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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



By the time you read this, I'll be packing up the banjos and getting my mojo on to be heading to Kendallville.

Bands are hired, tents are rented (as well as the very important porta-jons), and volunteers are lined up... we are ready for a festival! It seems like it's been years! (Oh, wait! It has!)

I'm sure looking forward to seeing all my old friends and picking a few tunes. And listening to bands, eating around a campfire, and visiting. (Did I mention picking a few tunes?)

The board has been meeting regularly and we have been monitoring the Covid situation, as well as checking with the Noble County Health Department. Because of ongoing health concerns, a few things will be a bit different this year at the festival.

You will notice that we will have hand sanitizing stations -- please take advantage of them. Masks will be encouraged for the Song-Writing Workshop with Mike Mitchell because it is in the log cabin (enclosed space). Social distancing will be encouraged there, too. Also, we will be encouraging social distancing in the stage area. Of course, we will be making sure we are in compliance with whatever directives we get from the health department as we get closer to the festival.

We will still have the Intermedi-

ate Jam, but it will be held in the open-air Swine Barn because of the ventilation.

Kid's Korner will not be held this year, unfortunately. Many of their activities were very interactive and we just don't want to encourage that this year. Hopefully next year will be better than ever!

Due to restrictions at the nursing homes, we will not be providing a band to perform there. But every cloud has a silver lining -- **Appalachian Grass, who was scheduled to perform there, has generously agreed to host a band-led jam** in the Swine Barn (open-air) on Friday afternoon instead!

Bring your instruments and be prepared to join in with Vernon, Kitty, and the rest of the band. This will be a higher level jam than our intermediate jam, but feel free to come and watch, even if you don't feel your chops are up to joining in. Maybe the mojo of Robert Campbell's powerhouse banjo picking will rub off!

We have several vendors lined up, including a **firewood vendor**. So, no need to haul messy firewood in the back seat!

The **honey-wagon** is scheduled to be on the grounds on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and Monday morning. The cost is \$20.

Even with the dedicated group of core members who spend the entire year planning these events, we count on YOU to help! **We need volunteers at the gate, and to drive the taxi.** Please consider spending a couple hours of your

time to help out your club.

We also need everyone's help to ensure that we are able to use these facilities in the future. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Noble County Community Fair Corp (NCCFC) has made additional stipulations to us for using the fairgrounds this year.

Please keep in mind that NCCFC (our landlord), unlike many community fair organizations, is not a local or state government entity -- they do not have access to any funds outside of those which they raise themselves. They are dependent upon folks like us to stay in operation, and any additional costs they incur need to be absorbed through their own budget, either by paying staff for additional time or hiring outside contract labor. One stipulation is that we pick up after ourselves and leave the grounds in the same shape as when we arrived. **We cannot leave ANY trash on the grounds (except in dumpsters, of course) and cannot leave ANY WOOD (even partially burned) remaining in firepits, etc.** The NIBGA board recommends that, if you want to have a campfire, you bring some sort of portable firepit so as to keep partially burned wood off the ground.

Also, there will be dumpsters located on the grounds and maps posted. **Please put all of your trash into those dumpsters.** Please **DO NOT put camper trash into the bathroom trash cans or the porta-jons.**

As in the past, we need to clean up after ourselves in the stage area. This really hasn't been an issue in the past, and I'm really proud of the way we "bluegrassers" step up to the plate, even cleaning up after others that, for some reason or another, didn't get the message.

So, that was all the boring "housekeeping" stuff. Now for the good stuff..... **WE ARE ON AND READY TO GO!**

See you in a couple weeks! Let's pick!

Joe Steiner

The club strongly believes in supporting the local community. As has been the past practice, we will host a **FREE** drive-in show so various 4H groups can raise money for their chapters. There will be four bands performing on the main stage from 6:25-10:05p funded by Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association.

This year's organization is the Dairy Judging Team. Your participation in supporting the dinner will help these kids' fund raising efforts. Please consider having dinner with them on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 4:30-7:00p in the Log Cabin at the fairgrounds. Your \$10 contribution for the dinner goes for the food and the profit to a worthy group.

NOBLE CO. 4-H DAIRY JUDGING TEAM FUNDRAISER DINNER

At the Tri-State Bluegrass Festival held at the Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, IN

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

4:30-7:00 PM

\$10/MEAL

Meal includes: Pulled pork sandwich, chips, coleslaw, baked beans, ice cream & drink. Carryout available!

Just a few festival events to remember:

- Thursday afternoon - Old Time Jam
- Friday afternoon - Jam with Appalachian Grass
- Saturday noon - Intermediate Jam
- Saturday afternoon - Song Writing Workshops with Mike Mitchell. A few one-on-ones also available (first come/first served)
- Saturday afternoon - Celebrate w/the Board Party
- Sunday morning - Gospel Sing



September Events

INDIANA

09/01 Dailey & Vincent, Gospel; Blue Gate, 105 E Middlebury St., Shipshewana, IN 46565 888-447-4725 8p

09/02-05 Fast Track, Blue Holler Band, Mike Mitchell Band, Full Cord, That Dalton Gang, Alex Leach Band, Appalachian Grass, Calabogie Road Bluegrass, Out of the Blue, Crabgrass, The Debutants, New Outlook; Tri-State Bluegrass Festival, 580 N. Fair St., Kendallville, IN 46755 260-918-4790 Camp opens 8/26 @\$15/night, weekend ticket@\$45/each. Daily tickets available at gate.

09/10 Ricky Skaggs; Blue Gate, 105 E Middlebury St., Shipshewana IN 46565 888-447-4725 8p

09/10 Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper; Carriage House, Howard Steamboat Museum, 1101 E Market St, Jeffersonville, IN 47130 7p

09/11 Ricky Skaggs; Turkey Trot Festival, 2021 Ruritan Park, 6907 East Park Rd., Montgomery, IN 47558 \$20 800-965-9324 8p

09/17-25 Numerous Bluegrass Bands, show changes daily; Bean Blossom Bluegrass & Uncle Pen Festival, Bean Blossom, Bill Monroe Music Park, 5163 SR 135N, Morgantown, IN 46160 46160

09/18 Cornfield & Crossroads; Hunt Club Distillery, 3774 SR-47, Sheridan, IN 46069 317 441 7194 6-8p

09/18 Blue Holler Band; Francisville, IN 47946 Street Fair times TBD

09/18 Ma Crow & Company; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 6:30p MetamoraMusic@gmail.com

MICHIGAN

09/10-11 Williams Family, Schlitz Creek, Calabogie Road, Deadwood, Easy Idle, Crofoot Family; West MI Bluegrass Music Assoc. Fall Fest, Kent County Fairgrounds, 225 S. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331 Adv. \$30, Gate \$35, wknd camping \$15/night 269-806-8561

OHIO

09/1, 8, 11, 15, 22, 29 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet

Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45252 6:30-8:30p free 513-385-9309 6:30p

- 09/01-05** Sam Jam Bluegrass Hops, TBA, Heather Ally & Mountain Time, Hammertown, Junior Sisk Band, a Bluegrass Album Band Tribute, Cave Hollow Boys, Volume 5, Turning Ground, Doyle Lawson, Lou Reid, Terry Baucom, Unspoken Tradition, Breaking Grass, Sideline, Dan Tyminski Band, The Steeldrivers, Caleb Daugherty, Seth Mulder & Midnight Run, Sideline, All Star Jam, Andy Palmer & Corntucky Cornhole; Sam Jam Bluegrass Festival, Pike County Fairgrounds, Circle Dr, Piketon, OH 45661
- 09/03** Joe Mullins & Radio Ramblers; Sterling Bluegrass Jamboree, 26 E. Main St., Mt. Sterling, OH 43143 614-323-6938 3p
- 09/07** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Miami Downtown Downhome, 221 High St., Hamilton, OH

45011 7-8:30p
free vaughnjh@gmail.com

- 09/11** FREE Crestline Music Festival, featuring Black Swamp Bluegrass, Kauffman Road, Crabgrass, Northwest Territory, Nickel Plate Bluegrass; The Hub at Village Square, 311 N. Seltzer St., Crestline, OH 44827 12-9p, free camping nearby
- 09/16** The Hand Hewn String Band; Williams County Fair, 619 E. Main St., Montpelier, OH 43543 419-485-3755 6:30-9:00p
- 09/16-18** Blue Universe, Breaking Grass, Carolina Blue, Colebrook Road, Denison University Bluegrass Ensemble, Gary Brewer and the Kentucky Ramblers, Northwest Territory, Seth Mulder & Midnight Run, Sister Sadie, Sugar Creek, Sunrise Ridge, Three Rivers Bluegrass, Wheeling Park HS Bluegrass Bands; Mohican Bluegrass Festival, 22462 Wally Rd, Glenmont, OH 44628 740-599-6741 3 day \$65, T

\$15, F \$20, S \$35 4 day camping (W/E) \$90, add'l day \$15 requires weekend ticket

- 09/16-18** Lonesome River Band, Turning Ground, Masters Bouquet, Larry Cordle, Sideline, 7 Mile Bluegrass, Hammertown, Midnight River, Coar Cave Hollow, Caleb Daugherty; Skinnyfest Bluegrass Festival, Adams County Fairgrounds, 936 Boyd Ave., West Union, OH 45693 937-725-5044 \$65 3 day + camping
- 09/17-18** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, more; Van Wert Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington St, Van Wert, OH 45891 Steve Scott 419-594-2816
- 09/18** Crabgrass; Shalersville Townhall, 9090 OH Route 94, Ravenna, OH 7 pm
- 09/23** The Kevin Prater Band; Union County Concert Series, Bunsold Middle School, 14198 SR 4/36, Marysville, OH 7:30 pm

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Thank you to the members that signed up as Patrons for 2020 and 2021. Also to all of the folks that bought the "Staying Home and Playin' Safe" t-shirt in 2020. The generosity of these supporters is what has kept our club afloat during the pandemic when we could not hold festivals or raise funds. Please thank these people if you see them wearing any of these shirts at the festival. And if YOU are one of them, please wear your shirts! And **THANK YOU!!**



List of 2020 & 2021 Patrons. Red/Bold indicates 2-year Patron.

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Please be sure to thank these people for supporting the association and keeping bluegrass alive and healthy in the tri state area.

09/24 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing, 1445 Compton Rd., Cincinnati, **OH** 45231 7p

09/24 Dailey & Vincent; Ohio Star Theater at Dutch Valley, Sugar Creek, **OH** 7 pm

09/25 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Bluegrass and Wine at Wyo-

ming Meat Market, 513 Wyoming Ave, Wyoming, **OH** 45215 noon-2:30p FREE
wyomingmeats@gmail.com

09/25 Dailey & Vincent at the Red Barn Convention Center, Winchester, **OH** 8 p

09/25 The Kevin Prater Band at Three Rivers Bluegrass, 115 N. Water Street, Coshocton, **OH** 6p

09/25 Crabgrass at Carey Brewing Station, 300 East Findlay Street, Carey, **OH** 8:30-11:30 p

09/29 Bela Fleck; Taft Theater, 317 E. 5th St., Cincinnati, **OH** 8p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne - Oct 17, 2021

Did you know?

Over the next 10 years the USPS is intentionally slowing first-class mail and package delivery by changing service standards according to a commission meeting this week. The USPS commission approved the Postal Service's plan to raise the price of a first-class stamp from 55 to 58 cents. That increase is set to take effect Aug. 29, 2021. If you are getting your newsletter by the post office, please consider receiving it by email which arrives several days earlier and is in color. Send a note with your name and email to nl@nibga.com

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