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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



We are only a little more than three months away from the Memorial Day Tri-State festival! Elsewhere in this newsletter are notes about some of the bands that will be appearing on stage, but as the anticipation builds, I find myself focusing on the many off-stage parts of the festival.

The NIBGA festivals include many things not directly related to the stage, such as camping, cooking on the grill, sitting around the campfire, and even visiting sites, stores, and restaurants in the local area.

The NIBGA membership is much like a large extended family. We don't get to see each other often, but when we do see each other it's fun to catch up and chat. We talk about the latest developments in bluegrass music, watch jam sessions, attend workshops, and talk about future plans. It just feels good to be at the Noble County Fairgrounds among bluegrass friends!

As with all families, we have a lot in common. After all, it's a love of the same music that brings us together. But there are ways we differ, too, regarding our tastes in music, and that really adds to the fun for me. I love hearing about new sounds and new approaches to the music, and comparing musical ideas like riffs and chord structures.

So, as we head toward the 2023 festivals, I'm anxiously anticipating a variety of musical fun. A great stage show will be a big part of it, but there's more than that. It's all about hanging out with bluegrass friends at a comfortable and attractive camping location. See you there!

Joe Steiner

The Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America (SPBGMA) held its awards presentation on January 28, 2023 at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville. A few of the winners were ([previous Tri-State artists](#)):

Bass: **Edgar Loudermilk**
Dobro: Justin Moses
Guitar: Kody Norris
Mandolin: **Alan Bibey**
Banjo: Joe Mullins

Fiddle: Mary Rachel Nalley-Norris
Female Vocalist: Jaelee Roberts
Male Vocalist: **Russell Moore**
Gospel AND Vocal Group: **Balsam Range**
Instrumental Group: Kody Norris Show
Bluegrass Band: **The Po' Ramblin' Boys**
Entertainer of the Year: Kody Norris

Song of the Year: *My My My*, Seth Mulder and Midnight Run
Bluegrass Album: *Something You Didn't Count On*, Jaelee Roberts

In bluegrass music, probably more so than many other styles of music, less is more. This is nowhere more evident than with **Joe Hott and his Short Mountain Boys**. This is not to say the band has less to offer – they have the highest level of talent in every respect. But, they know exactly how to use that talent to the best effect in every manner, never muddying the waters unnecessarily.

One of the best things about bluegrass, especially in its most traditional form, is the clean, crisp nature of the rhythm as it supports the vocals and instrumental solos. This hard-driving rhythm is the foundation on which the artistry of the music is built. The Short Mountain Boys demonstrates this eloquently in every song they sing or tune they play.

This band delivers up the music in very much a late 1940s fashion, though with perhaps a bit more polish than the first generation bluegrass artists. It is very encouraging that we have seen a resurgence of this "traditional" style in recent years, and I think this appreciation of the fundamentals bodes well for the future of all styles of bluegrass music.

Hailing originally from Augusta, West Virginia, Joe moved to Nashville in 2017 which enabled him to recruit top talent for the Short Mountain Boys like Aaron Holman on banjo, Lisa Horngren on bass, Billy Wise, guitar and Nick Bryant on mandolin.



That Dalton Gang, from Missouri, has previously appeared on our stage twice before, and they are now as hot as ever. This is another group that makes me confident that bluegrass music has a bright future.

This young group from Missouri features the singing and mandolin playing of Cheyenne Dalton Meyer, as well as the fine singing and guitar playing of Jimmy Meyer. I am constantly blown away by the talent in this young group.

Instrumentally, they sizzle in every corner, with hot solos from Mason Ruble on

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banjo, Cheyenne Dalton Meyer on mandolin, and Jimmy Meyer on guitar. These are top notch musicians who work fluently together to create a monster sound. And, with Wyatt Harmon's rock-solid bass line, they are the very definition of bluegrass drive.

Vocally, they are unequalled with two fine lead singers in Cheyenne and Jimmy. But, perhaps more importantly, they feature powerful and crisp harmonies the purvey a level of expression that really sets them apart.

If this group stays together, I think they will rank historically among the greats in bluegrass music. Fore-shadowing this was their success at the 2020 SPBGMA MidWest Bluegrass Music Awards, where they came

home with eight awards, including Band of the Year, Entertainer of the Year, and Album of the Year.



My Brother's Keeper is from the Cincinnati, Ohio area. One might say that they have a more progressive approach to bluegrass, or that they stretch the boundaries. Especially in their case, though, I prefer to think of it more in terms of developing their style without stylistic constraints. They obviously grew their sound internally, and, although they have obviously operated from a bluegrass foundation, they have drawn inspiration from diverse genres including rock, southern gospel, and swing.

The group consists of brothers Benjamin, Titus, and Joshua Luckhaupt on guitar, mandolin, and fiddle respectively, with Wyatt "Sawmill" Murray completing the ensemble on string bass. They feature strong, tight harmonies supporting soulful and expressive lead vocals, and they have some nice original material.

See next month's newsletter for more Spring Festival bands.

Over Jordan

Sandra (Sandy) Carnes

Nov. 12, 1940 - Jan.19, 2023.

Sandy, and husband Charlie who preceded her in 2013, were active in NIBGA since the early 1980s. She wore many hats in the club, some of which were selecting bands and working with vendors. In recent years, she was the taxi coordinator at the festival until her health prevented her attendance. Sandy and/or Charlie served on the NIBGA board many times from 1984 forward contributing to the success of the festival at Kendallville. Even when health prevented her camping, she would love to explore how to approach problems which occurred.

She had great stories to tell and could be found at the Headquarters campfire most nights spinning yarns and belly laughs for all. With a positive outlook she would always cheer us up. (Linda Rummer, her daughter, requested that we let all her Bluegrass friends know of Sandra's passing.) ~ *Jim and Linda*



We need YOU! Next month's newsletter will contain information on how you can become a member. Please consider also becoming a

Patron and getting one of these Patron-only T-shirts.



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These are the "Patrons" that have helped NIBGA keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area. Please tell them THANK YOU when you see them! Please consider becoming a Patron yourself when it is time to renew your mem-

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Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

- 1st Sun** mostly Central Indiana BGA jams Hontz Hall, 307 E South H St, Gas City, **IN** 46933 765-674-5117 noon-??
- 1st Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, Northwood Middle School, 301 N. Elkhart St, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573 574-862-2200 6:30-9p Free refreshments....Cold bottles of water, hot coffee and tea will be provided. Please feel free to bring snacks to share.
- 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.
- 3rd Sun** Indiana Friends of Bluegrass, Concord Community Center, (southside of Indy) 1310 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, **IN** 46225
- Last Fri** Boardwalk Jam, Ben's Pretzels, 100 Berkshire Dr, Shipshewana, **IN** 46565-8757 6:30p
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p CDST 5:30P
- 03/11** Nitty Gritty Dirt Band; Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd, Nashville, **IN** 47448 8p \$55-300
- 03/18 Sierra Hull; Hi-Fi**, 1043 Virginia Ave, Suite 4, Indianapolis, **IN** 46203-1760 9p \$25 317-986-7100
- 03/30** Dailey and Vincent, Alabama; Ford Center, 1 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Evansville, **IN** 47708

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 bobwarner40@gmail.com
- 1st Sat** Manton Jamboree, Ranger room, Manton HS, 105 5th St, Manton, **MI** 6-9p lwestbrook17@hotmail.com
- 1st & 3rd 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 517-607-8085 or 517-270-2870
- 2nd Tues** West Mi Bluegrass Association; Slow Jam, Library, 6260 92nd St SE, Caledonia, **MI** 49316 989-430-2149 5-7:45p Free
- 3rd Fri** Lake Diane Jams, Hillsdale Community Center, 1810 W. Territorial Rd, Camden, **MI** 49232, snack bar, Mullins 517-270-2870 Atkins 517-607-9868
- 3rd Sat** West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI** 49343 989-430-2149 jam 2-4:30p
- 3rd Sat** Heritage Park Barn, 121 Tefft St, Hanover **MI** 49241 Nov - April 6-11p
- 3rd Sun** Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, **MI** 48917 2-5p \$5 donation 517-505-2809
- 4th Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332
- 03/04** The Steel Wheels; The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 734-761-1818 8p \$25
- 03/17** Sierra Hull: The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 734-761-1818 8p \$25
- 03/25** Square Dance; Studio 18, 1818 142nd Ave., Dorr, **MI** 49323 6:30-9p

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- 3rd Sun** Church of the Nazarene (south entrance), 7951 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, **OH** 45069 937-530-2127 3-5p
- Tues** - FOMC jam, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, **OH** 45013 7-9p 419-568-1220
- Tues** - Bluegrass Opry Barn,

- 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, **OH** 45873 419-594-2816 6p
- 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
- Thurs** Slow Bluegrass Jam, Violet Baptist Church, 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-562-9730 6-8p Call to confirm event status
- 03/01** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 6:30-8:30 pm. Free admission. 513-385-9309 Food available for purchase.
- 03/07** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Down Home Downtown Bluegrass, 221 High St., Hamilton, **OH** 45011 7- 8:30p vaughnjh@gmail.com
- 03/08** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 6:30-8:30 pm. Free admission. 513-385-9309 Food available for purchase.
- 03/10** Ramblin' Bluegrass; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 03/12** Chris Jones & The Nightdrivers Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 8:30p (614) 436-2625
- 03/15** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 6:30-8:30 pm. Free admission. 513-385-9309 Food available for purchase.
- 03/16-18** Industrial Strength Bluegrass, Robert's Center, 123 Gano Rd, Wilmington, **OH** 45177 **Thu:** Dale Ann Bradley, Joe Mullins, Malpass Brothers, **Fri:** Kentucky Just US, Seth Muldar, Joe Mullins, Sister Sadie, Lonesome River **Sat:** Classy & Grassy, Clay Hess, Donna Ulisse, Joe Mullins, Full Cord, Jerry Douglas/Earls of Leicester Music Th 6p Fr 1p Sa noon. Doors 2 hours before
- 03/16-18** Billy Strings; Brady Music Center, 25 Race St, Cincinnati, **OH** 45202



03/17 Rhonda Vincent; Corner Stone series, Methodist Church, 207 S Court St, Marysville, **OH** 43040 7p

03/17 Edgar Loudermilk Band; Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, **OH** 43773 7p

03/17 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing, 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, **OH** 45231 Free Admission, 7-9p, Food/beer available 513-832-1422

03/18 Dark Moon Hollow, Charlie Woods & Deep Hollow, Drivin 23, The Leftover; Bluegrass Night, Elks Lodge, 416 Park Ave., Ironton, **OH** 45638 7p

03/23 The Quebe Sisters; Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 7:30p 614-436-2625

03/25 Price Sisters; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7p

03/29 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 6:30-8:30 pm. Free Free admission. 513-385-9309 Food available for purchase.

03/31 Waverly Run; Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, **OH** 43773 7p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, March 19, 2023

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DO YOU KNOW OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT WANTS TO MAKE SOME MONEY DURING THE FESTIVAL???

Due to the retirement of Cheri Frantz and her family, we are in need of an individual or family who will handle the bathroom cleaning/stocking duties during the festivals. This is a very important, and the only paid, position at the festival. You will receive festival tickets and camping, use of a golf-cart and all supplies, and a stipend. Please contact the board at 260-918-4790, or email NEWS@NIBGA.com.



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