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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



As I mentioned in previous newsletters, the NIBGA board has been very busy planning for the 2025 festivals. Although the 2024 festivals are now in the books, the board is just as busy as ever getting ready for next year's festivals

One of the reasons I am really proud of our team is that they are very hard workers. This is especially true when it comes to furthering bluegrass music in our region, making it more accessible for folks in the Tri-State area.

Another very important reason that I'm proud of our team is because they work together well in crafting a vision and making decisions. I value their input and constructive discussion. Each is willing to present their thoughts in a respectful way, and they are also willing to consider the input of others when coming to a decision. Although the board members have various duties assigned specifically to them, the value of their input applies to all aspects of our organization.

This brings me to repeat (again!) the request to please let the board and captains know if you have any opinions regarding the festival: which bands would be good, what approach we should take to hiring bands, and any other improvements you feel that we can make to the festival. I've mentioned before that we can't always implement the advice we receive verbatim, but I can promise you that any input you have will be considered.

Our focus has always been, and will continue to be, presentation of an affordable, family-friendly event.

Also, please let us know if you are aware of any scholarship needs with which the club can help. In some cases, we have been able to leverage our scholarships to bring in bands which include some of our recipients. That doesn't always work out, but helping to further bluegrass music is a reward in itself (even without the "selfish" reward of improving our own festival).

Please consider coming to one of our winter meetings at the Southwest Conservation Club. It's a great chance to join in, or listen to, a jam session (and what's more fun than that!?), and you can also chat with one of the board members or captains. If you're not able to make it to the meeting, but want to voice an opinion, please call us at 260-918-4790 – that's the main phone number for the club, and it will be answered by either Jim Winger, Vice President (and President Emeritus), or me.

See you at one of the club jams!

Joe

For several years, the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association was a member of the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA).

We also supported IBMA in other ways over the years. Jim Winger was an IBMA Board Member, representing the Bluegrass Associations Category. Jim Winger and Linda Winger were members of the showcase selection committee, spending many hours (along with their co-members) reviewing submissions to recommend for the selection of showcase artists for the main WoB showcase stage.

Our events coordinator, Chris Steiner, served on the Bluegrass in the Schools committee and assisted with WoB workshop coordination for several years. Jim Winger and Joe Steiner are graduates of IBMA's Leadership Bluegrass Program. Joe provided banjos and taught workshops at IBMA, and Chris and Joe both taught classes for inner-city kids during an IBMA-sponsored workshop day in Nashville.

NIBGA also sponsored the main showcase at WoB on at least one occasion, and we also held our own showcase suite at WoB for several years. This provided an opportunity for bands to be heard, and it also helped event producers, broadcasters, and others to locate talent.

During those years, the WoB was held in Louisville, KY and Nashville, TN. For selfish reasons, I really miss this involvement with the World of Bluegrass – NIBGA got a lot of useful information from the event which we've used at the Tri-State Festival. And, we were able to find out about and hire a lot of good musicians and groups who were up and coming in bluegrass music.

After our involvement, the WoB moved to Raleigh, NC, and I'm sad to say we were never able to take part in the events there. There were several reasons for this, which don't really need further discussion here, but the WoB and IBMA didn't really fit well with the plans and objectives of NIBGA during those years

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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, Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W. Waterford St, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573 6:30-9p Free, 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
- 2nd Thurs** Bluegrass Gospel Jam, 2nd Floor Old Bag Factory, 1100 Chicago Ave, Goshen, **IN** 46526 6:30-9p info: 574-202-5502
- 3rd Fri** Winamac Bluegrass Jam, Knights of Columbus, 340E50N, 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. No December meeting or jam.
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p CDST 5:30p
- 12/18** Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder Christmas; Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd, Nashville, **IN** 47448
- 12/19** Dailey & Vincent; Honeywell Center, 275 W Market St, Wabash, **IN** 46992

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 acoustic only! Eagles: 517-782-5622
Jam leader: 248-247-9766 6-9p
- every Sun.** Bob's Barn Jamborees,

- 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odesa, **MI** 48849 616-374-8205 bobwarner40@gmail.com
- 1st Sat** Manton Jamboree, Ranger room, Manton HS, 105 5th St, Manton, **MI** 6-9 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 Su** Farm Pickin', River Saint Joe, 15475 Walton Rd, Buchanan, **MI** 49107 1-3pm
- 1st & 3rd Mon** Library; 7215 Headley St SE UNIT 309, Ada, **MI** 49301 5-7:45p
- 1st & 3rd Tues** Dyer Center, Wayne Westland Education Center, 36745 Marquette, Westland **MI** 48185 (between Wayne & Newburg Rd) acoustic only. 7-9p
- 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 6p
- 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
- 12/19** Schlitz Creek; McCarty's North 40 Bar & Grille 46065 M-40, Paw Paw, **MI** 49079 269-655-0777 7-10p Christmas party 7-10p

OHIO

- 1st Sun** Church on the Hill, 1861 Mill St. in Albany, **OH** 45710 (Hosted by Jim & Alan Stack of Rarely Herd) 2-4p
- 2nd Thu** Richwood Acoustic Jam, First Baptist Church of Richwood. 101 E. Ottawa St. Richwood, **OH** 43344 6-8p
- 3rd Thu** Open Bluegrass Jam, Thomas Auction Center, 176 S. Main St, Fredericktown, **OH** 43019 740-507-5392 7p
- 3rd Sat** Jam Central Ohio "Big Jam" Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Heights Ave, Columbus, **OH** 43202 11a-5p
- 3rd Sun** Church of the Nazarene (south entrance), 7951 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, **OH** 45069 937-530-2127 3-5p
- Mon** - Central Ohio Bluegrass Jam, Summit Music Hall, 2210 Summit Street, Columbus, **OH** 43201 6-9p (8-9 fast jam)
- Tues** - FOTMC, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, **OH** 45013 6:30-8:30p 419-568-1220
- Tues** - Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, **OH** 45873 419-594-2816 6p
- Tues** - Diner-20 jam, 10938 US-20, Lyons, **OH** 43533 5-7p
- Wed** - Central Ohio Bluegrass, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3800 Westerville Rd, Columbus, **OH** 43224 6-9p
- Thurs** - Slow Jam, Violet Baptist Church, 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd

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NW, Pickerington, OH 43147

614-562-9730 6-8p

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Sat - Bluegrass Musicians Supply,

1370 S. High St. Columbus, OH

43207 longest running weekly jam session! 10a-5p

12/04, 11, 18 Vernon McIntyre's Ap-

palachian Grass Vinoklet Winery,

11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati,

OH 45252 513-385-9309

6:30-8:30p

12/06 Kevin Prater Band, Junction

44; Pennyroyal Opera House Blue-

grass, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City,

OH 43773 7p

12/07 Kevin Prater Band; Bluegrass

Opry Barn, 9461 SR 66, Oakwood

(Paulding County), OH 45873 7p

12/07 New Mountain Heritage;

Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St,

Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767

7p

12/07 Slate Ridge; Loose Rail

Brewing, 37 W Waterloo St,

Canal Winchester, OH 43110

614-321-6634 7-10p

12/08 Kevin Prater Band; Thomas

Auction Service, 176 S Main St,

Fredericktown, OH 43019

740-694-8010 3 pm (Sun.)

12/12 Rhonda Vincent; Amish

Country Theater, 4365 OH-39,

Millersburg, OH 44654 7p

12/13 Ramblin Bluegrass; Byrne's

Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave.,

Columbus, OH 43212

614-486-4722 7-9p

12/14 Lafferty Pike; Clifton Opera

House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH

45316 937-767-1767 2-4p

12/15 Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thun-

der; Peoples Bank Theater, 222

Putnam St, Marietta, OH 45750-

3014 Sun. 3p 740-371-5152.

12/18 Dailey & Vincent; at Ludlow

Garage, 342 Ludlow Ave,

Cincinnati, OH 45220. 7:30 pm.

12/20 Jeff Parker Band, Old

Hometown; Pennyroyal Opera

House Bluegrass, 139 Fair Ave,

Quaker City, OH 43773 7p

01/03 The Woodpickers; Woodlands

Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave.,

Columbus, OH 43212

614-299-4987 6p

01/09-11 Rhonda Vincent. Little Roy

and Lizzy show. Larry Efaw and

the Bluegrass Mountaineers. Lor-

raine Jordan And Carolina Road.

So many more; Bluegrass In Super

Class, bluegrassinsuperclass.com

Maumee Bay Lodge and Confer-

ence Center. Oregon OH

330-388-7280

bluegrassmusic@sbcglobal.net

01/10 Kevin Prater Band; Hanover

Presbyterian Church, 732 N Main

St, Newark, OH

01/12 Rhonda Vincent & the Rage;

Stuart's Opera House, 52 Public

Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764 3p

01/26 The Ruta Beggars; Moon City

Events Center, 1208 Lunar Drive,

Wapakoneta, OH 7 pm



IBMA on the MOVE, continued

when considering the costs involved.

We recently found out that the WoB will be moving again, in 2025, this time to Chattanooga TN, and it will be there until at least 2027. This was announced in July 2024, and the first event in Chattanooga will be held September 16 through 20, 2025. This was made possible through a Tennessee Special Event Fund which was created in 2022 by a partnership of the Tennessee governor and legislature.

The purpose of the fund, which was established at \$25 million, is to attract "large-scale events expected to generate at least \$10 million in visitor spending and \$1

million in state and local taxes". It certainly speaks to the increase in exposure that bluegrass music has seen over the last 20-30 years that the WoB falls into that category! In fact, WoB is the first recipient of an award from the fund.

I confess that I haven't kept close tabs on WoB since the move to Raleigh, but the event still features a convention, tradeshow, awards show, artist showcases, and a live music festival with top bluegrass artists worldwide.

As I mentioned, I miss our involvement with WoB, and I'm hopeful that with the move to Chattanooga we will again be able to take part at some point. Of course, we aren't making any specific plans, but we'll keep exploring the possibilities.

Thank-You to everyone that signed up to be a Patron for 2024... YOU are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area! I am so thankful for all of the NEW Patrons this year, and for the continuing support of previous Patrons. When you see someone wearing a Patron t-shirt (no matter WHICH year), please tell them "thank you!".

Stay tuned for next year's Patron shirt design! This will be number 6 of the limited edition shirts. How many of you have the previous 5 shirts?

Watch for membership renewal information in the newsletter after the new year. Please consider joining the Patron program and helping to support Bluegrass music in the Tri-State area. See the next page for the list of our current Patron members. Remember to tell them THANK YOU!

Current NIBGA Patrons Thank you very much!

Anonymous Patron 1
Anonymous Patron 2
Ron Armstead
Wayne Boltz
Steve Carroll
Jim Chilton
Jim Clay
Verl & Sue Dasher

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 Goldsmith
Keith & Terri Grannis
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Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, January 19, 2025



Got bluegrass friends and you aren't sure what to gift them for the holidays??? A one-year membership to your favorite bluegrass association is only \$15 for an entire family! Or making a donation in their name would make a great gift—and a tax deduction for you. Ask us for more information.

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