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5703 Bluffton Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46899

President's Corner



Well, we have winterized our RV and are ready to put it into storage until next spring. It is always sad to end the outdoor Bluegrass camping season but spring is not far away.

On a very serious side, out of the last 4 years only one festival was not in the hole and that was just barely. 2018 had serious losses at both events. Your board has some difficult decisions to make during the winter meetings.

The overriding hope was that if attendance increased then the festival would make money and it would be OK but that didn't happen. Actually, attendance decreased especially among campers. As long as campers arrived the weekend before and were there all week, that income assured a financial success.

Over the years, RVs have grown bigger in length and with slides, wider. They take up what used to be two or three campsites making the grounds look full but there would be fewer units.

At the Labor Day festival, the campground was well utilized but most rigs didn't show up until Thursday or later depriving the club of the "early" camping which in the past kept the festival afloat.

In the last 4 years, significant funds were spent on trying to boost attendance. A publicity chair was appointed to manage advertising. Advertising was placed in multiple channels including Google, Facebook, radio - both local and area stations, newspapers including the Fort Wayne market, and ads targeted to music channels like WhatzUp. Free advertising was placed on many online community calendars. The NIBGA web site was upgraded with a new look and feel for both computers and cell phones.

The Facebook posts and ads had broad geographic coverage focused on the upper Midwest states. The number of folks who comment or liked our Facebook was very encouraging but when it came time to count the re-

sults at the gate there was not a significant uptick. Maybe without this effort, the loss would have been greater?

The band line-up has been juggled several times trying to tap into various markets with minimal impact.

Unfortunately, attendance has slowly dropped about 50%. The campers are coming to the festival later. Low attendance affects the vendors since their sales go down and they may not come back. Merchandise sales go down. Bands don't sell as much merchandise making the festival a more difficult sell to get them to play.

On a positive note, there have been several grants to the club that have been a significant help. Donations arrive quarterly from the Kroger Corporation and Amazon. Getting additional grants has been discussed several times but more action in that area is needed. The club is a 501c3 corporation which makes donations from individuals and corporations tax deductible.

As you might think, your board has a challenge this winter to arrive at how to put the festivals and the club on a solid financial footing. Your thoughts are welcomed and will get consideration. Call 260-918-4790, write to the club, send an email to NL@nibga.com or talk to a board member. The problem is complex and cannot be solved quickly. Finally, the club has time. The treasury is solid and the festivals can continue for a few more years even without any significant changes.

If the creek don't rise & the good Lord's willin', we will be at a winter Bluegrass event. See you there!

Jim Winger – President

PS: Our next club meeting is November 18. Please consider coming to the meeting and/or the jam. SWCC rules prohibit us from bringing in beverages or food, but they have both for sale at the counter.

IBMA Award Winners this year which have previously performed at TriState include:

Entertainer of the Year: [Balsam Range](#)
Instrumental Recorded Performance: [Special Consensus](#)
"Squirrel Hunters"
Gospel Recorded Performance of the Year: [Becky Buller](#)
"Speaking to that Mountain"

Album of the Year: [Special Consensus](#) "Rivers and Roads"
Fiddle Player of the Year: [Michael Cleveland](#)
Bass Player of the Year: [Tim Surrett](#) (Balsam Range)
Male Vocalist of the Year: [Buddy Melton](#) (Balsam Range)
Banjo Player of the Year: [Ned Luberecki](#) (was in Rarely Herd)

Congratulations to **Po' Ramblin' Boys** who are IBMA's Emerging Artist of the Year. They appeared on our stage last May!



Kristin Scott Benson, who was on our stage over the fall festival with the **Grascals**, was the recipient of the 2018 Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass!



Upcoming Events

If you are traveling any distance, be sure to call ahead to make sure the event is still as scheduled.

Indiana

Every Tues Old Timey jam; Fiddler's Hearth, 127 N. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601 574-232-2853 7-10p year around

Every Tues Arthur's Music Store, 931 Shelby St, Indianapolis, IN 46203 317-638-3524 5-8p

Every Fri. Fulton Branch Library, 514 N SR 25, Rochester, IN 46975 574-857-3895 6:30-8:30p

1st or 2nd Sun. 11/4, 12/9/2018 Central Indiana jam, Hall Community Bldg, 307 W South St, Gas City, IN 46933 noon-?? 765-674-5117

1st Mon Old Time Jam, 3 Rivers Natural Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 6:30-8:30p 260-445-3348

1st Thurs. Wakarusa Jamboree, Northwood MS, 301 N. Elkhart St., Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30-9p 574-862-2200 (Sept. - May)

1st Sat Contra Dance, 1st United Methodist Church, 215 S. 5th St., Goshen IN 46526; 1st Sat., General Public:

\$7, Members \$6, Students: \$4, Student members \$3, Children under 12: free, Family maximum cost: \$18. 7:30p beginner lessons, 8-11p dance 574-533-9906 year around

2nd Mon mostly Irish jam; J K O'Donnell's, 121 W Wayne St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 7-10p 260-420-5563

2nd & 4th Wed. Jam; CrossRoads Inn, 5975 S SR 9, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-396-2144 6:30-8:30p

2nd Thurs. Whiteriver Folks & Bluegrass, FOP Lodge, 2614 Mounds Rd., Anderson, IN 5:30p meeting, carry-in, 6:30p jam

2nd Fri. as of 07/13/2018 ; Gospel open Mic and Jam, Church of the Nazarene 506 N. Main Street Columbia City IN 46725 260-213-3142 7-9p Ray Desrosiers Jr.

3rd Sun jam; Sheridan Public Library 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069 1-5p year around (317) 758-5201

3rd Sun jam Oct, Nov 2018 Jan-Apr 2019; Northern Ind. Bluegrass,

SWCC, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46809 noon-5p 260-918-4790 drinks & sandwiches available, no carry in please, no Dec.

3rd Mon Irish Jam; 3 Rivers Natural Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 6:30-8:30p

3rd Fri. Bluegrass, Country, Gospel Jam; Community Center, 815 Rural St, Akron, IN 46910 7-9p

4th Sun Maple Wood Nature Center, 4550 E 100 S LaGrange, IN 46761 1:30-5p bluegrass, folk 260-350-2666

11/04 Matchsellers; The Switchyard, 419 N Walnut St, Bloomington, IN 47404 812-287-8295

11/08 Matchsellers; Fiddler's Hearth, 127 N Main St, South Bend, IN 46601 574-232-2853

11/17 Folkin' Grassholes; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 \$8 7-9p

11/26 The Isaacs; Shipshewana Event Center, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565

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Upcoming Events, continued

888-447-4725 7:30-9:30p
\$19.95-44.95

Michigan

Every Tues. Jam/dance, Scotts Community Center, 8450 36th St S, Scotts, MI 49088 6-9p
269-388-3839 free

Every Tues. jam; Senior Center, Main St., E. Jordan, MI 49727
6-10p 231-434-9153

1st & 3rd Sat Eagles, 13636 Telegraph Rd., Flat Rock, MI 48134 8p
usually \$7

2nd Tues. slow jam, Public Library, 6260 92nd St., Caledonia, MI 49316 616-891-8825

2nd Tues. Jam ; 3rd Floor Van Deusen Room, Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 7-8:30pm

2nd Sat Maumee St. Jam, First Presbyterian, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, MI 49221 517-270-2870 church
517-265-2168 6-11p (Sept - May)

3rd Thur jam; Elderly, 1100 N Washington, Lansing, MI 48906
517-372-7880 6-8:30p

3rd Sun 10/21/18, 11/18/18,
03/17/19, 05/19/19 Mid-Michigan jams, Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, MI 48917 517-482-2382 \$4 donation

4th Sun 10/27, 11/24, 01/26/2019, 02/23, 03/23, 04/27, 5/18 Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open stages & jams 6-10p Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr, Flint, MI 48506 810-736-5332
donation no Dec!

11/01 Matchsellers; Soggy Bottom Bar, 613 Martin Luther King Ave, Flint, MI 48502 8p 810-239-8058

11/02 Kevin Prater; Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174
734-782-0132 \$15
<https://thekevinpraterband.com/home>

11/09 Marvin Web band w/Tim Ellis; Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 734-782-0132

Ohio

1st Sat - Traditional, bluegrass, country music with acoustic instru-

ments - Three rooms of jammin' for your musical pleasure. Nettle Lake United Brethren Church, 18560 County Road 5-75, Montpelier, OH 43543 6p 517-270-2870 or 419-485-4112

2nd Sat Central Ohio Bluegrass Assoc., Grace Chapel Church, 7798 Big Walnut Rd., Westerville, OH 43082 jam: 5:45-7p bands (Nov. - May)

Sun Old Time Jam; Rambling House Soda, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, OH 43202 614-468-3415 7p

Tues. Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873
419-594-2816 6p winter months

11/02 Matchsellers; Rambling House Soda, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, OH 43202 614-468-3415 9p \$5

11/02 Dailey and Vincent; Dave Finkelman Auditorium, 4200 N University Blvd, Middletown, OH 45042 513-529-3200

11/02 Little Roy & Lizzy Show. Sugar Creek; Flowers Hall, 344 Darla Dr, Hanover, OH 43055 7p
740-763-3477

11/02 Summer Brooke & Mountain Faith; Dutch Valley Ohio Star Theater, 1387 Old OH-39, Sugarcreek, OH 44681 7p 855-344-7547

11/02 Other Brothers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

11/02 Coal Cave Holler Boys; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-299-4987 8p

11/02 Rumpke Mountain Boys w/ Restless String Band; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-299-4987 8p

11/03 Berachah Valley; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p \$10

11/03 Kevin Prater Band; Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873 419-594-2816 \$10 7-10p

11/03 Town Mountain; GAR Music Hall, 1785 Main St, Peninsula, OH 44264 8p

11/03 Kenny Stinson & Perfect Tym'n; Sterling Bluegrass Concert,

26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling
OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

11/04 Kevin Prater; Pharisburg United Methodist Church, 13317 OH-347, Marysville, OH 43040
614-404-0221 10:30a

11/08 bluegrass concert season kick-off, free food and concert; FUMC, 207 S. Court St, Marysville, OH 43040 937-642-4712

11/09 Gipson & Fitz; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

11/09 Hot Rize; Peoples Bank Theater, 222 Putnam St, Marietta, OH 45750 8p \$35-104

11/09 The Tillers, Fox N Hounds; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-299-4987 8p

11/09-10 Carolina Blue, Special Consensus, Darrin & Brooke Aldridge, The Grascals, Joe Mullins, Paul Williams, Garrett Newton, Michael Cleveland, Larry Cordle, Jerry Salley, Carl Jackson & Bradley Walker, Lorraine Jordan, Flatt Lonesome Southern Ohio Indoor Music Festival, The Roberts Center, 123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, OH 937-372-5804

11/09 Edgar Loudermilk Band featuring Jeff Autry; Moon City Music, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 567-204-0929 7p \$12

11/10 Edgar Loudermilk Band featuring Jeff Autry; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p

11/11 Hot Rize; Kent Stage, 175 E Main, Kent, OH 44240 7:30p
877-582-9297

11/11 Berachah Valley; Moon City, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45896 567-204-0929 3-4:30p \$10

11/15 Grassinine; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-299-4987 7p

11/16 Branded Bluegrass; Moon City Music, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 567-204-0929 7p \$10

11/16 Strung Up; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

11/16 Front Country; Cuyahoga Valley National Park Concert Series, Happy Days Lodge, 500 W



Streetsboro St, SR 303 Peninsula,
OH 44264 330-657-2909 8-
10p \$21, \$17 members, \$10
student I.D., Free under 10

11/17 Joe Mullins & Radio Ram-
blers; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay
St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767
7:30p \$10

11/17 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian
Grass; Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461
OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873
419-594-2816 \$10 7-10p

11/17 The Wayfarers; Ohio Valley
Opry, 21 W. Main St, McConnells-
ville, OH 43756 740-542-9218 7p

11/17 Vertical Limit, Hidden Drive,
Anthony Prater & The Ram-
blers; at Bluegrass Junction, Shal-
ersville Town Hall, 9090 OH-44,
Ravenna, OH 44266 7-11p

11/17 Billy Renee Johnson & Cumber-
land Gap; Sterling Bluegrass Con-
cert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling
OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

11/17 Vern McIntyre & Apalachian
Grass; Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461
OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873
419-594-2816 \$10 7-10p

11/23 7 Mile Bluegrass; Byrne's Pub,
1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH
43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

11/24 Fox N Hounds Bluegrass; Wea-
sel Boy Brewing, 126 Muskingum
Ave, Zanesville, OH 43701 8p

11/30 Tom Ewing & Friends; Byrne's
Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Colum-
bus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

11/30 Crabgrass; Moon City Music,
1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, OH
45895 567-204-0929 7p \$10



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