

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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President's Note

We've worked hard this past year trying to put WOBA on the map. We have a few miles to go before I'm satisfied with our overall contributions to Bluegrass. I still have a few tricks up my sleeve, and with your help we can make these things happen. Just to mention a few of our contributions, we'll again host the Bean Dinner during the festival and we've established a Music Scholarship for a Local High School student. We're co-hosting the Music Day with the FOTMC and this is an event that you should attend. I'll speak more about the Music Day later in this newsletter. Now is the time to get involved in your association. Come join us, you'll be glad you did!

Wednesday Bluegrass Jam Sessions

The Jam Sessions are on Wed nights from 6-9 pm. We encourage visitors whether you play or just prefer to listen. The jammers are bringing in new material each week and the music is strictly Bluegrass. These Jam Sessions are hosted by the Bluegrass Association and we ask that you consider joining our Association to help us continue with the weekly Jams. There's good music and plenty of laughs, every week.

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! I can assure you that your raffle donations are spent wisely. Thank you for your support. We're happy to report that that one of our newer members, Carolyn Wehnes won the Mandolin at the April 3rd Show. Again, thank you for your support!

Meeting Notice

The Association met on April 3rd, 2010 at 2 pm. The next meeting has been scheduled for May 1st 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. We're going to try something a little different for the June 12th meeting. I'm trying to schedule the meeting for 5pm, followed by a Hot Dog roast over an open fire, and a Jam session. This ought to be a good time. Please mark this date on your calendars. 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.

Member Responsibility

Please keep us updated if you change your mailing address or if you get a new e-mail address. It's our goal to provide you with this newsletter in a timely manner.

T-Shirts

Tom Grumblis has assured me that he has plenty of T-shirts available in the FOTMC Store and are still on sale. Get your T-shirt today! All proceeds go to the promotion of Bluegrass Music and we have a size for everyone.

FOTMC Trivia Contest

As posted in Kitty's Newsy News, the FOTMC will be hosting a Trivia Contest. You can go to www.WLIO.com and click on the FOTMC trivia contest. The lucky winner of the contest will be chosen and treated like a Big Shot during the next FOTMC Live Show. Apparently I didn't win last month, so I'll keep trying. The winning prize is a student model mandolin plus a pair of tickets to a Live Show. I hope to win that contest, so I can sit on the front row and be treated like a big shot.

Whitaker Bros.

Please check out this group. This is one of my favorite Bands who visit the FOTMC. I look forward to their return. Here's their schedule.

April 24th Warsaw IN. Church (lilliemae and the Dixie Gospel aires)

May 8th Tyro OH .Baptist Church (lilliemae and the Dixie Gospel aires)

call before you travel to confirm (dates are subject to change)

(419) 674 -3205 or (419) 674-6674

Old Instrument Collection

We now have a Kid's guitar for that young Bluegrass Picker in your family. A special thanks to Wilbur Roby for donating the Kid's Guitar. Not sure about buying an instrument right away? No problem, we'll rent you an instrument and set you up with first class lessons with either Vernon or Kitty. This has the makings to be an awesome program. See me for details. We're still looking for other instruments to make this program truly effective. Please consider donating your old instruments to us. We'll put them to good use.

April 24th Music Day

Please plan on attending the Music Day, hosted by your Association along with the Famous Old Time Music Company. The day will start with a hands on introduction of all of the Bluegrass Instruments. This is the perfect time for you beginners to pick up an instrument, strum it and go on to the next instrument. Check em all out, that's the goal!! Then perhaps we can get you to pickin. Vernon and Kitty will also give a demonstration to how each instrument fits into the Bluegrass Band. This demonstration will be truly enjoyable. Following this demonstration, specialized classes will be offered for those who want to learn to play a little better. Classes will be offer for \$10 each, and the second class is only \$5.00 so that you can take advantage of several classes. I signed up!! Perhaps I can carry a tune when the classes are over. See you there. Please contact Kitty at fotmc@iglou.com or 419-568-1220 for additional details.

WOBA Brochure

I'm still looking for a Member to lend us a hand by creating an informational Brochure that we can handout to promote our organization. If you have any computer talents at all, I'm interested in talking to you about this small project. Please contact me at woba51@yahoo.com if you're interested.

Bluegrass Cafe

Don't forget about the Bluegrass Cafe hosted by Vernon & Kitty on Thursdays from 7:00-9:30. Admission is only \$5.00 and they always have a special guest(s) to join them in a pickin session. The Bluegrass Cafe is Bluegrass at it's best!!

Festival in the Cornfield

This year's Festival is scheduled for July 21-24. Laura has informed me that the Bands are ready to provide some great music. The July weather should provide a great time under the stars. Wanna get involved? See Miss Laura at the FOTMC Store and she'll quickly assigned you a task. If you want to work a little harder (not really), please ask Jo or John Swaney, Tom or Sherry Grumblis or myself. We always need help and would love for you to give us your opinion on the many decisions we're faced with. We'll be havin a Festival meeting in June and early July to finalize our plans. We're waiting to hear from you.