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President's Corner



A question that many have wondered is "Was the fall festival successful?" Based on the talent on the stage, yes, it was a

major success. An alternative measurement is "Did the club break even?" Based on the early treasurer's report it appears a modest profit was made. This will help overcome part of the deficit from the Memorial festival.

We are encouraged that next year will be even better. Mark your calendars for Memorial and Labor Day weekends next year. As the bands are hired, articles about them will appear in future newsletters, on NIBGA Facebook ([facebook.com/KendallvilleBluegrass/](https://www.facebook.com/KendallvilleBluegrass/)) and on the NIBGA web site (BluegrassUSA.net). Based on feedback, the Kendallville motels this year were mostly sold out, so book them early if needed.

Black Friday and Christmas shopping is upon us. Did you know the club can benefit from your online shopping? AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of most purchases to NIBGA. This adds up over time as the club has received \$443.02 from 277 orders.

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You don't have to be a club member to sign up so encourage your friends and neighbors to also register at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Northern Indiana Bluegrass or **35-1424100**. The power of many will significantly help the club hire next years talent.

We were at a private gathering the first weekend in October (Ottawa weekend for you old timers) and had a great time celebrating both Joe Steiner's and my birthdays. It couldn't have been better with warm days and a Saturday night campfire jam that went into the wee hours of the night. The great thing about the gathering was all the new songs that

were traded among the folks there. It is good not to play just your own style and material!

Here in the Tri-States area, outdoor events are put to bed until next spring but there are indoor concerts and club meeting jams. Your participation keeps Bluegrass alive during the upcoming winter. Support artists by attending a concert in your area. You don't have to be a picker to enjoy these events so come on out!

Hope to see you at the NIBGA winter jams which start this month and run through April (except for December) on the third Sunday of the month at the Southwest Conservation Club in Fort Wayne, IN. If the good Lord's willin' and the creek don't rise, we'll be there.

James A. Winger

Buzz on the Bands



I am really getting excited about the line-up for the 2020 festivals! Once the contracts are finalized, in the upcoming newsletters we will highlight a few bands each month. Make sure you put the two festival weekends on your calendar now.

In the meantime, like Jim said, the outside festivals are winding down, but that doesn't mean you can't find a bluegrass jam to keep you going over winter. Just look at the events page! Make it a goal to check out a few of the events and jams near you. And if there aren't any... start your own!

We invited a few of our friends over for a jam/potluck recently. Since we have pretty eclectic musical interests, we had people from our bluegrass family, people from our old-timey family, past and previous musical students in various instruments, dulcimer club family, and

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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.** 11/3, 12/8 Central Indiana jam, Hall Community Bldg, 307 W South St, Gas City, IN 46933 noon-?? 765-674-5117
- 1st Mon** Old Timey Jam, 3 Rivers Natural Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 6:30-8:30p 260-445-3348
- 1st Thurs.** Wakarusa Jamboree, Northwood Middle School, 301 N. Elkhart St., Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30-9p 574-862-2200
- 1st Sat** Contra Dance, 1st United Methodist Church, 215 S. 5th St., Goshen, IN 46526; 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
- 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 also jam on 4th Thurs.
- 2nd Sat** Gospel open Mic and Jam, Church of the Nazarene 506 N. Main Street Columbia City, IN 46725 260-213-3142 2-4:30p 260-213-3142
- 2nd Fri.** Jam, City Hall, 210 N Jefferson St, Converse, IN 46919 765-395-3459 5p
- 3rd Sun** jam; Sheridan Public Library

103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069
1-5p year around (317) 758-5201

3rd Sun jam Oct. 20 & Nov. 17, 2019; Northern Ind. Bluegrass, SWCC, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46809 noon-5p 260-918-4790
drinks & sandwiches available, no carry in please

- 3rd Mon** Old Timey Jam; 3 Rivers Natural Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 6:30-8:30p
- 3rd Wed.** Jam: Legion, 1122 N Main St, Roanoke, IN 46783 6:30-8:30p
- 4th Sat** 10/26, except 11/30 River Run country dance band; Contra Dance, <https://www.sbcontras.org/> St Paul's Memorial Methodist Church, 1001 W Colfax, South Bend, IN 46616 574-243-3683 7-10:30 \$8, student \$5, family \$20
- 4th Sun** Maple Wood Nature Center, 4550 E 100 S LaGrange, IN 46761 1:30-5p bluegrass, folk 260-350-2666
- 4th Mon** mostly Irish jam; 3 Rivers Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 6:30-8:30p 260-445-3348
- 11/01** New Augusta Bluegrass; Brown County Inn, 51 State Rd 46, Nashville, IN 47448 800-772-5249 8p
- 11/16** New Augusta Bluegrass; Brown County Inn, 51 State Rd 46, Nashville, IN 47448 800-772-5249 8p
- 11/16** Miller's Folly Bluegrass ; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030

Michigan

- Every Sun.** Open Mic with the Orphans - Coldwater American Legion, Coldwater MI 49046 260-242-8553 2-6p free
- 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

- Every Fri.** Acoustic jam; Bob's Barn Jamborees Performance Art Theater 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, MI 48849
- 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.** Slow Jam ; 3rd Floor Van Deusen Room, Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 6:30-8pm
- 2nd Sat** Maumee St. Jam, First Presbyterian, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, MI 49221 517-270-2870 church 517-265-2168 6-11p
- 2nd Sat** Portage Prairie UMC, 2450 Orange Rd, Niles, MI 49120 989-544-0342 5p
- 3rd Thur** jam; Elderly, 1100 N Washington, Lansing, MI 48906 517-372-7880 5-7:30p
- 3rd Sun** Mid-Michigan jams, Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, MI 48917 517-482-2382 \$4 donation 2-6p
- 4th Sat usually** Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open stages & jams 6-10p Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr, Flint, MI 48506 810-736-5332 donation for hall rental: 10/26, 11/23
- Last Wed** jam; Boatyard Brewing Company, 432 E. Paterson St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269-226-0300 7-?p
- 11/04** Westbound Situation; Ark, 316 S Main St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 734-761-1800 \$15 8p
- 11/08** Calabogie Road: Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 734-782-0132 8-11p

Ohio

- 1st Sat** - Traditional, bluegrass, country music acoustic instruments - 3 rooms for jammin', Nettle Lake

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Upcoming Events, continued

- 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 7p
- Nov. 10, 2019** Classic Country & Bluegrass jam Rockford Community Building, 420 N Holly Lane, Rockford, OH 45882 2-5p 419-363-3794 (Periodic jams)
- Sun** Old Time Jam; Rambling House Soda, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, OH 43202 614-468-3415 7p
- Every Sun., Mon.;** Open Jam Sun, Open Mic Mon, Clay Valley Pizzeria 6921 Ceramic Road Roseville, OH 43777 740-469-8000 6-9p Free
- Tues.** Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873 419-594-2816 6p
- Weds.** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309 Call to confirm
- Last Fri.** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing, 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45231 7-9p 513-832-1422 (March thru Oct)
- 11/01** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass Butler County Bluegrass Association, 5113 Huston Rd, Collinsville, OH 45004
- 11/01** Little Roy & Lizzy; Flowers Hall, 344 Darla Dr, Hanover, OH 43055 7p 740-763-3477
- 11/01** Nu Blu; Dublin Abbey Theater, 5600 Post Road, Dublin, OH 43017 614-410-4550 7 pm
- 11/01** Gibson & Fitz; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/02** Little Roy & Lizzy Show; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 11/02** Pine Valley Boys, South 79; Community Ctr, 800 Gillmer Rd, Leavittsburg, OH 44430 330-240-1904 7p
- 11/02** True Bluegrass; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p \$10
- 11/03** Kauffman Road; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, OH 43147 614-834-9595 4-7 pm. Open jam follows.
- 11/08** Remington Ryde; Cornerstone Inn, 201 Fifth St, Beverly, OH 45715 7p
- 11/08** 7 Mile Bluegrass Band; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/08-09** Family Sowell, Becky Buller Band, Ralph Stanley II, Joe Mullins, Moron Brothers, Doyle Lawson, Remington Ryde, Jeff Parker, Joe Mullins, Kenny & Amanda Smith, Paul Williams; Roberts Center, 123 Gano Rd, Wilmington, OH 45177
- 11/09** Cedar Hill Bluegrass Boys; Wright Place, 14572 Hock Hocking Rd, Logan, OH 43138 740-385-8372 7p
- 11/09** Billie Renee Johnson; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 11/10** Remington Ryde; Wesley Chapel Church, 17333 Chapel Rd, Newcomerstown, OH 43832 10 am
- 11/16** Evan Lanier; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 11/22** Woodpickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 11/23** Jeff Parker; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 11/23** Out of Mind; Wright Place, 14572 Hock Hocking Rd, Logan, OH 43138 740-385-8372 7p
- 11/23** Crabgrass; Coshocton Village Inn, 115 N. Water St., Coshocton, OH 43812 7p
- 11/23** Matt Efaw & RFD, Red Dust Mountain; Grange, 9778 Old SR, Chardon, OH 44024 330-240-1904 7 pm.
- 11/30** Higher Vision; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 11/30** Crabgrass; Moon City Music, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 567-204-0929 7p
- 11/30** Sierra Hull; Memorial Hall, 1225 Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 513-977-8837 8p
- 11/30** Higher Vision; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p



These artists are of interest as they have played on the NIBGA stage in the past. Joe Steiner should be congratulated on his fine eye in choosing top talent for you.

- ◆ **Instrumental Group of the Year:** Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper
- ◆ **Male Vocalist of the Year:** Russell Moore
- ◆ **Banjo Player of the Year:** Kristin Scott Benson
- ◆ **Fiddle Player of the Year:** Michael Cleveland
- ◆ **Vocal Group of the Year:** Sister Sadie with member Dale Ann Bradley

a few musical neighbors and friends that didn't particularly fit any style. I don't think anyone knew more than a couple other people there. But when we all sat in a circle around a campfire and played music.... ah... magic. The universal language. By the end of the evening, everyone had been exposed to other styles and genres of music, and most importantly, learned new tunes and made new friends. Just invite a few of your friends, make a pot of soup, and do it yourself!

Like I said earlier, some of the bands are already hired, but we are always on the lookout for new bands. Maybe you've attended a local jam or event and saw a band that

you think would be perfect for Kendallville for 2020. Please send us a note at "bands@NIBGA.com". We are always trying to find lesser known bands and bring them to your attention BEFORE they become "famous". Usually it works out great! We wouldn't have had West Bound Rangers, Hogslop String Band, The Matchsellers (and Bluegrastronauts), and such if we stuck to just the well-known bands. Please help us find these types of bands.

So while we are dreaming of warm camping weather again, we'll be attending jams and local events... or holding our own jam!

Joe Steiner



Only YOU can prevent empty music venues!

Support your local musicians & music scenes

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association
5034 Wapiti Court
Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946

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