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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



We are only a month and a half away from Memorial Day Tri-State festival! I can't wait! And, only three months after Memorial Day comes Labor Day! I can't wait!

We've got a great lineup at both festivals. I mentioned the Memorial Day lineup in previous newsletter, and in this newsletter are notes

about the last couple Memorial Day bands as well as the Labor Day lineup.

But, as I have mentioned before, though, I look forward to the other parts of the festival just as much as the stage show: camping, cooking on the grill, sitting around the campfire, and spending time sharing musical ideas with other "bluegrassers".

The anticipation is really growing now, as we get the camper out of storage and start enjoying sunny days and warmer weather. I can't wait to start sharing the music we all love with the rest of our bluegrass "family" at our bluegrass "home", the comfortable and attractive Noble County Fairgrounds.

The NIBGA board has been working with the Noble County Community Fair Corp (NCCFC) regarding many updates and repairs which are needed at the fairgrounds. I've mentioned before that NCCFC is aware of the work needed, and they are committed to improving the grounds. There will not be a lot of visible effects of their rejuvenation program at the May festival, but NCCFC has been planning toward the future. If you have any thoughts at this year's festivals about potential improvements at the grounds, please let the NIBGA board know so we can share with NCCFC. If you don't see any of us out and about, just ask at the merchandise table and they will find us!

See you in a little over a month!

Joe Steiner

P.S. No matter what Gibson said in the last newsletter, I am NOT lazy!

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Picking up where I left off last time, here are a few notes about the last couple bands that will be appearing at the Memorial Day festival.

Next Paige is new to our stage this year. They are a fine group from Michigan, and they use the traditional bluegrass catalog as a base from which they not only draw material but also inspiration. They feature some nice original material and vocal harmonies. Next Paige will be hosting the "Jam with the Band" after the last show on Saturday night at the festival.

I'm looking forward to hearing **Hillbilly Chic** in person. Hailing from Chillicothe, Ohio, their sound stretches out in both directions from the first generation bluegrassers. They are obviously influenced more by Gid Tanner than Bill Monroe, but they don't at all dwell in those pre-bluegrass days. Rather they have an original approach that definitely reaches toward the future. Paul Brown (banjo) is the original organizer of the group, and it features John Victor on harmonica, Richard Moore on guitar, Bryan Joseph on mandolin, and Nick Weiland on bass.

I'm really excited about the Memorial Day lineup, but I'm just as excited looking forward to the Labor Day festival. Here are just a few quick notes about some of the bands – I'll try to work in some more information in future newsletters.

There will be plenty of traditional, hard-driving grass on stage during the Labor Day festival – we've got both Tony Hale & Blackwater and Sammy Adkins & the Sandy Hook Mountain Boys in the lineup! And, we've got a strong lineup both directions from there as well.

Looking back in the roots direction, I'm really pleased that we were able to get Phillip Steinmetz & His Sunny Tennesseans into the lineup. Phillip was taught clawhammer banjo at the age of eleven by the great Louis Marshall ("Grandpa")



Jones, who happens to be his great uncle. I love the old-timey music of Grandpa Jones, Dave "Stringbean" Akeman, and Uncle Dave Macon, and Phillip is carrying on music in that tradition.

Looking out at the branches, we've got Nu-Blu, one of the country's best modern bluegrass outfits, returning to our stage. We'll also be seeing the Edgar Loudermilk Band, as well as the Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band (formerly known as Blue Universe) from the Mansfield, Ohio area. And, we're happy to welcome back fan favorites, Calabogie Road.

Few folks have likely heard of Bluegrass Pythagoras, who will also be appearing over Labor Day. They are a young group consisting of students from East Tennessee State University (including northern Indiana's own Gracie Mae Grossman)! Stay tuned for more information about these bands in future newsletters.

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Its that time of year!

Please consider supporting your favorite bluegrass festival by becoming a **2023 Patron**. For a \$100 donation, you will receive a family membership for the 2023 year (which entitles you to discounted tickets for the festival and newsletters through April 2023), a special edition 2023 Patron T-Shirt, and your name listed on all donor publications and announcements. You can sign up to be a Patron on the regular renewal form published below.

As a "Thank you" to the renewing Patrons from 2022, they will receive their 2nd t-shirt free when they renew. Patrons help keep NIBGA afloat and guarantee the survival of bluegrass in the tri-state area for the future. Thank you for your support!!

And 2023/2024 Patron Year has started! **Thank-You** to our Patrons that have signed up already. YOU are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area!

Ron Armstead
Jim Chilton
Charles and Amanda Shepard
Joe and Chris Steiner
Jim and Linda Winger

Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

- 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 cookies, brownies or 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 Sat** Mar-Nov - Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 6:30p
MetamoraMusic@gmail.com
- 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 CDST 5:30P except during Kendallville Festival
- 05/19** Dailey and Vincent, Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565
- 05/20** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Metamora Opry 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030
- 05/25-28** Joe Hott & the Short Mountain Boys (S/S), Hillbilly Chic (S/S), Brother's Keeper (S/S), Suzuki Fiddlers (Sat. only), Appalachian Grass (F/Sat), Dead Picker's Society (T/F), Out of the Blue (T/F), Next Paige (T/F) and more; Tri-

State Bluegrass festival, 580 N Fair St., Kendallville, IN 46804

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 for detail schedule
- 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 7-9:30p
Wendy Hause, 313-617-4864,
whause@frontier.com

6p 810 736-5332 (4/23, 5/21 is
3rd Sat.)

Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70,
Fairview, OH 43773 7p

2nd Sat Maumee Street Music jam,
First Presbyterian Church, 156 E.
Maumee, Adrian, MI 49221
6p 517-607-8085 or
517-270-2870

OHIO
3rd Sun Church of the Nazarene
(south entrance), 7951
Tylersville Rd, West Chester, OH
45069 937-530-2127 3-5p

05/05 Other Brothers; Byrne's Pub,
1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus,
OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

2nd Tues West Mi Bluegrass Associa-
tion; Slow Jam, Library, 6260
92nd St SE, Caledonia, MI
49316 989-430-2149
5-7:45p Free

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

05/05 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachi-
an Grass; First Friday Mid-
dletown, 120 S. Broad St.,
Middletown, OH 45044
513-423-4629 noon 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

Tues - Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461
OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873
419-594-2816 6p

05/06-07 Folk Festival. Roots &
Acoustic music @ Highbanks,
9466 Columbus Pike (US Rt 23 N),
Lewis Center, OH 43035 Work-
shops, jamming, young adult &
kids programs, 3 stages

3rd Sat West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's
Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake,
MI 49343 989-430-2149
jam 2-4:30p

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

05/10 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachi-
an Grass; Vinoklet Winery 11069
Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH
45252, 513-385-9309 6:30p

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

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

05/13 Ramblin Bluegrass; Sterling
Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St.,
Mt Sterling OH 43143
614-323-6938 7p

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

Sat. closed reopen mid May of 2023
Dry Creek Cafe, 201 Columbus
Rd, Mt Vernon, OH 43050 8-10p
free, food available
740-830-6083

05/13 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachi-
an Grass; Appalachian Festival
6201 Kellogg Ave, Cincinnati, OH
45230 3&6p

4th Sat Michigan Bluegrass Assoc.,
Armstrong Middle School, 6161
Hopkins Dr., Flint, MI 48506

05/03 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachi-
an Grass; Vinoklet Winery 11069
Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH
45252, 513-385-9309 6:30p

05/13 Tony Hale & Blackwater;
Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St,
Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767
7:30p

05/05 The Farm Hands; Pennyroyal

NIBGA 2023-2024 Membership Form a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit www.BluegrassUSA.net

Due by May 1, 2023* ● NIBGA - 5255 E. 5000 N Rd, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 ● ph: 260-918-4790 ● email: DF23@nibga.com

* Current memberships expire April 30, 2023.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ e-Mail: _____

Yes: e-Mail mine: _____ No, snail mail it _____ Canada: snail mail (1 or 2) \$15, e-Mailed(1) \$10/(2) \$15

New: _____ Renewal: _____ \$10 Single: _____ \$5 ea addl same address 16 & older _____

OR TO BE A PATRON (includes dues and one T-shirt)

I want to be a 2023 Patron and support my club: \$100 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL

Additional 2023 Patron T-shirt: \$ 20 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL

OR For renewing 2022 Patrons - T-shirt : FREE _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL

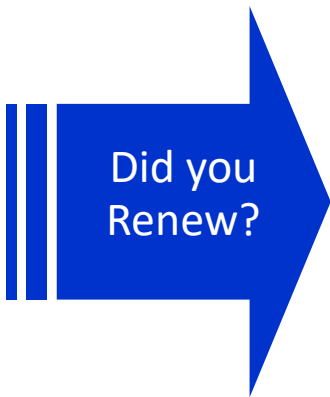
(renewing Patrons get the 2nd T-shirt Free)

Patron name(s) as it should appear on recognition board: _____

(Please print clearly)

- 05/17** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 6:30p
- 05/19** The Goldberrys; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 05/19** The Woodpickers; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W Third Ave, Columbus, **OH** 43212 6p
- 05/19** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, **OH** 45231 7:30p
- 05/20** Blue Note; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
- 05/24** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery 11069 Colerain Ave Cincinnati, **OH** 45252, 513-385-9309 6:30p
- 05/26-28** Junior Sisk Band, Clay Hess Band, Marvin & Deana Clark, New Outlook, Seth Muldar & Midnight Run, Kevin Prater Band, Harbortown, Mitch & Cindy's, Fairgrounds, 899 Everett Cortland, Hull Rd, Cortland, **OH** 44410
- 05/28**—Seth Muldar & Midnight Run; Festival of Flags, Aetna Park, 415 N Front St, Oak Hill, **OH** 45656 7:30 pm
- 05/31** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252, 513-385-9309 6:30p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Oct 15, 2023



We encourage you renew your membership SOON to allow for processing before the festival. New and Renewal Memberships will be taken at the gate through Tuesday, May 23. After that, it is too busy to process memberships at the gate. This means if you don't have your membership by then, you won't get your \$5 discount. The merchandise table will be open on Thursday, May 25. It will take memberships at that time.

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If your name is in red, this will be your last newsletter until you renew.