

Western Ohio Bluegrass Association

The Western Ohio Bluegrass Association has a mission to Introduce, Promote
And Preserve the long time traditional acoustic music known as Bluegrass.

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Membership Renewal

As we enter the new year, it's been brought to my attention that many of you have not renewed your Memberships for 2010. For those of you that have not renewed, we decided to send you the January newsletter to remind you of our Renewal Request. Attached at the end of this newsletter, you'll find a renewal form that you can use to send us your annual membership dues. Please clip this form and send it to us, along with your \$10 dues to make sure you get all of your Membership benefits, as well as the February Newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

President's Note

Throughout 2010 we have plans to make our presence known in the surrounding area. We have numerous projects already budgeted and scheduled for our Members, as well as several activities that will reach out into our community. This year we'll host the Bean Dinner again during the Bluegrass Festival. For those of you who did not attend last year, you missed some fine eatin. We're helping with the already scheduled April 24th "Music Day". This day will allow beginners to explore the different Bluegrass Instrument. Also, for those seasoned pickers, you can attend one of the many classes where you'll learn those "hot licks" seen by Vernon and Kitty McIntyre. This is just a few of the activities that we have scheduled. Come join us, you'll have a great time. I promise! For more information on the "Music Day" check the FOTMC web site or check with one of the Officers.

New Bluegrass Jam Sessions

The Association is hosting a weekly Jam Session on Wed nights from 6-9 pm. As we continue to grow, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who loves Bluegrass Music. We do encourage and welcome guests and visitors who may wish to join us for an evening of Bluegrass Music. Frequent Visitors will be asked to join the Bluegrass Association. Being the Bluegrass Association that we are, we're trying to adhere to a strict Bluegrass venue and we encourage you to brush up on your Bluegrass skills and join us.

WOBA Raffles

Please support our Instrument Raffles at the Bluegrass in the Cornfield Shows. The proceeds from these Raffles are spent to Introduce, Promote and Preserve Bluegrass Music. No exceptions!! A portion of the proceeds help support a Local High Student in his/her pursuit of a Music Degree. It's through your generous participation that we can make a difference in bringing Bluegrass to you. Thank you for your support!!

Meeting Notice

The Association met on December 19th, 2009 at 5 pm. The next meeting has been scheduled for Feb 6th @ at 2 pm in Margaret's Kitchen. Come and join us for the meeting, then stick around for the Bluegrass Show. If you have an idea that the Association should consider for support, we'd be interested in hearing all about it. All members are urged to attend and get involved.

Contact Information

Officers: John or Jo Swaney use wohbluegrass@gmail.com. To contact Tom Grumblis use tas65@watchtv.net. To contact Jack Ritchie use woba51@yahoo.com. Please contact us if we may assist you in any way.

Internet Radio

For all of you computer folks out there, whether it be for work, pleasure or writing these articles for the Newsletter, go to <http://music.aol.com>. Click on radio, and you'll find Bluegrass under the Country link on the left side. Set it on the preset to the right, and mark your page as a favorite. This is one of my favorite ways to listen to music. Thanks to Woody for supplying this link. Enjoy!

Member Responsibility

Please keep us updated if you change your address. It's our goal to provide you with this newsletter in a timely manner.

T-Shirts

The WOBA T-Shirts are still on sale in the FOTMC store. The prices have been slashed to \$12 each or 2 for \$20. That's rock bottom prices folks. Get your T-shirt today! All proceeds go to the promotion of Bluegrass Music and we have a size for every one.

Rock Island Plow Company

The Rock Island Plow Co will perform at the Feb 6th Bluegrass in the Cornfield Show. Please come to the meeting and stick around to support RIPC. The Rock Island Plow Co Bluegrass Band are members of the Association! To contact RIPC use wbach001@wh.rr.com.

Slow Jams

For all you beginners out there, Miss Kitty has a great crew in the Slow Jams. Don't miss this opportunity to join in and learn how to play some Bluegrass Music. Please contact the FOTMC Store at 419-568-1220 for more details.

FOTMC

The FOTMC Store now stocks long sleeved hoodies. It's the perfect time to purchase a new long sleeve shirt for the winter and spring months. As posted on their Web Site, the store carries a variety of Beginners and Children's instruments. What better time to start that young Bluegrass Musician in you family. Stop in and check out all the new stuff that Laura has to offer! Don't forget the gift certificates for the Birthdays coming up.

Junior's Band

Kitty and are struggling to find suitable Musicians to start our Jr's Bluegrass band. If you know of someone out there that might want to pursue this opportunity, you can contact either Kitty or myself for an overview. We'd love to have the chance to talk to you about this. Knowledge of the basic chords and the ability to change chords is a requirement to be considered. All Bluegrass Instruments will be considered. Please contact me at woba51@yahoo.com or Kitty McIntyre at 419-568-1220 if you're interested in the Jr's Band. Don't miss this opportunity.

Old Instrument Collection

The Association is looking for some old, inexpensive Stringed Instruments. I have a future project in mind and I need some Instruments that I can fix up and loan out to other Association Members and Music Students. Don't worry if they need strings or a little TLC, I can take care of that. How bout it folks, dig that old Guitar, Fiddle or Mandolin out of the attic and please consider donating it to us. We'd love to have your old instruments. While I'm on the subject of begging, I can use old strings from all those Martin Guitars out there. Please don't throw your old strings away. I'll take strings from any instrument.

WOBA Scholarship

Association members met with Wapak High School officials to discuss the Scholarship we'll award to one of their High School Seniors this spring. We were greeted with enthusiasm and the meeting went well. You may view the Application that students will complete to be considered for this award. The Application is posted on our Web Site. If any member would like to get involved in the selection process, please let me know. A special thanks to Miss Kitty who attended the meeting, and Shari Wolf who made the posting for the application. This is Association Members at work!!

YouTube

I've ask Tom Grumblis to consider taking some videos that we may post on YouTube to showcase our Wednesday evening Jams. Don't get stage fright if you see Tom running around trying to capture you on film at one of the upcoming jam sessions.

**RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(ONE) per member)**

Date: _____

Member No. _____

Name: _____

Amount\$ _____

Please note: Membership fee is \$10.00 Check may be made payable to Western Ohio Bluegrass Assn. It can be mailed to P.O. Box 722, Lima, Ohio 45802, or given to any of the WOBA officers.

If there is a change in address, phone no. or e-mail, please indicate below.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Your WOBA Officers
