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For the last 3 years we had a visitor, Karolina, a clogger from Trutnov Czech Republic. Our club the Clickety Cloggers of Austin Texas was invited to the Czech Republic to dance in their 30th anniversary show. So we went. Below is our experience while there. The club was very excited to be invited for this event and to clog in their show. The club wanted share with you about this trip of a lifetime. ~ Shirley Ashbrook

Clickety Cloggers by Virginia Pohlmeier



Six Clickety Cloggers and two friends had a great trip to Trutnov and Prague, Czech Republic. It was so fun to be with the Star West Cloggers in Chechia and they were endlessly welcoming and friendly!



from left to right: Virginia Pohlmeier, Deb Kraig, Esther Bull, Hildy Slocum, Pat Waden, and Shirley Ashbrook.

We performed one dance --Texas on a Saturday Night-- choreo by our own Robin Arnold-- at their 30th Anniversary Celebration --which was a reunion of sorts similar to Clickety's celebration for our 30th and 40th years. All their music, decorations, costumes, etc. were very "American".

Karolina Hofmanova, who was our friend and contact after visiting our club in Austin 3 times, planned all the sightseeing in the area and many of the Star West cloggers came along. We started our trip at her house, situated above Trutnov in the Czech Republic

In the next 3 days, besides clogging a lot, we visited castles, learned the legends of the area, and the history of the city under its many occupations.

Hildy Slocum describes our last and favorite outing in the Trutnov area: "One of the fascinating sights we saw was the Adrspach Rock Formation area. This series of labyrinths and trails was frequented by tourists and hikers as early as 1700 but remained virtually unknown until the early 19th cen-



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On the beat.....

Clickety Cloggers in the Czech Republic

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Trutnov, Czech Republic –main square, city hall.

tury when the owners of the Adrspach domain began to build the first network of pathways weaving through a variety of natural rock formations. It is now an amazing national park where we spent an entire day hiking and picnicking with our gracious hosts.”



On the final night in Trutnov, we danced with Star West at their regular class meeting ,trading gifts (see the first photo!), performing dances for each other, and teaching dances to each other ---lots of fun! This young group of Star Wet Cloggers welcomed us like family and didn't seem to mind that we were old enough to be their parents or grandparents.



The next morning we were off to Prague for 4 days of sightseeing there.

Four tours, two concerts, lots of Czech food, a champagne birthday celebration for Pat Waden, and much more spontaneous fun. Then we were on our way home.

What a unique and unmatched trip!



On the beat.....

Sautee Stomp!

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By Anne Lanier

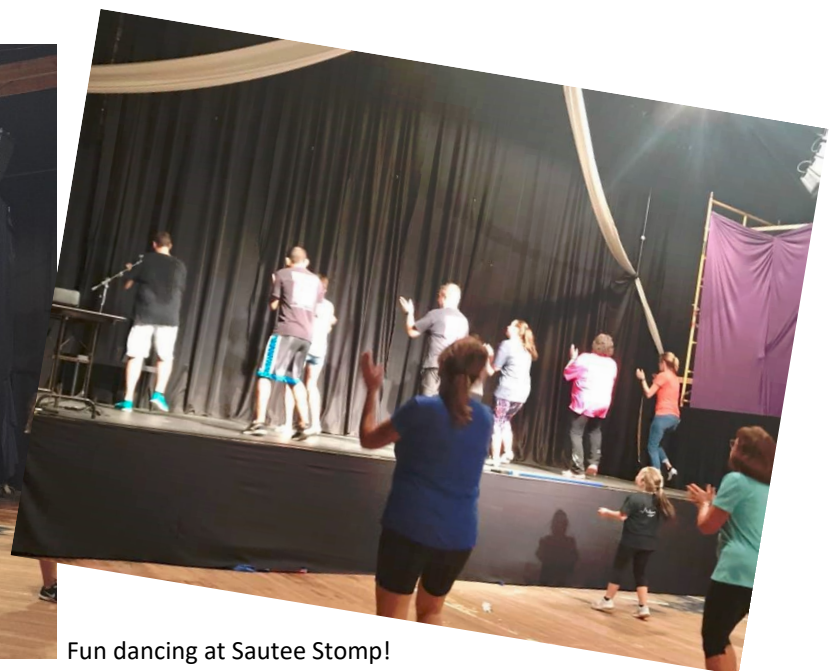
Added to the oom-pa-pa of October Fest and the gurgling sounds of the Chattahoochee River, the Sautee Stomp added the musical rhythmic sound of clogging taps in Helen, GA.

The picturesque German themed town of Helen, GA on the banks of the Chattahoochee River was the scene for the first Sautee Stomp Clogging Workshop. The workshop was held in the nearby Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center, September 28,29, 2018. The center is home of a dance studio, a Folk Pottery Museum and other artistic and cultural venues.

The workshop was directed by Andy Howard, of Atlanta, GA. Andy is an accomplished clogger, having directed the award winning teams of Soundstage and American Racket. He is a nationally known instructor and has taught at the CLOG National Convention, Nickle City Clogging workshop, Sunshine Jamboree, Florida State Clogging Convention, and has traveled to California, Washington state, Arkansas, Kentucky , Texas and many other places to teach. He has also organized teams for Folk Moot and traveled to the International Folk Festivals in Canada and Brazil. He is also a competition judge and runs an NCHC sanctioned competition in Florida.

The featured instructor this year at the Sautee Stomp was Melissa Pack from Lebanon, TN. She is co director of Evermean Evergreen Cloggers with her husband Rob. Other instructors were Dalita Diaz De Arce (FL), Paul Melville (NC), Merm Crow (GA), Katie Stakely (FL), Brianna Cassisi (FL), Alexis Free (GA), Sue Caylor (GA), Kay Trimm (AL), Sarah Darby Hughes (GA), Callie Cantrell (GA). Samantha Cantrell (GA), Jayne Treadwell (NC/VA), Matthew Randolph (TN), and Anne Lanier (FL). There were many great routines taught and everyone enjoyed the venue and the dancing.

There are many activities to attend and add to the fun of the weekend, October Fest was getting geared up in Helen with food, music and entertainment. On Sunday, some of the workshop attendees met and went tubing! What a fun way to end a weekend.



Fun dancing at Sautee Stomp!

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The whole weekend was a wonderful fun event, filled with clogging, entertainment and camaraderie. Make your plans to attend September 27,28,2019. Check out the Facebook Page, Sautee Stomp! In Helen, GA. Host Hotel is the Baymont Inn in Helen with \$105.00 for rooms. Block is named "Sautee Stomp Clogging Group." \$105 per night. Two night minimum. Breakfast included. They agreed to extend the rate if you stay later or arrive early (add extra nights).



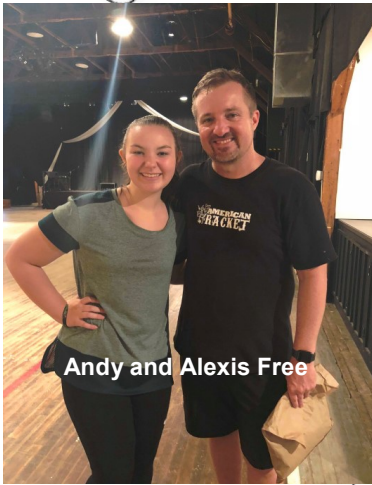
Learning Time!



Future clogging stars



Melissa , Matt, and Rob



Andy and Alexis Free



Tubing!!



October Fest Fun

CLOGGING CRAZINESS

By: Barbara Elko



The second Clogging Craziiness workshop of 2018 took place October 6th at the Countryside WMCA in Lebanon Ohio. Nancy Kenny is the host and I think her intentions are to hold both a spring and fall workshop annually. Nancy and her volunteers had everything well organized. Registration was smooth, name tags were a nice touch, printed maps of the facility were available, and the on site lunch served on time. The syllabus was exceptional, the national dance list routines were included and several pages of basic clogging steps. The facility is enormous, and the dance halls spacious. A minor downside is the distance between some of the halls.

This workshop has been supported by local instructors, and judging from those attending that is working. These local instructors are very supportive of each other. They share ideas and compliment each others new steps. J. Dustin Williams taught an advanced routine to the song Wild Thing that blew all those who took the class away! Adam King and his wife Naomi Zweben-King instructors from Ohio are big supporters of this workshop. This was Jeigh Maynard and Katie O'Brien second time teaching at Clogging Craziiness. These ladies love to share their passion of clog dancing! Other instructors on board were Hannah Elhard, Barb Elko, Nancy Kenny, Jenny Luna, Randi Michael Milburn, Donna Neer, Megan Ranney, and Rachel Smith. Andrew Perry a more recognized instructor also taught. He was in the area, and had never taught in the state of Ohio, so he got that particular item off his bucket list!



Having been one of the instructors with a basic routine I can tell you the amount of beginners was substantial. These folks ranged in age, and were eager to learn. Nancy Kenny had a hall dedicated to getting this folks dancing. She held a beginners from scratch class and classes slowly progressed from there. So large were the number of beginners I asked Nancy how she reached them. "I think it was a combination of Facebook, our television appearance, and email invites as well as advertising on the Countryside YMCA big message board at the front of the Y. I think all of that got us some exposure to a subset of people who didn't previously know much at all about our Clogging subculture." After the workshop held in April of this year Nancy sent a survey to the participants. A large majority of those who completed the survey requested a second workshop to be held in the fall. According to Nancy "It is definitely a lot of work...but the second time was much easier than the first time since it was with some experience that I put it together again. I really want to give up and coming clogging teachers who usually don't get the chance to teach at workshops to have a fun and welcoming place to get the opportunity to teach! It was definitely a fun welcoming place to clog.



Next Clogging Craziiness
Workshop is April 13th
2019.



Upcoming Events

January 11-12, 2019

5th Annual Southern Arizona
Clogging Dance Festival
Old Pueblo Dance Center
Tom Bogan (520) 290-2368
tbogan1@cox.net
sardasa.com

January 25-26, 2019

Country Rhythm Clogging Workshop
Dallas Townsend Center
LaBelle, FL
Pat Bedingfield (863) 673-5054
pat.bedingfield@gmail.com

January 25-27, 2019

Oregon Mid-Winter Festival
Linn County Expo Center
Albany, Oregon
Larry & Carol Reetz (541)461-5642
larryreetz@gmail.com

February 2, 2019

Cabin Fever Clogging Workshop
Baku Grotto Hall
Mansfield, OH
Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571
ccajeff@aol.com
<http://www.doubletoe.com/CabinFever.htm>

March 7-9, 2019

Smoky Mountain Encore
Gatlinburg Convention Center
Gatlinburg, TN
Lynne Ogle 865-675-1185
ccalynne@aol.com
smokymountainencore.com

March 22-23, 2019

Possum Trot Clogging Workshop
Courtyard by Marriott
Oxnard, CA
possumtrotca.net

March 29-30, 2019

City Slicker Stomp Workshop
Independence, MO
Missy Shinoski kloghop@sbcglobal.net
www.CitySlickerStomp.Info

April 5-7, 2019

Northeast Clogging Convention
Manchester, MA
Beth Kendall 802-439-3349
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www.freewebs.com/necc

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Convention
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Las Vegas, NV
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Competitions

February 9, 2019

Florida Clogging Festival (NCHC)
Osceola County Fair
Kissimmee, FL
Andy Howard 352.494.0104
americanracket@gmail.com
www.floridaclogging.com

March 23, 2019

Winter Clogging Invitational (NCHC)
Polk County High School
Columbus, NC
Chip Summey Ncjcs@aol.com

March 30, 2019

City Slicker Stomp Competition (NCHC)
Independence, MO
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April 13, 2019

Southern Junction Clogging
Championships (NCHC)
Wren High School Auditorium
Piedmont, SC
Gwen Stamp 864- 299-8601
gwen@southernjunctioncloggers.com

May 4-5, 2019

Dollywood Clogging Classic (NCHC)
Dollywood
Pigeon Forge, TN
David & Susan Phillips
dccclog@gmail.com

June 15, 2019

Grand Challenge of Champions (NCHC)
Silver Dollar City
Branson, MO
David and Susan Phillips
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July 6, 2019

Let the Sparks Fly Competition C
Cabool, MO
Rebecca Peterson (417) 254-3168
matbec@centurytel.net

July 27, 2019

Mississippi Clogging Extravaganza (NCHC)
Brookhaven Rec Center
Brookhaven, MS
Angie Miller 601.906.2882
angiehalemiller@gmail.com
www.mscllogextravaganza.com

CLOG Welcomes New Members

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Wednesday - Saturday	Nightly Fun Dances
Thursday	Dance Expose
Thursday 9AM-3PM	Workshops- p and Rising Instructors
Thursday Late Afternoon	Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday Evening	Parade of Colors
Friday -Saturday	Workshops- National Instructors
9am - 5pm	Over 75 hours of Workshops & Seminars

Friday Evening - Excursion - TBA

Friday Evening - Enjoy the Fun Dance

Saturday 7 PM Showcase and Fun Dance

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