

# C.L.O.G. Today™

*Official Newsletter of the National Clogging Leaders Organization*

## We would clog 5000 Miles

My name is Andrew Perry. I would like to share with you a story about a small town dance group who received a huge opportunity; an amazing opportunity. This is the only word that can describe the adventure that my group, the Drew Crew Cloggers, embarked on in early December of 2012. However, the journey began much earlier than that. The Drew Crew, which consists of over fifty members was started in 2009 and I have had the pleasure of being the instructor since that time. In March of 2012, I received a phone call from the organizers of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade, an event which takes place on December 7<sup>th</sup> in Honolulu, Hawaii.



This is a shot of us before the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade with our two junior marine escorts.



The Drew Crew Cloggers dancing at the Polynesian Cultural Center doing the routine "Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride". (Choreo: Andrew Perry)

I was told that the Drew Crew had been invited to take part in the parade. We were going to be marching and then performing for actual Pearl Harbor veterans who would be in attendance. This left us nine short months before we were to fly out. So we began a massive fundraising effort that included over thirty events, three counties, and two Canadian provinces. The outpouring of support from our local community was astounding. All told we raised a total of \$15,000 to cover our expenses which were mainly

related to airfare. We headed out for the island of Oahu on December 5<sup>th</sup> from Burlington, VT. It was a cold and wet 20 degree morning when we left, and it was a hot and sunny 85 degree afternoon when we arrived. The parade was nothing less than spectacular. Once we were in place on the main street of Waikiki, we were informed that there was an estimated One-Hundred Thousand people in attendance at this event. That was a moment that will stay with me forever. We marched and danced for a solid mile down the street, greeting many happy and excited spectators as we went. Most of the crowd had never seen clogging before and were thrilled to see it done. When we reached the middle of the parade route, we danced a section of our routine "The Patriotic Polka". We were unaware at this point that the parade was judged. We found out this bit of information after the parade when we won our division! The Drew Crew now possesses a very attractive Tiki-topped Trophy which we will treasure always. During our trip, we

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# Congratulations to the 2013

## Marilyn Hansen CCI Tuition Scholarship

*In Honor and memory of Marilyn Hansen*

### Recipient!

# Jessaca Laboret!!

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

# Congratulations Jessaca and we look forward to seeing you on the Dance Floor!

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The Drew Crew presenting their wreath at the USS Arizona Memorial platform at Pearl Harbor. The wreath was laid in the memorial chamber that listed all of the sailors who perished when the USS Arizona was attacked.

also had two other performance opportunities available to us. The first was at the Polynesian Cultural Center which is an amusement park style complex that not only entertained, but also informed everyone about the culture of the Polynesian islands. The second, and by far the most humbling, was in front of the USS Missouri where the Japanese surrendered at the end of WWII. We were informed after we danced that we were the very first cloggers to ever perform at this location. That a thrill! On top of performing, we were also

allowed a chance to honor the victims of the horrific attack on Pearl Harbor which sent the United States into WWII. We laid a wreath on the USS Arizona Memorial platform. This past year was the fiftieth anniversary of the memorial,

so to take part in a memorial service was quite an honor. It is hard to believe that a relatively small clogging group from New York could have the chance of a lifetime and travel over 5000 miles to honor veterans, take part in history, and all the while do what we love! I would like to end my article by saying something that I have wanted to say since March of last year. "We would clog 5000 miles and we would clog 5000 more just to be the group who clogged 10000 miles to fall down on the shore!" Aloha!

Andrew Perry CCI, Director-Drew Crew Cloggers



This is a picture of our group after the show posing with some very excited local fans!

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

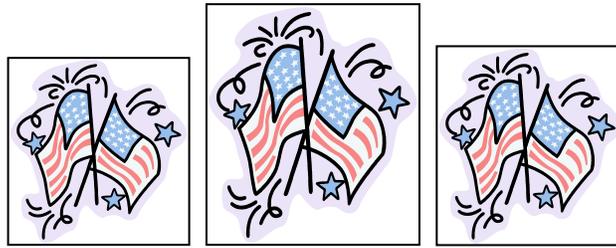


**CONRAD AND JANET COOPER**

By: Barbara Elko

Conrad and Janet Copper celebrate **50** years of marriage! They have one daughter, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. The Coopers have been involved in clogging for over 30 years. Conrad has been president of the C.L.O.G. Board of Directors since 2007. We thank them for their devotion to clogging, and wish them many more years of martial bliss!





## WORLD OF CLOGGING

By: Barbara Elko

Jeff Driggs recipe for the World of Clogging Workshop required 4 ingredients...dance rooms - 3 were prepared, instructors - 13 enlisted, class selections—30 choices. The last remaining element.... cloggers looking for a fun way to spend the Memorial Holiday.

I would like to thank Jeff, all the instructors, and volunteers who once again selflessly provided a place for us to connect with other cloggers. Just as important as those mentioned, are you the dancer, who attended. The number of dancers attending the WOC increased this year adding considerable merriment to the festivities. So, thanks to all who came, it was great seeing old friends, and making new acquaintances!

Introductory instructor Bekka Gunner conducted the dancers through a routine to Inner Ninja. This young lady is full of enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Poise beyond her years with a sunny disposition, she was a delightful addition to the workshop.

Teaching for the first time at WOC was Bridgette Cox. Her choice of music Best Years of Our Lives was very different. Her insistence that almost every step start with the right foot was a real challenge! It was a fun class taught by a very pleasant lady.

Tina Curtis had an outstanding choreo to Gold. Her selection of steps are always unique, and the flow in which they are presented smooth.

Jeff Driggs decided to resuscitate Casey Jones. Dancers of various ages attended this duet class even though it required hand holding. Laughter erupted as the various turns were introduced and learned. Nothing like sharing the fun with a partner!

Naomi Pile with the help of one of her boys, Scott Dobson, taught 50 Ways to Say Goodbye. Steps like the "Kicking Mule", "Matador Slide", "Help Me With A Rocking Chair". No need to elaborate on how silly this class was!

Scotty Bilz's routine to Hillbilly Dirty Dancing was great fun. In spite of Scotty's encouragement, some of us did not master the ending. I do not think a Birdwalk is a natural movement for a human. When I figure it out Scotty, I will send a video!

Trevor Dewitt, if you are looking for a country routine he is your man. He taught three country routines. Good music selections, a bit of speed, and humor, Trevor brings it all to the dance floor.

The ease in which Morgan Hudson conveys his routines is remarkable. His abundance of energy, bright smile, creative steps, and southern accent welcomed the dancers taking his classes.

There were several classes for cloggers younger than myself, who are capable of twisting like Gumby, leaping like Superman, with the speed of the Tasmanian Devil. Instructors, Joel Harrison, Paul Melville, Kelly & Kenneth Fithen, Scotty Bilz, and Nick Frazier armed with vigorous routines satisfied the fury of those contortionists attending.

World of Clogging Has Talent best describes the Saturday evenings demos. Most cloggers can attest to the outstanding dancing abilities of Judy Waymouth. But few have witnessed the skills of her son Kyle. He absolutely monopolized the crowd's attention Saturday evening. Honestly, my eyes could not keep up with the twists, toe banging, heel stomping motions of his swift moving feet, as he glided around the dance floor. He finished to a standing ovation for a truly remarkable performance!

Adam King and the Yellow Rose Cloggers are located in Ohio. The group danced to a new routine they wrote to The Devil Went Down To Georgia. They asked the audience to decide if it was a keeper. Any one familiar with the song knows the devil lost, but this captivating routine is a winner, as were the smiles of those performing it!

Brenna Shobe, had an engaging vocal performance. She is a member of the Riverside Cloggers located in West Virginia. She turned on the microphone and immediately silenced the crowd, as she sang Broken Wing. Brenna left an monumental impression on those listening. Simply put, this lady can really sing!

The fun dances both evenings were fantastic, a mixture of old, new, mixers, and couples. An additional bonus of attending this workshop is that you are able to watch the competition clogging taking place in the ballroom. These dancers and their routines are outstanding!

This workshop is held at the Crown Plaza in Cincinnati Ohio. There is an attached water park, indoor and outdoor pool, and Kings Island Amusement Park is just a short distance away. Plan a family get away in 2014. Memorial weekend spent with your clogging family...just doesn't get any better!



Conrad Cooper awards the drawing for free registration to the national CLOG convention being held in Florida at the WOC!!nationals! Congratulations!! See you in Orlando!!

## CLOG Welcomes New Members

Leslie Huffman, OR  
Sue Tandett, GA  
Jennifer Ferrier, CA  
Monique Martineau, NH  
Steve Green, AR

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**Ida Red (Western Swing)****Beginner Plus**

By: Asleep at the Wheel w/Hewy Lewis &amp; Willie Nelson

Album – Tribute to the music of Bob Wills &amp; The Texas Playboys

Choreo: John Pryor, North Star Cloggers, [j.pryor@americantilesupply.com](mailto:j.pryor@americantilesupply.com) 03/08

Intro: Wait 16 beats and start on left foot.

**INTRO: 16 Beats**

HL	ST	TT(xib)	ST(ib)	HL	ST	HL	ST	TT(xib)	ST(ib)	HL	ST	HL	ST	TT(xib)	ST(ib)	<b>Strut</b>
L	L	R	R	L	L	R	R	L	L	R	R	L	L	R	R	
&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4	&	5	&	6	&	7	&	8	

DS	DS	DS	BR/SL	DS	RS	RS	RS									<b>Cowboy</b>
L	R	L	R	L	R	LR	LR	LR								
&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4	&	5	&	6	&	7	&	8	

**PART A: 32 Beats**

2	DS	RS	DS	RS	DS	DS	DS	RS	(moving forward then back 2 <sup>nd</sup> time)							<b>2 Basics, Triple</b>
	L	RL	R	LR	L	R	L	RL								
	&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4	&	5	&	6	&	7	&	8

2	DS	DT(up)	DT(up)	RS												<b>Double Lick</b>
	L	R	R	RL												
	&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4								

	DS	DS(xib)	DS	BR/SL(¼ I)	DS	DS	DS	RS(¼ I)								<b>Vine 3 Spin</b>
	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	LR							
	&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4	&	5	&	6	&	7	&	8

**PART B: 32 Beats**

HL	ST	TT(xib)	ST(ib)	HL	ST	HL	ST	TT(xib)	ST(ib)	HL	ST	HL	ST	TT(xib)	ST(ib)	<b>Strut</b>
L	L	R	R	L	L	R	R	L	L	R	R	L	L	R	R	
&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4	&	5	&	6	&	7	&	8	

DS	DS	DS	BR/SL	DS	RS	RS	RS									<b>Cowboy</b>
L	R	L	R	L	R	LR	LR	LR								
&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4	&	5	&	6	&	7	&	8	

2	DT(b)	BR/SL	DS	RS												<b>Hard Step</b>
	L	L	R	L	RL											
	&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4								

DS	DS	RS	RS													<b>Fancy Double</b>
L	R	LR	LR													
&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4									

DS	BR/SL(¼ I)	DS	RS													<b>Rocking Chair</b>
L	R	L	R	LR												

**ENDING: 7 Beats**

DS	RS	/	DS	DS	RS	/	DS	TT(xib)								<b>Basic / Double Basic</b>
L	RL	/	R	L	RL	/	R	L								<b>Double Step / Toe</b>
&	1	&	2	/	&	3	&	4	&	5	/	&	6		7	

**SEQUENCE: A B A B A B A B A B A ENDING**



## Upcoming Events

(see more)

### August 16-17, 2013

Mississippi Clogging Extravaganza  
Brookhaven Parks/Rec  
Brookhaven, MS  
Angie Miller (601) 906-2882  
[angiehalemiller@gmail.com](mailto:angiehalemiller@gmail.com)  
[msclogextravaganza.com](http://msclogextravaganza.com)

### August 17, 2013

Stompin' in the Black Hills  
Whitewood, South Dakota  
Jackie Mosmiller (307) 283-2925  
[jmos@rangeweb.net](mailto:jmos@rangeweb.net)

### August 23-25, 2013

SCCA Workshop  
Irvine, CA  
[sccaclogger.com](http://sccaclogger.com)

### September 6-7, 2013

Clogging & Folk Festival  
Mountain View, AR  
870-269-3851  
ozarkfolkcenter.com

### September 20 & 21, 2013

Fontana Clogging Jamboree  
Fontana Village, NC  
304-776-9571  
[ccajeff@aol.com](mailto:ccajeff@aol.com)  
[fontanaworkshop.com](http://fontanaworkshop.com)

### September 27, 2013

NWCA 26th Annual Workshop  
Vancouver, WA  
Linda Reisig  
(604) 946 6417  
[lreisig@eastlink.ca](mailto:lreisig@eastlink.ca)

### September 27-28, 2013

Hillbilly Heaven Workshop  
Hazel Dell Grange  
Vancouver, WA  
Todd Harry (206) 947-8633  
[www.nwcloggers.com/nwca.htm](http://www.nwcloggers.com/nwca.htm)

### September 27-28, 2013

First Coast Clogging Classic  
10131 Atlantic Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32220  
Anne Lanier [ALanier821@aol.com](mailto:ALanier821@aol.com)

### September 28, 2013

NC Clogging Challenge  
The Blake Hotel  
Charlotte, NC  
Chip Harrison (704) 823-8667  
[tncelite@hotmail.com](mailto:tncelite@hotmail.com)  
[cloggingchallenge.com](http://cloggingchallenge.com)

Check with event coordinators to confirm event details!

### October 11-12, 2013

Fall Grand Delight Workshop  
Rochester, MN  
Pam Heaton, CCI 612-991-3270  
[Smashingtoe@yahoo.com](mailto:Smashingtoe@yahoo.com)  
[www.PleasantValleyCloggers.com](http://www.PleasantValleyCloggers.com)

### October 12, 2013

Missouri Clogging Association Workshop  
Harrisburg, MO  
Jaime Wake  
[cloggingmama2@yahoo.com](mailto:cloggingmama2@yahoo.com)  
<http://moclog.com/Events.html>

### October 19, 2013

OktoberClogFest  
Seasons Lodge and Conf Ctr  
Nashville, IN  
Naomi Fleetwood-Pyle 812-579-6979  
[Naomi\\_P@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Naomi_P@sbcglobal.net)

### October 19-21, 2013

Blistered Feet Clogging Workshop  
Sault Ste Marie Ontario Canada  
Duffy Schryer (705) 949-8674

### November 2, 2013

GCA North Workshop  
North Georgia Fairgrounds  
Dalton, Georgia  
Penny Sloan 706-260-7485  
[luckypenny@optilink.com](mailto:luckypenny@optilink.com)

### November 15-17, 2013

Hickory Hoedown  
Hickory Metro Convention Center  
Hickory, NC  
AJ & Jill Kirby (828) 396-2052  
or (828) 212-0530  
[simscountrycloggers@yahoo.com](mailto:simscountrycloggers@yahoo.com)  
[clognc.com](http://clognc.com)

### November 28-30, 2013

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Renaissance Orlando at Sea World  
Orlando, FL  
[www.clog.org](http://www.clog.org)

### June 25-28, 2014

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State House Convention Center  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
[www.63nsdc.com](http://www.63nsdc.com)

## Competitions

### August 17, 2013

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(ACHF)  
Lenoir, NC  
Jill Kirby (828) 396-2052  
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### August 17, 2013

Wilson County Fair Clogging Competition  
(NCHC)  
Pageant Pavilion  
Lebanon, TN  
(615) 449-3821  
[wilsoncountyfair.net](http://wilsoncountyfair.net)

### August 31 – September 1, 2013

USA National Championships  
(NCHC)  
Nashville, TN  
Anne Lanier (904) 705-8766  
[ALanier821@aol.com](mailto:ALanier821@aol.com)  
[www.clog.org](http://www.clog.org)

### September 6-7, 2013

NC Mountain State Fair Clogging  
Competition (ACHF)  
Fletcher, NC  
Dianne Loftin (864) 277-0553  
[dloftin01@gmail.com](mailto:dloftin01@gmail.com)  
Earl Powell (828) 891-3435  
[achfclog.com](http://achfclog.com)

### September 21, 2013

Magic Feet Ultimate Challenge  
(ACHF)  
Thomasville, NC  
Kody Shaw (336) 669-1028  
(336) 883-6076  
[magicfeetcloggers@hotmail.com](mailto:magicfeetcloggers@hotmail.com)

### September 28, 2013

NC Clogging Challenge (CCA)  
The Blake Hotel  
Charlotte, NC  
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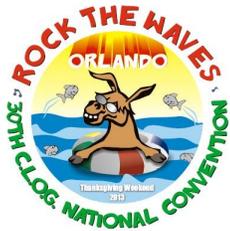
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