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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



I'm happy to say that the Fall 2021 Tri-State Bluegrass was a success. Well, actually I'm happy just to be able to say we were able to hold the festival, given that we had to cancel three festivals over the last two years. But, I'm REALLY glad to say it was a success! While we did not have attendance approaching some of our largest festivals, we did have a good crowd. Everyone seemed to enjoy the stage shows, and there was plenty of pickin' around the park.

This leads me to my next topic -- as they say... GAME ON! The spring festival is still seven months away, but the board is meeting regularly to start the planning already. We will be analyzing results from the fall festival to review things that went well, as well as those that didn't. As always, we will have some things to work through over the course of the winter.

I just want to reiterate that NIBGA is an association. An association of people that care deeply about the bluegrass genre and its continuance. It is made up of volunteers. Some of these volunteers work year-around to plan events and keep the music in the forefront with jams, newsletters, maintaining club records and other activities. Some volunteers assist by helping out with specific projects, or just assisting at the festivals or jams. ALL volunteers are invaluable to us!

NIBGA has been in existence for nearly five decades now because of people like you. People that volunteer their time, support their club with their donations, and actively keep in touch with their suggestions and comments. We appreciate all of these very much. While there is a board of directors that oversee the actual activities of the association, many of the good things that get accomplished, get accomplished because of your suggestions and assistance.

I, personally, have only been involved for the last 20 years or so, but in those 20 years I've seen many things that were implemented because of a suggestion from association members. Taxi service, extended music workshops, slow/intermediate jams, private golf cart usage, teacher workshops, Bluegrass Kids' Academy, Bluegrass in the Schools programs, T-shirt designs, increased visibility with advertising -- all of these were implemented because of suggestions of people such as yourself.

We are very open to more suggestions. Remember, YOU are an association member, this is YOUR club and we value YOUR suggestions. Because we have members in all walks of life and all regions of the Tri-State areas (and farther), we have access to many viewpoints and ideas. But we need you to tell us those viewpoints and ideas.

These are the 2021 Patrons. Thank you so much! You are keeping bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area!

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We can be reached many ways. The club meets the third Sunday of the month in Fort Wayne at the SW Conservation Club. Those meetings are open to the public, and there is a simultaneous bluegrass jam session which is a lot of fun. Regardless of any rumors you may have heard, I don't always try to wrap up the board meeting quickly so I can pick!

We can be reached on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/KendallvilleBluegrass/>). You can email at PRES@NIBGA.com or VP@NIBGA.com. If you prefer to talk to a real person, our phone number is 260-918-4790 which rings in to both the Vice President and the President. You can text at 419-721-8016. Please, please share your thoughts and comments with us.

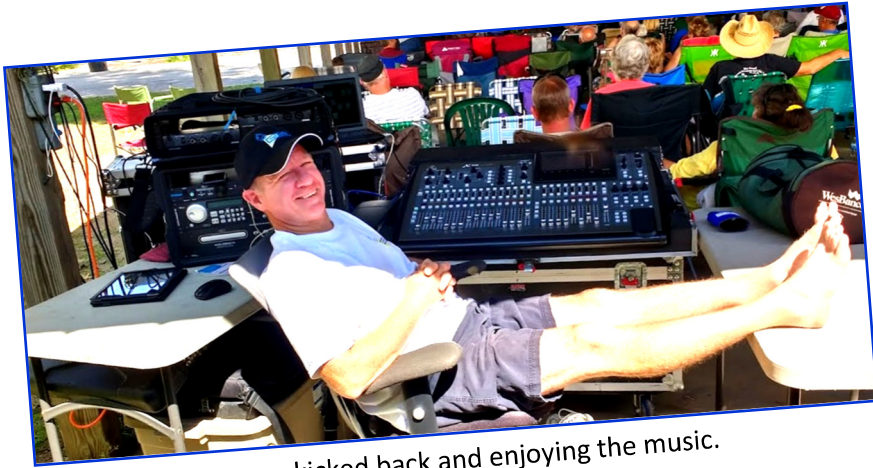
An association is only as good as its members, and we are blessed to have the collective knowledge and experience of so many!

Joe Steiner



Dave Chichester (GBS Productions) has been our festival sound company for many years. At the Labor Day festival he announced that he is retiring from our festival. He is located about 6 hours away in Lowell, OH. His goal is to find events that are closer to his home and stop the lengthy trips to Indiana and Michigan.

He has been the festival sound person since Labor Day weekend 2016. He says he really enjoys doing our event but wants to have more time closer to home. Three sound companies are currently being evaluated. If you have a suggestion, send it to pres@nibga.com



Dave Chichester, kicked back and enjoying the music.

Comfort Station

During a discussion with our Publicity chair, Julie Goldsmith, she offered an interesting idea. What if we got all of the players that use the Noble County fairground together and sought a grant for a new comfort station? There are several major players: 2 Bluegrass festivals, a major fair and Apple festival.

These events bring area folks, but also visitors from all over Indiana and the upper Midwest, therefore the Noble County Visitors Bureau, the city of Kendallville and the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce, representing merchants, receive a benefit from the success of these events. Together these players would benefit from larger attendance and more events at the fairgrounds.

What is needed? A major upgrade like a new Comfort station similar to the large one recently built at the fairgrounds in Marshall, MI. It contains handicap facilities, private showers and state of the art rest room facilities.

Grant status

The \$3,000 grant check should have arrived by the time you get this newsletter. As a part of the grant requirement, letters were written to Senators Mike Braun and Todd Young (hand written) and Representative Jim Banks, all of Indiana. Each letter also included 3 pictures of our kid's activities at the festival. Again our thanks to the Indiana Arts Council for the grant.



Grant-Funded Bluegrass Kids' Academy, Spring 2019

Latest Jams, clubs, concerts and festivals

Did you know that <https://www.bluegrassusa.net/events/> lists events in the upper Midwest by state at no charge? If you want to see what is in your area, check it out. If you want an event to be listed there is a handy form on the site to make that happen.

October Events

It is great to see so many events starting to happen again. However, please call ahead to make sure it is still on before you travel a distance.

INDIANA

- 10/16** New Trad Ramblers; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, **IN** 47030 6:30p MetamoraMusic@gmail.com
- 10/23** Kenneth Beverly & friends; from 4-8pm @ First Church of God, 777 N Detroit St, LaGrange, **IN** 46761 4-8p 260-463-3700
- 10/23** Dead Horses (folk); the 615, 615 N Williams, Portland, **IN** 47371
- 11/18** Annie Moses Band; Blue Gate, 105 E Middlebury St., Shippshewana, **IN** 46565 888-447-4725 8p
- 11/20** New Cumberland Gap; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, **IN** 47030 6:30p MetamoraMusic@gmail.com

MICHIGAN

- Every Weds.** jam with Ron Hammon, Moose, 4043 Howe Rd, Grand Blanc, **MI** 48439 6:30-9p Ron - 810-309-0032
- Every Sun.** Bob's Barn Jamborees, 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, **MI** 48849 616-374-8205 3-4p show, 4:30-7p jam bobwarner40@gmail.com
- 1st Sat** Manton Jamboree, Ranger room, Manton HS, 105 5th St, Manton, **MI** 6-9p lwestbrook17@hotmail.com
- 2nd Sat** Maumee Street Music Jam, First Presbyterian Church, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, **MI** 49221 6p, use east side door, snack bar, Mullins 517-270-2554, Church 517-265-2168
- 3rd Sun** Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, **MI** 48917 2-5p \$5 donation (Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, 2021) 517-505-2809 Facebook

- 4th Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332
- 10/19** The Steel Wheels; Listening Room at Studio Park 123, Ionia Ave. SW Grand Rapids, **MI** 49503

OHIO

- Every Tues** - FOMC jam, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, **OH** 45013 7-9p 419-568-1220
- 10/15** Open Highway, The Wayfarers; The Apple Butter Stirrin' Festival, Roscoe Village, 600 N. Whitewoman St., Coshocton, **OH** 43812 2p
- 10/15** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Bluegrass & BBQ, Alms Park Pavilion, 710 Tusculum Ave., Cincinnati, **OH** 45226 6-9p free
- 10/16** The Steel Wheels; G A R Hall 1785 Main St Peninsula **OH** 44264 330-657-2633
- 10/16** Bluegrass Mountaineers, Coney Carver & The Rainbow Valley Boys; Bluegrass Junction, Shalersville Town Hall, 9090 OH-44, Ravenna, **OH** 44266 7-11p
- 10/16** The Wayfarers; The Apple Butter Stirrin' Festival, Roscoe Village, 600 N. Whitewoman St., Coshocton, **OH** 43812 11a
- 10/16** Acoustic guitar player Evan Holcombe; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-834-9595 8p
- 10/16** Vern McIntyre & Appalachian Grass; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 10/16** Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers; Caesar Ford Park, 520 S. Stringtown Rd., Xenia, **OH** 45385 2p
- 10/17** Project Delta; Brewery 33, 12684 College Prospect Dr., Logan, **OH** 43138 2-5p
- 10/17** Chestnut Ridge Bluegrass; Apple Butter Stirrin' Festival, Roscoe Village, 600 N. Whitewoman St., Coshocton, **OH** 43812 11:15-12 noon 1-2:15p
- 10/21** Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers; Sauder Village, 22611 SR 2, Archbold, **OH** 43502 1-800-590-9755. 7p
- 10/22** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Butler County Bluegrass Association, 5113 Huston Rd, Collinsville, **OH** 45004 7-9p 937-417-8488
- 10/22** The Infamous Stringdusters, We Banjo 3; EXPRESS LIVE! 405 Neil Ave. Columbus, **OH** 43215 614-461-5483 6p
- 10/22** The Steeldrivers; The Murphy Theatre, 50 W. Main St., Wilington, **OH** 45177 937-382-3643 7p
- 10/22** Slate Ridge; Bluegrass Happy Hour, Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 10/23** The Steel Wheels; The Holland Theatre, 127 E Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, **OH** 43311 937-592-9002
- 10/23** The Denison Bluegrass Ensemble; Three Rivers Bluegrass, Coshocton Village Inn, 115 N. Water St., Coshocton, **OH** 43812 6p
- 10/23** 7 Mile Bluegrass; Bystone Farm, 8677 Oregon Rd., Canal Winchester, **OH** 43110 7p
- 10/23** Berachah Valley; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
- 10/23** Echo Valley; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p

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10/26 Sierra Hull with Scott Mulvahill & Dead Horses; The Holland Theatre, 127 E Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, OH 43311 937-592-9002

10/30 Slate Ridge; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

10/30 McIntyre's Trio; Harvest Market and Grill, 513 Wyoming Ave, Wyoming, OH 45215 noon-2:30p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne - Nov 21, 2021



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