

C.L.O.G. Today™

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29TH NATIONAL CLOGGING CONVENTION NASHVILLE TN BY:BARBARA ELKO



The folks at the Gaylord Hotel, in Nashville TN welcomed back the cloggers for the 29th National C.L.O.G. Convention. The weather matched the disposition of the attendees, crisp, fresh and warm.

Once again David and Susan Phillips were totally organized and put together another memorable event. We, as dancers take for granted everything will be ready upon our arrival and it always is. Due to the grand efforts of Peggy Masters, Anne Lanier, Marie Lovelace, Larry Guenette just to name a few who volunteered so much of their time. A round of applause for Jim Richling and Mark Wilson and the others involved laying and repairing the dance floors just so we cloggers can make a little noise. Without you folks it would be a rather quiet convention!

It would not be a national without Conrad Cooper at the helm of the Parade of States, Nations, and Colors. This year he led the parade with a singing turkey on his head. Everyone looks forward to the parade and Conrad ensures it is outrageous and insane fun! Having the most dancers present was the state of Tennessee. The best banner was awarded to the folks down under, Australia. The reindeer from Pennsylvania won the best costume category.



Let's talk introductory instructors. Delohn Collins a member of All That need I say more? Melissa Pack a highly energetic dancer from TN. She likes sharing traditional clogging styles. Janet Rae who calls Calgary Alberta home, taught routines to both country and pop. Bill Robinson resides in Kentucky, and is all about Appalachian fun.



Missy and daughter,
Lauren

Blake Dunn and Chip Summey held a class on Duos and Duets. I can not begin to tell you how much patience they needed to pass their knowledge, nor how much fun this class was! Another class that produced a barrel of laughs was taught by Missy Shinoski with the help of Shane Gruber, Judy Waymouth and Stan Webb. How could you not have fun with that foursome on stage? Andy Howard a Floridian came to share his love of dance!

He has unlimited ability and a vast knowledge of all styles of dance. A great asset to any workshop is Audrey and Ellis Perry and their love of a country hoedown. Also sharing their traditional skills Jeff Driggs, a few of the dancers left this class dizzy! Scotty Bilz, Lynne Ogle,

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Ms. Naomi and Ms. Dieter

Naomi Pile and Chip Summey woke dancers up Saturday morning with a lively country routine.

Friday evening, dancers had the choice of attending a fun dance or a Wildhorse Saloon excursion. I was among the many who boarded the bus to downtown Nashville. The folks at the Wildhorse had given permission for the cloggers to do a demo. Earlier in the day Andy Howard taught a routine that would be the demo. Andy thought onlookers would be expecting

a routine to country or bluegrass music. What he gave them instead was a routine to Gangnam Style. There were so many cloggers on the dance floor I am not sure what steps we were doing, but it sure was hysterical! We also danced to Rocky Top, but it was a version no one had ever heard, when in doubt to a basic. This excursion also gave those who had never been to Nashville time to explore the many clubs, restaurants, and shops.

The Saturday evening showcase WOW! Where to start? A great big welcome to Dustin Stephan, who took over as showcase producer. This was a great show! Job well done Dustin. The singing duet, Naomi Pile and Jeff Driggs absolutely nailed Baby It's Cold Outside. Their harmonizing was outstanding. Brittney Martin flawlessly clogged a routine to Jingle Bells. The Cobb brothers played several numbers these young men are delightful and very accomplished musicians. The award for the best curves goes to Dieter Brown as he took to the stage wearing a Rockette dress. Sherry Cox sang Christmas Song beautifully. Dance routines performed by Indiana Dance, Pure Dynamics, Delta Rhythm Clogging, Georgia Dance Explosion, Momentum, Velocity, Evermean Evergreen, All Star Team, Convention Instructors, and Tennessee Hoedowners, were

awesome! Twas The Night Before Christmas read by Conrad Cooper was spellbinding. His delivery and voice captivated the young children as well as the adults listening to the story. Last but not least, North Pole's Got Talent. If you were not



Barb with 'All It' - Jeff, Chip, and Scotty

there you truly missed a piece of clogging history as "All That" and "All It" took the stage together. All That members Brian Staggs, Delohn Collins, and Joel Harrison pounded the stage in vigor wearing jeans and t-shirts. Random screams echoed from the au-

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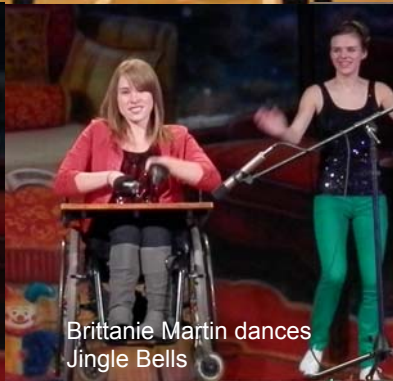
dience take off the shirts. After “All That” finished their routine Chip Summey, Jeff Driggs, and Scotty Bilz step out on stage letting it be known the before “All That” there was “All It.” The threesome proceeded to dance a much slower routine. Wearing black pants with fringe down the sides with a checked fringed shirt no one was asking for shirt removal. You guys were fabulous as were all that participated in the showcase.

Thanks ya’ll for a wonderful time.

Pack you sandals, thong, and Mickey Mouse ears and head south for a Thanksgiving week you won’t soon forget! The 30th National CLOG Convention will be held in Orlando Florida next year.



Chip and Miss Jean



Brittanie Martin dances Jingle Bells



Delohn filming his video—yep on his toes



CCI Candidates get Certified!



Delohn and Scotty



What Makes You Beautiful

Intermediate

By: One Direction (downloaded from iTunes)

Pop Music

Choreo: Dieter Brown, 231 Simplicity Drive, Murrells Inlet, S.C. 29576

Tel: 828-273-3244 ccadieter@aol.com

Sequence: Wait 16

A – B – C – C* - Bridge – A – B – C – C* - Break – A – C – C* - End

Part A

Lucy Brush DS Brush (xif) Slide Toe Heel Toe-tch (xib) Heel (moving left)
 Over L R L

Repeat the Lucy Brush Over 1 more time

Triple & DS DS DS RS DS DS RS RS
 Fancy Dbl L R L RL R L RL RL

Repeat all of the above back to the Right

Part B

Turkeys Heel-Flap Step DS RS (left) Heel-Flap Step DS RS (right)
 L R L RL R L R LR

Cowboy DS DS DS Brush-up DS RS RS RS
 L R L R R LR LR LR

Part C

½ Summey DS DS (xif) DS Rock Heel (ots) Step (xib) RS DS RS (moving left)
 Vine L R L R R R LR L RL

Repeat Summey Vine back to the Right

Soccer Turn DS DT-back (1/2 turn Left) DS RS
 L R R LR

Repeat the Soccer Turn to face the Front

Step Up & Step (forward) Step DS RS Step (back) Step DS RS
 Back L R L RL R L R LR

Part C* Same as Part C, Add one more Step up & Back at the end

What Makes you Beautiful (page 2).**Bridge**

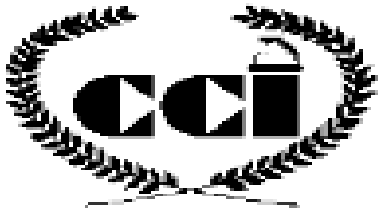
Jazz Box Step Step (xif) Step RS Step Step (xif) Step RS
 L R L RL R L R

Break

Twister DS DS (xif) DT Twist Twist Twist Lift (1/2 turn right) DS DS DS RS
 L R L both both both R R L R LR

Move Left doing the DS's & Twists.
 Back-up doing the Triple
 Repeat the Twister 3 more times.

End Step up & Back one more time

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An application must be filed in writing with the Certified Clogging Instructor Program. CCI application forms are available at www.CLOG.org. Click the Certified Clogging Instructor icon then click on programs and forms.

Fees: One-time registration fee, Seminar Fees, Testing fee

MARILYN HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

It has been the privilege of CCI to develop a scholarship program honoring Marilyn Hansen, CCI, who was a clogging instructor from California and an asset to the clogging world.

Apply for the [Marilyn Hanson Scholarship](#)
TODAY!!

This grant includes a tuition scholarship for the Certified Clogging Instructor Program for 2 sessions and the application fee worth \$310.00

Letters of Application will be accepted January 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013. Applicants will be notified by May 31, 2013.

Deadline is April 30, 2013
 See clog@clog.org for more details

**Spotlight on.....Service
Pam Smiley**

*Community News from around the
clogging world*



WALK TO CREATE A WORLD FREE OF MS

MS Walk—Maryland!

Every spring welcomes MS Walk—Maryland. The event I walk is a 5k walk through the streets of Westminster, MD to help create a world free of MS. I walk because I can for those who may not be able to because of this unpredictable disease. I know that I'm lucky in how it has affected my life and will continue to do this for as long as I'm able. Donations and efforts help the 6,700 Marylanders who are living with MS and funding in support of two of the most prominent MS centers in the country, Johns Hopkins Hospital and University of Maryland. In 2011 and 2012 I was able to become a Elite Feet level walker by personally raising over \$1500 for the event.

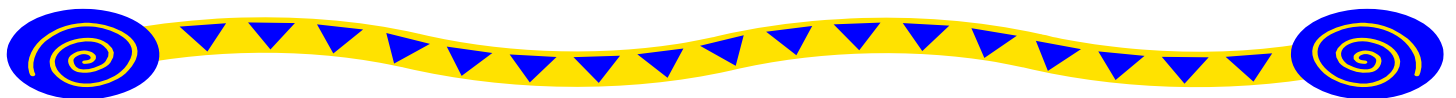
The Jills and I – Jill R, me, Jill E



The 'Ry' Team



There are MS Walks all over the United States, it is always a fun way to spend part of the day, getting out in the fresh air and supporting a great organization. If you'd like to participate, either as an individual or as a team please see <http://nationalmssociety.org/get-involved/index.aspx> for many different events in your area.



This is a new column to focus on the things our fellow cloggers do in their communities and personal lives. We know how generous our clogging family is and what a great way to get new ideas and recognize groups and individuals for all the things we do outside of clogging. Articles can be anything, community service, spelling bees, scouting adventures, school awards, etc. Even a great favorite recipe or place you've visited you'd like to share. Let's get to know more about each other!



Upcoming Events

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

Feb 16, 2013

Potomac Double Down Workshop
Battlefield HS
Haymarket, VA

March 7-9, 2013

Smoky Mountain Encore
Gatlinburg Convention Ctr
Gatlinburg, TN
Lynne Ogle (865) 805-7025
www.smokymountainencore.com

March 23, 2013

Mason-Dixon Spring Stomp
Westminster, MD
Pam Smiley 410-504-5775
clogrpam@comcast.net

April 12 & 13, 2013

City Slicker Stomp
Workshop & NCHC Competition
Hartman Conf Center & Hilton Garden Inn
Independence, MO
Missy Shinoski 816-443-3030
kloghop@sbcglobal.net
www.CitySlickerStomp.Info
www.MissyShinoski.Info

April 18-20, 2013

Nickel City Clogging Festival
Adams Mark Buffalo
Buffalo, NY
Linda Haley 716-537-9662
wnyca.com

April 27, 2013

Clogging in the Natural State 11th year
Mt. Home, AR
Kathey Wilson 870-243-8113
dancetymestudio@yahoo.com

October 11-12, 2013

Fall Grand Delight Workshop
Rochester, MN
Pam Heaton, CCI 612-991-3270
Smashingtoe@yahoo.com
www.PleasantValleyCloggers.com

Have an event you want listed here?
Send the information to:
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Competitions

March, 2013

Winter Clogging Invitational
Saluda, NC
Chip Summey ncjcs@aol.com

March, 2013

Northeast Clogging Comp
Nashua, NH
Beth Kendall (802) 439-3349

March 22-23, 2013

Tennessee Clogging Classic
Kingsport, TN
Terry Glass glassterrygenera@bellsouth.net

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May 31-Jun 1, 2013

Big Horn Mtn Showdown
Holiday Inn Express
Buffalo, WY
Shanell Hatch (307) 620-0282
shanellhatch@yahoo.com

Jun 14-15, 2013

Grand Challenge of Champions
Branson, MO
Susan & David Phillips (678) 889-4355
gncclog.webs.com

Jun 22, 2013

Explosion Clogging Championships
Charleston, SC
Matt & Kelly Sexton (423) 282-5065
[Event Flyer](#)

Jul 26-27, 2013

Southwest US Clogging Championships
Double Tree Paradise Valley Resort
Scottsdale, AZ
Matt & Colleen Pearson (925) 361-7105
www.azpride.com

Jul 27, 2013

R2k Clogging Invitational
Rabun County Civic Center
Clayton, GA
Keith & Rhonda Brady (706) 892-6142
rhondakbrady@gmail.com

CLOG Welcomes New Members

Marilyn Plott, ID
Larry Plott, ID
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Anna McGuire, AL
Ashley Malone, AL
Kay Trimm, AL
Elaine Myers, MO
Britton Elliott, SC

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Join the CLOG team

One-year CLOG Membership

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Silver (dancer) \$25.00

Send the following info & check

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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Check with event coordinators to confirm event details!



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Orlando, FL ~
November 28-30, 2013
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CLOGGING
CONVENTION**



Auxiliary Events:

Certified Clogging Instructor Training Session
~ Monday ~ Wednesday
Judges Training ~ Thursday
CCI Testing ~ Thursday

Pre-Convention Events:

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

Convention Events:

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

Featuring:

20+ Premier Clogging Instructors
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Schedule tentative and subject to Change

Hotel Info:

Hotel Information:

Renaissance Orlando at Sea World
6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821
Hotel No. 1-407-351-5555

Reservation Number:

1-888-789-3090 or 1-407-351-5555 - Code: clog2013
Register on Line - <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/clog2013>

GROUP ROOM RATES

**Rate: \$99 1-4 ppl per room + tax
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