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- 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.
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**From the Circus Tent of the Red Nose in Charge**

## Buzzing About the 2025 TCA Convention!

by Cinde "Boopsie" Sanders



Wow, what a weekend! I want to send a big, red-nosed THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for the 2025 Texas Clown Association Convention, hosted by our friends the Cowtown Clowns. What a show they put on! It was a smash hit from start to finish! From the moment you walked in, the love and hard work poured into this convention were impossible to miss. The adorable bee-themed balloons, banners, and photo ops had everyone buzzing with joy.

Opening night set the tone perfectly. We began with a touching presentation of flags by a local Boy Scout troop in remembrance of 9/11, followed by an entertaining and educational visit from the Haltom City Fire Safety Squad. And just when you thought it couldn't get any sweeter...out came the ice cream cake (thanks to the TCA board)! Delicious!

And then came Chagy. What can we say? He is always inspiring, always uplifting, and always willing to share his wisdom. We are so fortunate to have him mentor and teach within our TCA family.

The workshops this year were fresh, fun, and full of new ideas. Many presenters were first-timers to our TCA stage, and they brought energy and creativity that had everyone taking notes and laughing along. The general meeting was buzzing too, with a brand-new TCA logo passed and plenty of motivation for alleys across Texas to step up and host future conventions.

Of course, the little touches made it extra special. There were door prizes galore, a raffle and auction room overflowing with treasures, vendors that hit just the right mix, and snacks and drinks to keep us



fueled and happy. The photographer caught so many joyful moments, and the hotel staff couldn't have been kinder.



The banquet was the cherry on top with wonderful food, fabulous entertainment, and a whole lot of laughter. Truly, it felt like one giant family reunion for clowns across Texas.

The worship service was pure joy as Brenda Marshall, Pam Blacklock, Tricia Gregory, and Linda Green buzzed their way through lessons on how to BEE Friendly, Kind, Patient, Joyful, and above all BEE like Jesus!

To the Cowtown Clowns committee...Your time, energy, and heart made this convention unforgettable. To everyone who attended, thank you for bringing your sparkle, your spirit, and your smiles. The 2025 TCA Convention was top-notch... and together, we proved once again that the art of clowning is alive, joyful, and buzzing with possibilities!





# Scholarship Winner Convention Report

by Hardy "Goofus" Sims

The first class I attended was a class taught by Chagy the Clown, and I must say he was one of my favorite classes to attend, and it was just so funny seeing him do his routines. Later that same day, in another class he said to everyone, "It is bad business to bore the parents, but it's a sin to bore a child," and I fully agree with that. Another thing I learned is it takes a lot of energy to be a clown- not just talking and making jokes but using body movements. Another class I really enjoyed was *People, Characters & More*. It was a balloon class that specialized in making different types of chibi balloon characters, which are smaller, cuter, more compressed versions of other characters. I also learned a new way to make a sword, and rabbit. I practiced a lot of the basic ones like a dog, a parrot, and a previous design of a sword that I used.

Another class I went to was a magic class that went over simple tricks that can be done anywhere. There was one with duplicating cards, one that made a 5 pointed star from 5 broken tooth picks without touching them, and it was just a fun and mind boggling class. Another thing about Chagy, in his class, *What is Your Vision and Mission*, he said he went to the Middle East to perform for a large group of muslims, and before he went on stage, the person who invited him said to him, "Oh, and before you go out I am going to let you know that they killed a Christian last week," and he still went out and performed, and 40-50 people accepted Christ that day. He also told us that at one of his performances after the show he baptized a cartel hitman. I learned during a performance, when you are talking, talk loud, and express the feeling you are trying to make the audience feel.

I feel that this experience has really helped me grow as a clown. I really enjoyed this year's convention, and I appreciate having received the scholarship.



# Busy Bees in Fort Worth!

by Brenda

The 2025 TCA Convention is officially in the books! Thirty-six of our closest friends and family registered this year, plus several who joined us for single-day visits. The “Be a Part of the Hive” theme was impossible to miss. Thanks to Kornpop, his lovely wife, and their hardworking helpers, the hotel atrium was transformed into a buzzing garden of balloon bees and flowers.

Although this year’s registration numbers were among the lowest in TCA history, many attendees shared that they didn’t miss the competition—or the stress that often comes with it. Instead, they appreciated the packed schedule of high-quality educational sessions, the variety of instructors, and the chance to explore new topics. Several even said they enjoyed having extra time to reconnect with fellow clowns from across the state.

Of course, the ever-popular balloon and face-painting classes were back, but the schedule offered much more. Attendees enjoyed a demonstration from the Haltom City Life and Fire Safety Clowns, along with classes covering everything from reading body language to singing with Santa Claus. Our headliner, Chagy, delivered sessions ranging from clown history to clown ministry, and his performance at Saturday’s dinner was a highlight for everyone. The Sunday morning worship service was well attended by attendees from several faiths, and the presenters represented the “hive”, coming from all of the different regions of TCA.

The TCA membership meeting was well attended, and members voted to adopt a brand-new logo that will represent our organization moving forward.

If you missed this year’s fun, don’t worry—your next chance is coming in 2026, when DFW Clowns R Us hosts the convention once again in the DFW area. Keep an eye out for registration details and hotel information so you won’t miss out on the learning, laughter, and community that make TCA conventions so special.





# Your Input for 2026

by Margaret "Maggie the Magical Clown" Clauder

Hi all! I am putting together our lecturers for the 2026 TCA convention. I need your help! I would like for you to:

- (1) Send me recommendations for classes YOU would like to see.
- (2) Send me recommendations of lecturers
- (3) Recommendations on headliners.

We always have balloon twisting classes and face painting classes. I would like to see some different kinds of classes than what we normally have.

I would love for us to have a class on AI, but I don't know anyone who can teach it.

I would also love to have a class on maximizing your social media for extra business. I don't know who could teach that.

Please send your suggestions to: [Margaret@mcpsshows.com](mailto:Margaret@mcpsshows.com) If you wish to call me to discuss your suggestions my number is 817.980.1760. Bear in mind I'm a full time performer. The best times to reach me are normally M-F in the middle of the day or after 5:00 p.m. normally. Leave a message if you get my voice mail and I'll return your call.

## Sharing a Giggle

by Jeanette "Dusti" Sanders

1. Kid in School Giving a Report: My first report is on dinosaurs. The largest dinosaur that ever lived was the Bronchitis. It soon became extinct...it coughed a lot.
2. Person 1: Hello friend. Why are you holding your pillow?  
Person 2: I'm taking care of him. He's not happy.  
Person 1: What's wrong?  
Pillow: I'm down.
3. Person 1: "Denial springs eternal."  
Person 2: "I'm not in denial. I am just very selective about the reality I accept."





2024-2025 Board



2025-2026 Board



2025 TCA



Group



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# Rebranding the TCA

by Cinde “Boopsie” Sanders

I am thrilled that at our August 2025 TCA Convention we came together as a group and voted to rebrand. We selected a new logo that is fun, fresh, clean, and full of personality that truly reflects who we are.

Before anything else, I want to speak from the heart: I LOVE CLOWNING. I’ve been passionate about this art for more than 30 years, and I love the Texas Clown Association just as deeply. But most of all, I love all of you because I know each of you carries that same spark of joy, creativity, and laughter that makes clowning such a beautiful, timeless art.

Now, let’s talk about something that touches every art form and every organization: trends. Trends are simply the way styles and ideas change over time. Think about tennis shoes, restaurants, music. Etc. What is popular one year may shift the next. Clowning is no different. There was a time when the TCA had 400–500 members. Clowning was booming! Today, we have closer to 100 members. That doesn’t mean our art has faded. It means we are on a cycle, and cycles always turn. Clowning will rise again. Joy and laughter do not go out of style.

So how do we help that trend along? Branding. Branding is how we present ourselves, our voice, our look, our first impression. And nothing communicates better than a logo. A logo tells the world who we are in a single glance.

And in today’s world, branding goes hand in hand with social media. Social media is like our modern-day stage. It is where people discover us, celebrate us and share us with their friends. When you are out performing, post a picture! Share a story about the smiles you brought that day, Comment on and connect with other clowns online. Leaders like Priscilla Mooseburger, Chagy, Andy & Toty, and Kornpop, and already have wonderful followings. So, follow them, cheer them on, and join the conversation. Every LIKE, every SHARE, every POST nudges clowning just a little further into the spotlight.

Our new logo was created with tremendous love and talent by our own Matthew Spraggins. Over several months, the board reviewed many ideas from artists, creators, and even AI renderings. But when Matthew presented this design, we instantly knew it was the one the entire TCA family would embrace.

So... what do YOU see? I see TEXAS. I see red, white, and blue. I see something fun, modern, warm, and welcoming. To me, this logo says: “We are open to growth, open to new clowns, new ideas, and a bright future.”

This new look is more than just an image. It represents who we are now, who we are becoming, and the legacy we carry forward. It honors our past while boldly stepping into the future. It shows that the Texas Clown Association is alive, strong, and ready to spread joy for decades to come.

So, let’s celebrate our past, embrace our present, and march confidently into the future with laughter leading the way.





# TCA Ambassador of Clowning

by Greg "Zoots" Stanford

Kathy Keaton was selected to be this year's Texas Clown Association Ambassador of Clowning award winner at the 2025 Convention. She was selected from among several other qualified, and hopefully, resubmitted next years, nominees by the attending TCA Ambassadors. Kathy's heart for clowning, service to both her community and TCA really stood out. Congratulations, Kathy!

Be thinking now on who you would like to nominate for this award at next year's Convention.





# Randy "Fiddle Sticks" Payne



Faith  
Hope  
Love

## Last Walk A-Round



3/2025

Merry Christmas



Cheerful Clown Alley  
Kitchen Band



Fiddle Sticks

July 15, 2023 at Spring Branch Transitional Center





# LAST WALK-AROUND

by Cynthia Ann "Giddy-Up Annie" Parker

Randy "Fiddle Sticks" Payne passed away in March 2025. Fiddle Sticks graduated from the Cheerful Clown Alley School in June of 2022. He was so dedicated to clowning, entertaining, performing and competing. In a short time, he became a balloon artist, magician, top gigger, and not to mention, clowning with the kitchen band, clowning in hospitals, parades, rodeo venues, and more. Fiddle Sticks loved being Santa, performing skits, singing and really liked doing his Elvis impressions. He was looking forward to serving on the board for Cheerful Clown Alley as Vice President and simultaneously, serving as the Vice President of the Texas Clown Association this year. His loss has been such a shock to us all. Fiddle Sticks became so much a part of the Cheerful Clown Alley family in such a short time that it has been so difficult to accept. Fiddle Sticks worked beside and interacted with so many of the members with such clown enthusiasm, that he leaves his own personal Cheerful Clown Alley legacy ???. Members will miss Fiddle Sticks dearly!

# *Last Walk Around Our Beloved Sammy “Mischuf” Sims*

*May 19, 1950 - May 9, 2025*





# LAST WALK-AROUND

by Cynthia Ann "Giddy-Up Annie" Parker

In Loving Memory of Sammy "Mischuf" Sims

A dear friend of the Texas Clown Association (TCA), Sammy "Mischuf" Sims, 74 yrs (10 days shy of his 75th) of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away on, May 9, 2025. Sammy was laid to rest in style, all decked out in his Santa Claus suit on May 14, 2025, in Graham, TX.

Sammy, a beloved husband of Mary Beth "Ruffles" Sims (TCA member), a loving father, and a treasured friend, brought joy to countless lives with his warm heart, infectious humor, and dedication to making others smile. His legacy will live on in every laugh he inspired and every life he touched. Until we meet again Sammy.

# Area Alley Reports

## North East Area Report by Darris "Inka" Cross



### Memory Makers Alley Report by Darris Cross

Terry Cunningham, Darris Cross and Norlana Johnson worked together on a back to school bash doing balloons, having fun and handing out backpacks. We were contacted by Chick-fil-A to possibly do some balloons for them in the future. We are also missing Nancy. Did some balloons at a birthday party. I'm not sure exactly what Heather's doing other than getting ready for some Halloween things. Kim is keeping up with all the finances and statements.

### Clowns "R" Us Alley Report by Tricia Gregory

Clowns "R" Us - June - August 2025

- In June Clowns R Us had the meeting at our regular location, Georgia Farrow Recreation Center in Irving, TX. We started with a little sharing of what people have been doing in the summer. We had John Rank visit and he's ready to get back into clowning after being away from it for 10 years. Wand Jennings just moved from Idaho and joined our alley. Caleb Westeen also visited and is a great right-hand man to Cinde & Dal! He happens to be a magician and an electrician.
- Darren Collins came and shared what he does in Africa. He used to work for Puppet Productions in DeSoto, TX and traveled all over USA teaching churches how to be puppeteers. Over the years things at work changed, but a door was open for him to move to Africa and still stay in puppetries. It was great having Darren come and share what he does in Africa with puppets, making films with puppets teaching proper way of living, and performing as a comedian.
- July started out with Clowns R Us being a part of the Arlington, TX 4th of July parade. Thanks goes to William (Wee-bo), his sister Lisa, niece Paige, Mary Kent, Deluxo, Thomas III, & Sherri "Petunia" Myers. William and Deluxo were both filmed at the end of the CBS news!!
- President Cinde Sanders and Vice President Tricia Gregory were both out of town, so Susan Keys called the meeting to order. Willie had some great news. He has been invited to join Clowns on a Mission for an 8-day trip to Guatemala in February 2026, recruited by Susan "Tinker" Butler.
- A memorial service for Lollibelles, Jackie Garner, was given near Huntsville, TX. Jackie used to be a member of Mid-Cities Clown Alley #85.
- Susan Keys and Ed Fitzgerald presented a program on clowning walkarounds using props, exaggerated movements, and comic interactions.
- August President Cinde Sanders called our August meeting to order. In the month of July, Cinde and her husband, Dal, attended the World Championship of Magic in Italy and Magic Live in Las Vegas. They both shared parts of their trip with the alley.
- Sterling shared highlights of his trip attending Mooseburger Camp of the second year in a row.
- Dal performed for our alley a lecture on "A Different Approach to Magic"



### **Rosey Nose Alley Report by Shannon Greene**

We are starting practicing skits and working out our acting for more giggles. We have been keeping in practice with backpack for schools and churches. Some of our clowns have gone back to prisons. But they got time out for nursing home visits. We are welcoming two new clown beginners. We are throwing them in to the ring without a net. By next time we may even have a video so you all can laugh along. Create a chuckle, Rosy Nose Clown Alley.

## **A Quick Note From Your Joey Journal Editor**

by Greg "Zoots" Stanford

Hello friends & clown family. I wanted to reach out and say how much we need your contributions for the Joey. It seems like it's getting harder and harder to get an issue put together. You have so much to contribute, we would love to hear from you.

The next issue coming out will be the December/ January issue. I know lots of you have been busy during the holiday season. Drop me some pictures. Write up what you and/or your alley have been up to. Did you do something different? Make a new prop, redesign and old one? Let us know.

My Joey Journal email as been having issues, so my new email is Zoots973@gmail.com. I can't wait to see and hear what you've been up to!

