

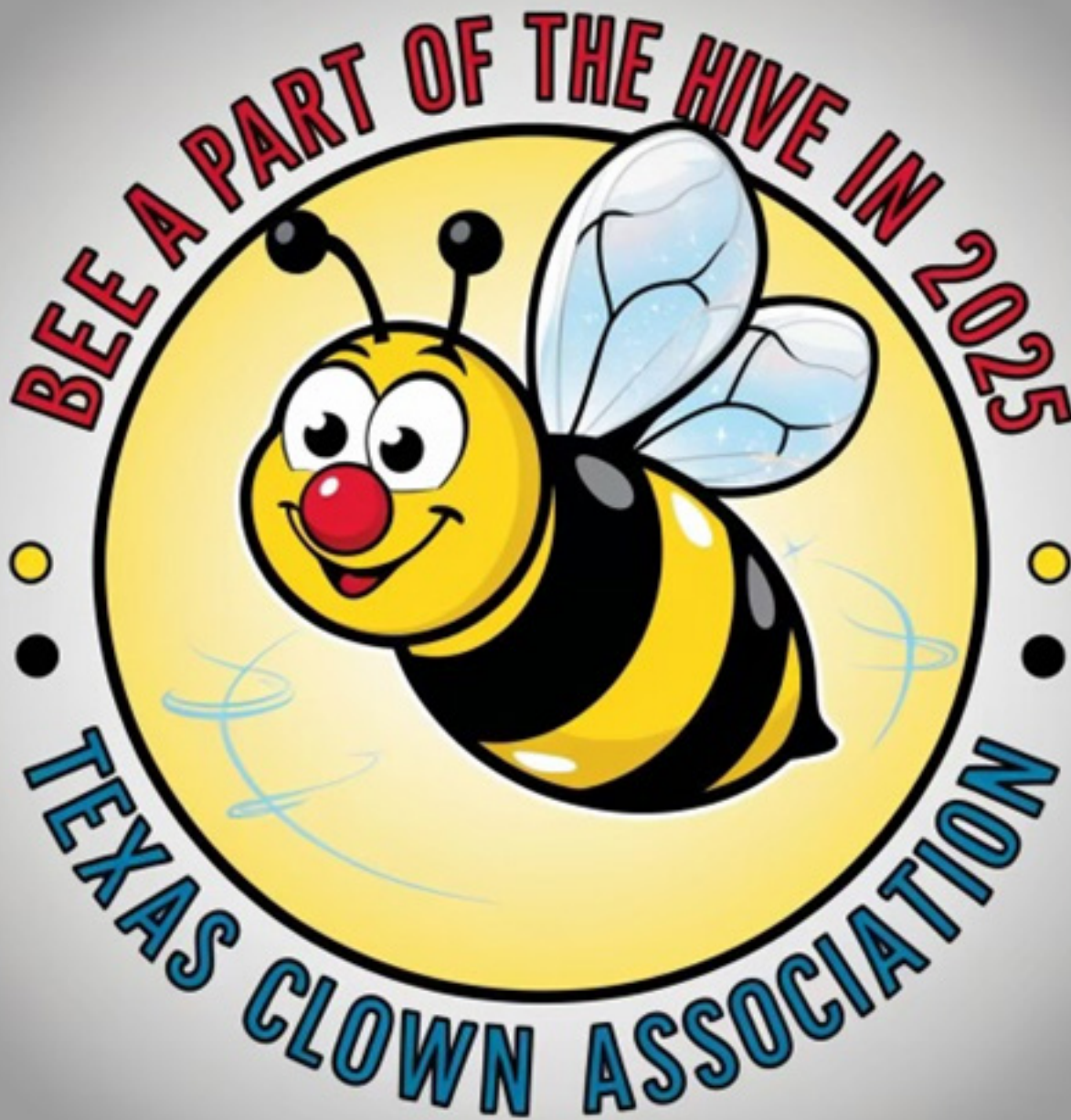
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1. To promote, preserve, and improve the profession of clowning.
- 2 To provide the opportunity to study the art, history, and philosophy of clowning.
3. To educate its members and the general public in the wholesome and clean entertainment that is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

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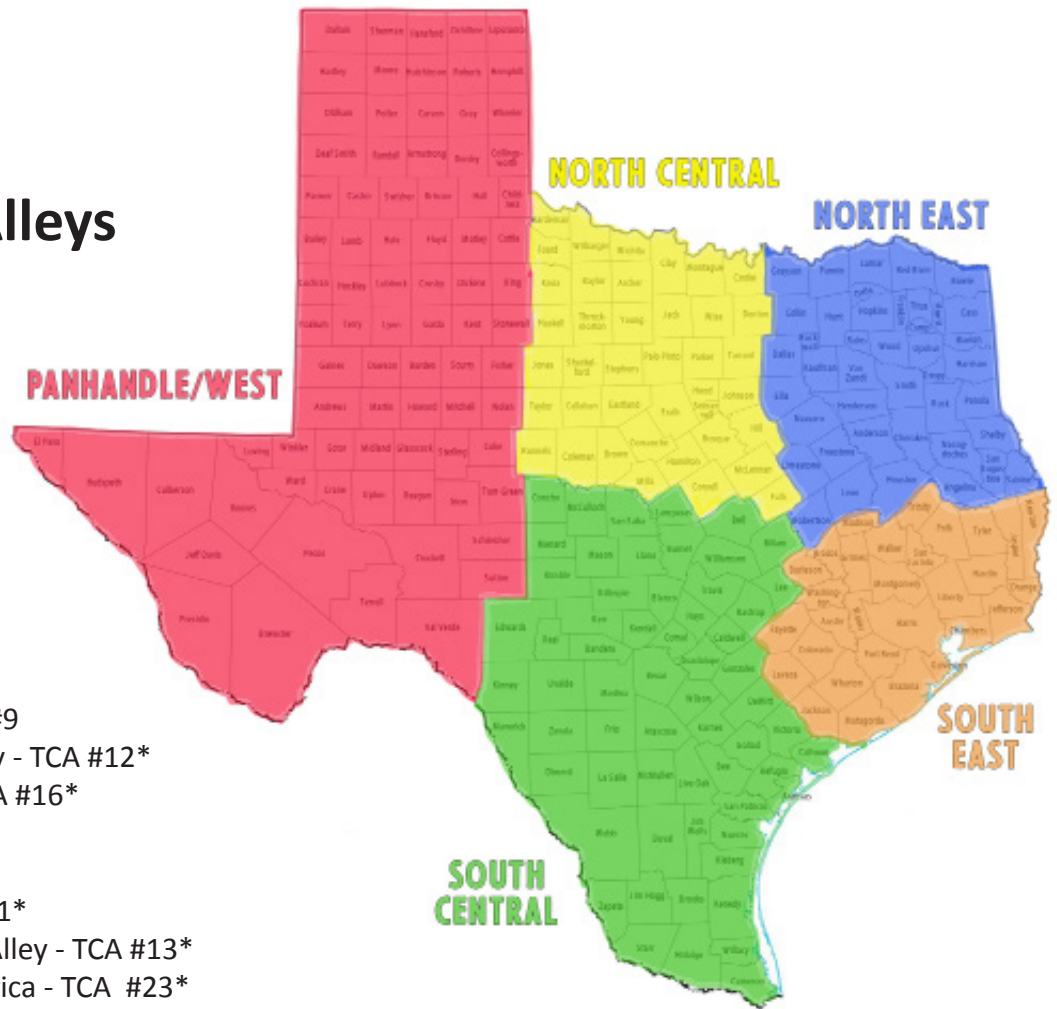
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Be sure to connect to our official TCA facebook page - you can find the link on our website. Follow us and stay current with what is going on with.



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 Arouns - TCA #16*

North East Region

Tejas Klow Club - TCA #1*

Texas Mid-Cities Clown Alley - TCA #13*

Payasos Latinos de America - TCA #23*

Cedar Creek Clowns - TCA #24*

Rosey Nose Clown Alley - TCA #25

Memory Makers Clown Alley - TCA #26

DFW Clowns "R" Us - TCA #

South East Region

Space City Clown Alley - TCA #6*

Montgomery County Clowns - TCA #11*

Cheeful 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



From the Circus Tent of the Red Nose in Charge

What Does the Future Hold for TCA Conventions?

by Cinde “Boopsie” Sanders, TCA President

One of the greatest aspects of TCA is that it is a group of unique and creative individuals. We each have our own ideas, wants and needs.

YOU are the only YOU there is. YOU are UNIQUE.

Got some ideas? Let’s hear them!

What do you want to see as we grow this association? When you are with your friends and family and the subject of TCA comes up, what do you talk about? What ideas do you share on how to improve conventions? What do you say we are doing right? What do you say we are doing wrong? How can YOU help?

Everyone knows we as an organization are dwindling fast. Everyone says we should do something about it. But **WHAT** do you think we should do about it? What ideas do **YOU** have? This is a collaboration, not a dictatorship. We are a **FAMILY**. Let’s work together as a Family and grow this association.

We are always looking to make the TCA more meaningful, fun and worth your time. Whether you are a seasoned performer or just getting started, your voice matters. Please take a few moments to look at these questions and ideas and be ready to discuss them at the general meeting in September.

- Have you attended a TCA Convention in the past 5 years? Why or why not? _____
- What do you enjoy most at the conventions? - Workshops? Competitions? Vendors? Social Events? Award Banquet? – Please take a few minutes to really think about this one.



It is important for the future of the association to know your main purpose for attending a convention. _____

- What education do you want to see more of in the future? - Competitions? Beginning content? Master Classes? Business classes? Specialized skills?

- Why do you think convention attendance has declined in recent years? – Conflicting dates? Expense? Lack of programming and education? Competition?

- How can YOU help? Do you have a suggestion on how we can grow this association and convention participation?

And most importantly would YOU be interested in volunteering to help plan the convention next year?

The Big Idea... Just an idea to consider!

The executive board has discussed ideas for future conventions in great length. We have come up with some Ideas to consider and discuss at the September General meeting (Note: Venues such as hotels and convention halls are becoming prohibitively expensive for smaller groups such as ours. We need to start thinking out of the box and come up with new and innovative ideas on how to meet each year to share and learn in an affordable way)

This is what I suggest. This is **ONLY MY** suggestion. It has not been voted on by the board or have any formal decisions been made. I just wanted to put this idea out before the September convention so we can think about it and can discuss it with thought and knowledge at the general meeting.

Three-year plan:

1. Have a full TCA Convention every third year including a three or four day gathering with competition, headliners, shows, vendors, workshops, awards banquets, theme parties and more. Having three years to save and practice and plan should make for better attendance and competition. Hopefully this will be hosted by one of the TCA alleys.

2. The other two years we can have a one- or two-day Family Reunion in a centralized place such as Austin or surrounding areas of Austin. This would be hosted by the TCA. We would have a general meeting and a few educational workshops and maybe a special picnic and show. Get your thinking caps on. Thank you for your thoughts. I can't wait to hear what you have to say when we meet again.

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2025 TCA Convention

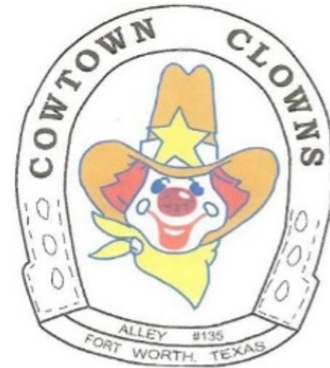
By Nancy "Bubbles" Arent

Dear fellow clowns, I want to thank you for letting Cowtown Clowns present the 2025 TCA Convention in the Ft Worth Radisson Hotel this year. You can still register (see the TCA web-site for details). It's been a little/lot of work and the time is getting near.

Everyone is welcome, please come, even if its for a day. Bring a friend if you like. There are some great entertainment and education classes lined up.

WE have a variety of vendors from balloons, t-shirts, educational books, costumes, etc. There are some great raffle items, along with the silent auction.

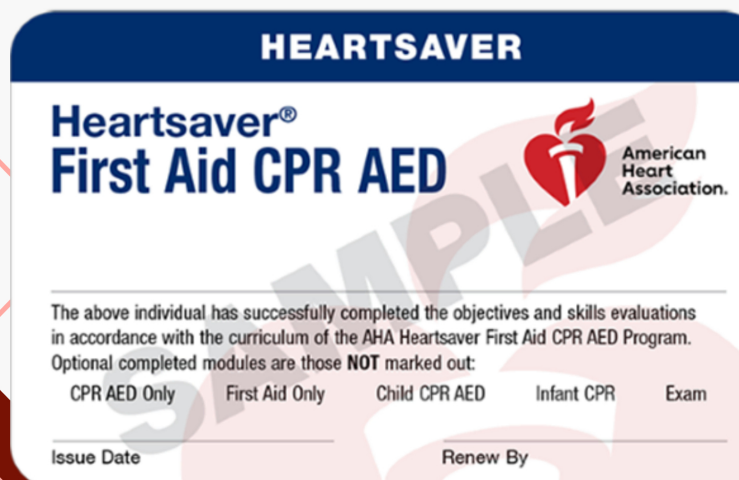
So "Bzzzzz" on in to the convention and have a good time. Hope to see to see you there!! Until then "BEE" safe whatever you do!!





Are you interested in becoming First Aid and CPR Certified?

- ☑ This year's TCA convention in Fort Worth will feature a special extra pay Sunday CPR certification class from 10:00 AM-1:30 PM, taught by a fellow clown and RN Rob Divers, who has 30 years of experience. Certified by the American Heart Association, the class costs just \$65 for convention attendees (regularly \$80). Space is limited so register NOW. To register email Rob at DiversRN@gmail.com Payment is accepted via Square, Venmo, or PayPal. Don't miss this chance to gain valuable, potentially life-saving skills.





Something New This Year!

by Brenda "Flower" Marshall

This year at the TCA convention in Fort Worth, there will be a class offering like none we have ever had before. It will take place on Sunday, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM, following the worship service.

The class will be presented by Rob Divers, who is an RN with 30 years of experience. Rob will be teaching CPR, with certification by the American Heart Association.

There is an additional fee of \$65 for the class (discounted from \$80 for convention attendees only), and it includes a new provider manual.

Registration is required so Rob will know how many to prepare for. There is a minimum of three for the class to take place. And if there are more than nine, he will have to arrange for another instructor.

If you plan to attend, please email Rob at DiversRN@gmail.com.
You will pay Rob directly, so he can send you an invoice when you email him.
He uses Square, Venmo or Paypal for payment.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn a lifesaving technique. As we are all working out in the public, something like this could be very valuable information.

Where Have They Gone?

by Nancy "Bubbles" Arent

Our world is really a lot different today, than it was before. There are so many things that have come and gone, such as Kmart, Party City, Blockbuster, Winn Dixie, Big Lots, Furr's, etc.

One thing you can depend on today are "clowns"! We are here to stay!! We are blessed with our many talents, smiles, and laughter to cheer everyone up, even if it is only for a little awhile....

Thank goodness for all of us that keep the world smiling!! Keep up the good work and "shine on" with your beautiful red noses !!





The TCA 2025 Convention Hosted by Cowtown Clowns

Meet the Stars of the Hive

HEADLINER - Eugenio "Chagy" Adorno - More Than a Clown



Chagy is a clown in a category all his own. Yes, he juggles. Yes, he's funny. Yes, he's a world-class performer. But Chagy is also a minister with a mission. With a Master's in Religious Education, Chagy has created a one-of-a-kind ministry that blends circus-style performance with meaningful messages. He has shared joy, truth, and transformation in over 45 countries across five continents...and he's not slowing down! His performances cross cultural and language barriers (yes, he's fluent in both English and Spanish!) and leave audiences laughing, reflecting, and uplifted.

Brittany Cabrera - Balloon artist and Face painter

About Me: For 15+ years, I've brought joy to children's events with face painting, balloon art, and stilt walking by creating fast, impressive designs and memorable experiences for every child. Excited to teach this year!

People, Characters & More: Discover the Chibi modular design for quick, easy balloon sculptures of any character from Pokémon to superheroes to animals. Plus tips for creating the artwork.

This One's for the Girls: Elegant one-sided face painting eye designs for teens and adults, with flattering placement, textured stencils, and proven crowd-pleasers





Shawn Patrello - For the Fun of It!

Shawn Patrello has spent nearly 35 years as an actor, improviser, and teacher. A longtime healthcare clown at Children's Medical Center and now at Seacrest Studios, he uses play and silliness to help kids escape into joy and imagination—reminding all ages that clowning is really about connection and letting your playful side shine.

This session is pure play. Shawn Patrello leads participants through classic theater and comedy warm-ups that spark creativity, wake up the body, and fire up the funny bone. Perfect for jump-starting before a show, loosening up as a group, or simply rediscovering the joy of being silly. No props, no pressure just a chance to recharge, reconnect, and remember that clowning is fun for the fun of it.

Hank Morrow - Denton Clowns on Fire



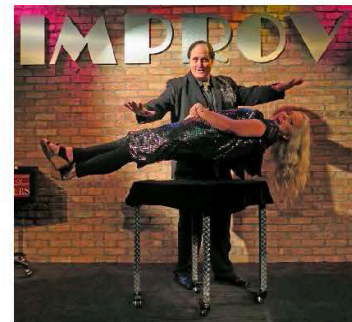
A firefighter-paramedic with 28 years in public education, Hank serves with the Denton Fire Department and Denton Clowns on Fire (since 2000), leading life safety education and Community Risk Reduction. He's worn many hats—Flash the Clown, Mario, and even sound tech—using real-world experience to help communities prevent emergencies and save lives.

In this interactive course entitled ***Songs that Save: Music with a Mission***, students will discover how music can make life safety lessons unforgettable. Through songs that teach safety, wellness, and everyday

skills, they'll explore rhythm, lyrics, and purpose, learning to create and perform educational tunes that support public outreach. No musical experience needed. Just a passion for learning and a willingness to sing out!

Dal Sanders - Magician

Dal Sanders has performed in theaters worldwide, been on Television specials, portrayed the "World's Most Famous Clown" for 40 years, teaches magic to over 500 children every year and writes and creates themed shows for entertainers all over the world. This new lecture entitled **"A different Approach to Magic"** will target those who want to work in front of an audience. A professional approach to simple routines that anyone can do with confidence and authenticity."



Eric Binkowski

Eric is a Dallas-based entertainer who has performed for Fortune 500 companies and with Ringling clowns. Co-creator of the weekly Improv Comedy Magic Show at three Texas Improv locations and a hospital clown with the Funnyatric program at Children's Medical Center Dallas, bringing laughter to help children heal.

Hospital Clowning

Hospital clowning uses humor, magic, music, and storytelling to comfort pediatric patients, ease stress, and support healing. This session covers daily routines, props, costumes, partners, and character development.

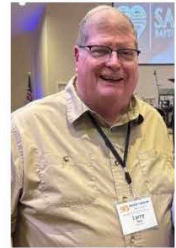
Body Language

Learn how expressions, gestures, posture, and space can boost connection and impact.



Larry Hipps - Children's Ministry

Since 1975, Larry Hipps has led the Bring Them In Children's Ministry, training thousands of workers in hundreds of churches across the U.S. and abroad. His workshop is **"Fun Ways to Choose Volunteers"** Do you use volunteers in your performances? With over 50 years in Children's Ministry, Larry can shed some light on how to choose good volunteers in fun ways.



Marcy Poland (Twinkle Starr)



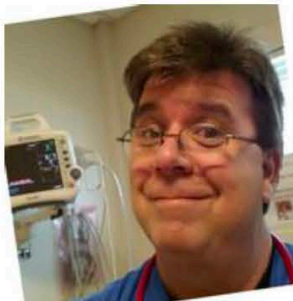
Marcy Poland, aka Twinkle Starr started her clown career in 1993 alongside her husband Hubba Hubba and sister Bubbles under the mentorship of Lollybells. She has attended several conventions over the years and competed in Makeup/Costume, Paradeability and Balloon Art as well as assisting at TCA Conventions hosted by local alleys. After an absence from Texas starting in October 2006, Marcy relocated back to the Fort Worth area and immediately rejoined Cowtown Clowns, TCA and COAI, and started back into performing and helping out at the TCA 2025 convention. For the 2025 convention Marcy will be hosting a class on **Improve with Props**. An opportunity to interact with fellow clowns and get those creative juices flowing

Joel Lagrone - Character Actor

For over 40 years, Joel Lagrone has brought countless characters to life on DFW stages—from The Music Man to Phantom of the Opera. An aerospace engineer by day, Joel is now best known as Santa at Dallas's NorthPark Center, he sings and tells stories with children while keeping stage-ready with occasional "beard" roles. His workshop is described as Adding More Music (and less Drama) to Your Christmas Character



Rob Divers - Nurse Clown



With 30 years in nursing, 10 in ER trauma and the rest in pediatrics, Rob blends medical expertise with comedy and magic to bring joy to young patients. A trained clown and sleight-of-hand magician, he uses performance to add art to the science of medicine.

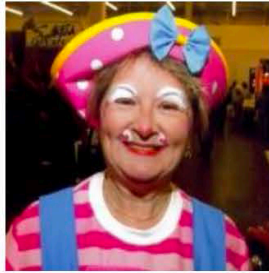
Ukulele

Learn how to strum a few tunes to include in your clowning. Bring your instrument to class!

CPR/First Aid extra class on Sunday after the service. You can get certified for a discounted rate. Contact Rob for more details and to register and pay for the class.

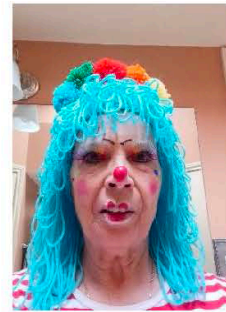


Nancy "Bubbles" Arent and Patricia "Katnip" Frias - Clown up your Kazoo



Nancy Arent has been blessed to be Bubbles the Clown for the last 32 years. It was a challenge in the beginning, and she wasn't sure she was going to make it in the clown world. But she had a lot of support from family, friends, and Uncle Wooley (Bill Eakins) her clown angel, who kept saying, "You can do this!" She has had some wonderful times being President of Cowtown Clowns and some awesome memories as a volunteer at Cook Children's Hospital, North Hills Hospital, Make-a-Wish Foundation activities, Haltom City Fire Department, etc.! Walk-arounds are some of her favorite things to do. She says, "Since I am not musically inclined, I carry and play a Kazoo, and so can YOU!"

Patricia "Katnip" Frias, started Clowning in 2000 after attending a Clown Class in Arlington. Since then, she has been a past Member of COAI and Happi Tymes, now a proud member of Cowtown Clowns and DFW Clowns "R" Us. She has enjoyed many TCA Conventions and has met many awesome Clowns throughout Texas. Patricia volunteers at the JPS Hospital and crochets hats for the Cancer Patients. "I am so happy to see some of my Clowns wearing my yarn wigs which I make with Love. Thank you, my Clown family for sharing and caring for so many awesome memories!"



Clown up Your Kazoo

Whether you are musically inclined or not, you can play a kazoo! The class will show you how to "clown Up" you Kazoo. Some materials will be provided for a \$5 fee (cash only).

Be a Part of the Hive in 2025

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*"Expect something more. Expect to laugh, reflect,
and be deeply moved" -- Chagy*



2025 TCA Convention Schedule September 11-14, 2025 Raddison Hotel Fossil Creek/Fort Worth

Thursday, September 11, 2025

- 11:00am – Balloon Decorating for the convention with Kornpop (learn as you work)
- 2:00-5:00pm – TCA Board meeting
- 5:00-7:00pm – Registration open and Vendor Room set up
- 7:00pm – Presentation of Flags for 911 and Haltom City Fire Safety Squad show –
Haltom City Fire Department Clowns
- 8:00-9:00pm – TCA Dessert reception – hosted by TCA board

Friday, September 12, 2025

- Breakfast buffet on your own (two buffets included with every room)
- 8:00am-4:00pm - Registration open
- 8:00am-6:00pm – Silent Auction open
- 8:00am-6:00pm – Vendor room open
- 8:30-9:45am – workshop
Chagy – Bee A Clown Part 1
- 10:15-11:30am – workshops (your choice)
Brittany Cabrera – Balloon workshop – People, Characters and More
Hank Morrow, Denton Clowns on Fire – Songs that Save: Music with A Mission
- 11:30am-1:30pm – Lunch on your own. This is also a great time to visit the Vendors
- 1:30-2:45pm – workshops (your choice)
Dal Sanders – A Different Approach to Magic
Eric Binkowski – Clowning in the Hospital
- 3:00-4:15pm – workshop
Chagy – Bee A Clown Part II
Larry Hipps – Fun Ways to Choose Volunteers
- 4:15-6:15pm – Dinner on your own and prepare for Group photo and paradeability
- 6:15pm – Group Photo
- 6:30-7:30pm – Paradeability – People's Choice
- 7:30pm – TCA General Membership Meeting
- 9:00pm - JAMS



Saturday, September 13, 2025

Breakfast buffet on your own (two buffets included with every room)

8:00am-2:00pm - Registration open

8:00am-5:00pm – Silent Auction open

8:00am-5:00pm – Vendor room open

8:30-9:45am – workshops (your choice)

Chagy – What is your Vision and Mission?

Marcy Poland – Improv with Props

10:15-11:30am – workshops (your choice)

Shawn Patrello – Physical comedy

Joel Lagrone – Adding More Music (and less Drama) to your Christmas Character

11:30am-1:30pm – Lunch on your own

1:30-2:45pm – workshops (your choice)

Brittany Cabrera– This one's for the Girls (Face painting)

Eric Binkowski – Body Language

3:00-4:00pm– workshops (your choice)

Rob Divers – Ukulele

Nancy Arent and Patricia Frias – Make a Fun Kazoo

6:00pm – Cash Bar and meet and greet

7:00pm – Banquet with dinner and entertainment

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Breakfast buffet on your own (two buffets included with every room)

9:00-9:45am – Worship Service

******* Extra Special Post Conference offering*******

10:00am-1:30pm – Optional – American Heart Association CPR Class with certification
Nurse Rob Divers

Additional fee \$65.00 – Register with Rob Divers at DiversRN@gmail.com



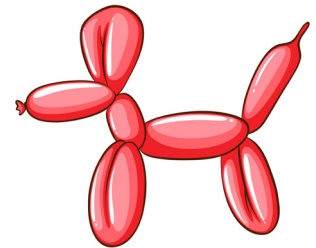
VENDORS



Texas Clown Association “Vendors” 2025 “A little bit of something for everyone!!!!”

All American Balloons:

There will be a variety of balloons, miscellaneous supplies and equipment. As always, they supply the entertainers & clowns with top quality items.



Kornpop:

Badges, miscellaneous clown supplies, magic, and more!

Kristina W.

T-shirts, tote bags, earrings (with your picture) key chains, etc.

Larry hipps

Ralph Dewey books, magic tricks, and various clown items

Wanda “Miss Birdie” Carter

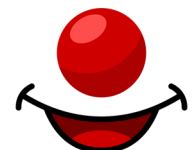
Puppets, clown costumes, clown shoes, socks, gloves and m miscellaneous isc items.

Martha “Miss Cookie” Warren

Men and women’s clown shoes, clown costumes, lots of magic, walk-arounds, props, puppets, etc.

Voncil “Dimples” Hardy Cox

Walk-around props, clown supplies, Barbie costumes, clown shoes, and more.





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HAPPY NATIONAL CLOWN WEEK

by Linda "Greenie" Greene

August is such a great month to remind us the joy of being clowns. Some of our Oops Alley clowns were pleased to be involved in a charity event for Midland/Odessa.

The Salvation Army was involved in distributing "back to school" shoes to kids that qualified financially. The Shoe Carnival store in Midland hosted the event for both cities. The Salvation Army had corporate sponsors that paid for the shoes. It was a joyous occasion for the kiddos to get new school shoes for this school year. Linda Greene (Greenie), Claudette Webb (Miss Motzi), Susan Butler (Tinker the Clown) and Tracy McCurry (Pinky the Clown) were there during part of the time to welcome the kids and share in all the excitement of NEW BACK TO SCHOOL shoes. Oops Alley was pleased to represent TCA clowns during National Clown Week at this event.







Area Alley Reports

Southeast Area Report by Pam "Touche" Blacklock



Cheeful Clown Alley - June-August 2025

June 2025 – No Membership meeting as CCA is in the middle of annual clown school. Graduation was held on June 28th, 2025. We had 14 students to graduate. It was a great school headed by Linda (Shotzie) Lester and Joe (Blades) Lester.

July 2025 – Membership meeting held July 10th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Prior to start of meeting a Balloon Release was held in honor of two of our members that passed recently. Those names are Randy (Fiddle Sticks) Payne and Jackie (Lollibells) Garner. Several people told stories and memories of each one. They will be missed!

Several members went to the Memorial service for Jackie/Lolli on July 26th, 2025. Membership report was a total of 82 members.

Donations were collected for the Cricket's Corner Food Pantry with drawings for fun prizes for donations and name tags worn.

August 2025 – Cheerful Clown Alley enjoyed a wonderful workshop and presentation given by Kornpop McCullough on August 9th, 2025. There were 30 people in attendance. It was a huge success! Membership meeting was short and sweet as many people were out due to vacations and/or medical issues."



NAME: _____
CLOWN NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
AGE (DOB if under 18 as of 9/1/2025) _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____
TCA# _____ (Registrants must be TCA member)
Please provide any diet restrictions or food allergies-List this on the back of this registration form or email to Nancy Arent -Registration Chair

Is this your first TCA Convention? YES ___ No ___
Plan to stay at convention hotel? # of nights ___

CONVENTION FEES:
Registration (see right side of form)
Extra Banquet Tickets \$ 60.00 ea

T-shirt(s) Circle Size and add price to right
Must order and pay before 7/1/2025
Short Sleeve (S_M_L-XL) \$ 20.00 \$ _____
Short Sleeve (XXL & larger) \$ 22.00 \$ _____
Total \$ _____

ISSUE AND MAIL checks to:
Cowtown Clowns-TCA 2025 Convention
c/o Nancy Arent
3824 Oxley Drive, Richland Hills, TX 76118

To pay electronically, use Zelle and send payment to:
NancyArent@817-680--8510
And send this completed registered form marked PAID BY ZELLE and payment date to address above or by email to klown3824@charter.net

COWTOWN CLOWN ALLEY #135
Invites you to the
Texas Clown Association
41st Annual Convention
SEPT 11-14, 2025 FORT WORTH, TX

All convention registrants must be a current TCA member.
See the TCA website for a membership application.
www.texasclownassociation.com

REGISTRATION FEES:
\$145 till 6/1/2025
\$165.00 till 8/11/2025
\$180.00 at the Door

(No checks at the door-cash only) No refunds after 8/1/2025
Fees include access to all activities, the Vendor Rooms,
Saturday Banquet (all for one person)

DAY RATE \$75
Day rate does not include Saturday Banquet

Raddison Hotel Fossil Creek/Fort Worth Fossil Creek
2540 Meacham Blvd
Fort Worth, TX 76106
817-625-9911

Click this link to reserve your hotel room:
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/zy16a8?ratePlanCode=BSJRYX&checkInDate=2025-09-11&checkOutDate=2025-09-14>

Book your group rate for Texas Clown Association 2025
Room Rate: \$119.00 per night (+ tax) up to 4 people per room
(includes WIFI) All rooms 1 King or 2 Full
Breakfast included for 2 people per room.
Extra Breakfast tickets are \$11.95 ea (Payable to hotel)
Or call 817-625-9911 and ask for the Texas Clown Association Block
Make your hotel reservation by the deadline 8/11/2025
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.
****If you require an ADA room, please call the hotel direct and request that and specify it is for the Texas Clown Association Block.**

For Hotel Questions? Contact **Patricia Frias 817-714-1682**
FREE ALL DAY PARKING (24 HOURS)

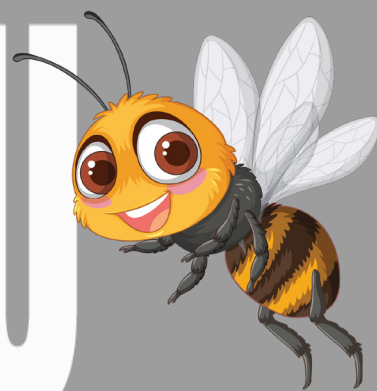
Watch the TCA Website for more convention information
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817-680-8510 or klown3824@charter.net

Download a Convention registration form and find all your Convention
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