

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

Spring is here and the seeds of Bluegrass are everywhere you look. The Festival schedules are being printed daily around the Midwest. You can find a number of Bluegrass Festivals within a short drive, no matter where you live. Please circle July 21-24 on your calendars. These are the dates for our own FOTMC Bluegrass in the Cornfield Festival. The Festival was moved to July to insure great weather and some fine pickin under the stars. The Association will be involved in the Festival again this year, handing out everything from Bowls of Beans to door prizes. Speaking on behalf of WOBA, we're here to stay and we'll have a hand in making this year's Festival a success.

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. Not sure of Bluegrass songs? Don't worry, we'll be glad to help you get started. Everyone is welcome to step up to the microphone even if you don't play an instrument. The pickers can normally play along with whatever is sung. 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.

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 March 6th, 2009 at 2 pm. The next meeting has been scheduled for April 3rd 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.

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

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 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. The prize is a student model mandolin plus a pair of tickets to a Live Show. I hope to win that contest, because I want Miss Kitty to treat me like a King all evening!!

Whitaker Bros.

This past month Lilliemae and the Dixie Gospel aires treated us with a show at FOTMC. What a show it was. It was truly enjoy able to sit and watch these folks perform some of those old favorites that we haven't heard in a while. These folks were awesome!! We look forward to their return. Here's their schedule.

March 27th Elks Kenton OH.

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

A special thanks to Association Member Chalmer Rowe for donating a Mandolin to WOBA. We are now in a position to rent/loan this instrument at a great price to any Member who would like to learn how to play the Mandolin. We can even get you started with Lessons with Miss Kitty. So, if you've ever thought about playing the Mandolin, now's the time to give it a whirl. 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.

Weekend Jam Session

It has been brought to my attention that an Outdoor Jam session would be enjoyable. My plan is to have a Jam Session around a Campfire, with Hotdogs roasted over an open fire. I'm still trying to plan this event so I'm open to any idea that can make this a fun evening. As the weather continues to improve, we'll pick a day to make this happen. I promise, it'll be an enjoyable event. Details will be coming in the near future.

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, or 2 for \$15 so that you can take advantage of several classes. I plan on signing up, I need all the help I can get. See you there. Please contact Kitty at fotmc@iglou.com or 419-568-1220 for additional details.

WOBA Brochure

I'm presently 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!!