Hotel
Charlotte, NC
Chip Harrison 704-823-8667
tncelite@hotmail.com

October 25-27, 2012

ACHF World Championships
Maggie Valley, NC
Lou Mauire 304-872-5803
Dianne Loftin 864-962-9835
Jim Loveless 301-579-6461
achf.net

October 27, 2012

Deep South Dance Off
Atlanta, GA
Heather Kohberger 770-736-3600
Events@cloggingconnection.com

November 3, 2012

Indiana Fall Classic Clogging Championships
Seasons Resort & Lodge
Columbus, IN
Jeff Driggs 307-776-9571
Naomi Pyle 812-579-6979
Cloggingcontest.com

November 10, 2012

CCA Mountain Classic
Polk County High School
Columbus, NC
Kevin Parries 828-687-8600
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