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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



The NIBGA 2024 festival season has now concluded, and the NIBGA board will soon be turning our attention to 2025. Common sense tells us that it is wise to review those things that worked well, and also those that didn't, in the past year as we start planning for the coming year. So, our discussions will begin with a review of 2024.

Looking back on 2024, and before I go further, I want to make sure to recognize and thank the NIBGA board members, chairpersons and volunteers for their work in furthering the club's mission of promoting bluegrass music. NIBGA is blest with a fine group of board members, chairpersons and volunteers – I would go so far as to say I don't think it would be possible to put together another team as competent and efficient as ours! Their dedication is especially admirable when you take into account that none of them receive any salary for the high-quality work they do. Their only reward is seeing others enjoy the music and the festival experience.

I also want to send a thank you out to all the festival attendees for the respect they give the Noble County Fairground facilities. I'm always proud when we go to inspect and clean up the grounds on Monday morning – there is relatively little cleanup needed. Attendees are conscientious of cleaning up around their area when they leave the stage area and when they pack up their campsite. When the bluegrassers hold an event, they leave the facility in at least as nice a condition as when they arrived! When the Tri-State Festival closes, you can't tell we've been at the Noble County Fairgrounds.

One of the things the NIBGA board did in 2024 was to vary the festival lineup further by bringing in more bands for only one day. I'm very interested in the opinions of NIBGA members regarding this change. I know, speaking for myself, I was glad that we were able to work in bands like the McLain Family, whom I haven't seen in many years, Dry Branch Fire Squad, a group always alive with traditional drive and Ron Thomason's wit, and Volume Five, whose drive and original material have made them a favorite at festivals over the last decade. The only downside to this is the additional cost involved in hiring bands for one day versus two days (which is more economical for the band).

Please let the NIBGA board know what you think about the lineup at these last two festivals, and where you would like us to concentrate for future festivals. Keep in mind, though, that NIBGA is an organization that wants to be open to ALL fans of bluegrass, old-time, and other roots music. So, there may be folks who feel differently than you as far as favorite styles – please keep your comments

constructive and on a positive note. Let us know whom you would like to see, rather than the bands or styles you don't enjoy as much.

There is room in the festival schedule for a wide variety of roots-based entertainment, and I want to ensure everyone that their opinions will be heard and considered. Of course, it goes without saying that bands and styles that don't get a recommendation from some part of the membership will not be considered. So, please make your favorites known – your fellow NIBGA members will do the same, and, in the end, the festival lineup will round itself out accordingly.

In addition to the bands, the board is also interested to hear other constructive comments about the festivals – things that were done well and those that can be improved upon. Keep in mind, though, that we are limited in some regards, such as safety regulations and management of the fairground facilities.

One of the takeaways the board brought home from the 2024 festivals is finding a better way to communicate about pets, alcohol, and vehicles in the stage area. These things might not seem important much of the time, but they can become all-important in the event of an emergency. While we don't want to restrict attendees unnecessarily, we do need to be proactive to ensure the health and safety of festival attendees, particularly in the event of emergency. This includes allowing unimpeded egress from the stage.

I want to thank those who made an effort to follow the stage-area and campground rules. We will be discussing these rules, and the communication of them, at the winter meetings to ensure that they are well communicated and applied fairly in future years.

If you would like to make your comments heard, please approach one of the board members at our monthly winter meetings, or contact us at the NIBGA general phone number, 260 918 4790.

I'll see you at one of the winter meetings!

Joe

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 & 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
- 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.
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Jud-
son, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p
CDST 5:30P
- 10/03** Yonder Mountain String Band;
Victory Theatre, 600 Main St,
Evansville, **IN** 47708 \$32-\$64
- 10/11** Billy Strings; Gainbridge Field-
house, 125 S Pennsylvania St,
Indianapolis, **IN** 46204
- 10/12** Billy Strings; Gainbridge Field-
house, 125 S Pennsylvania St,
Indianapolis, **IN** 46204
- 10/19** Ma Crow & Company; Metamora
Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd,
Metamora, **IN** 47030 6:30p

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-p 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** 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 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
- 10/05** Old Michigan Fiddlers, Grant
Township Hall, 14982 21 Mile Rd.,
Big Rapids, **MI** 49307
231-734-2508 jam 1:30-4p dance 5p
- 10/05** Schlitz Creek; Eagles, 1611 Shaver
Rd., Schoolcraft, **MI** 49087
269-679-4088. 7-10p
- 10/06** Steel & Wood Bluegrass; Black
Barn Farm Harvest Festival, 6241
North SR, Harbor Springs, **MI**
49740 midday
- 10/12** Michigan Fiddlers, Barry County
Commission on Aging, 320 W. Wood-
lawn, Hastings, **MI** 49058
616-374-8205 1-5p
- 10/12** Steel & Wood Bluegrass; Gypsy
Distillery, 5251 Charlevoix Avenue,
Petoskey, **MI** 49770 231-867-0800

1-3p

- 10/13** Steel & Wood Bluegrass; Pond Hill
Farm, Waterwheel Stage, 5699 S
Lakeshore Dr. Harbor Springs, **MI**
49740. (231) 526-3276 1-3p
- 10/19** Old Michigan Fiddlers, Kalkaska
Senior Center, 303 South Coral St.,
Kalkaska, **MI** 49646 231-734-2508
jam 1:30-4p dance 5p

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, Sum-
mit 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
- 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, Pick-
erington, **OH** 43147 614-562-9730
6-8p confirm event status,
Fstaunton59@gmail.com
- Sat** - Bluegrass Musicians Supply, 1370 S.
High St. Columbus, **OH** 43207 long-
est running weekly jam session!
10a-5p
- 10/01** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian
Grass; Music Live at Lunch, Christ
Church Cathedral, 318 E 4th St,
Cincinnati, **OH** 45202
513-621-181 1:10-2p

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- 10/02, 09, 16, 23, 30** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30p
- 10/04** Yonder Mountain String; Arts Center, 10700 SR-118 Van Wert, **OH** 45891 7:30 pm
- 10/05** Ramblin' Bluegrass Ensemble; Loose Rail Brewing, 37 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, **OH** 43110 614-321-6634 7-10p
- 10/05** Kenny Stinson & Perfect Tymin'; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 10/10** Jerry Douglas Band; **Kent Stage**, 175 E Main, Kent, **OH** 44240 330-677-5005 7:30p
- 10/11** Nothin' Fancy, Just Plain Grass; Pennyroyal Opera House Bluegrass, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7p
- 10/12** Nothin' Fancy; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 10/18** Ramblin' Bluegrass Ensemble; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 10/18** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, Fibonacci Brewing 1445 Compton Rd, Mt. Healthy, **OH** 45231, 513-832-1422 7-9p
- 10/19** Peter Rowan; Furpeace Ranch, 39495 St Clair Rd, Pomeroy, **OH** 45769 4p
- 10/19** Kentucky Heritage; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7p
- 10/19** Lonesome River band, Ramblin' Bluegrass Ensemble; McConnell Arts Center, 778 Evening St, Worthington, **OH** 43085 7-9p
- 10/19** Kauffman Road; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 10/25** David Mayfield Parade, Ryan Abercrombie & Secret Creek; Pennyroyal Opera House Bluegrass, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7p
- 10/26** Daniel Dye & The Miller Road Band; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7p
- 10/25-26** Authentic Unlimited, The Kevin Prater Band, New Outlook, WonPeace, Ottawa County Bluegrass, Eagles Tribute, The Country Gentlemen tribute band, Awesome Darlins, Uniontown, Duane Sparks, Jeff Harden and Matt Ledbetter; Howlin at the Moon Festival, Fairgrounds, 1001 Fairview Dr, Wapakoneta, **OH** 45895 567-204-0929
- 10/26** My Brothers's Keeper; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p



Thank you to all of our volunteers!

As Joe mentioned earlier, thank you, thank you, THANK YOU, to everyone that helped with the festival. I don't have a total list yet, but wanted to thank the gate captains and gate volunteers, including Pam Keiper, Jim Miller, Patty Page, Leslie Skal, Delana Schue, Ben Crowfoot, Jay Winger, Diane Pzyaka, and Thomas Rondo. A huge thanks to Thomas, also, for helping with the Kids' Korner. Couldn't have done it without these folks.

Taxis this year were handled by Marianne Vogie, with help from Dave Vogie. Thank you so much!! Vendors and Merchandising was handled by Jeanette Young and Lydia Gerken.... Couldn't do it without them single-handedly managing the vendors and merchandise.

We greatly missed Jim Clay this festival who was out with a family illness, but many stepped up to help with the stage set-up and tear-down. There was a gentleman who helped immensely, even helping to move sound equipment for Lance. I thought Jim knew who he was, and Jim thought I knew who he was..... So NO ONE knew his name. But we SO appreciate your help! Other helpers to tear down were Jim Winger, Jim Miller, Joe & Chris Steiner, Mark and Alexis Russo, Wayne Boltz, and Michael, Aiden, Conner, and Sophia Boltz. I think we broke a record for tearing-down time!

Thank you, too, to everyone that cleaned up around their chairs and camp sites. I saw several people walking the stage area and picking up after other people, too. It is so appreciated!

I've always said that bluegrassers are the best!



NIBGA owns several bluegrass instruments that have been donated to the club for use in workshops, Bluegrass in the Schools programs, and as loaners for youngsters wanting to learn an instrument. The club purchased the original 8 banjos, and a couple more were donated "in memory" of loved ones. Another gentleman wrote a grant that allowed for the purchase of 6 guitars and mandolins which are used in these programs, too.

The club gratefully accepts donations of playable instruments and will, in turn, use them to teach others how to play. We recently received a BEAUTIFUL Ibanez guitar from David Hicks, who delivered it to the festival this fall. He also provided a gig-bag, picks, tuner, capo and more. I'm sure it will be eagerly used by someone who is wanting to learn guitar. Thank you so much, David!!

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!".

This completes our fifth year of having Patrons and presenting special shirts. So far, we have featured guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, and upright bass on the shirts. I'm running out of ideas.... Suggestions?? Watch for information on becoming a Patron when the next membership year rolls around and consider joining us!

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



The first BLUEGRASS JAM of the season will be October 20th at the SWCC club. See the event listing for more details. It's always a good time with plenty of pickers and listeners alike. Good food available for purchase from the SWCC. We hope to see you there!

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association
5034 Wapiti Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946



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