

C.L.O.G. Today™

Official Newsletter of the National Clogging Leaders Organization



What's on your Bucket List?

We all have one, whether it is written down on paper or just in our mind's eye, right? There are things we'd like to do....some day when....if ever we have the chance..... They fill a number of different areas of our lives, home, family, hobbies, travel. Do you have a list for each of those areas? Or just one big list that encompasses them all. What if they could overlap? That would be really cool. Get 2 for 1.

So what are some of the things that hinder us from checking some of these things off? One thing for me personally, was doing things 'alone'. In a previous issue, I did talk about going to workshops 'alone'. And that really applies here too. How many of us have clogging workshops on our bucket list? And really the only thing holding us back is that we'd be 'alone'. Well, as I wrote about, clogging workshops are family. You can walk into a hall and out on the floor and you are immediately surrounded by family. Someone you had never known or spoken to before that day will become someone you share so much with for many years to come. You may only see them at workshops or on Facebook, but you immediately know that you could count on them for anything. Because they are family.

So what about combining bucket items? Think about the BIG workshops that fill that list. Nickel City Clogging Festival (check), National CLOG Convention (check check check), Smokey Mountain Encore, Fontana Clogging Jamboree (check), Sunshine State Clogging Jamboree and the list goes on. Are there travel destinations on your list? Australia, New Zealand, Europe, the Caribbean? Can we get some 2fers here? ABSOLUTELY!!

- Nickel City Clogging Festival - Niagara Falls—a natural wonder
- National CLOG Convention—it travels, where it is could be where you want to go!
- Smokey Mountain Encore—Gatlinburg and the beautiful Smokey Mountains—breath taking
- Fontana Clogging Jamboree—the 'home' of clogging, just the history alone is worth the visit, but tour the Blue Ridge Parkway—amazing
- Sunshine State Clogging Jamboree—any NASCAR fans out there, tour the track. Or just soak up the sun on the gorgeous beach.
- Australia—Australian Clogging Association National Convention
- New Zealand—New Zealand Clogging Association National Convention
- Germany—Renegade Quicksteppers Anniversary
- Jamaica—clogging and cruising ? Oh yeah, sign me up!

Can you imagine the possibilities? And there are clogging tours planned by different instructors to combine these things also, so pricing is good, you are going with a bigger group (even if you are going alone—see!)

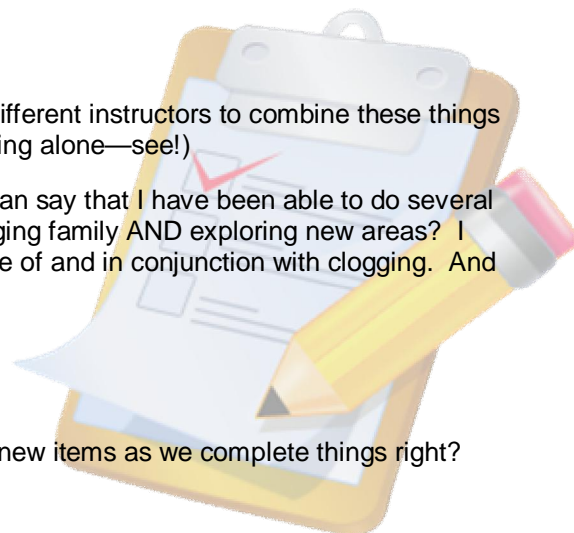
So let's get some of those items checked off and if we, can let's do a 2fer! I can say that I have been able to do several 2fers, and let's be honest, what is more fun that spending time with your clogging family AND exploring new areas? I can say honestly that a lot of my bucket list items are getting checked because of and in conjunction with clogging. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

So as you can see, the possibilities are endless.
The friendships are endless.
The experiences are endless.

And your bucket list? Well, that is shrinking or really, being replaced with new items as we complete things right?

See you on the dance floor!

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Motivation

Some leaders know how to get an extra effort from the people they lead. They seem to possess a knack for inspiring others. On the other hand, some leaders seem to bring out the worst in people. Although they may intend to inspire others, they actually intimidate them

A good leader motivates people by inspiring them to reach higher goals or standards. The art of motivation is used in many situations. We are motivating when we are giving children a pep talk about schoolwork, trying to help a batter out of a slump, or preparing a team for an exhibition or competition. Simply speaking, motivating is the art of instilling a **CAN DO** attitude.

Here are some things they do:

List several motivational tools

- ♦ Let Your Words Reflect Your Attitude
- ♦ Establish Clear And Consistent Standards
- ♦ Deal With Failures And Mistakes In Positive Ways

Define “morale” and the variables that affect morale

- ♦ Develop Esprit de Corps
- ♦ Deal With Complainers And Troublemakers
- ♦ Maintain Your Own Morale

Identify personality traits found in effective leaders

Caring, gracious, responsible, direct, dedicated

Name actions used by successful leaders

- ♦ Request Instead Of Order
- ♦ Accept Discomfort
- ♦ Establish Goals (But don't expect to reach them all.)
- ♦ Celebrate Success

Solve leadership problems

Accept That You Are Not Perfect—Leadership is truly the art of dealing with people who are, by nature, imperfect. You will make mistakes, accept that. Your students will respect you more when they know that you know that you are human, too

Naomi Pyle's
OktoberCLOGfest
October 18, 2014



27th ANNUAL CLOGGING DANCE WORKSHOP with

**Naomi Pyle, Jeff Driggs, Barry Welch,
 Trevor DeWitt & introducing Chris Phelps**



Nashville, Indiana in beautiful Brown County

Nashville, Indiana is similar to a small Gatlinburg - lots of unique shops and restaurants and Brown County is known for it's beautiful fall foliage)

Note: Make your hotel reservations early. It is Fall foliage time in Brown County and hotels fill up quickly!

For more info: 812-579-6979 Naomi_P@SBCGlobal.net
 Naomi Fleetwood-Pyle, 10720 E. Legal Tender Rd., Columbus, IN 47203

**Indiana Fall Classic
 Clogging and Dance
 Championships**
 Saturday and Sunday
November 1 & 2, 2014

at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center
 in Columbus, Indiana



**INDIANA FALL CLASSIC CLOGGING
 CHAMPIONSHIPS QUICK DOWNLOADS**

QUICK DOWNLOADS:

[FLYER IN PDF](#) [FLYER IN WORD](#)

Download a Registration Form in Microsoft Excel that does the math for you for each dancer

[CLOGGING REG FORM IN EXCEL](#)

Download a Registration Form in Adobe PDF to Print and Fill Out by Hand [CLOGGING REG FORM IN PDF](#)



Accommodations

All events will be held at the
Clarion Hotel and Convention Center

2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN 47201

For reservations, call

812-372-1541

Clogger rate **\$89.00** per night for double
 be sure to say "Indiana Fall Classic Clogging"
 to get special rates.

Team registration cut-off is October 22, 2014.

For info email ccejf@aol.com or call (304) 776-9571.

www.cloggingcontest.com



Sugar Foot Rag

Intermediate Traditional

Artist: Jerry Reed CD: Jerry Reed-Super Hits Music Type: Country
 Choreo: Melissa Pack, Lebanon, TN, 615-478-8184, rnmpack@gmail.com
 Christina Nobili, Charlotte, NC, 276-733-2564, ruclogging@gmail.com

SEQUENCE: INTRO - A - B - A - C - A - BRIDGE- ENDING

INTRO: Wait 8 Beats & start with the left foot

PART A:

Tennessee Mountain: ds, kick, ds, rs, kick, ds, drag, s, rs
 L R R LR L L L R LR

Mtn. Goat w/pause step: ds, rs, rs, s, hl up, ds dbl flange, s hl up
 L RLRL L L R L R L

Taz, heel pull chug & a basic: ds k together, k together, k together, up, s heel chug, ds rs
 L R BOTH L BOTH R BOTH L L R R R LR

The Sign: ds, rs, drag s, rs, drag s, rs ds rs
 L RL L R LR R L RL R LR

4 Scoots: dbl sct sct sct sct
 L BOTH FEET

PART B:

Ida Red: dbl (b), br (up), ds(xif), s (xib), sl, ds rs ds br (up)
 L L L R R L RL R L

3-2-1: ds ds ds dbl up dbl up (turn 1/2 to back) ds rs chug
 L R L R R R LR L

*Repeat Ida Red & 3-2-1 facing the back turn 1/2 to face the front on the dbl ups

*On the last 3-2-1 facing the front you will have a pause before the Samantha

Good Ole' Samantha: ds, ds (xif), drag, s, drag, s, rs, ds, ds, rs
 L R R L L R LR L R LR

PART C:

Rooster Run: ds, ds, b(ots), b(behind), b(ots), b(xif)
 L R L R L R

Hit-Hit: ds, touch right foot to left hand, then to the right hand, ds, rs *Turning ¼ to your LEFT
 L R R R LR

Charleston: ds, touch (in front) toe, heel, rs
 L R R R LR

Catawba w/ a Pause: d, heel, heel, heel, heel, heel, lift, PAUSE *Turning ¼ LEFT to face back
 L R R L L R L L

-REPEAT ALL BACK TO FACE THE FRONT-

Good Ole' Samantha: ds, ds (xif), drag, s, drag, s, rs, ds, ds, rs
 L R R L L R LR L R LR

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Festival Opportunitites..... News from around the clogging world

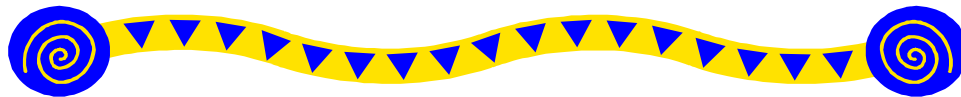
Dear friends:

GERMANY – Please find below a message from a CIOFF® Festival in Germany July 9 to 13, 2015. For additional information, this includes access to the Festival's website. If interested, please contact andrea.liebe@tfe-erfurt.de. Please send me a copy of your initial communication.

COLOMBIA – The 42nd annual edition of “Festival Internacional de Cultura de Boyacá” is seeking a participating group from the USA. Unfortunately, this is on “short notice,” inasmuch as this Festival is scheduled to take place October 31 to November 8, 2014. If any of you are in a position to consider an “off-season” voyage to Latin America, please contact des-pacho.culturayturismo@boyaca.gov.co. Please send me a copy of any such message. This Festival is organized and hosted by the government of the State of Boyacá in Colombia. If you have an interest, I would be pleased to forward to you the “Letter of Invitation” to the USA (in Spanish). However, any detailed information about Conditions of this Festival will have to be requested directly from them.

Cordial greetings to all.

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INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL OF AZORES



PORTUGAL



»» Sign up your group for 2015 (August, 9th to 15th) ««

»» Inscrivez votre groupe pour 2015 (9 au 15 Août) ««

»» Inscribe tu grupo para 2015 (9 a 15 Agosto) ««

»» info@cofit.org ««



Azores Festival





Upcoming Events

October 18, 2014

Oktober ClogFest Workshop
Seasons Resort & Conference Center
Nashville, IN
Naomi Pyle (812) 579-6979
Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net

November 1, 2014

Appalachian Stomp
Carver Community Center
Purcellville, VA
AppalachianStomp.com

November 7-9, 2014

Sea Lion Stomp
Nanoose Hall
Nanoose, BC
Barb Guenette
bguenette@shaw.ca
nwcloggers.com

November 14-16, 2014

Hickory Hoedown
Hickory Metro Conv. Ctr.
AJ & Jill Kirby (828) 396-2052
simscountrycloggers@yahoo.com
clognc.com

November 26-29, 2014

28th Annual C.L.O.G. National Clogging
Convention
Peppermill Resort Spa Casino
Reno, NV
David & Susan Phillips
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clog@clog.org
clog.org

March 28, 2015

Mason Dixon Spring Stomp.
Westminster, MD
Diane Gehret (410)259-8864
Dianegehret@gmail.com
Lynn Grassi (410)428-6992
lynnglassi@verizon.net
www.carrollcountycloggers.com

January 23-24, 2015

Oregon Mid-Winter Festival
Albany, Oregon
Rick & Lauri Weidenhaft (541) 747-7780
Rick.weidenhaft@comcast.net

Competitions

October 18, 2014

Deep South Dance Off (CCA)
Georgia
Heather Kohberger (678) 245-2725
h.kohberger@gmail.com
Blake Dunn (417) 598-2199

October 24-26, 2014

ACHF Annual World Championships (ACHF)
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
Spartanburg, SC
Jimmy Loveless 301-884-5830
Ellis Perry 919-484-0623
Dianne Loftin 864-277-0553
www.achfclog.com

November 1-2, 2014

Indiana Fall Classic (CCA)
Clarion Hotel & Conv Ctr
Columbus, IN
Jeff Driggs (304) 776-9571
ccajeff@aol.com
Naomi Pyle (812) 343-3285
Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net
www.cloggingcontest.com

November 8, 2014

CCA Mountain Classic (CCA)
Columbus, NC
Rhonda Wallen (864) 814-0096
rwallen543@charter.net
Lynne Ogle (865) 805-7025
ccalynne@aol.com

November 8, 2014

Tiger Town Invitational (ACHF)
D.W. Daniel High School
Central, SC
Ben or Sharon Finley 864-868-9788
sfinley@bellsouth.net
Lauren Ann Brady
bradyla07@yahoo.com
Cullen Finley 864-952-9930
wcfenley@bellsouth.net

December 13, 2014

Fusion Winter Fest (ACHF)
Moretz Business Center
Newton, NC
Stefanie Grubbs 336-918-6269
stefaniegrubbs@gmail.com

January 17, 2015

Oak City's Winter Invitational (ACHF)
Seby B. Jones Performing Arts Center
Louisburg, NC
Taylor Gentle 919-413-6605
oakcitycloggers@gmail.com

January 23-24, 2015

CCA Showdown of Champions (CCA)
Knoxville Civic Auditorium
Knoxville, TN
Lynne Ogle 865-805-7025
ccalynne@aol.com
ccaclog.com

February 7, 2015

Capital City Clogging Classic (ACHF)
Columbia Convention Center
Columbia, SC
Heather Vassey 828-320-9095
ccitycloggers@gmail.com

February 7, 2015

State Clogging Challenge (CAD)
North Carolina State University
Talley Ballroom
Raleigh, NC
clogcadence.com

Check with event coordinators to confirm event details!

CLOG Welcomes New Members

Pamela Powell, OR
Charity Duersch, UT
Tamara Green, OH

For information on joining CLOG and the benefits of becoming a member, fill out and send in the application in this issue or at our web site at www.clog.org, or contact us at 678-889-4355 or clog@clog.org.

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Name Home Phone
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Clogging Group Membership
List membership in area, state, and/or national clogging associations

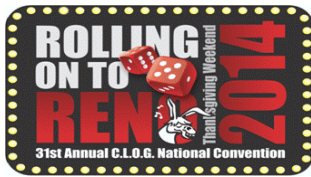
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31st Annual CLOG
National Convention
~ Reno, NV ~

November 27-29, 2014
Make Your Plans Now!

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:

Premier Clogging Instructors
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Schedule tentative and subject to Change

**NATIONAL
CLOGGING
CONVENTION**



Hotel Info:

Hotel Information:

Peppermill Resort Spa Casino
2707 S Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502

Reservation Number:

1-866-821-9996 - Code: aclog2014
Register online - <http://tinyurl.com/clog2014>

GROUP ROOM RATES

Tuscany Towers Rate: \$79 (1-4 ppl)
Peppermill Tower Rate: \$99 (1-4 ppl)
Guaranteed Rate until 10/25/2014

Rooms will Sell Out—Reserve Yours Today!!

Register Online at www.clog.org/convention

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