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Past TCA Ambassadors prepare for the crowning of the newest Ambassador at the 2015 TCA Convention. (See page 8)



Norm Barnhart named 2016 TCA Convention Headliner (see page 9)

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Purpose of the Texas Clown Association

1. To promote, preserve, and improve the profession of clowning.
2. To provide the opportunity to study the art, history, and philosophy of clowning.
3. To educate its members and the general public in the wholesome and clean entertainment that is provided by the profession of clowning.
4. To provide news to the members of all clown events in the state of Texas.

A Word From the President

by Andy “Smiley” Anderson

As you are reading this we will be about half way between the 2015 and 2016 TCA conventions. Looking back there have been some great memories and we will have a chance to make more memories this year. One reason this convention will be exciting is that we will elect the Officers to lead our organization for the next two years. David McCullough is the Chairman of nominations this year and his contact information is in the front of this Joey Journal. It would be great to have at least two people running for each office. TCA needs each of you to consider stepping up and running for a position on the Board. It is very rewarding to be at the meetings and help make the decisions to keep TCA moving forward as the great organization it is. I've been to many conventions of other groups and TCA is up there with the best. Think it over, make the call or email and I'll be looking for you all in San Angelo.

Bump A Nose,
Andy

TCA Clown Alleys

Panhandle / West Region

Oops Alley - TCA #2

North Central Region

Cowtown Clowns - TCA #9

Happi Tymes Clown Alley - TCA #12

The Clown Arounds - TCA #16

North East Region:

Tejas Klown Club - TCA #1*

Texas Mid-Cities Clown Alley - TCA #13

Payasos Latinos de America - TCA #23*

Cedar Creek Clowns - TCA #24*

Rosy Nose Clown Alley - TCA #25

South East Region

Space City Clown Alley - TCA #6*

Montgomery County Clowns - TCA #11*

Cheerful Clown Alley - TCA #14

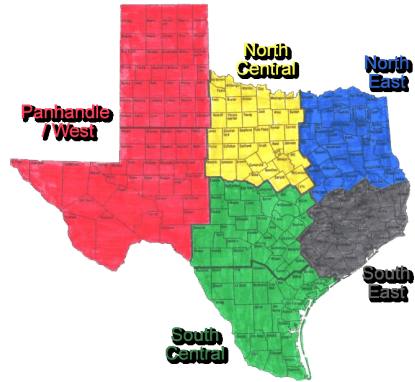
Coastal Confetti Clowns - TCA #18*

South / Central Region

Jolly Joey Clown Alley - TCA #19

The Clown Alley - TCA #15

*Inactive Alleys



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www.texasclownassociation.com

The members only password is: heart16

Be sure to connect to our official TCA Facebook page from our website and follow us to stay current with what is going on with TCA.

Ambassador of Clowning Award 2015:

Judy “Peep” Cornett

by Martha “Miss Cookie” Warren

This is truly a very embarrassing moment in my clowning career! Being the holder of the most prestigious title of TCA, and neglecting to recognize our next, and very deserving nominee, brings me shamelessly to my knees, again!!! The first time was when I turned the title over to her; she made me do it!

So please let me redeem myself and announce to the state of Texas our current and most humbled, clown of clowning...the 2015 Ambassador of Clowning, Madame, Judy “Peep” Cornett!

She received commendations with high regard to her character. Raved on for her clownmanship in every way as well as her leadership skills.

Judy has been clowning anywhere between 10-28 years—probably somewhere in between that time. She has always been very active in the Cheerful clown alley, and her community, by participating in alley gigs, the local hospitals, helping lecturers, clown classes, committees and at the alleys clown school.

She is known to go out of her way to help others, whether it’s for a regular member, new members, or visitors...she is the first to step up! She is happy to help a new clown by giving them advice on make up, costumes, and/or general clowning.

And it’s nothing for her to donate her own time, wisdom, and energy, working behind the scenes on alley

projects as well as at TCA conventions.

Judy has been described as being kind, encouraging, funny, helpful, a mentor, involved, roll model, talented, dedicated, fair, inspiring, willing, lovable and award winning!!! So these are some of the reasons she was nominated for this very prestigious award!

On a personal note, as I traveled down to Houston to meet up with my daughter; Judy was willing to come 45 minutes one way, out of her way, to meet up with me, and have me follow her back to the hospital she volunteers at, so I could shadow her! As it was, the timing didn’t work out with my daughters schedule...But I was so impressed that she would even want to do that in such a crazy, fast moving city!



Please when you see her, bow and congratulate, the warm and loving clown, our new Ambassador of Clowning, Judy “Peep” Cornett!!!

OUR HEADLINER FOR TCA 2016: Norm Barnhart

by Kathy “Piccolo” Keaton

You won't want to miss Norm Barnhart's humor, talent, workshops & lectures at TCA!!



Like: Thinking Theatrically”
”Scripture Balloons”
”Magic for Church’s”
”Improve Comedy”
”Skit Writing”
AND MORE!!

Norm Barnhart is a hilarious, multi-talented entertainer, M.C., magician and clown.

Norm has been a full time entertainer for over 28 years and performed in 49 states and 5 countries.

He's made special guest appearances at Paul Bunyan Amusement Park, as well as Knott's Camp Snoopy, The MN State Fair and presented his educational humor at hundreds of corporate banquets, school & college programs and family events.

Norm will be sharing many of his creative ideas and magic tricks that have been published in “Genii,” the Magicians Magazine,” and “The Linking Ring,” Magazine of the In-

ternational Brotherhood of Magicians. Norm also has published articles in “The Fellowship of Christian Magician’s Magazine”.

His column of comedy magic and skit ideas has appeared for over 17 years in “Clowning Around,” the “World Clown Association” publication and he is currently Marketing Director and Website Committee Chair for WCA.

Norm will keep us laughing as he entertains us all, Friday night, ending with his famous and hilarious “Amazing Normando the Great!!”

Register now and save!!



TCA Membership Dues

by Mauri “Blinki” Norris

Annual dues for TCA cover the period of April 1 - March 31. Regular memberships are \$25; Juniors (under age 16 as of 3/31/2016) are \$12.50. Additional adult Family members (age 16 or over with the same mailing address) are \$15 each.

You can pay your dues by check issued to TCA and mailed to me at the address below or you can use your credit card via PayPal - go to the TCA website at www.texasclownassociation.com. Under the ABOUT TCA tab, click the MEMBERSHIP tab and follow the prompts.

Members are encouraged to pay dues EARLY - before the April 1st due date. By doing so you save TCA money as TCA does not need to mail you a reminder postcard. Also, by doing so, your name is entered into a DRAWING and one winner will get their dues REFUNDED! So please consider paying your dues EARLY --- you may get your TCA membership FREE!

Anyone paying their dues prior to April 1, 2016 will be entered in the drawing. The winner will be drawn at the April 2016 TCA Board meeting.

Mail your dues payments to:
Mauri Norris
6504 Kenyon Lane
Bellaire, TX 77401

(Example : Long Sleeve XXXL = \$19 +\$3 = \$22 – the first X is included in base price)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR CONTACT PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL _____

Complete above form and enclose your check payable to TCA 2016 Convention and mail to:
Mauri Norris, 6504 Kenyon Ln., Bellaire, TX 77401





OOPS ALLEY and the TCA Board of Directors

invite you to the

Texas Clown Association 33rd Annual Convention September 21-25, 2016

ALL convention registrants must be current TCA members. See the TCA website for a membership application. Dues are due annually on 4/1!
www.texasclownassociation.com

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$135 until 12/31/2015
\$165 1/1/2016 - 8/31/2016
**\$195 after 8/31/2016 and
at the door**

**\$5 additional convenience fee for
registrations paid by credit card/PayPal**

(no checks at the door – cash only)
(No refunds after July 31, 2016)

Registration includes: all scheduled workshops and shows, jams, daily admission to the dealers room, competitions, hospitality room, Saturday awards banquet and Hospital Reception (all for one person).

\$135 JUNIOR JOEYS

(ages 10 - 15) all times

PLEASE PRINT! ONE FORM PER PERSON!

Name: _____

Clown Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

TCA # _____ (registrants must be TCA members)

Is this your 1st TCA Convention? ___ Yes ___ No

CONVENTION FEES:

Registration (see right side) \$ _____

Extra Banquet Ticket (cost: \$35 each) \$ _____

T-Shirt Size _____ \$ _____

SHORT SLEEVE (S-M-L-XL: \$15)

LONG SLEEVE (S-M-L-XL: \$19)

(2X-10X: \$1.50 per extra X)

TOTAL \$ _____

ISSUE and MAIL Checks to:

TCA 2016 CONVENTION

c/o Mauri Norris

6504 Kenyon Lane

Bellaire, TX 77401

Want to *Charge-it?* Additional \$5 convenience fee for credit card or PayPal payments. See TCA website or call about using credit card or PayPal.

Juniors enjoy all the same convention events and activities as the adult registrants, plus special classes geared for younger clowns.

The Clarion Hotel

San Angelo Hotel and Conference Center

441 Rio Concho Dr.

San Angelo TX 76903

Room Rate: \$94/ht(+tax) (includes breakfast)
King rm-up to 2 people Double rm-up to 3 people

To book your room, contact the hotel at:
325-658-2828

Tell them you are with the
Texas Clown Association.

Make your reservation early to ensure you have a room.
Please plan to stay at the convention hotel to help
TCA meet its room block and save money on the
convention meeting space.

Watch the TCA website for more convention information, as details become available.

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Mauri "Binkie" Norris 713-201-9995

maurinorris@yahoo.com

TCA 2016 Convention in San Angelo Texas

T-shirts and **extra meal tickets** are ready for order now. Only **PRE-ORDERED** and **PRE-PAID** t-shirts are available. Order before July 31st to be sure you have this wonderful keepsake.

Use this form if you have already sent in your Convention registration form, otherwise use the registration form on the opposite side.

The meals at the 2016 convention will be:

- 1) Awards Banquet and
- 2) Hospital Reception/Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Extra tickets for the Awards Banquet: \$35 each **HOW MANY:** _____

Hospital Reception/Heavy Hors d'oeuvres: ticket is required (but it is no charge)

T-Shirts are all UNISEX

SHORT SLEEVES – sizes S-M-L-XL \$15

Sizes 2X-10X available at \$1.50 extra per extra X

HOW MANY **SIZES**

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Sizes 2X-10X available at \$1.50 extra per extra X

Keedo's Prop Shop: Backdrops

by Joyce "Keedo" Dowell

I want to talk about backdrops. They add so much to your skit. For quick & cheap you can purchase sheets with a design already on them or white ones to draw your own pictures on. I prefer to use muslin. It is heavier and is perfect for paint applications. You may buy it at cloth stores, but I prefer a store called Stage Lights. It sells muslin in a 6-foot width with finished edges for the same price.



I hang my backdrops on a frame made of 3/4" PVC pipe. A sheet already has a hem at the top for the PVC pipe to run through. I think the people who sew call this a casing. If you use muslin you will have to sew your own casing. I allow 5" folded in half.

How you attach the sides of your backdrop to the PVC will depend on whether this is a one-time show or a backdrop you will use over & over. You can cut little slits to run tie wraps through. If you need to reinforce this slit make it a buttonhole. Another option found at the \$ store is an eyelet kit that crimps in metal eyelets with special pliers. One other idea is to sew little stripes of cloth to the edges to use as ties.

To paint on muslin I use the bottles of colored craft paints with a

brush. You can also thin down this water-based paint and applied it with an airbrush. Spray paint is an oil-based paint that I find messy & harder to control.

To store & transport your backdrop you may fold it or roll it. For rolling buy a larger size PVC pipe and two caps for the ends to be used as a tube. You will avoid the creases from folding and it will be protected from getting dirty. Here's to a more professional look!

(Reprinted from The Cheerful Chatter - Houston, TX.)



Last Walk-Around: George “Hopper” Hopkins

By Nancy ”Bubbles the Clown” Arent

George Hopkins passed away on January 4, 2016, in Irving Texas. He was born on November 28, 1936, in Anderson, Indiana. George is preceded in death by parents, (Arvil & Naomi Hopkins and his son Chris Hopkins).



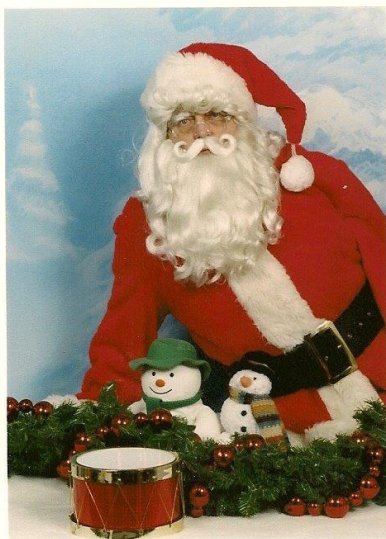
George was always ready to volunteer and would help anyone that he could.. All you had to do was mention someone needed something or help, he was always ready to jump in. He was a member of Cowtown Clowns, Mid-Cities Clowns, Ft. Worth Magic Club, TCA, & COAI.

He was quiet, but when he did have something to say it was to the point and funny. He will be truly missed by his family, clown family and his little, black dog which he walked everyday, his buddy.

In lieu of flowers, Marti requests that George be remembered through a gift of memorial to the American Diabetes Association.

George lived in Indiana many years before moving to Irving, Texas, 30 years ago. He was a man of many trades: hairdresser, employed at UT Southwest, and even after retirement he was a School Crossing Guard for the city of Irving.

But we all know his true calling was being Santa Clause, a Magician, & of course him being Hopper the Clown that he shared joy of being a Clown with his wife of 40 years, (Marti Hopkins) \$hopper.





First time TCA Convention attendees at the 2015 convention.

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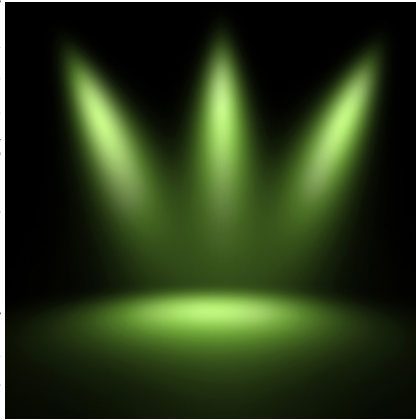
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The Clown's Lime Light

by Martha "Miss Cookie" Warren

People look at you! They stare! They point at you! They shout things! They make you feel different! You're in the Lime light... You are a Clown!!!

Look at the difference you are making in this world!!! As a new clown I was actually introverted... didn't know what to say. When I drove down the street I felt weird when people stared at me. I'd look the other way, not knowing what to do. Now, when I look at people, some of them look the other way. Funny! They don't know what to say or do..HA! But it all changed for me when I found myself, when I knew I was a true clown, and I realized where God was leading me! I can't remember exactly when that was, but it's an awesomeness feeling knowing that clowns really do change people's attitudes, and feelings, and their day!!! And it's more awesome knowing it's ME



that can do it...or YOU! You do know when that happens, right? Oh Yeah, that child's great big SMILE on their face when you give them a high five, then a low five, put a red sticker on their nose!!!

Or better yet, when they give you a BIG Hug! The little lady who just wants to hold your hand and talk, or the elder man who kicks up his heels and does a little jig with you as he smiles. That's the limelight of a clown!

But, you must also know how to read a person; young or older! Because the fact of the matter is, there are people who are afraid of clowns! Yes, clown phobia is very real! When I heard someone say that to me, I thought, "What? People are afraid of clowns?" I looked it up and it wasn't even in my "Dictionary"! A quick Internet search, I found Coulrophobia, which is the same thing—the fear of clowns; and

read it is very common. There are over 16,000 results with websites dedicated to the subject. Sites where people gather to share their thoughts and fears of clowns. And no wonder, have you ever seen the pictures of some of your mature clown

friends? They all have smiles up to their ears! Ask to see my first clown portrait sometime! hahaha!

I remember when I was a new clown and I walked up to this adult man and he started walking away.

I continued walking after him not realizing what he was doing. Then someone with him said “he is afraid of clowns”. My eyes must of looked as big as my red mouth! I couldn’t believe it...a grown man? (Big baby!) But the more I was out in clown the more I saw it was true. Unless it was a young lady who ran and screamed so her boyfriend would save her from the clown!!! HA!

Just remember to always be kind, sensitive to others feelings, and never walk up to a screaming child! You definitely won’t be the lime-light in that child’s eyes if you do! If the mother holds a crying child out to you, Back Away, Fast! The widespread fear of clowns comes

from negative personal experiences people have had as children, so you certainly don’t want to contribute to that dilemma.

When you are in the limelight, always follow the clown creed. Stay in character, stay in complete clown, don’t have a drink at a party even if they ask you, or smoke. Stay true to yourself and be the best clown you can be by always putting your big foot forward...Oh, that’s your best foot forward!!!

Bump A Nose everyone! Share your Smiles!!! Let your LimeLight Shine!

HATS OFF TO TCA THEME PARTY

by **Linda “Greenie” Greene**

Oops Alley Clowns and the TCA board will be hosting this year’s TCA convention Sept. 21st – 25th in San Angelo, Texas. We are planning a super fun Mad Hatter theme party. Yes we just put our HEADS together and thought of HATS. So put on your thinking hat and create a hat to wear to the party. There will be prizes for several categories.

There will be an opportunity for balloon arrangement people. We would love to have 10 balloon arrangements for the party tables. We would like to have different

balloon artists to compete in best balloon hat arrangements for the tables. There will be a prize for the winner. Those attending the Mad Hatter party will vote on the best table hat arrangement. So start thinking Hats and join us for a fun “Top this Hat” kind of evening. The Mad Hatter party is just one of the unique opportunities at this years “Clowning is Art from the Heart” TCA convention.

greeniethedclown@hotmail.com

TCA FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET			
	2015 BUDGET	ACTUAL	
Updated 1/14/2016 as of 12/31/15			
Three bank accounts total			
Main Ckg & Main Sav & Conv Sav	12/31/14	40243.73	
REVENUE			
DUES	4500.00	5432.50	
DUES RENEWAL CONTEST	-25.00		
INTEREST	10.00	8.00	
CONVENTION PROFIT	2000.00		
CONVENTION SEED			
SALES - PINS, PATCHES, etc			
ADVERTISING - JJ	100.00		
TCA POLO SHIRTS			
MISC / QUILT RAFFLE FOR 2015		752.00	
OTHER			
TOTAL INCOME	6585.00	6192.50	
EXPENSES			
BANK/PAYPAL CHARGES	50.00	63.41	
BOARD EXPENSES	1500.00	1951.25	
CONVENTION	1500.00	1158.90	

INSURANCE	550.00	1070.00
JJ EDITOR	300.00	250.00
JJ MAILING/POSTAGE	420.00	314.30
JJ PRINTING	2200.00	1748.45
MAILING other/POSTAGE	50.00	116.26
OFFICE (Mbr cards, labels)	100.00	104.97
P O PERMIT (annual in December)	85.00	82.00
PRINTING (dues notices/other)	200.00	77.38
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE	500.00	
AREA DIRECTORS (Welcome pkts)	200.00	
LEGAL/TAX EXEMPT STATUS	450.00	400.00
WEBSITE	100.00	93.35
TCA POLO SHIRTS		
OTHER		250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	8205.00	7680.27
NET INCOME/EXPENSE	-1620.00	-1487.77
Ending Balance		38755.96
Bank Balance per Wells Fargo	12/31/15	
Main ckg, Main sav, Conv sav	38,755.96	
12/31/15:mbrs thru 3/31/16-250;-3/31/15-41;-3/31/14-62;-3/31/13-40		
Note: 2015 Convention profit not received before 12/31/2015		

Benefiting You and TCA

by Greg “Zoots” Stanford

If you didn't know it, there are a couple of great ways you can help TCA while helping yourself. The first way is using Amazon.com's non-profit rewards program. If you shop online, you likely use Amazon from time to time. If you will head to smile.amazon.com, and then log in as you usually do, a percentage of the money you spend will be sent to TCA.

You won't be charged extra, instead some of the normal cost will be gifted to TCA. You'll be asked what charity you want to give to. Search for Texas Clown Association, click and you're good to go. Now you can shop to your heart's content, or your bank account is spent and help out TCA, too.

Another great way to help TCA is to advertise in the Joey Journal. Any clown related business can run an ad in the Joey. If you have a business or now someone who has a clown related business, check out the info in the front of the Joey Journal or head over to joeyjournal.com for more info.

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What's So Punny?

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

What was Forest Gump's email password? "1Forest1"

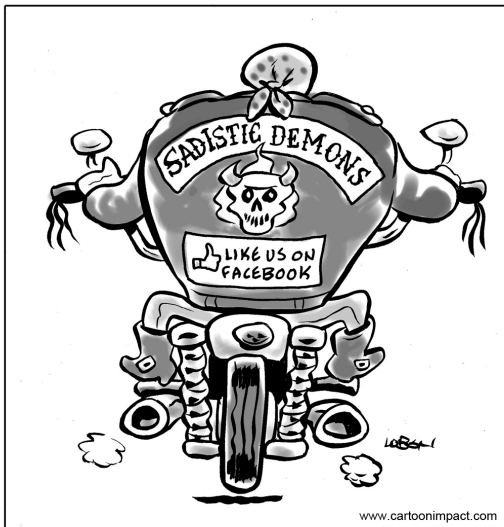
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

Why was Cinderella thrown off the basketball team? She ran away from the ball.

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned; couldn't concentrate.

Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door? He wanted to win the No-bell prize!

What day do chickens hate the most? Friday.





Don't wait, get registered today!

September 21-25, 2016