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President's First Dog's Corner - Gibson



Hi Everyone! Gibson here, filling in for Joe. He is “pooped” from the fall festival and taking a nap right now so I thought I would fill in this month writing the column. I think he’s just being lazy – heck, I was busy all week at the festival too: eating, sleeping, exploring the camp site, watching people go by, begging for table scraps, exploring the camp site, getting my chain caught in the picnic table, exploring the camp site,

letting people pet me, exploring the camp site, listening for jam sessions, getting my chain caught in the picnic table, and lots of other important things. And, I’m not the least bit tired!

I will have to say that the fall festival sure was a blast! Of course, I’m not allowed in the stage area, so I could only hear the concerts from around the corner of the merchant’s building, but they all sounded great to me. As they went past the camp site, I heard several people saying how great Tony Hale and Blackwater were, and Dad (Joe hates it when I call him that, but, hey, it’s my column this month, right?) said they had a really great banjo player in Evan Lanier (like he would know!).

I also heard folks talking about the Wayfarers, and what a fine old timey group they were. And, of course, everyone loved Kevin Prater, as always. Dad says they continue to get better every time he sees them, although I don’t know how you improve on perfection. He says they have just the right amount of bluegrass drive and edge, while combining all the elements of bluegrass, like strong vocals and hot instrumentals.

Many folks also commented about how much they loved the Debutants, and many enjoyed Jim and Lynna Woolsey’s concerts, as well as their songwriting workshop. Dad says he was pleased with the variety of entertainment, and I’m sure he would want me to mention that the board is open to suggestions for bands at future festivals. Feel free to let me, Dad, or any of the board members know if you’d like to see a particular band in the lineup.

Keep in mind that they want to vary the lineup, so suggestions are welcome on both the traditional and progressive ends of the spectrum, as well as from the old timey world. They want to have something for everyone and continue attracting new folks to the festival. Dad figures folks that aren’t fond of a particular style will choose to take a break when those bands are on the stage. It’s a good chance to check out the food vendors on the midway. Hey, bring back a bite for the doggo, too, you know!

Of course, I’m not allowed out of the camp site, unless I’m on a leash, so that somewhat limits my mobility, but I did see and hear sev-



eral good jams going on at different times. Dad says it was really encouraging to have so many great jams going on all the time. He said it was “almost like the old days”.

I’m sure Dad would also want me to mention how pleased he was with how the festival humans acted. Dad, along with the rest of the board and many, many volunteers clean up the stage and grounds after the last show is over. He is always impressed at how clean everything is. I’m sure he’d want me to tell you “thank you”. Woof, from me (‘cause when Dad’s happy, everyone’s happy!). Mom drove golf cart taxis after the shows to help get everyone back to their cars or campers. She told me that she took an older couple all the way down to the end of the parking lot to their car, and then came back to pick up more people. As she was heading out again, she saw the same older couple walking back, almost to the stage again. She asked them if they forgot something, and they said, “yes, I forgot to pick up my water bottle that I sat on the floor. I don’t want to leave a mess for ya’ll”. Mom says “that’s a bluegrasser for you!” I say, “Good boy!”

Mom and Dad take a “victory lap” in the golf cart after the last camper pulls out just to check out the grounds. I get to ride along on that one. It seems strangely quiet and sad, but exciting to know that next year’s festivals are already in the works.

Well, I guess that’s it for now – this was fun, but I expect Dad will want to take the column back next month. So, I’ll see you down the road!
Gibson Steiner



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.

These are the heroes that are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area. Please tell them THANK YOU when you see them! If you signed up to be a Patron and don't see your name on this list, please let me know at NEWS@NIBGA.com or call 419-721-8016. Or if you'd LIKE to be a Patron, contact me! Thank you so much to the new patrons that signed up during the fall festival. Their names are highlighted below.

Ron Armstead
 David & Virgie Buhler
 Jim Chilton
Jim & Lynne Clay
 Verl & Sue Dasher
 Julie Goldsmith/Jim Geise
 Keith & Terri Grannis
 Mark Hauenstein
 Rachel Lattimore
Jordan & Vicki Liebman
 Bob & Carol Mauck

Chere McKinley
 Jerry & Sioux McLane
 Bill Merrill
Anonymous Patron
 Ian Oliveros/Alison Thompson
 Tom & Donya Rondo
 Poul & Linda Sandersen
 Charles & Amanda Shepard
 Joe & Chris Steiner
 Stephen J. Troyer
 Chris Vogie

Dave & Marianne Vogie
 Cathy Voors
Frank & Rita Walkup
 Terry & Peggy Wallace
 Ronald Wedekind
 Paul & Barb Welch
 Stewart E. White
 Jim & Linda Winger
 Shari Wolf

Festival Highlights by Chris Steiner



It is always humbling to see how many people step up and help with everything from selling tickets, driving taxis, cleaning up the grounds, setting up and tearing down.... but we added a new "first" this festival. We set up the TENT!!!! I'm not sure exactly what happened, a series of misfortunes, but the tent got delivered and there was no one to set it up. On the Thursday of the festival (yes, the

stage shows would start in a few hours), it was discovered that the big top was still on the ground with no plans in sight for setting it up. One quick trip around the grounds to ask for help, and the troops arrived. No one had ever set up a tent previously, but they were all ready to figure it out. Bryan Dray, Dave Buhler, Keith Grannis, Jim Clay, Donnie Voiles, Gene Elkins and Dan Mossburg pitched in and had the tent up quicker than I've ever seen! Pounding spikes, setting poles, stretching canvas... I was impressed! Don't let those guys fool you... they've still got what it takes!



I want to take a paragraph to thank the ladies that helped me out at the festival. Whether it was running taxis, setting up and manning the green room, running Kids' Korner, or setting up workshops and the stage, Rachel Lehman, Christine Paul and Shari Wolf kept things running smoothly. Shari Wolf also handled two shifts emceeing the stage, and leading the Gospel Sing on Sunday, with the help of Mike and Sharon Wildemuth. Thank you so much!



In the next newsletter will we attempt to thank the other volunteers.... And there were many of them! [If you were a chairperson in charge of volunteers, please get a list to me! Thanks!]

My favorite quote of the festival:

"I hate it when it is so hot that my Mabelle goes down to visit my Victoria Secret!" Said by Cathy of Berachah Valley when her fake eyelashes slid off during the concert.

My favorite moment of the festival:

During the last set of the last day, Kevin Prater was doing a lively rendition of *It's All Over Now*, *Baby Blue* and he broke into a perfect Bob Dylan imitation. Brought the house down.

Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

1st Sun Central Indiana BGA jams Hontz Hall, 307 E South H St, Gas City, **IN** 46933 765-674-5117 noon-??

Last Sun Dead Pickers Society jam, Firefly Coffee House, 3523 N Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46805 11am-1pm

1st Thurs Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, Northwood Middle School, 301 N. Elkhart St, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573 574-862-2200 6:30-9p Free

2nd & 4th Thurs. Whiteriver Folk & Bluegrass jam, Emery Lee Building, Beulah Park Jam, 400 E. 4th St., Alexandria, **IN** 46001 6-9p

3rd Fri Winamac Bluegrass Jam, American Legion, 110 Franklin St., Winamac, **IN** 46996 Tom 574-205-2274 7-10p

3rd Sun Northern Ind. Bluegrass jam & meeting, SW Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46809 noon-6p, free, all welcome, acoustic only instruments, food & beverages available. Starts up again in October.

3rd Sun Indiana Friends of Bluegrass, Concord Community Center, (southside of Indy) 1310 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, **IN** 46225 indianafriendsofbluegrass@yahoo.com

Last Fri Boardwalk Jam, Ben's Pretzels, 100 Berkshire Dr, Shipshewana, **IN** 46565-8757 6:30p year around

Every Sat. 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p CDST

09/30-10/02 The Cleverlys, Armchair Boogie, Old Salt Union, Rumpke Mountain Boys, Pert Near Sandstone, Dark Moon Hollow, New Old Cavalry, Fresh Hops, The Strings of Indian Creek, The Hammer & The Hatchet, Wicked Ways, Nectar Valley, Cody Williams, Horton Hears A Hawf, Wood & Wire; First City Music Festival, French Commons, Vincennes, **IN** 47591

10/01 Barrel Scrapers, Long Lake Resort 11082 N. 200 W. North Manchester, **IN** 46962 1:30-4p

10/14 Barrel Scrapers; Firehouse, 108 W Main St, North Manchester, **IN** 46962 260-578-0356 5p

10/16 Daily & Vincent; Schrott Center for the Arts 610 W 46th St, Indianapo-

lis, **IN** 46208 7p

10/23 TBA; Sugar Grove COG, 5019 E 500 S, Churubusco, **IN** 46723 260-693-1718

10/29 Dead Pickers Society; Trubble Brewing Public House, 314 N Main St, Roanoke, **IN** 46783 7:30-10p 260-673-9056

MICHIGAN

every Weds. jam with Ron Hammon, Moose, 4043 Howe Rd, Grand Blanc, **MI** 48439 6:30-9p Ron - 810-309-0032

every Weds. Eagles, 301 Detroit St, Jackson, **MI** 49201 Eagles: 517-782-5622 Jam leader: 248-247-9766 6-9p acoustic only!

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

1st Tues Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 48135 313-617-4864 7-9:30p Wendy Hause, whause@frontier.com

2nd Sat Maumee Street Music Jam, First Presbyterian Church, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, **MI** 49221 6p, use east side door, snack bar, Mullins 517-607-8085, Church 517-265-2168

3rd Tues Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 48135 7-9:30p Wendy Hause, 313-617-4864, whause@frontier.com

3rd Sat West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI** 49343 616-419-6713 1p

3rd Sun Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, **MI** 48917 2-5p \$5 donation 517-505-2809

3rd Tues Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 7p 313-617-4864

4th Sat Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332

10/08 Calabogie Road; Book Nook Bluegrass Series, 8744 Ferry St, Montague, **MI** 49437 10a

OHIO

Mon. Slow Bluegrass Jam, Violet Baptist

Church, 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-562-9730 6-8p Call to confirm event status

Every Tues - FOMC jam, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, **OH** 45013 7-9p 419-568-1220

Most Weds - Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 513-832-1422 free, food available 6:30-8:30P

Every Thurs Open Bluegrass Jam; Bluegrass Picking Circle, Rambling House, 310 N Hudson St, Columbus **OH** 43202 614-468-3217 6-8p free, acoustic, no mics

Every Sat. Dry Creek Cafe, 201 Columbus Rd, Mt Vernon, **OH** 43050 8-10p free, food available 740-830-6083 (*last day for 2022 10/01*)

10/01 Keller Williams forms of music including bluegrass; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 West 3rd Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 8p \$25

10/01 Ricky Skaggs; Red Barn Convention Center; 2223 Russellville Rd, Winchester, **OH** 45697-9742 800-823-9197

10/01 Tim Graves & The Farm Hands; Pemberville Opry House, 115 Main St, Pemberville, **OH** 43450 7:30 pm

10/01 Larry Sparks, Blue Diggity; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5:30p

10/02 Tim Graves & The Farm Hands; Pleasant Grove Community Church, 5704 Edwardsville Rd, Clarksville, **OH** 45113 10a

10/02 Wafarers; Combustion Brewery, 80 W Church St, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 4-7p Jam 7-9p

10/06 Dailey & Vincent; Ohio Star Theater, 1387 Old SR 39, Sugarcreek, **OH** 44681 7p

10/08 Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers; Caesar Ford Park, 520 S Stringtown Rd, Xenia, **OH** 45385 2-4p Free

10/08 Alan Bibey & Grasstowne; Gaslight Theater, 110 E. State St, Georgetown, **OH** 45121 7p

10/08 Slate Ridge; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p

10/14 Kevin Prater Band; Pennyroyal Opera, Exit 198 of I-70, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7 pm

10/14-15 Lonesome River, Dale Ann Bradley, Moron Brothers, New Outlook, Victims of love, Harbortown (Bluegrass, country, rock); Howlin' At The Moon Music Fest, Auglaize Fairgrounds, 1001 Fairview Dr., Wapakoneta, **OH** 45895 567-204-0929 Weekend \$15

10/15 Kevin Prater Band; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Ster-

ling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p

10/15 Dailey & Vincent; Victoria Theater, 138 N Main St, Dayton, **OH** 45402 7p

10/18 Kevin Prater Band; Adena Road Church of Christ, 900 Orange Road, Chillicothe, **OH** 45601 10:45a

10/22 Daniel Dye & The Miller Road Band; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30 pm.

10/22 Kauffman Road; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p

10/28 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing Co, 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, **OH** 45231 7-9p

10/28 Larry Stephenson Band, Just Plain Grass; Pennyroyal Opera, Exit 198 of I-70, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7 pm

10/29 Ralph Stanley II; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p

It's Jam Time!

If you are in the Fort Wayne area on the 3rd Sunday of the month, starting in October, consider joining us for the monthly board meeting and jam session. It takes place at the Southwest Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne.

Jamming runs from noon until about 6:00 p.m. Food and beverages available for purchase. We've been having a good picking crowd and an appreciative audience. All acoustic instruments, no mics. Next meetings are 10/16 and 11/20.

If your band would like to "host" one of the jams, please contact us. Dead Pickers' Society will be hosting later this fall/winter.

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