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THE 28TH NATIONAL CLOGGING CONVENTION THE BEST LITTLE CLOGHOUSE IN TEXAS

By: Barbara Elko



The National Clogging Convention, held at the Gaylord Hotel located in Grapevine Texas, could be compared to a jalapeño pepper HOT HOT HOT !!! Like the horns of a Longhorn Steer, the selection of classes were huge! The energized fury of the instructors matched that of the mechanical bull, many of us tried riding ... endless! Ingenious routines contained all the skilled motion of a rodeo bull, swaying left and right, jumping, swinging, bouncing, bucking, partner you needed to hang on!

Twenty Six instructors came prepared to share their intense passion of clog dancing. This year Barb Guenette best demonstrated this deep devotion to clog dancing. Barb is one very special lady from Canada. Year after year she serves on the board of directors and teaches, always helpful always smiling. Barb broke her wrist while lifting floors at the end of Saturdays teaches. She promptly got medical attention, and with her arm in a cast made it back for the showcase. That's dictation! Barb we wish you a speedy recovery.

Starting off the fiesta was Football Fever at the Parade of States, Nations, and Colors. Award for most attendance went to the state of Texas. Let me tell you the Texans showed up in large herds! Most impressive was the number of young children attending. The best banner award went to the state of Pennsylvania. It was brightly lit, decorated in red, white and blue stars, the focal point was the Liberty Bell. Greeting the dancers that evening were the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders. Well actually they were not available due to the big Thanksgiving Day football game. Substitutes Shane Gruber, James Naylor, and Dieter Brown were provided uniforms. The well endowed trio knew their cheers, and boy did they shake their pom poms. Oh and those shapely legs, you had to be there! The evening ended with a fun dance, a good warm up for the following day.



Darlene, Mark, and Barb represent PA in the Parade



Chip, Matt, Naomi, and Barry

Friday's first class had Trail Bosses Naomi Pile, Chip Summey, and Matt Sexton leading the way through a routine to Bucky's Hoedown. These guys set the tone for the day, insane fun on the dance floor. The remainder of the day there were seven halls opened, choosing one was a big problem. Ann-Marie Sterling, as always, was wonderful. Her teaches were clear and her selections of music fantastic. It was my first experience with Andy Howard, an instructor from Gainesville Florida, and I hope it won't be my last. His radiant energy filled the hall, and his love for dancing could not be disguised. It was Kerri Orthner's, a Canadian instructor, first teach at nationals, and a good choice she was. I am not sure what you notice first her sprawling



Ann-Marie Sterling

smile, or her pink shoes, which by the way never stop! Her exuberance to be part of the National Clogging Convention was unmatched, I think she met everyone! I have to mention a Texan named John Pryor. He brought some great routines, his cowboy boots and hat, and a great big smile. Elaine Bender, another Texan, not seen at a national since nice addition. Shane Gruber's classes are of what wild shirt he will be wearing, and time to peaks ones curiosity. Sporting a teach of What I Believe was everything danc-member of the Shane Gang is battling breast nars were available. Often dancers get so looked. This is a huge mistake. You have vast wealth of information passed along at never attended a seminar you will be sur-



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NEWS

Congratulations!
 to Our Newest CCI Grads
 and the Marilyn Hansen Scholarship Winner!



Left to right: Nancy Kitchen (scholarship winner);
 Lynda Colautti (CCI);
 Janet Rae (CCI);
 Amanda Kelley-Cloudt (CCI);
 Rosellen Kerr-Sheetz (CCI);
 Kaylin Higginbotham (CCI)



Scholarships Available!

Marilyn Hansen CCI Tuition Scholarship
In Honor and memory of Marilyn Hansen

What is the Marilyn Hansen Scholarship?

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marilyn Hansen, a woman who supported clogging through much of her life and was dedicated to the cause of education in the area of clogging instructors. This grant includes tuition scholarship for the Certified Clogging Instructor Program for two sessions and the application fee worth \$310.00.

- This scholarship does not include travel and lodging.
- The scholarship cannot be applied to franchise sponsored CCI Sessions, it can only be applied to CCI Sessions offered by CLOG such as sessions offered during the National CLOG Convention.
- The scholarship must be used in the same year it is awarded.
- The minimum age limit for CCI seminars and the scholarship is 16 years of age.

How To Apply:

Letters of Application will be accepted from January 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012. Applicants will be notified by May 31, 2012.

For more information <http://clog.org/CCI/scholarship.html>

workshop was a country routine written by Missy Shinoski, a great choreo! She asked James Naylor, and Shane Gruber for a little help teaching it. Missy had her hands full, seems James and Shane had little time to learn the routine, which just added more humor to the class. Passing the microphone between them also required a bit of skill. To all the instructors GREAT job! You made this a very memorable national.

Let's talk about the Billy Bob's Friday night excursion. Picture bus loads of cloggers traveling to Fort Worth. Poor Marie Lovelace and David Nimmo they had their hands full just getting the buses loaded. You see there were two 11:00 buses and the 12:00 bus for the die hards. Billy Bob's welcomed us with open arms. Awaiting us was a clogging show, ending with an invitation to join them dancing to Good Old Rocky Top. Good music, great line dancing, even a indoor rodeo were part of the evening festivities. Marie and David did a fine job of rounding up the cloggers for the bus ride back to the Gaylord Hotel, but the 12:00 bus still ended up five people short. Let's just say what happens at Billy Bob's stays at Billy Bob's!



No
con-

vention is complete without the Saturday night showcase. I do not know how producers Naomi Pile and Chip Summey, and all others involved find the time to put these showcases together, but we are sure glad they do. This years showcase The Best Little Cloghouse In Texas had many highlights. The vision of Barry Welch wearing nothing but an athletic t-shirt, cowboy boots, and Sponge Bob underwear **will long be remembered!** Hats off to Naomi for being able to keep a straight face and remember her lines with Sponge Bob glaring at her. David Phillips and Barry Welsh did some fine improvising while they waited for the phone to ring. Groups dancing in the showcase were Yellow Rose, T-Force, Southern Soles Clogging Company, Shufflin Shoe Cloggers, Down Home Cloggers, Cadence Cloggers, Bruce Lea Clogging Team, Blue Streak Cloggers, and A Step In Time Dance Studio. The Texas Lovin Cloggers comical routines to Pants On The Ground, and If My Friends Could See Me Now had the audience in hysterical laughter. Nice job Texas Lovin Cloggers! Laura Webb, a young lady with a beautiful voice, sang several songs. As the showcase drew to a close, with Susan Phillips leading all the instructors came on stage and danced Rocky Top. I believe the stage was shaking with all the foot stomping!

Sadly all good things must end ... But only until next years 2012 National Clogging Convention. It will be held at the Gaylord Hotel located in Nashville Tennessee! If you have not been to Nashville it is a great city. If you have already been to Nashville this will give you an opportunity to visit something you did not have time to do one your last visit. I have been told there will be a bus excursion to the Wild Horse Saloon. I wonder if Marie Lovelace and David Nimmo will oversee the buses? We did lose five people on the return trip from Billy Bob's. As the saying goes what happens at the Wild Horse will stay at the Wild Horse.

A great big thank you to Susan and David Phillips, the convention staff, the board of directors, the executive committee, and all the instructors. A special thanks to Rhonda and Bobby Butzke, the local coordinators, this could not happen without your help. As I took a closer look at all the work and time that goes into getting this convention together, thanking you for provide this much FUN does not seem adequate. So let me say gracias, merci, grazie, schonen dank ...

SEE YA'LL IN NASHVILLE



BUZZ'S JIG

Easy Intermediate: Fast tempo Irish

Artist: The Elders

CD: Pass it Down

Choreo: Alberta Stamp CCI, 101 Montihill Lane, Sequim, WA (360)683-7487 astamp@olypen.com

Wait 16 beats

Left Foot

Lead Sequence Into, A, B, C, ½ B, ½ A, Intro, B, C, D, Break, Bridge, A, Intro

Intro: (32 counts)

Heel Rock
 Ds H(w) S R S H(w) S
 L R L R L R L
 &1 & 2 & 3 & 4

Triple ¼ right
 Ds Ds Ds R S
 R L R L R
 &1 &2 &3 & 4

Repeat 3 times in a box

Part A (32 counts)

2 Cross over touch backs
 Ds Dt(xif) Hc Dt(ots) Hc T(b) Hc
 L R L R L R L
 &1 & 2 & 3 & 4

2 Rock Steps
 Ds R(b) S
 L R L
 &1 & 2

Fancy Double
 Ds Ds R S R S
 L R L R L R
 &1 &2 & 3 & 4

Samantha
 Ds Ds(xif) Dr S(b) Dr S(b) R S Ds Ds R S
 L R R L L R L R L R L R
 &1 &2 & 3 & 4 & 5 &6 &7 & 8

2 Fancy triple
 Ds Ds(xif) Ds (xib) R S
 L R L R L
 &1 &2 &3 & 4

Part B (64 counts)

Buzz's step
 Ds Br(xif) Ds T(b) Hc Ds(ots) Ds (xib) R(ots) S(ots) Sl S R S R S Ds R S
 L R R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R
 &1 &2 &3 & 4 &5 &6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 &11 & 12

2 Basics ½ left
 Ds R S
 L R L
 &1 & 2

Triple Hop left diagonal
 Ds Ds Ds K Hop (diagonally left)
 L R L R L
 &1 &2 &3 & 4

4 Runs back
 Ds Ds Ds Ds (return to face front)
 R L R L
 &1 &2 &3 &4

Triple Hop angle right (right foot lead)

4 Runs back

Repeat all to front

Part C (32 counts)

Clog over vine left

Ds	Ds (xif)	Ds (ots)	Ds (xib)	Ds (ots)	Ds (xif)	Ds (ots)	R	S
L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L
&1	&2	&3	&4	&5	&6	&7	&	8

Slur vine brush right and left

Ds	Slr(xib)	S	Ds	Br	Hc
L	R	R	L	R	L
&1	&	2	&3	&	4

Clog over vine right

Slur vine brush left and right

½ B (32 counts)

Buzz's step, 2 basics no turn, Triple hop angle left, 4 runs back, Triple hop angle right, 4 runs back

½ A (16 counts)

2 Cross over touch backs, 2 Rock steps, Fancy double

Intro (32 counts)

Heel rock, triple ¼ right, repeat 3 times in a box

Part B (64 counts)

Buzz's step, 2 basics ½ left Triple hop left, 4 runs, Triple hop right, 4 runs and repeat to the front

Part C (32 counts)

Clog over vine left, Slur vine brush right and left, Clog over vine right, slur vine brush left and right

Part D (32 counts)

Cowboy

Ds	Ds	Ds	Br	Hc	Ds (xif)	R	S	R	S	R	S
L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R
&1	&2	&3	&	4	&5	&	6	&	7	&	8

2 Charleston brushes

Ds	T(f)	Hc	T(b)	Hc	Br	Hc
L	R	L	R	L	R	L
&1	&	2	&	3	&	4

Cowboy

4 Rock steps

Break (8 counts)

Heel rock, triple no turn

Bridge (24 counts)

Brush over Vine rock slur

			Ds	Br (xif)	Hc	Ds	T(b)	Hc	Ds(ots)	Ds(xib)	R(ots)	H(w)	Slr	S
L	R		L	R	L	R	L		R	L	R	R	L	
&1	&		2	&3	&	4	&5		&6	&	7	&	8	

Buzz's step right foot lead

Push right

Ds	R	S	R	S	R	S
R	L	R	L	R	L	R
&1	&	2	&	3	&	4

Part A (32 counts)

2 Cross over touch backs, 2 Rock steps, Fancy Double, Samantha, 2 Fancy triple

Intro (32 counts)

Heel rock, triple ¼ right, repeat 3 times in a box

Key

Ds = Double Step

R = Rock

S = Step

Br = Brush

Hc = Heel Click

Hw = Heel takes weight

Slr = Slur

Dr = Drag

Xif = Cross in front

Xib = Cross in back

Ots = Out to side

T = touch

Dt = Double toe

K = Kick

Hop = Hop

On The Beat...

News from around the clogging world

Welcome Ethan James Healy!



Hanna and Mike Healy welcomed Ethan James into their family on 12/21/2011. He came in weighing 8lbs 12oz.

What a great Christmas present for you both!

Welcome to the clogging family, Ethan!



Heroes Among Us



Jimmy Kimmerly,
Ohio



As we all reflect back on the history of our country on this Pearl Harbor Day, it is an honor to recognize one of our fellow cloggers for his valiant service during the 'day that will live in infamy'.

Jimmy Kimmerly is an 88 year old Ohio resident, clogger, and Pearl Harbor survivor. He began clogging at 73 and competes and performs with the Fancy Free Cloggers. They are a great, fun-loving group and always have unique routines to share with the crowd. Jimmy also participates with his duet partner Evie Poe to rave reviews every where they go.



This year at the Showdown of Champions, Jimmy was presented with the Lori Wilson Award for being a positive influence to his peers.

I can't even begin to imagine what that day and the days afterward could have been like and all I can say is Thank you Jimmy, for serving for all of us.

Read more: http://www.maysville-online.com/news/local/article_5e3ad79b-9fda-5fe0-8895-ecd2951f818f.html#ixzz1nnkAGliv



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February 25, 2012

Motor City Classic
Clogging Workshop
Madison Place
Madison Heights, ME
Sam Gill

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March 9 & 10, 2012

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Waco, TX

heroesrally@yahoo.com
Texas-clogging.com

March 15-17, 2012

Smoky Mountain Encore
Gatlinburg Convention Center
Gatlinburg, TN

Lynne Ogle 865-675-1185
Smokymountainencore.com

March 16 & 17, 2012

Northeast Clogging Conv & Comp
Nashua, NH

Beth Kendall 802-493-3349
freewebs.com/necc

March 23 & 24, 2012

Possum Trot
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
Lancaster, CA

Possumtrotca.net

March 24, 2012

The Villages Workshop "Movin On"
The Paradise Center

Lady Lake, FL

Clyde Hamilton 352-205-4688

<http://www.thevillageslifelongcollege.com/>

March 24, 2012

Mason-Dixon Spring Stomp
The Portico at St Johns
Westminster, MD

Pam Smiley 410-504-5775
Carrollcountycloggers.com

March 30 & 31, 2012

IPCA Clogging Workshop
Bone Student Center
Normal, IL

Illinoisclogging.com

April 13 & 14, 2012

City Slicker Stomp
Workshop & NCHC Competition
Hartman Conf Center & Hilton Garden Inn
Independence, MO

Missy Shinoski 816-443-3030
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www.CitySlickerStomp.Info
www.MissyShinoski.Info

April 13 & 14, 2012

Indiana River Cloggers POWWOW
Kiwanas Island
Merritt Island, FL

Sandy Smallwood 321-631-5104
indianrivercloggers.org

April 19-21, 2012

Nickel City Clogging Festival
Holiday Inn Grand Island
Grand Island, NY

Linda Haley 716-537-9662
wnyca.com

July 4, 2012

National Independence Day Parade and
Clogger's Expo
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www.cloggingexpo.com

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Camp Wesley Pines, MS
Angie Miller 601-906-2882

www.msclonextravaganza.com

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March 17, 2012

SCCC Stampede
Aiken, SC

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March TBD

Tennessee Clogging Classic
Meadowview Resort and Conf Ctr
Kingport, TN

Terry Glass
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Tennesseehowdowners.com

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CLOG Welcomes New Members

Amy Costello, CO

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

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Dance Expose' ~ Thursday

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