

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 have a lot of stuff to take care of within the next couple of weeks. Not only are we preparing for the Festival, but we're gearing up for the June 12th meeting, hot dog roast and Jam Session. Now is the time to get involved in your association. In last month's meeting we made the decision to award another music scholarship in 2011. This makes 2 Music Scholarships that we'll award to area High School Students next year. As you can see, we're not letting up in our pursuit of promoting Bluegrass Music. Good ideas continue to come out of the monthly meetings. The June 12th Meeting, Hot Dog Roast and Jam idea was presented to me by a non-member and we've made it happen. If you have an idea you want us to consider for support, then present your idea and we'll see what we can do. Come join us, you'll be glad you did!

Wednesday Bluegrass Jam Sessions

The Jam Sessions are on Wed nights from 6-9 pm. During the past few weeks new Jammers have been showing up and the Music is better then ever. These Jam Sessions are hosted by the Bluegrass Association and we're asking the new folks to join our association to help us continue with the weekly Jams. There's good music and the folks are doing a great job of keeping it Bluegrass!

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. Our next instrument raffles will be held during the Bluegrass Festival and we could use a hand selling tickets. It's an easy task and I can assure you that you'll enjoy doing it. Please contact one of the Officers to lend a hand. A gain, thank you for your support!

Meeting Notice

The Association met on May 1st, 2010 at 2 pm. The next meeting has been scheduled for June 12th at 5 pm in Margaret's Kitchen. Come and join us for the meeting , then stick around for the Hot Dog Roast and Outdoor Jam. We'll be making decision on the door prizes and raffles that we'll be involved with during the Festival. Come join us and give us your ideas for door prizes. All members will eat free while non-members will be charged a small fee of \$2.00 to eat. Bring your favorite lawn chair, drink and a hot dog stick (if you have one), sit back and enjoy the evening. If you have an idea that the Association should consider for support, we'd be interested in hearing all about it. For those of you wishing to spend the night, a \$10 fee will be charged for those wanting an electric hook-up. Other then that, it's a free night. This is a rain or shine event. In case of rain, we'll simply move indoors. 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. We're considering selling hats at the Festival. We'll make this decision during the June 12th meeting.

FOTMC Trivia Contest

I still haven't won the FOTMC 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. I know the answers, but apparently others know it as well, so I'll keep trying. The winning prize is a student model mandolin plus a pair of tickets to a Live Show.

Instrument Library

We now have 2 Mandolins and a Kid's guitar available for rent. We currently have a member using a Mandolin and will be signing up with Miss Kitty to take lessons. So, if there's anyone out there who wants to learn how to play, let me know and I'll be glad to get you started in this program. What better way of getting started when you don't have to purchase an instrument. You simply rent ours for a few months, take lessons from Vernon or Miss Kitty you'll be playing in no time. 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.

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 7:00-9:00. 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. Association Members have met with Vernon, Miss Kitty and Miss Laura on several occasions to hammer out the details. We could use some help in a number of areas, whether it's placing trash cans or marking off parking areas. Come on out, grab some of that July Sunshine and lend us a hand. 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. The association always needs help, so you can also contact Jo or John Swaney, Tom or Sherry Grumblis or myself. We'll kick off the Festival with our annual Bean Dinner/Potluck on Wed evening. This is an event you shouldn't miss. WOBA Band Members "The Whitaker Bros" will also perform during the Festival. As always their performance will be a top-notch show. Make sure you introduce yourself as a Member of the Association. We're waiting to hear from you.

FOTMC Store

Musicians tend to gossip a lot about Strings, Guitars and the hot licks done during the Jams with varying stories. During the last Jam, I did hear that the FOTMC Store has the best prices on Martin Strings. Check out what Miss Laura has in the store. If she doesn't have it, she can get it!! Having trouble installing new strings? Don't fret, let Vernon install them professionally for you. I can't guarantee you'll play better, but at least the strings will be installed properly. (I already tested this theory)