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MEMOIRS OF A CLOGGING ADDICT

Less than three years (ago) I signed up for my first clogging lesson. I was fascinated with the new language of DS RS Br/Up. Since that first lesson I have been to both the Nashville and San Diego national clog conventions. Of course my reservations to the "BIG EASY" this November were made last Christmas. I have danced/attended workshops in nine different states. This winter I tried to make my tenth state. It was snowing, but traffic was light. Actually, I am not sure that my car and one semi define traffic. About halfway to my destination the snowfall became very heavy. The visibility was reduced to zero, so at the grand speed of 5 miles per hour, I followed that one semi to the safety of a truckers stop. It was there that I discovered due to the state of



snow emergency the highway ahead was closed. I would have to turn back. Who would be traveling in these conditions? A clogging addict.

Now during the past three years some transformations have occurred in my home. My bedroom and office décor is a mixture of clogging shoes, clogging skirts, music, syllabus, and directions to the club's next show. My son recently graduated from college and moved to his own place. I'll miss him, but frankly I was looking for a place to set

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up a sewing room, an essential for making clogging costumes. I have deserted my kitchen. I barely remember how to boil an egg, or make a cup of coffee. Lucky for my family my husband has acquired some culinary skills. Various pictures of shows, clogging events, and fairs have replaced the family photos that once sat proudly on the living room bookshelf. The basement has been cleared of all stored stuff. Maybe my husband will think he's misplaced his golf clubs and fishing gear. In this now empty area a dance floor has been installed. Other additions to this room include CD player, DVD player, ipod, large mirror, and a TV set. I spend countless hours in this haven working on steps and routines. Who could afford this time? A clogging addict.

CLOG Welcomes New Members

We would like to welcome the following 12 new members to CLOG:

- Diane Adair, GA*
- Keith McKibben, TN*
- Lourdes Espinas, CA*
- Denise Bray, IA*
- John Habash, CA*
- Jack Aartun, SC*
- Kay E Miles, MS*
- Erica Robinson, GA*
- Pam Rodgers, TX*
- Terri Welzheimer, TX*
- Erica Robinson, GA*
- Marcia Clausen, WA*

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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

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Friends

*Friends are forever.
Acquaintances come and go.
Friends last a lifetime and never let you go.
Miles and time passes between us.
Yet our friendship has endured.
Our love is unconditional, that only friends ensure.*

I met Skip at a Halloween Clogging Fun Dance that my clogging team hosted back in 1983. She came with her 2 small children and her team of dancers.

Who would know at that time that a lifetime friendship would be forged.

Skip served on served on many different committee chairs for CLOG helping to organize clogging dancers from around the world and within Texas. They call Skip “Indiana Jones”, no project was too small or too big for Skip to make it happen.

Skip struggled with Ovarian cancer for approximately 6 years. One of her favorite quotes was ...”never, never, never give up” by Winston Churchill. Her education and drive was the key to her making it as long as she did (statistics are 1-5years). She was sick but you would never know it, she still worked until just recently. She worked with her husband, Jeff in his lawn business too.

The three women who make up the one incredible Skip are: the one part woman who is strong, smart courageous and never turns down a challenge. The one part woman who, if you are fortunate to have her in your live, you have a friend forever. And the one part woman who was the dedicated and loving wife, mother, and mimi.

Let me end with one last quote to remember Skip by, “if you obey all the rules, you will miss all the fun”.

Excerpts from a eulogy lovingly prepared by Theresa Ambrose.

Mid West Workshop

The Mid West Workshop held at Fort Mitchell Kentucky, and hosted by Fonda Hill was a blast! The “Signature Cue It and Do It” was unique, and gave the dancers a chance to try all the routines that were offered. The variety of music made it easy to pick a class, and the quality of instructors incredible.

Dave and Connie Huffman did a fabulous job of teaching a hoedown, which was used to open the Saturday night fun dance. Fox network even showed up to film some of the fun. If you missed this one you missed something special.

Barbara Elko

National CLOG Convention behind the scenes

National CLOG Convention in New Orleans, LA is just around the corner. If you have ever been to National convention, you probably have danced in carpeted convention halls that seem to have been blessed by the clogging floor fairies. But what happens to all those floors after the clogging shoes have been put away?? The flooring fairies return. Here is a peek at the flooring fairies after last year's convention....



Russ Hunsaker, Terry Thompson, David Phillips, Larry Guenette, and Jim Richling loading the truck for the trip back to Atlanta



A forklift sure helps! Russ Hunsaker and David Phillips



Lelia Hunsaker, Larry Guenette, Russ Hunsaker, Susan



Phillips, and Barb Guenette pack things up Marie Lovelace and Lelia Hunsaker with the tape rolls



Let's take a BREAK! Jim Rishling, David Phillips, and Larry Guenette.

Photos supplied by Conrad Cooper

More National CLOG Convention behind the scenes

Folks we couldn't do without!



Sound Crew– Robbie Ramsey and Shannon Glass

Terry Glass (sound guru) Phone glued to his ear all week!!

Marianne Doan-registration staff



Registration Staff: JoAnn Glass, Peggy Masters, David Phillips and the ever present computer!



Souvenir Booth: Larry Guenette, Barb Guenette, and their daughter and granddaughter.

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Are all you
 clogging addicts signed up for the

**26th Annual
 CLOG National Convention
 New Orleans, LA
 November 26 - 28, 2009?**

**Make Your Plans Now!
 It's Almost Here!**

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MAMMA MIA! "TAKE-A-CHANCE-ON-ME"

Easy Intermediate

CD: ABBA Number Ones--Track 17 (4:01)

Choreo: LEZLEE MOULTRIE--SillyClogger@aol.com (541-504-8664)

4 COUNT WAIT (LEFT FOOT LEAD) Sequence: 2(A, B, C, D), A, B*, Ending

PART A: Start when lyric says: "I'm the first in line"

(8) 2 Half-Alabama's (L&R)	DS-DS(xif)-Dr-S(b) S S(xif) LR RL R L R L
(4) Double Basic & Kick	DS-DS-RS & Kick L R LR L
(4) Rock Forward (toe-in-front)	DS-RS-RS-RS L RL RL RL
(4) Joey (moving back)	DS-Ball(xib) Ball (ots) Ball (ots) Ball (xib) Ball (ots)S R L R L R L R
(4) Heel Slur Basic	Heel Slur S- DS-RS L R L RL
(6) Take-A-Chance Step	Stomp-DS-DS-RS-RS-RS R L R LR LR LR

PART B:

(4) Rooster Run *Forward	DS-DS-ball(xif)ball(xib)ball(ots)-S(xif)
4 [L R L R L R
(4) Fancy Double (turn 1/4 L) (moving back)	DS-DS-RS-RS L R LR LR

PART C:

(4) 4 Runs Forward	DS-DS-DS-DS
2 [L R L R
(4) 4 Drag Backs & Turn (1/2R)	Dr-S-Dr-S (1/2R)-SL-S-SL-S R L L R R L L R

PART D: Lyric is: "We Can Go Dancing"

(8) Clogover Vine	DS-DS(xif)-DS-DS-(xib)-DS-DS(xif)-DS-RS
2 [L R L R L R L RL
(8) 2 Toe Pivot Basics (1/2 L/R)	Toe Pivot S- DS-RS R L R LR
(8) Rock R&L	DS(xif)-RS-RS-RS L RL RL RL
(8) 2 Dbl Break & Digs (L&R)	DS-DS(xif)/Ankle Break, Pause, Hop/HI (ots), Hop/HI (ots), Lift L R R/L L/R L/R R
(4) Triple	DS-DS-DS-RS L R L RL

CHORUS:

(4) 2 Reaches	DS-Tch Toe (xib) R L
(4) Triple	DS-DS-DS-RS R L R LR
(6) 3 Reaches	DS-Tch Toe (xib) L R
(4) Change-Your-Mind Step	DS-DS-DS, *Heel/Drop (*lift & drop R Heel down) R L R

REPEAT: A, B, C, D, & Chorus

PART A: 2 Half-Alabama's (L&R), Double Basic & Kick, Rock Forward, Joey, Heel Slur Basic, Take-A-Chance Step



Upcoming Events

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

September 25-27

22nd Annual NWCA Workshop
Vancouver, WA
Alberta Stamp
(360) 683-7487
astamp@olympen.com
<http://nwcloggers.com>

September 25-26

Fontana Clogging Jamboree
Fontana Village Resort
Jeff Driggs (304) 727-9356
ccajeff@aol.com
Naomi Fleetwood-Pyle
(812) 579-6979
Maomi_p@sbcglobal.net
Www.fontanaworkshop.com

October 3

Illinois Prairie Clogging Assn.
Just For Fun Workshop
Decatur, IL
Judy Gagnon
clogdog73@yahoo.com
www.illinoisclgging.com

October 17

Missouri Clogging Council Fall Workshop
Saint Martins, Missouri
Debbie Keeling 573-642-9825
debclog@hotmail.com
<http://moclog.com>

Oct 23-24th, 2009

MN Goper-It Annual Halloween Clogging Workshop & Mini Competition
Chaska Community Center, Chaska, MN
Pam Portz
(651)462-3894

October 24, 2009

The Seasons Lodge and Conference Center
Nashville, IN
Naomi Pyle 812/579-6979

November 6, 7 & 8

Sealion Stomp
Nanaimo, B.C.
bguenette@shaw.ca

Nov 6th, Dec 12th, Jan 23rd, Feb 27th

MUSIC IN THE BARN
1417 Johnson St.,
Lake Odessa, MI 48849
Bob Warner 1-616-374-8205
Tfcloggers@att.net
www.thunderfloorcloggers.com

November 7

9th Annual Harvest Stomp
Easton, PA
Mary Snyder
(908) 537-2564
[www://lehighvalleycloggers.com](http://www.lehighvalleycloggers.com)

November 20-22

Hickory Hoedown Clogging Workshop, Competition, & Fiddler's Convention
Hickory Metro Center, Hickory, NC
AJ & Jill Kirby 828-396-2052
828-781-5920 (cell).
simscountrycloggers@yahoo.com
www.clognc.com/hoedown.html

November 21

Ohio Michigan Fall Festival Workshop
Toledo, Ohio
Barb Davenport
419-559-6333
bad54@woh.rr.com
www.rumblinrhythmcloggers.com

November 26-28

25th Annual National Clogging Convention
New Orleans, LA
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(678) 889-4355
www.clog.org/convention

March 26-27, 2010

Illinois Prairie Clogging Assn.
18th Annual Spring Workshop
Normal, IL
Judy Gagnon
clogdog73@yahoo.com
www.illinoisclgging.com

April 16-18

Nickel City Clogging Festival
Grand Island, NY
Linda Haley (716) 537-9662

August 27-28, 2010

Mississippi Clogging Extravaganza
Gallman, MS
www.msclgextravaganza.com
Mississippi Clogging Council
Angie Miller
601-906-2882

Check with event coordinators to confirm event details!

*Have an event you want listed here?
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CLOGToday@clog.org*

PART B*: 4 (Rooster Run Forward, FancyDouble turn 1/4L moving back)
***LAST FANCYDOUBLE (facing front) ADD 3 ROCKSTEPS**
Take A Chance On Me

ENDING:

(8) 2(4 Runs Forward, 4 Drag Backs & turn 1/2R)

(8) 2 Outhouses

DS-Tch Toe (ots) Tch Toe (xif) Tch Toe (ots)

L R R R

(4) Joey

DS-Ball(xib) Ball (ots) Ball (ots) Ball (xib) Ball (ots)S

L R L R L R L

(6) Take-A-Chance Step

Stomp-DS-DS-RS-RS-RS

R L R LR LR LR

(8) 2(4 Runs Forward, 4 Drag Backs & turn 1/2R)

Abbreviations:

DS= Double Step dbl = Double Tch= touch xif= cross-in-front xib= cross-in-back

Want to see your choreography in CLOG Today?

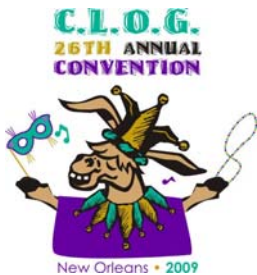
Send cue sheets for consideration to
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PO Box 33
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~ Monday ~ Wednesday
Judges Training ~ Thursday
CCI Testing ~ Thursday

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

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Hotel Info:

New Orleans Marriott

555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
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