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Bluegrass Calendar

- ♦ **September 10 – 12, 2004 – 10th Annual Gibbonsville Bluegrass Campout** call Rose Marie 208-865-2241 or Arlene at 208-756-2766
awof411@hotmail.com
- ♦ **September 11, 2004 – Bearfoot Bluegrass** 8pm Crystal Theatre, 515 South Higgins, Missoula Tickets at Rockin Rudy's & Body Basics/Art Hang-Up \$10 advance, \$12 at the door, and \$2 off for MFS members Call 406-360-4758 for info
<http://www.bearfootbluegrass.com>
- ♦ **September 17 – 19, 2004 – 4th Annual Moses Lake Bluegrass Festival** Don't Fret It, Lonesome Ridge, Looking Glass, Ohop Valley Boys, Runaway Train, 78 RPM, South Hill Ramblers ... Dutch Oven Demo & cook off
call 509-765-6548 or email glmf58@qosi.net www.moseslakebluegrass.com
- ♦ **October 1 – 3, 2004 – Trumble Creek Bluegrass Campout**
4260 Trumble Cr. Rd. Columbia Falls, Mt. Signs on highway. Saturday night potluck and Sunday morning Biscuits & Gravy potluck. For information or directions call Mary Jane Cunningham 892-3197
- ♦ **October 29, 2004 – Laurie Lewis and Tom Rozum** – 8pm Crystal Theatre, 515 South Higgins, Missoula Tickets at Rockin Rudy's & Body Basics/Art Hang-Up \$10 advance, \$12 at the door, and \$2 off for MFS members Call 406-360-4758
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- ♦ **October 29, 2004 – Mark Erelli and Jake Armerding** (double bill)
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- ♦ **November 13, 2004 – MRBA Annual Meeting** – tentative date
- ♦ **November 14, 2004, - Special Consensus Concert** – Chantilly Theater, Stevensville, MT

Recurring Show and Jams

- ♦ Every Tuesday night, 7 p.m. – Open bluegrass jam at the Top Hat, 134 W. Front Street, Missoula followed by Pinegrass around 10 p.m.
- ♦ 3d Friday Each Month – Bluegrass jam at the Avalanche Creek Coffeehouse, 1st Avenue East, Kalispell. Contact Vicki at 257-3935 or vbodfish@digisys.net for information.

President's Notes

As summer comes to a close, we have enjoyed a busy season of bluegrass. Beginning with the MRBA festival in April and ending with the Trumble Creek Bluegrass campout, there have been lots of opportunities to play and listen to some great music. Those of you who couldn't make the MRBA campout the end of July

missed out on some good jamming and some good food. Forrest Clark arranged for us to use the Clinton park and the site worked out very well. Forrest even had his banjo there!

We hope to avoid a "dry" bluegrass season by hosting a monthly jam during the winter months. We used the IOOF/VFW hall in Florence for a test run in March but I was notified that the IOOF and VFW are closing that facility. So, we need to identify another place. Anyone knowing of a

facility available at a reasonable rate should give me a call. We need a couple of rooms so two jams can go on at the same time and a kitchen would be an advantage.

Plans are underway for the MRBA annual meeting. The meeting will be held in early to mid November. Details will be in the next issue of the newsletter. I appreciate everyone's effort in attending the meeting. It is your chance to make input on how the association functions. Hope to see you there. Ben

Congratulations to **Ian Fleming** and **Mike & Tari Conroy** for the favorable reviews they received from *Bluegrass Unlimited* of their new recordings. Way to go! Ben

"Flatpicker - establishes Ian Fleming as a talented guitarist with a promising musical career."
Bluegrass Unlimited July, 04

"their warm and captivating style is reminiscent of earlier husband and wife duos like Ray and Ina Patterson."
"Thirty Years and Counting is a treasure trove of down home harmonies that are based in bluegrass and old time country music."
Bluegrass Unlimited Sept. 04

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BLUEGRASS LEGEND **CHARLIE WALLER** **PASSES AWAY**

Charlie Waller died August 17th from an apparent heart attack. Since starting the Country Gentlemen in 1957, Charlie has recorded countless Bluegrass hits and has earned a place in the Bluegrass Hall of Honor. Beginning his professional career in

Washington, DC in local bars at the age of 13, Charlie quickly progressed into larger venues during his teenage years. In 1957, Charlie formed the original or "classic" Country Gentlemen: Larry Lahey (bass), John Duffey (mandolin), Bill Emerson (banjo) and Charlie (guitar and lead vocals). For over 45 years many well known artists, such as Tom Gray, Porter Church, Eddie Adcock, Doyle Lawson, Mike Lilly, Ricky Skaggs, and Bill Yates, to name a few, have performed as Country Gentlemen.

Together, these members have received innumerable award nominations, garnered nearly 70 prestigious industry awards, and the "classic" Country Gentlemen were inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) Hall of Honor in 1996. Throughout the years this group of personnel has recorded nearly 40 albums and provided us with many classic songs, which have enhanced the traditional bluegrass sound and repertoire.

SANDERS COUNTY COALITION FOR FAMILIES SEEKS BLUEGRASS GROUP FOR FUND- RAISER

The Sanders County Coalition for Families is having a fundraiser in Thompson Falls on October 9th, 2004. They are the only agency in Sanders County providing services such as food vouchers, rental assistance, shelter, transitional housing, public awareness projects, information & referrals, legal

services, personal advocacy, after-school programs, support groups, parenting classes, and education. All proceeds go to the victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse. The organization is totally non-profit and relies on grants and other fundraising activities to operate. They are looking for a bluegrass group to play at the fundraiser. Anyone interested should contact Angi Ward, Event Coordinator for the Sanders County Coalition For Families, 303 Main Street, PO Box 1136, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, telephone 406-827-3218 extension 34, email angi@sccff.org.

Northwest Bluegrass Internet Newsgroup

Want some more online information about bluegrass happenings in the northwest? Joe Ross, Roseburg, Oregon, says the Nwbluegrass Yahoo group is a 620 member list server to pass on information, share album reviews, critique festivals and engage in lively discussion on bluegrass subjects. Visit <http://www.egroups.com/group/nwbluegrass> for more information. To sign on for the free service, a person only needs to send an e-mail to: nwbluegrass-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

"Sleeper"

A DJ in Missoula is starting a bluegrass show Sunday mornings from 9 – 10 AM. He calls himself "Sleeper", and it's on KLCY 9:30 am station. He's calling it "Bluegrass Is Alive and Kickin!" He encourages anyone who'd like to "bluegrass chat" to call in during the program at 1-800-568-5309.

Also there is a new FM station in Kalispell playing all blues, bluegrass, folk and classical music, at 101.9 FM. Bluegrass gets played about 25% of the time.

In Deer Lodge 96.9 FM has a bluegrass show from 10 – 12 Sunday mornings

Can it be true? Is Emily going to replace Fred in the band with somebody new? From the looks of this picture, they may well already be rehearsing! Emily Frank was caught on camera doing some duet singing at Darlington with none other than Rhonda Vincent. It was reported that Rhonda wasn't willing to give up any of her 300+ shows a year to appear with New South fork on their 10-15 shows a year, so Fred's job may be secure



Ken Wages, MRBA member from Stevensville, is featured here serenading the deer in his back yard



The very funny Paul Shelasky & Dick Brown enjoying themselves. (we think Paul's funnier than the comedians on tv)

Lost Highway

Very impressive 3 part harmony!

On July 21, the MRBA was proud to sponsor a concert by the California band **Lost Highway** at Fort Missoula. Dick Brown (on banjo), said they had never before played on one microphone and man were they having fun! What a concert they put on! The Music was great and their comedy had us all in "stitches".



The band performed on Ben's trailer. What a setting for a concert!

Eric Uglum on left and bass player Marshall Andrews at far right.

Ken Orrick singing lead



Gorilla Bread

1/2 cup granulated sugar

3 teaspoons cinnamon

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter

1 cup packed brown sugar

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese

2 (12-ounce) cans refrigerated biscuits (10 count)

1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped walnuts

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

In case you haven't noticed, we have had some pretty impressive potlucks at our functions. Once in a while there is something that is really exceptionally good. This is one of those things that the poor cook almost got wore out telling everyone how she made it. So Lois Malikie was nice enough to share the recipe with all the folks that want it. Thanks Lois and for those of you that aren't on some kind of diet, enjoy!

Spray a bundt pan with nonstick cooking spray. Mix the granulated sugar and cinnamon. In a saucepan, melt the butter and brown sugar over low heat, stirring well; set aside. Cut the cream cheese into 20 equal cubes. Press the biscuits out with your fingers and sprinkle each with 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon sugar. Place a cube of cream cheese in the center of each biscuit, wrapping and sealing the dough around the cream cheese. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of the nuts into the bottom of the bundt pan. Place half of the prepared biscuits in the pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar, pour half of the melted butter mixture over the biscuits, and sprinkle on 1/2 cup of nuts. Layer the remaining biscuits on top, sprinkle with the remaining cinnamon sugar, pour the remaining butter mixture over the biscuits, and sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup of nuts. Bake for 50 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool for 5 minutes. Place a plate on top and invert.

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Rumor has it... that a local banjo player was so impressed with meeting and shaking Ralph Stanley's hand, that he forgot to pack his own banjo when he left for a music weekend at Sandpoint, ID. We wouldn't dream of giving his name out as we are sure that the shame and embarrassment were very long lasting and a poor fellow should get the chance to just forget about it and get on with his life, don't you think? But he does live near the Clinton area...is what we heard! P.S. Dale Kerns recommended to him that he leave a banjo at various jam locations around the state, in case he should forget his banjo again in the future.

Membership Application
MONTANA ROCKIES BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
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Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____

E-mail _____ Individual (\$10.00) _____ Family (\$15.00) _____



New South Fork Bluegrass Band *Under The Piney Rose*

By Mike Conroy

MRBA members Fred & Emily Frank and Jeff Forbes, along with Tom Middleton on banjo and Carrie Bean playing bass, comprise the fine new band named "New South Fork Bluegrass". (You remember them from the MRBA Stevensville festival) They have just released a new CD entitled "Under The Piney Rose". This talented group features husband and wife team, Fred & Emily Frank. Fred's skillful mando pickin' (and lead guitar pickin') weaves in and out of the music while Emily's solid guitar and heart-felt vocals are often accompanied by Fred and Carrie's fine harmony singing. Jeff Forbes joins in with his spicy bluegrass fiddling while Tom Middleton holds up his end with his tasteful 5 string banjo pickin'. The low end is supported by Carrie's solid, punchy bass playing. (Whew, that's a lot of adjectives for this Hamilton graduate!) The song list includes 3 originals by Emily, 2 original

instrumentals by Fred, 1 original song written by Tom and one written by Carrie, (oh yeah, Carrie sings good too!) and many traditional bluegrass song favorites. The recording was recorded by mando-whiz Ben Winship at his studio, The Henhouse in Victor, ID. All in all, this is a fine effort and we are proud to have such great pickers associated with the MRBA. Fred and Emily can be contacted at fredfrank@ida.net or 208-206-0369

1. Not Gonna Cry 2. Midnight On The Highway 3. Under The Piney Rose 4. Hogan's Reel 5. Now They'll Be At Rest 6. These Ol' Blues 7. Tall Pines 8. The Ride 9. Darkest Hour 10. You Can Have Him 11. The Light Of Home 12. Once More 13. Big Country 14. Come To Wyoming

SPECIAL CONSENSUS Concert

The MRBA will sponsor a concert by Special Consensus at the Chantilly Theater, Stevensville, MT on Sunday, November 14th, 2004. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. Special Consensus, now in its 30th year, tours both nationally and internationally. The band's show features compositions by band members and traditional bluegrass standards. Greg Ca-

hill, who formed the band in 1975, plays banjo and sings baritone and tenor vocals and is one of the most dominant personalities in bluegrass music today. Ron Spears plays mandolin and fiddle and sings lead, baritone, bass, tenor and high baritone vocals. Ron began playing bluegrass music professionally in 1970. He plays all of the bluegrass instruments and has performed with numerous bluegrass and country bands, The Bluegrass Conspiracy, and the internationally acclaimed Rhonda Vincent and the Rage. In 1999, Ron reformed Ron Spears and Within Tradition, and he continues to play select dates with this band throughout the year. He joined The Special Consensus in 2004. Justin Carbone plays guitar and sings lead, baritone, bass and tenor vocals. Tres Nugent plays bass and sings lead, baritone and tenor vocals. Admission will be \$10.00 for MRBA and Missoula Folklore Society members and \$12.00 for the general public. Advanced tickets will be on sale at Rockin' Rudy's in Missoula and

The Music Box in Hamilton.



Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mtn. Boys play Montana

July 17th at Big Sky

Mike Conroy finally got a chance to meet one of his heroes. And couldn't pass up the opportunity to get it in a photo.



The great
**Blue
Highway**
From

Virginia, was the opening band for the Ralph Stanley Concert.



Ralph Stanley having a "catch-up" visit with Ghoul and Henry Counts from Livingston, Mt. The three went to school together as children. Ralph dedicated the show at Big Sky to the old friends and made a Tuesday morning date to meet them at Livingston before heading back east. Ghoul has had quite a summer.... beings he was the winner of the Martin guitar at the Bitterroot Bluegrass Festival in July!



The Dr. in all his glory!

MRBA Campout



President Ben Essary shakes hands & presents a MRBA cap as a thank you to Forrest Clark for his hard work in getting the campsite for the campout. If anyone needed a new MRBA cap... it was Forrest!

Congratulations to the drawing winners:

Curtis Rathburn –
association CD
Dale Kerns –
MRBA cap
Rich Gregg –
association CD
Bill Molenda –
MRBA cap
Verna Molenda –
MRBA shirt



Ben and Harvey Vogel did a fine job grilling the steaks the association bought for the cook out. There were even enough to have steak for breakfast on Sunday.



The place was Forrest Flats. We were welcomed Friday afternoon with a handshake from Forrest and a bark from Sissy! By 5:00 Friday night the music was underway and went into the wee hours of the morning which included some serenading to a few people.

Saturday morning began with a pancake feed provided by Forrest and a few other potluckers. After breakfast and many cups of coffee the music started again. The afternoon included a lead guitar workshop directed by Bill Anderson and more great music. Potluckers gathered about 6:00 that evening with steaks provided by the Association. Ben and Harvey did a great job preparing 30 plus steaks. They were great!

With about 14 motorhomes and campers in the group we had a lot of great musicians, including association members from Idaho and Washington.

After Tari's best ever biscuits and gravy Sunday morning, the association gave everyone a MRBA bumper sticker and held some other drawings. They gave away a sweatshirt, 2 cd's and 2 caps. For letting us invade his space, Forrest was given a new MRBA cap.

Sunday morning continued with the traditional Gospel Hour which was wonderful. As new members of the association my husband and I are amazed at the quality of both the people and the music that we are privileged to be associated with. It was, as always, a great week-end of friends and music. We are looking forward to the next one.

Harvey & Nico Vogel



Flat picker, Bill Anderson was kind enough to give a guitar workshop. He taught those in attendance to play a couple of scales. His goal was to have each person leaving with something they learned, and by golly I think he done it!

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Or email Arlene at awolf411@hotmail.com

Can you believe it'll be 10 years for this one?



This is an approximation of what the t-shirts for gibbonsville will look like. I'm only printing the ones I get the money for ahead of time. SO, place your orders now and pass the info on to others. If you have any questions, please email me at home at nady@safelink.net. S- XL Tshirts 99% cotton, 1% polyester ash gray \$10.00 please send checks and orders to: Nancy Ady 2057 Normal Ave. Burley, Idaho 83318 208/677-2565

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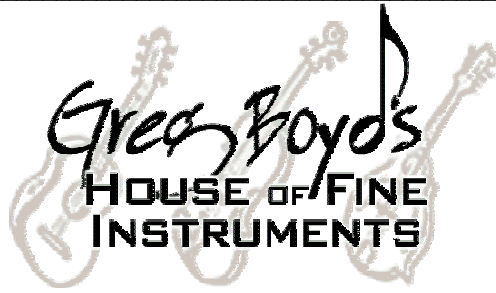
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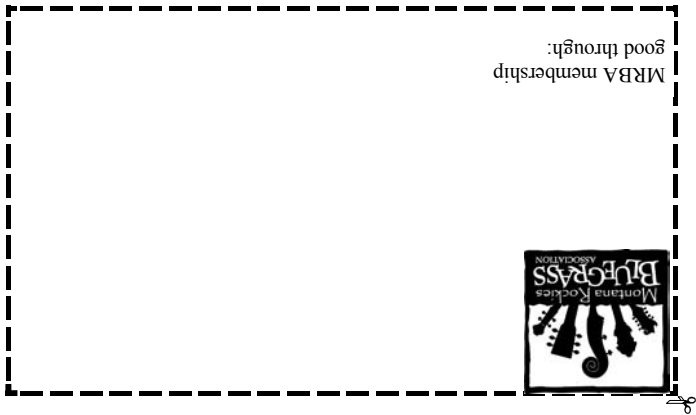
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