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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



The 2023 festival season is over, but the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association will be busy over the winter. The board has already started reviewing and screening bands for 2024, and, with help from our Indiana Arts Council grant, I think we're going to have a great lineup next year!

As I've mentioned, I really feel like the festival is sort of a "family reunion" to me, where we get together to share our love of bluegrass and traditional/folk music. Of course, we have the monthly jam sessions at the Southwest Conservation Club in Fort Wayne – these are sort of like when someone from your family drops in for a chat.

These monthly jam sessions are a great opportunity to get together with other folks to swap ideas, or, if you're more of a listener than a picker, a chance to hear some great music and chat with other bluegrass music enthusiasts. It's not easy, with all the normal demands on our time, to make plans to visit with each other, but I think the monthly jam session is a great opportunity to do that. It reminds me of the Bill Monroe song, "Ya'll Come" – sometimes it's hard to work in the jam session, but afterward everyone is glad they did. The next monthly jam will be October 15.

As I look back on the fall festival, I'm really glad that we had Sammy Adkins and the Sandy Hook Mountain Boys – they really brought back the heart and soul of the Stanley Brothers sound, complete with not only vocals in the Stanley style but also hard driving banjo in Ralph's style and lead guitar in George Shuffler's style.

All the groups were great -- there aren't any better than Tony Hale and Blackwater at the traditional style. I was really happy with the diversity in our lineup. Edgar Loudermilk's whole band plays with an enthusiasm that I think will eventually put his original material in the "standard" category.

And, we had Nu Blu on the progressive end of the spectrum, balancing out with Phillip Steinmetz on the roots end.

Lincoln Highway was a good addition to our Thursday/Friday lineup, with their special brand of grass. Bluegrass Pythagoras is really going to be knocking the socks off their fans as they continue to gel as a group, and Calabogie Road gets better every time I see them!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention how happy I am to now include Big Al Weekly as a member of our NIBGA bluegrass family. He drove 8 hours to do a great job of emceeing all day Friday and Saturday!

With 2023 festivals in the rearview mirror (just barely), I'm really excited to see what 2024 is going to look like!

See you down the road!

Joe

Many, many thanks to everyone that volunteered or helped out in any way at the fall festival! It is always humbling to see how many people step up and help out when they see a need. And we had our share of them at the fall festival!

Before the event even started, our Gate Chairman fell ill and had to go home. Here is a note from her: *I would like to thank my wonderful gate captains and associate gate captains for stepping up and doing an amazing job. Sorry I was not there to pull my weight. Hats off to **Jim Miller, Jim Clay, Leslie Ellis, and Patty Page**. And to the volunteers who put in several hours, I thank you. Pam Keiper.* A list of gate volunteers will be published in next month's newsletter.

I would also like to thank the following people that helped out. Remember, no one is paid to help out.... All of these folks do it for the love of bluegrass. I'm sure there were many others that stepped in, too, and I hope to recognize them in the next newsletter. In no particular order – because that's the way my mind works! **Rachel Lehman** and **Christina Paul** for running the Kid's Korner and any other activity that needed assistance. Also for helping with coffee in the green room.

Jim Miller and **Jim Clay** for setting up the stage backdrop and merchandise areas (and a million other things including maintenance, keeping lights working, golf cart gas tanks filled and so much more).

Julie Goldsmith and **Evan Argueta** for keeping the facebook pages updated (and for all the publicity/grant writing done previous to the festival).

Calabogie Road bluegrass band for taking their show on the road and presenting for a local school. The kids LOVED them!

Our workshop instructors, **Gracie Grossman** and **Grant Dresnok** from Bluegrass Pythagoras, **Joe Steiner**, and **Shari Wolf**. We had a wonderful turnout of participants and it was due to these great instructors.

Our Emcees... **Chris Vogie** and **Fred Inninger** (WAWK), and a special thanks to **Big Al Weekly** who drove all the way from Virginia to help out for the weekend!



Lydia Gerken who inventoried, set-up and tore-down and ran the merchandise table the entire week-end.

Thank you, also, to the **Buckeye Road Show** and special guest **Rita Ruby** for the great gospel sing on Sunday morning at the stage. A crowd favorite for years!

When the last note was sung and the bands back to the green room, festival tear-down began. And they came out of the woodwork to help! **Julie Goldsmith, Megan and Evan Argueta, Jim Winger, Jim Clay, Jim Miller, Joe Steiner, Sandy Tedford**.... And more that I can't think of at the moment. MUCH appreciated!

I always hate to start mentioning names because I have probably missed as many as I remembered. I know there were SO many people that assisted with things just because they saw something that needed done. No questions asked, no acknowledgment needed. You are SOOOO appreciated.

And a very special thanks to **all of our attendees!** Joe and I always do a "victory lap" around the fairgrounds on Monday after everyone is gone. I am always shocked. You can't tell that anyone has been there! Not a scrap of trash on the ground. The area

around the bleachers and stage are spotless. After the Thursday night concert, I found a few empty soft drink containers and food containers under the bleachers. I'm guessing from the free community night crowd. I didn't pick them up because I figured I'd do it on Sunday night. But when I came back the next day... it was all cleaned up. I'm so proud of my bluegrass family.

And finally, a huge thank you to **all of the board members and committee members** (who are ALSO volunteers! No one makes a cent from these festivals) who worked the entire year preparing for this festival, and covered for each other during the absence of 3 of our key players during much of the festival. What a fantastic team!



And because inquiring minds want to know....

If you were there on Friday night, you will remember all of the emergency vehicles that arrived. We had a "medical emergency" which was quickly responded to thanks to observant attendees who called 911, and a nurse that was at a nearby campsite. The gentleman survived, but is still hospitalized. I think it is safe to say that the prompt actions of our attendees and staff saved a life that night!

Thank you to our Patrons! 4 NEW Patrons joined at the Labor Day Festival!

Thank-You to our Patrons that have signed up . 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!

Ron Armstead

Keith & Terri Grannis

Tom & Donya Rondo

Cathy Voors

Steve Carroll

Mark Hauenstein

Poul & Linda Sandersen

Big Al Weekley & Sandy

Jim Chilton

William Lake

Charles & Amanda Shepard

Paul & Barb Welch

Jim Clay

Cliff & Jan Lawton

Joe & Chris Steiner

Stewart White

Verl & Sue Dasher

Bob & Carol Mauck

Steve Troyer

Jim & Linda Winger

Larry & Karen Donaldson

Jerry & Sioux McLane

Chris Vogie

Shari Wolf

Jim & Julie Geise/Goldsmith

Anonymous (2)

Dave & Marianne Vogie

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-?? (10/1, 11/5, 12/3)

1st Thurs Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W. Waterford St, Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30-9p Free, refreshments, 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 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. (10/15, 11/19 2023)

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

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

10/21 Pinnacle Ridge Bluegrass; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 6:30-9:30p

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 7-9:30p Wendy Hause, 313-617-4864, 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
- 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 Facebook **11/20**
- 4th Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, MI 48506 6p 810 736-5332
- 9/30-10/1** Pancake Breakfast/Open Stage Jamming; The Niles, Michigan Four Flags Apple Festival. 8-11am. 1740 Lake Street, Niles, MI 49120. Big tent next to midway on 17th street.
- 10/14** Calabogie Road; Book Nook & Java Shop, 8644 Ferry St, Montague, MI 49437 10A-noon
- 10/14** Calabogie Road, Kentuckians of MI, 28391 Bredow Rd, Romulus, MI 48174 734-782-0132 8-11p
- 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
- 10/04, 11, 18 & 25** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery; 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45252, 513-385-9309 6:30p
- 10/06** Ramblin' Bluegrass; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 10/07** Andrew Rigsby & Bluetime; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 10/07** Pinnacle Ridge; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
- 10/07** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; North End Art Worxx; 812 Heaton St, Hamilton, OH 45011, (513) 868-0352, 8p
- 10/13** The Woodpickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 10/13** Kevin Prater Band, The Muddy Knick Band; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 7p
- 10/13** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Butler County 5113 Houston Rd, Collinsville, OH 45004, 937-417-8488 7-9p
- 10/13-14** Loraine Jordan & Carolina Road, Dave Adkins Band, Edgar Loudermilk Band, & Harbortown, Kevin Prater Band, Larry Efaw & The Bluegrass Mountaineers, New Outlook; Events Center, Fairgrounds, 1001 Fairview Dr, Wapokeneta, OH 45895 561-204-0929
- 10/14** Kaintuck Band; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 10/14** The Kevin Prater Band; Music on a Mission, 31950 Krebs, Rd., Avon Lake, OH 44012 4p marilyn@musiconamission.com
- 10/16** Henhouse Prowlers, Johnny Staats & The Delivery Boys; Bob Evans Farm, Rio Grand, OH 45674 1:30p
- 10/20** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45231 7p
- 10/20** David Mayfield Parade, Just Plain Grass; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 7p
- 10/20** Open Highway; Apple Butter Days, 600 N Whitewoman St, Coshocton, OH 43812 1-3:30p
- 10/20** Open Highway; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 10/21** Daniel Dye & The Miller Road Band; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
- 10/21** Ramblin' Bluegrass; Loose Rail Brewing, 37 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 7-10p
- 10/21** Lincoln Mash & Heather Alley; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 10/27** The Price Sisters, Wills Creek; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 7p
- 10/27** Larry Sparks & The Lonesome Ramblers; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 10/27** Other Brothers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 10/28** Tony Hale & Blackwater; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p





Over Jordan

Timothy Little, age 82, died on August 8, 2023.

He played banjo, mandolin and guitar and sang lead and harmony. He was the leader of the Under Construction Bluegrass Band for over 20 years. Tim led monthly jam sessions at Elderly Instruments in Lansing and served as the Managing Editor of the Michigan Bluegrass Music Association Newsletter for 25 years.

He and his wife, Roberta, attended the Tri-State festivals for many, many years. He will be missed.

Don't
Forget!

Our first jam of the fall season is October 15 at the Southwest Conservation Club on Bluffton Rd in Fort Wayne. Doors open at noon, with sandwiches and drinks available for purchase all day. Jamming starts about 1:00. If your band would like to be the “**featured host band**”, for this jam or future jams, please contact us! News@NIBGA.net

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