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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



With Spring just a few days around the corner, the prospect of picking outdoors again is slowly beginning to materialize. I can't wait! I'm always starting to feel penned up about this time of year. And, of course, festivals are just down the road, including NIBGA's own Spring Tri-State Bluegrass Festival over Memorial Day weekend.

As we wait out the last part of winter and the first cooler part of spring, don't forget to check out the list of indoor bluegrass events and jam sessions. The April NIBGA jam will be the last until fall.

Every so often, Easter falls on the third Sunday of April, and 2025 is one of those times. NIBGA has not rescheduled because of Easter in previous years, and we will not do so this year, either. So, if you don't have other plans, come on over to the Southwest Conservation Club for a fun time on Easter. What better way to spend a holiday than picking or listening to music with friends? Bring the family!

And in looking toward the spring festival, please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time. We can ALWAYS use help at the gate, and we have a special treat for those who volunteer at least 2 two-hour shifts this year!

I'll see you at the Spring Tri-State Festival!

Joe

Grant Application Submitted – A Step Forward for NIBGA

Over the past few months, **Northern Indiana Bluegrass (NIBGA)** has been working diligently to secure funding to support our mission of promoting bluegrass music in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. As part of this effort, we submitted a grant application to the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) on March 4, 2025.

This application required detailed planning, financial reporting, and a demonstration of how our programs contribute to the arts community. Our team put in significant effort to ensure we met all the requirements and deadlines, and we appreciate the support from our members and donors who made this possible.

Now, we await the review process and hope for a positive outcome that will help sustain and grow our events.

Stay tuned for updates, and thank you for being part of the NIBGA bluegrass family!

[Thank you to Julie Goldsmith who spearheads the grant-writing, and her team of assistants including Jim Winger and Alexis Russo.]

I love bluegrass music in all its iterations. I love traditional bluegrass music, performed with heart and soul, with energy and enthusiasm, the way the first generation of bluegrass musicians like Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs, and the Stanley Brothers performed it. But, I also love the roots and branches of bluegrass music – I might go so far as to say that I love ALL roots music and anything remotely related to the sound that Bill Monroe and company created back in the late 1940s.

I say that because it is particularly rewarding for me to experience a group like **Chicken Wire Empire**. They are carrying forward with a sound that obviously has the same roots as those first generation bluegrassers, but they have travelled a different path to get where they are today.

They are obviously bluegrass, and are, as they describe themselves, contemporary. I'd certainly call them progressive. I'd also call them versatile. They are as versatile as you can get, handling a variety of grooves from hard driving bluegrass to swing to blues, and everything in between with equal aplomb.

You've got to have tight vocals to be bluegrass – and they do. Got to have drive – check. Got to have interesting instrumental solos – they've got it in spades! Hot, hot, hot! But, they definitely are forging their own road beyond these critical ingredients. Their web site says they are "fusing traditional roots with innovative, genre-blending elements". Yep!

Hailing from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area, the band consists of Jordan Kroeger on bass, Ernest Brusubardis IV on fiddle, Jon Peik on banjo, Carter Shilts on mandolin, and Starr Moss on guitar.



Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association is a 501 (c)(3) organization and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided in the Internal Revenue Code.

Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

- 1st Sun** mostly Central Ind. BGA jams
Hontz Hall, 307 E South H St, Gas
City, **IN** 46933 765-674-5117 noon-??
Last Jam until Fall is in April
- 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 & Blue-
grass 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 Sat** Mar-Nov - Metamora Opry Barn,
19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora,
IN 47030 6:30p
MetamoraMusic@gmail.com
04/12 Boozehounds Bluegrass,
05/17 Roger Brown & Borrowed Tyme,
06/21 Great Miami Bluegrass Band
- 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. Last jam until fall is April.
- Last Fri.** March-Oct, Metamora Opry
Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd,
Metamora, **IN** 47030 6:30p
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St.,
N Judson, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123
5:30p
- Every Sun.** Mouse Trap bar, 5565 N
Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, **IN** 46220
317-255-3189 8p
- 04/05** Backwoods Bluegrass; Mitchell
Opera House, 217 North 7th St., PO
Box 37, Mitchell, **IN** 47446
812-849-4447 7-9p
- 04/12** Boozehounds Bluegrass; Opry
Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd,
Metamora, **IN** 47030
- 04/12** Lick Creek Band; Mitchell Opera
House, 217 North 7th St., PO Box 37,
Mitchell, **IN** 47446 812-849-4447 7-9p
- 04/19** Mama Said String Band;
The Coterie, 107 W Sycamore St.,
Kokomo **IN** 46901 9p
- 04/24** Rhonda Vincent; Blue Gate PAC,
760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana,

IN 46565 7:30p

04/26 Willow and Jesse; Mitchell Opera
House, 217 North 7th St., PO Box 37,
Mitchell, **IN** 47446 812-849-4447 7-9p

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 Odessa, **MI** 48849
616-374-8205
bobwarner40@gmail.com for detail
- 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 Su** Farm Pickin', River Saint Joe, 15475
Walton Rd, Buchanan, **MI** 49107
1-3p
- 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
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 Com-
munity 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., Arm-
strong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins
Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332

04/12 Fiddle Jamborees; Michigan Fid-
dlers Assoc., Grace Lutheran Church,
239 E North St., Hastings, **MI** 49058
1-5p 616-350-0761

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, Freder-
icktown, **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 NW,
Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-562-9730
6-8p confirm event status,
Fstaunton59@gmail.com
- Sat** - Bluegrass Musicians Supply, 1370 S.
High St. Columbus, **OH** 43207 longest
running weekly jam session! 10a-5p
- 04/01** Vern McIntyre's Appalachian
Grass; Down Home Downtown, 221
High St. Hamilton, **OH** 45013
vaughnjh@gmail.com 7– 8:30p
- 04/02, 09, 16, 23, 30** Vernon McIntyre's
Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery,
11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH**
45252 513-385-9309
or vinokletwinery@fuse.net 6:30-8:30p

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04/04 Ramblin' Bluegrass Ensemble; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212, 614-486-4722, 7-9p

04/04 Authentic Unlimited; Methodist Church, Life Center, 207 S. Court St, Marysville, OH 43040, 7p 937-642-4712

04/05 Don Rigsby & the Fly By Nights; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143, 614-323-6938 6p

04/07, 14, 21, 28 Vern McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Rib City BBQ, 746 NW Washington Blvd, Hamilton, OH 45013 7p

04/11 Mike Compton & Joe Newberry, Ramblin' Bluegrass Ensemble; McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St, Worthington, OH 43085 7-9p \$10-25

04/11 McClain Family, Morehead State Ambassadors; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 6p

04/12 McClain Family; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143, 614-323-6938

04/18 Vern McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing, 1445 Comp-ton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45231 513-832-1422 or events@fibbrew.com 7-9 pm

04/19 Alison Krauss & Union Station; Mershon Auditorium, 1871 N High St, Columbus, OH 43210 7:30p

04/25 Rhonda Vincent & the Rage; Sorg Opera House, 63 S Main St, Middletown, OH 45044 8p

04/25 Joe Mullins, Secret Creek; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 6p

04/27 Joe Mullins; Wellston Church Campground, Tom Corbin Rd, Wellston, OH 45692 6p Cornbread & bean soup, free will donation

04/29-05/01 Rhonda Vincent; Amish Country Theater, 4365 SR 39, Berlin, OH 44610 bluegrass concert, a country concert, a gospel concert, jam sessions with band, meet and greets, more



2025 Design - Dobro

Thank-You to everyone that signed up to be a Patron for 2024/25... 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!"

Below is membership renewal information. 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 2024 Patron members. Remember to tell them **THANK YOU!**

NIBGA 2025-2026 Membership Form a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit www.BluegrassUSA.net

Due by May 1, 2025* ● NIBGA - 5255 E. 5000 N Rd, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 ● ph: 260-918-4790 ● email: DF24@nibga.com

* Current memberships expire April 30, 2025.

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 family membership dues and one T-shirt)

I want to be a 2025 Patron and support my club: \$100 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL XXXL

Optional Additional 2025 Patron T-shirt: \$ 20 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL XXXL

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

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

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

(Please print clearly)

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Last NIBGA Winter Jam in Fort Wayne, April 20, 2025



The April club meeting and jam will fall on
 Easter Sunday again this year.
 We WILL still be holding a meeting and jam.



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 5034 Wapiti Drive
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If your name and address are not correct, please notify us so that our records are up-to-date. Call (260) 918-4790