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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



There are now only a few short weeks until the Labor Day Tri-State festival will be upon us.

Of course, as always, I'm looking forward to seeing friends again and picking outside at the beautiful Noble County Fairgrounds. There's something that happens as we drive through the gate of the fairgrounds that just makes me want to pick!

The Memorial Day festival was truly a great success in an artistic sense, and that fulfills the club's mission in promoting bluegrass to the public. Of course, we couldn't fulfil that mission without also meeting our financial objectives, and I'm happy to say that we also did that at the Memorial Day festival.

We don't hold the festival to make money, and, as a non-profit entity, we always invest any proceeds back into the club for future festivals, scholarships, jam sessions, and such. But we wouldn't be around long if we didn't operate in the black, so the board remains very conscious of festival results and their effect on the club treasury.

We have been very fortunate the last few years to have the support of many patrons who are mentioned in the newsletter and at the festival. These folks have truly been our lifeblood, and I speak for the entire board when I say that we can't thank them enough! I feel a great sense of pride to be associated with folks who have such a dedication to bluegrass music.

We have also been fortunate recently in receiving grants from the Indiana Arts Council (IAC). Although we have received grants in the past, the IAC has truly stepped up with funds that will help us shape and improve the event in the future – we already see those effects in this year's lineup. Many thanks to Julie Goldsmith and her team for handling the grant filings – as I write this column, they are preparing the necessary reports to document our use of IAC funds.

Speaking of this year's bands, I want to give you a little more information on a few of the groups that will be appearing over Labor Day and are new to our stage. See the "Buzz on the Bands" column.

Lastly, please consider inviting your family and friends to join you this Labor Day weekend. Come early (it's only \$15 a night to camp....where else can you find that?!) and spend your time relaxing, visiting with new and old friends, visiting local attractions and restaurants or..... gasp.... just hanging out and jamming or listening to others. There is always a lot of fun BEFORE the festival officially starts.

See you soon!

Joe

As I mentioned last month, we've been trying to get **Volume Five** for a while, since they earned their IBMA Emerging Artist of the Year award in 2017. They feature some nice original material and creative arrangements. Fiddler Glen Harrell is their primary lead vocalist, with guitarist Jacob Burleson and mandolinist Aaron Ramsey providing stellar harmonies. Chris Wade is a real five-driver on banjo; and Jacob Eller is on string bass.

When I was just getting into bluegrass music (a few years ago), much of my inspiration came from a young band called the **McLain Family Band**.

Their fresh approach to the music, as well as their friendliness and approachability, made an instant fan of me. They have now been performing for over 50 years, and the current membership has the familiar faces of Raymond McLain on fiddle, Al White on guitar, Alice White on mandolin, and Ruth McLain on string bass. The "new" guy in the lineup is Daxson Lewis, who has been with the group several years and is currently the Director of Traditional Music at the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music at Morehead State University. Their web site is spot on in saying they have "become internationally known as one of the most spontaneous, creative and spirited groups performing original and traditional bluegrass music."

I first learned about **Liam Purcell and Cane Mill Road** when they contacted us through the NIBGA Facebook in 2019. They were fresh off garnering an IBMA Momentum Band of the Year award at that time, and I was instantly impressed upon hearing their original and inspired approach to the music.

Liam originally hails from Deep Gap, North Carolina, not far from the home of Doc Watson, and he obviously draws inspiration from Doc's old timey roots music. But his brand of bluegrass is not anchored in the classic Stanley/Monroe/Flatt & Scruggs sounds of 1940's and 50's.

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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,
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
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St.,
N Judson, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123
5:30p CDST 5:30P except during
Kendallville Festival
- 08/15-18** Nothin Fancy, Branded Blue-
grass, The Bahler Golden Age Band,
Mackville Band, Carl Bentley Band,
Anchored Trio, Booze Hounds, Alec
Hurtibise & The Eagle Creek
Boys; Winding Creek BGF, 9912 Coun-
ty Rd West 100 S, Russiaville, **IN**
46979

08/29-09/01 Volume 5, Kevin Prater
Band, McClain Family Band, Roger
Brown & Borrowed Tyme, Hillbilly
Chic, Open Highway, WonPeace, Blue
Hollar, Dead Pickers Society, more; Tri
State BGF, Fairgrounds, 580 N Fair St,
Kendallville, **IN** 46755 Fri, Sat, Sun
ticket \$45 per adult festival weekend,
camping additional \$45 Camping prior
to Friday is \$15/night additional

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, Jack-
son, **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 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** 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 Commu-
nity 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 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
- 08/03** Wilson Thicket, The Next Paige,
Cedar Creek, The Companion Band;
Bluegrass Jamboree, 5583 Webster
Church Rd, Dexter, **MI** 48130 12-5p
- 08/04** Schlitz Creek; Kindleberger
Park Parchment, **MI** 49004 6:30-8p
- 08/11** Schlitz Creek; Grill House Restau-
rant, 1071 32nd St, Allegan, **MI** 49010-
9157 269-686-9192 5-8P
- 08/15** Schlitz Creek; Concert Series,
Amphitheater, Dowagiac, **MI** 49047
7:30 PM
- 08/09-11** Fiddlers Convention, Winding
Creek Campground, 2329
Campground Rd, Hastings, **MI** 49058
616-374-8205
- 08/30** Michigan Mafia String Band; Bay
Brewing, 515 S James St, Ludington,
MI 49431-2325 6-9p

OHIO

- 3rd Thu** - Open Bluegrass Jam, Thomas
Auction Center, 176 S. Main St, Fred-
ericktown, **OH** 43019 Larry Moore
740-507-5392 Doors 6p, jam 7p FREE
- 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** - Jam Central Ohio Bluegrass Jam,
Summit Music Hall, 2210 Summit
Street, Columbus, **OH** 43201 6-9p
- Tues** - FOTMC jam, 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
- Wed** - Jam Central Ohio Bluegrass Jam,
Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3800
Westerville Rd, Columbus, **OH** 43224
6-9p
- 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
- 08/01** The Travelin' McCoury's;
Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third
Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212
614-299-4987 7p
- 08/02** Joe Mullins, Travelin' McCourys,
Slocan Ramblers; Bluegrass & Brew,
103 W Main St, Fairborn, **OH** 45324 6p
- 08/02** Price Sisters; Concert Series, Peo-
ple's Bank Theater, Outdoor Event.
Free 6p lawn chairs welcome.
- 08/02-04** Greensky Bluegrass, Del
McCoury, Leftover Salmon, Peter Ro-
wan, Travelin' McCoury's, Donna the
Buffalo, Rumpke Mountain Boys,
Becky Buller, Steel Wheels, Slocan
Ramblers, Fireside Collective, David
Mayfield Parade, Brown String Band,
Desert Hollow, Whiskey Drinks, Flyin
Jays, Chatfield Boys, Sugar Mules,
more; Grassfire Festival, Nelson Ledge
Quarry Park, 12001 State Rt. 282,
Garrettsville, **OH** 44231-9623
- 08/03** Vernon, Peas in a Pod, Great Mi-
ami Bluegrass, Hop River, New Moun-
tain Heritage; Famous Old Time Music
Co, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Hamilton,
OH 45013 Noon - 10pm
- 08/03** Leftover; Sterling Bluegrass Con-
cert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH**
43143 614-323-6938 6p
614-323-6938.
- 08/03** Willow Creek; Clifton Opry, 5 S.
Clay St, Clifton **OH** 45316
937-767-1767 7-9p
- 08/04** Berachah Valley; Amphitheater,
640 Grange Hall Rd, Beaver Creek, **OH**
45430 7p
- 08/04** Ricky Skaggs; Sugarloaf Mountain
Amphitheater, 5968 Marietta Rd, Chil-
licothe, **OH** 45601 Doors open at 6p
- 08/07, 14, 21, 28** Vernon McIntyre's Ap-
palachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery,
11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH**
45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30p

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08/08-10 Union Town, Drivin' 23, Kody Norris, Hammertown, Next Page, Pickin' Pair, 7 Mile Bluegrass, Lonesome River Band, Fenced In, Crabgrass, Poverty String Band, New Outlook; Elkins Creek Horse Camp, 223 Twp. Rd. 225 E, Pedro, OH 45678 740-643-2416

08/09 Truegrass; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

08/10 Lafferty Pike; Clifton Opry, 5 S. Clay St, Clifton OH 45316 937-767-1767 7-9p

08/10 New Mountain Heritage; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p

08/10 Lincoln Highway; Veterans Appreciation Day, Ashland County Airport, Ashland, OH 1-3p

08/16 Ramblin Bluegrass; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

08/16 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing 1445 Compton Rd, Mt. Healthy, OH 45231, 513-832-1422 7pm-9

08/16-18 TBD; Little River Bar & Grill Bluegrass Festival, 5527 Oregonia Rd, Oregonia, OH 45054-9520

08/17 Bill Purk & Friends; Clifton Opry, 5 S. Clay St, Clifton OH 45316 937-767-1767 7-9p

08/17 Tim Shelton Syndicate; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p

08/17 Sugar creek Bluegrass; Peach Festival, 9753 Morse Rd SW, Pataskala, OH 43062 1-3p

08/18 Tyme Out, Kody Norris, Po' Ramblin' Boys; jamming too; WOSU Bluegrass at the Barn, Eagles, 2252 Westerville Rd, Columbus, OH 43224 1p

08/23 Woodpickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

08/24 Blackwater; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p

08/28-09/01 David Mayfield Parade, Dave Adkins, Lonesome River Band, The Grascals, Gary Nichols Band, Tid-

alwave Road, Turning Ground, Tim Shelton Syndicate (with Ronnie Bowman), Balsam Range, Scythian, Drivin' 23, Blue Mafia, Amanda Cook, Goodwin Brothers, Steeldrivers, Sideline revisited, Wild Son, more; Sam Jam, Fairgrounds, Pikeville, OH Music begins each day at 1p.

08/30 Russell Moore, Bobby Maynard Band, Steve Perry; Boneyfiddle, 112 2nd St, Portsmouth, OH 8p Free Bring a lawn chair.

08/30 Ramblin Bluegrass; Loose Rail Brewing, 37 West Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, OH 7-10pm

08/30 Other Brothers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

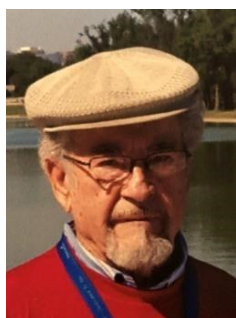
08/30 Special Consensus; Bandstand, Chautauqua Lakeside, 132 Park Row, Lakeside, OH 7p.

08/31 Hillbilly Tradition; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p



Over Jordan

I apologize for the lateness of these notices. We were just notified recently of their passing. Contact news@nibga.com with obituary notices if you would like them shared. Thank you to Jeanette Young for sharing the info on these two men.



Ray Moore, age 94, of St. Joe, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at Auburn Village. Ray and (Carolyn) Jeanette Moore were long-time members of NIBGA. I met them in 1997 and then camped with them both spring and fall festivals for many years. Jeanette passed away in 2015. Ray

continued attending festivals until he had difficulty driving. He was often accompanied by one or more of their children and grandchildren. Ray and Jeanette had many, many bluegrass friends, and always treated everyone they met like family. He will be missed.



Robert Armstrong Jr., from Three Rivers, Michigan, passed away on April 23, 2024. Bobby was a long-time attendee of the Tri-State Festival. He began attending with his parents while he was a young banjo student taking lessons from Jesse Taylor (Foxtail Grass). They always camped along the fence on Fair Street. I don't believe they missed a festival until his mother died in

2015. They began attending again a few years later, this time bringing Bobby's four children. We will miss seeing Bobby at the festivals.

Thank you to our 2024 Patrons!

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!". If you signed up to be a Patron and your name isn't on this list, please contact me at cooperrider@yahoo.com

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Buzz on the Bands, Continued

Rather, he has moved on down the road from those stalwart beginnings.

Unfortunately, Cane Mill Road was one of the groups that was slated to appear during our ill-fated 2020 season. However, since then Liam has continued to hone his considerable and varied talents, which earned him multiple wins at the 2022 Rockygrass Instrumental. He is now fresh off earning a degree from Berklee College of Music, and the band has just released a new album on Pinecastle Records entitled *Yellow Line* featuring several originals from Liam as well as other band members. In addition to Liam on mandolin, the band includes the similarly top-notch talents of fiddler Ella Jordan, guitarist Rob McCormac, bassist Jacob Smith, and banjoist Zack Vickers.

I can't wait to see these bands, and you, at the Labor Day festival!

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Oct. 20, 2024



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