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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



It has been about a month now since we were at the Noble County Fairgrounds, enjoying the campfire and jamming, anticipating the start of a new festival season! The NIBGA Memorial Day festival signals the start of the season – it's the "family reunion" that takes place annually as we all get ready to start picking outdoors and enjoy the sunshine. It has been a busy few weeks in the world of bluegrass, and also here at NIBGA.

On a sad note, this newsletter brings notice of the passing of two of the giants in bluegrass music, Bobby Osborne and Jesse McReynolds. Both these men helped shape the music we know and love today, with their fiery mandolin playing as well as with their vocal work. Bobby was a master high tenor, contributing soaring leads and, along with brother Sonny, inventing the high lead style of harmony, wherein the harmony parts fall into place under the melody line. Jesse, along with brother Jim, was a driving force in crafting close brother harmonies, furthering the work of earlier county brother duets like the Louvin Brothers and Morris Brothers.

The passing of those in the first generation of bluegrass always raises a question in my mind as to who will carry the flag forward. I'm happy to say that right now in the bluegrass world there is a lot of interest from younger folks who want to pick up the flag and move our music forward.

On a much brighter note, NIBGA has recently received grants from the Indiana Arts Council and Noble County Convention and Visitors Bureau -- there is more information on these grants elsewhere in this newsletter. Julie Winger Goldsmith, NIBGA Advertising and Marketing Chairperson, did a terrific job in identifying these grants and reviewing the eligibility requirements. With support from other NIBGA officers and members, like Alexis Goldsmith, Jim Winger, Linda Winger, and Chris Steiner, Julie put in a lot of hours to complete the application process, review requirements, and answer questions and inquiries from the grantors as needed.

I'd like to extend special thanks to Julie and her crew for their work on the grant process, and for their tenacity and patience in following through. The NIBGA board and captains will soon be discussing how best to use these funds to benefit future festivals and events.

Last but not least, now that the Memorial Day festival is behind us, it's time to start thinking about Labor Day! There will be a wide variety of bands featured on stage, from the roots style of Phillip Steinmetz and His Sunny Tennesseans on through to more progressive sounds of Nu Blu. Check out the information on the bands elsewhere in this newsletter.

See you in the fall!

Joe Steiner

For fans of the hard-driving style of bluegrass, it doesn't get much better than Sammy Adkins and the Sandy Hook Mountain Boys. Sammy got his training right from the master himself, Ralph Stanley, and, in my thinking anyway, sounded much like the great Roy Lee Centers and was one of the best lead singers Ralph ever had. Sammy favors the Stanley sound to this day and drives it just like you'd expect from his pedigree.

Also for fans of traditional, hard-driving grass we'll have Tony Hale & Blackwater on stage in the fall. Tony did a tremendous job at the festival last year and is back by popular demand. He's got one of the best five-drivers in the business in Evan Lanier, and also features the fine mandolin work of Brian Aldridge. Vocally the group is top notch, with Larry Griffith and Wayne Hadix providing harmonies to support Tony's lead with just the right amount of bluegrass "edge".

We always like to feature some folks who represent the "roots" of our music, and bluegrass certainly has deep roots in "old time country music." This fall we'll be featuring Phillip Steinmetz & His Sunny Tennesseans, who hails from that world, and I can't wait to hear him in person. Phillip learned clawhammer banjo from one of my banjo heroes, the great Grandpa Jones, who also happens to be his great uncle. Much like his great uncle, Phillip has a gift for entertaining an audience that goes beyond musical prowess. He carries on in the great tradition of rural banjo entertainers like Dave "Stringbean" Akeman, Uncle Dave Macon, and, of course, Grandpa Jones.

And, of course, it wouldn't be right to not include something from the more progressive side, and toward that end we've got Nu-Blu. This fine group is headed up by Daniel and Carolyn Routh, whom I met at the IBMA World of Bluegrass. With an abundance of talent in all corners, both vocally and instrumentally, you never know what this fine group will come up with – the possibilities are truly endless. It's been a couple years since they have been here, and I can't wait to hear what they've been up to.

Stay tuned next month for the "buzz" on the remaining bands!

Kudos to Julie Goldsmith! Grants awarded

It's great to hear that the club has received grants from the Noble County Visitors Bureau and the Indiana Arts Council! These grants, totaling just under \$10,000 combined, will undoubtedly provide valuable support to the club's activities.

For the grant from the Noble County Visitors Bureau, Julie Goldsmith, Grant and Publicity chair, and her team responded to the written requirements and also provided statistics on out-of-county visitors. They used photographs of daily vehicle license plates to identify the counties where the vehicles were registered. This information allowed them to determine the number of visitors from outside Noble County, who were likely contributing to the local economy. This data was important for the Visitors Bureau's evaluation and decision-making process.

Regarding the camper registrations, the zip codes provided insights into the cities and states of the visitors. The breakdown showed that 50% of the visitors were from Indiana, 37% from Michigan, 24% from Ohio and smaller percentages from Illinois, Maine, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. These figures helped to demonstrate the diversity of visitors

and the potential economic impact on the local community.

As for the grant from the Indiana Arts Council (IAC), it required significantly more time and effort to complete. The application involved providing details on various aspects, such as handicap facilities, community involvement, demographics (including underserved audiences), and detailed financial information. The club dedicated many person-hours over several weeks, along with multiple conference calls with key players, to prepare this information. After the grant was awarded, follow-up documentation was required to compare the plan with the actual results achieved. Additionally, thank you letters were sent to Hoosier representatives, and a handwritten letter was sent to Senator Susan Glick.

It's important to acknowledge and appreciate Julie and her team for their dedication and hard work as volunteers. Their efforts in obtaining these critical grants will enable the club to strengthen its outreach efforts and continue its work into the future. The funds received will undoubtedly make a positive impact on the club's activities and the community it serves. ~Jim Winger, VP

Thank you to our Patrons!

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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Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

- 1st Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jambo-ree, Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W. Waterford St, Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30-9p Free, refreshments, since 2000, 574-862-2200
- 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
- 08/05** Barrel Scrapers; Tractor Show, 7029 S County Farm Rd, Claypool, IN 46510-9109 TBA 574-453-1481
- 08/11** Barrel Scrapers; Garden Gate Greenhouse, 3415 E 500 S, Peru, IN 46970 6:30p 765-473 4992

- 08/12** Po' Ramblin' Boys; Canan Commons, 500 S Walnut St, Muncie, IN 47305 7p 765-282-7897
- 08/13** Barrel Scrapers; Denver Days, Denver, IN 46926 2-4p 765-473-1138
- 08/17-20** Kevin Prater, Branded Bluegrass, Last Minute Band, Baker Family, Alex Hurtubise, Cornfields & Crossroads, New Outlook, Medicinal Bluegrass; Winding Creek BGF, 9912 County Rd W, 100 S, Russiaville, IN 46979
- 08/19** Barrel Scrapers; Community Center, 979 W State Road 14, Silver Lake, IN 46982 6:30 260-578-0725



08/19 Joy River Band; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 6:30-9:30p

08/25 Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, Pumkin' Holler Boys; Canan Commons, 500 S Walnut St, Muncie, IN 47305 7p 765-282-7897

08/31-09/03 Phillip Steinmetz and His Sunny Tennesseans (S/S), Nu-Blu (S/S), Tony Hale & Blackwater (S/S), Sammy Adkins & Sandy Hook Mtn Boys (S/S), Edgar Loudermilk (T/F/Sat), Bluegrass Pythagoras (T/F), Lincoln Highway BG (T/F), Calabogie Road (T/F); TriState BGF, 580 N. Fair St., Kendallville, IN 46755 260-918-4790 wknd ticket = \$45, camping weekend \$45, or daily camping prior to Friday is \$15/day

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 Sat West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, MI 49343 989-430-2149 jam 1-3p

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, 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

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

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

08/02,9,16,23,30 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45252, 513-385-9309 6:30p, free, food available

08/02-03 Sam Grisman Project, Donna the Buffalo, Yonder Mt String Band, Fireside Collective, Travelin McCourys, Jerry Douglas, Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band, Sam Bush Band, Del McCoury Band, Sugar Mules, Whiskey Drinks, Chatfield Boys, The Flyin' J's.; Grassfire 2023, Nelson Ledges Park, 12001 Nelson Ledge Rd, Garrettsville, OH 44231 wknd \$90

08/03 Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938

08/04 Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers; Bluegrass and Brews, 103 West Main Street, Fairborn, OH 4p

08/05 Kevin Prater Band; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p

08/05 Lafferty Pike; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

08/06 Kevin Prater Band; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, OH 43147 614-834-9595 6p

08/10 Yonder Mountain String Band, Leftover Salmon, Railroad Earth; Taft Theater, 317 E. 5th St, Cincinnati, OH 45202 7p

08/11 Yonder Mountain String Band, Leftover Salmon, Railroad Earth; Rose Music Center, 6800 Executive Blvd, Huber Heights, OH 45424 7p 937-610-0288

08/12 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Oxford Community Arts Center 10 S. College St, Oxford, OH 45056, 513-524-8506 noon-2:30p free

08/12 Carter Bridge; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

08/12 Tony Hale & Blackwater; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p

08/18 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45231 7p, free

08/18 Mark Whitt & Truegrass; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

08/19 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Great Miami Bluegrass, P's in a Pod, Blue Note; Vernon Fest, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, OH 45013 2-9p 419-568-1220 \$10

08/19 Tim Graves & The Farm Hands; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p

08/19 Kim Robbins; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

08/20 Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out, Hillbilly Chic, Appalachian Swing; Eagles 2262, 3800 Westerville Rd., Columbus, OH 43224 1-?? p tickets @ WOSU.org/ramble.

08/20 Willow Creek; Springboro Historical Society, 544 Heatherwoode Cir, Springboro, OH 45066 2-4p

08/24 The Price Sisters; Monroe County Fair, Fairgrounds, Woodfield, OH 43793 5p

08/24-26 Lonesome River Band. Rhonda Vincent, Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out, Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, Edgar Loudermilk, Gary Strong & Hard Times, New Outlook, Harbourtown, Tony Hale & Blackwater, Pinnacle Ridge; Brown County BGF, Fairgrounds, Georgetown, OH 513-724-3999

08/25 Other Brothers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
08/26 The Price Sisters; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p


08/30-09/03 Keith Prater & Lacy Creek, Nu Blu, Po' Ramblin' Boys, Billy Droze with Gary Nichols, Gary Brewer, Turning Ground, Ben James Band, The Grascals with Jamie Johnson, Travlin' McCoury's, The Cleverly's, Charlie Woods & Deep Hollow, Bourbon Revival,

Goodwin Brothers, Authentic Unlimited, The Steeldrivers, Eight Days Sober, Bourbon Revival, Tim Shelton Syndicate; Sam Jam BGF, Fairgrounds, 311 Mill St Picketon, OH 45661 1p each day 812-699-0962 \$150


Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Oct 15, 2023



As Nancy Cardwell (IBMA Foundation Exec. Director) so fittingly said,



“Like many of you, our hearts are heavy after the recent deaths of legendary first generation artists Jesse McReynolds (June 23, age 93) and Bobby Osborne (June 27, age 91). It feels like the oldest tall trees in the forest are coming down. We’ve all grown up in their shade and shelter, twining our roots with theirs for decades.”



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