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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



The May festival is behind us, and since festival season has officially started I'm looking forward to picking outdoors over the next few months.

As always, there were a few bumps in the road, but I was really pleased with the way the festival turned out. We had a last minute cancellation from Vernon McIntyre and Appalachian Grass, due to health issues, but, fortunately, we were able to enlist *Out of the Blue* and the *Harman & Ruble Band* to cover Vernon's time slots. I'm very hopeful that Vernon is feeling better and will be back to touring soon.

As I reflect over the Memorial Day concerts, two things come immediately to mind. Firstly, it was great to see two longtime board members in the audience: Barb and TJ Collins. Barb retired from the board a few years ago, and we presented her with an award at that time. TJ just retired last year, and we had a presentation planned for him this year – we weren't sure that he would be able to attend, so we did a video recording on Facebook of the presentation on Saturday. As it turns out, he was able to attend Sunday night, and we did give him the award in person. He was up to taking a golf-cart tour of the grounds and watched a bit of the stage shows. It was so nice to see them both there!

The Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association (NIBGA) would not be where we are today if not for the dedication of TJ and Barb. There have been changes since TJ and Barb started their tenures, but one constant is the dedication of volunteers who come together and put forth the effort to make the event happen.

I won't start listing names or functions here, because there are too many to mention, but NIBGA is truly an association of family and friends working together. It takes all of us to make the event what it is – each attendee, volunteer, performer. Thanks to everyone who was part of it!

The second thing that comes to mind is the dedication of the performers. I can't help but marvel at the level of talent on our stage, and I realize that these performers could certainly reap more rewards if they were to make the right connections in more popular forms of music. But, much as the volunteers who work together to produce the event, they do what they do for the love of the music – that's part of the beauty that is bluegrass music! No matter where they are in the bluegrass continuum – traditional, roots, progressive – they're in it because they love it, and they want to leave their stamp on it.

Well, I think I'll go out on the deck and pick a little bit!
See you in the fall!

Joe Steiner

It looks like we came up a little short on space this newsletter, so we can't give as much information as we'd like about the bands who will be appearing in the fall. I will include that in an upcoming newsletter this summer. As I mentioned a couple months ago, there will be a great lineup: Phillip Steinmetz & His Sunny Tennesseans, Nu-Blu, Tony Hale & Blackwater, Edgar Loudermilk Band, Sammy Adkins & Sandy Hook Mountain Boys, Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band, Bluegrass Pythagoras and Calabogie Road.

Make sure you have the fall festival on your calendar for the Labor Day Weekend!

Spring Festival Recap

We want to send out a hearty thanks to the following **folks who volunteered** at the Memorial Day festival. We couldn't do it without you!

Gate Captains

Pam Keiper	Jim Miller	Jim Clay
Leslie Ellis	Patty Page	

Gate Volunteers

Marianne Vogie	Jay Winger
Dan Denney	Carol Brice

Taxi Drivers

Jay Winger	Lauryn Lehman	Paul Welch
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Green Room

Shari Wolf

Stage Set Up and Tear Down

Bryan & Stephanie Dray	Jim Clay	
Jim Miller	Wayne Boltz	Shari Wolf
Ian Oliveras	Jim Winger	

Kid's Korner and Euchre Tournament

Rachel Lehman	Christine Paul
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Emcees

Donnie Voiles	Duffy Brown
Jeff Thacker	Chris Vogie

Gospel Sing

Shari Wolf	Mike and Sharon Wildemuth
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Workshop Instructors

Rachel Lehman	Patty Page	Shari Wolf
Wyatt Harman	Mason Ruble	Bull Harman
Kitty McIntyre	Dean Rochester	

And I'm sure there are many that I missed and for that I apologize! It takes many hands to make the festival happen, and you are truly appreciated. I will continue the recap in the next newsletter.

June has not started off very well with NIBGA and the bluegrass world losing two very important people.



Terry Thacker, Kendallville, IN passed, May 31. Terry was a longtime supporter of NIBGA. He was a DJ at WAWK for nearly 32 years playing Bluegrass music from his extensive collection.

Colonel Terry's Bluegrass Corner regularly included interviews he recorded with top bluegrass artists, through which he came to be friends with many touring acts in our business.

Friends and fans within the region remember Terry Thacker as a kind and friendly soul, many lamenting how they will miss chatting with him at the NIBGA festivals each year, where he always had time to share a few words with festival goers when he wasn't announcing on stage. He had been hoping to emcee at the recent Memorial Day festival, but didn't feel well enough to attend.

A sample of Terry's radio show is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCevjDBjeMc> Wife Tracy, sons Caleb and Jonathon survive. A small, private family gathering was held for his burial.



Deja Davenport 8/32 – 6/23 With limited resources and a lot of creativity, Bonnie, his wife who survives and he started a show called *Access to Bluegrass*. They and their family recorded over 468 shows of local to national Bluegrass bands from 1997 through 2006

in the studio of AccessVision, a Community Access TV station, in Battle Creek, MI

Stars like Rhonda Vincent, The Lewis Family, The Marksmen, Eddie & Martha Adcock, Special Consensus and Randall Hilton to name a few appeared on their shows. The local talent in the Tri-State area was not overlooked as many bands also appeared. Each band member was named with a label as they played allowing look back as to who was playing in what band.

The shows were distributed to over 100 Public Access channels in cities throughout the Midwest and beyond. Today you can see many of those stars, some who are gone, on a YouTube channel called *Access to Bluegrass Archive*.

NIBGA contributed to the finances of the show for many years and the Davenports actively supported the club but Deja and Bonnie did the heavy lifting. It was Bluegrass helping Bluegrass.

Howdy, howdy, we will miss you, Deja. [Deja always started his program with "howdy, howdy!"]

Thanks to all who participated in the **50/50 drawing** at the Memorial Day festival, to help boost festival income. We're happy to announce that the winner was Bill Rhodes. Bill is a longtime festival attendee who often camped just east of the log cabin.



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The 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! If you signed up & your name isn't here please let me know!

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| Ron Armstead | Keith & Terri Grannis | Tom & Donya Rondo | Dave & Marianne Vogie |
| Steve Carroll | Mark Hauenstein | Poul & Linda Sandersen | Cathy Voors |
| Jim Chilton | Cliff & Jan Lawton | Charles & Amanda Shepard | Paul & Barb Welch |
| Jim Clay | Bob & Carol Mauck | Joe & Chris Steiner | Stewart White |
| Verl & Sue Dasher | Jerry & Sioux McLane | Steve Troyer | Jim & Linda Winger |
| Jim & Julie Geise/Goldsmith | Anonymous | Chris Vogie | Shari Wolf |

Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

Last Sun Firefly Coffee House, 3523 N Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

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
5:30p CDST 5:30p

07/01 Seth Muldar & Midnight Run: Stars & Stripes Celebration, Rising Sun, IN 47040 6-8p

07/16 Borrowed Tyme Band; Presbyterian Church, 4609 N Capitol Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46208 11a-12p

07/29 Borrowed Tyme Band; 6-10pm Bluegrass Bash, Beulah Park, 503 S. Park Ave, Alexandria, IN 46001

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 Sat West MI Bluegrass, Aid- en's Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, MI 49343 989-430-2149 jam
1-3p (1st Sat), 2-4:30 (2nd Sat).

1st & 3rd Mon Library; 7215 Headley

St SE UNIT 309, Ada, MI 49301
5-7:45p

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; Slow Jam,
Library, 6260 92nd St SE, Caledo-
nia, MI 49316 989-430-2149
5-7:45p free

3rd Fri Lake Diane Jams, Hillsdale Com-
munity Center, 1810 W. Territorial
Rd, Camden, MI 49232, snack bar,
517-270-2870 or 517-607-9868

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

07/18 Nickel Creek with Aoife
O'Donovan; Masonic Temple, 500
Temple St., Detroit, MI 48201
\$46-169 313-548-1320
boxoffice@themasonic.com

07/23-29 Fast Track, Edgar
Loudermilk, Country Gentlemen
Tribute Band, Caleb Daugherty,
Kevin Prater, Larry Efaw,
Crabgrass, Bootleg, Harbourtown,
New Outlook, Out of the Blue,
Ottawa County; Bluegrass Festival,
Fairgrounds 720 Fair St, Marshall,
MI 49068 269-788-2597 week
pass \$70, dailies, camping \$15

OHIO

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 Slow Bluegrass Jam, Violet
Baptist Church, 8345 Blacklick-
Eastern Rd NW, Pickerington,
OH 43147 614-562-9730 6-8p

Call to confirm event status
Sat. Dry Creek Cafe, 201 Columbus
Rd, Mt Vernon, OH 43050 8-10pm
food available 740-830-6083

07/02 Slate Ridge; Combustion Brew-
ery, 80 W. Church St, Pickering-
ton, OH 43147 614-834-9595 4-7p

07/04 Kentucky Heritage, Lonesome,
Lost & Foggy, Echo Valley, Appala-
chian Swing, Bill Purk & Reed
Jones; Bluegrass & BBQ, Pastime
Park, 370 N Chillicothe St, Plain
City, OH 43064 Noon-8p
614-915-0655

07/5, 12, 19, 26 Vernon McIntyre's
Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Win-
ery 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincin-
nati, OH 45252, 513-385-9309
or vinokletwinery@fuse.net
showtime: 6:30pm, admission
free, food available for purchase

07/08 Silver Grass Band; Clifton
Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton,
OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

07/09 Berachah Valley; Montgomery
County Fair, 645 Infirmary Rd,
Dayton, OH 45417 1p

07/14 Dailey & Vincent; Ohio Star
Theater, 1387 SR 39, Sugarcreek,
OH 44681 7p 855-344-7547

07/14-15 Waverly Run, Red Brush
Band, Willscreek, String Therapy,
Putnam Family, Shortline Junc-
tion, Southridge, Open Rail, Open
Highway, Buck McCumbers, Cedar
Hill; Poston Lake BGF, 8865 New
England Rd, Stewart, OH 45778
740-590-6072 wknd \$45, free
primitive camping

07/15 Kevin Prater; Nickel Valley Re-
sort, 33900 TR 68, Frazeyburg,
OH 43822 7-10p 740-828-2410
free

07/15 Lonnie & Sheri Hamilton; 7:30p
Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St,
Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767

07/20 Joe Mullins; Springfield Arts
Festival, Veterans Park Amphithe-
ater, 250 Cliff Park Rd, Springfield,
OH 45504 8p (937) 328-7275

07/21 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachi-
an Grass; Fibonacci 1445 Comp-
ton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45231
<http://fibbrew.com/> 7pm, free

07/21 Grassinine; Byrne's Pub, 1248
W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH
43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

07/22 Mark Whitt & Truegrass; 7:30p
Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St,
Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767

07/22 My Brother's Keeper; Sterling
Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St.,

Mt Sterling OH 43143

614-323-6938 7p

07/22 The Leftover; The Loose Rail
37 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 3-6 pm.

07/22 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Ottawa Metro Park, 2632 Ada Rd, Lima, OH 45801, 419-221-1232 7:00pm, Free

07/27-29 Larry Efaw, Family Sowell, Slippery Creek, Northwest Territory, True Bluegrass, Blue Diggity, Little Roy & Lizzy, 7 Mile Blue-

grass, Prairie Wildfire, Kauffman Road, Echo Valley, Braydon Williamson, Sterling Bluegrass Band, Lonesome River Band, Drivin 23, My Brother's Keeper, Sugar Creek Bluegrass, 3 Rivers Band; 7 Mile BGF, 4569 Lyndon Good Hope Rd, Greenfield, OH 45123 primitive camping

07/28 New Grass Station; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

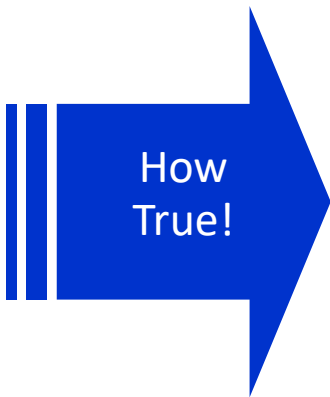
07/28 Kevin Prater Band; Trail Town

Brewing, 101 Corry St, Yellow Springs, OH 45387 7p

07/28 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Butler County Bluegrass Assoc, Collinsville Community Center, 5113 Huston Rd, Collinsville, OH 45004, FREE 937-417-8488 showtime: 7PM, food available for purchase.

07/29 The Leftover; Millstone Restaurant, 12790 Grey St, Logan, OH 43138 5p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Oct 15, 2023



Stages of a Musician's Life...

1. Who is *name*?
2. Get me *name*.
3. Get me someone who sounds like *name*.
4. Get me a younger *name*.
5. Who is *name*?

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