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The Montana Rockies Bluegrass Association is a non-profit association dedicated to promoting, preserving and sharing our love of bluegrass music in a spirit of family and friendship.

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Upcoming Bluegrass Events

- May 2**— MRBA Hootenanny, Woodside Grange (see pg. 5)
- May 21**— Acoustics, Bitterroot Brewery, Hamilton 6:00 pm
- May 22-25**—Conroy's Memorial Day Campout, (see pg. 4)
- May 31**—Pasture Pickin, Libby, MT (Starts last Sunday in May and goes for one week after.) https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pasture-Pickin/136638576370075?sk=info&tab=page_info
- June 5** - Lockwood Bluegrass Band, Top Hat, Missoula 6:00 pm
- June 11**— Greg Cahill & Special Consensus, Ruby Jewel Jamboree, Missoula
- June 12, 13, 14**— Broken Arrow Bluegrass Campout, Gibbonsville, ID (see pg. 6)
- June 13** - Greg Cahill & Special Consensus, Ruby Jewel Jamboree, Billings
- June 14**—Greg Cahill & Special Consensus, Ruby Jewel Jamboree, Great Falls
- June 17**—Allison Krause & Willie Nelson, Missoula (<http://alisonkrauss.com/>)
- June 19—20**, Bandit Brewing—Greengrass Jam, Darby (See pg. 2)
- June 25—28**, MRBA Annual Campout, Clinton, MT (See pg. 4)

Recurring Shows and Jams

- ◆ **Missoula** - Pickin Circle. Tangled Tones Studio. 2005 South Ave., West. - Wednesdays—6:00 pm to 9:00 pm . (406-396-3352)
- ◆ **Missoula**—Open Jam. Top Hat. Tuesdays. 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Livingston** - Open Jam. Pine Creek Café. Thursday—8:30—10:30 pm. www.pinecreeklodgemonntana.com (406)222-3628

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Conroy's Memorial Weekend Bluegrass Campout

Conroy's Memorial Weekend Bluegrass Campout will be May 22th-25th, and will be held at the Little West Fork Campground south of Darby Mt. It'll be just like past years, three or four heated wall tents for jammin, pot luck suppers at 6 pm in the evenings, and a biscuits and gravy breakfast Monday morning at 10 am, before everyone has to leave.

The campground is approximately 23 miles south of Darby MT. Heading south from Darby, turn right on the West Fork Highway about 4 miles from town, continue on the West Fork to just past the 14 mile marker and turn right on the Nez Perce Rd., stay on the road for 4 miles. The pavement will end and the campground will be on the right. Watch for signs.

Beautiful scenery and the camping is free. This is a old style campout with campfires, and recreational activities and a heck of a lot of jammin.

MRBA ANNUAL CAMP OUT June 26-27-28

The annual MRBA camp out will be held at Forrest Flats Highway 10 East between Turah and Clinton, about three miles East of Turah and three miles west of Clinton. There will be signs. Dry camping fri. sat. sun. June 26—28. come a day earlier probably some pickers already plus pick out a good spot. Breakfast pot luck on Saturday and Sunday, Saturday night the Association will provide the meat and desert.

We ask members to bring pot luck dishes to finish the meal. There will be a \$10.00 charge for non members or unpaid members for Saturday night, should be a no brainer when dues are \$10.00 @ or \$15.00 for Family. Family = two adults and minor children. You need to sign up in advance for Saturday meal.

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Bring your campers. If folks want to, we could have a Gospel Jam Sunday morning.

Another Great Year at the MRBA Spring Festival!

Reports are in and it was another great year at the Montana Rockies Bluegrass Association spring festival in Stevensville, MT. The association made a net profit of \$3,042. There was lots of good music, good food and good jammin. This event is our biggest fundraiser and helps us support bluegrass events through the rest of the year.

Thanks to Mike & Tari Conroy for organizing the festival!

Thanks to Verna Molenda and the kitchen volunteers for great food!

Thanks to Laurie Criger, MRBA's new secretary/treasurer for managing all of the finances!

Thanks to all of the bands who played at the festival!

Thanks to volunteers who helped with ticket sales, merchandise sales, set-up, clean-up and all of the work it takes to make the festival happen!

Thanks to all of the fans who came to listen and support the organization!

Thanks to the Lone Rock School for use of their facilities!

BLUEGRASS CAMPOUT! **Broken Arrow Campground**

June 12,13,14th.

Broken Arrow Campground, at Gibbonsville, Idaho.

Camping fee \$5.00 per night. Electricity if wanted extra.

Bluegrass jams— Acoustic strings only.



For more info call Dell Scott at 406 381 0822.

Spring Festival photos



Highline
Bernda, Rob, Ed, Steve and Jeff



New South Fork—Playing it hot!



Fire on the Mtn playin some HOT music.
(Forrest and the fire crew)



The Holtzen Family
Families that play together—(you know the rest)



Kids in Bluegrass



Great seeing our youth in Bluegrass!

Wild Montana Skies

John Denver first recorded “Wild Montana Skies” on his *It's About Time* album in 1983. “Wild Montana Skies” was the a single from this album. Members of the Western Writers of America chose it as one of the Top 100 Western songs of all time. Emmy Lou Harris was a vocalists for the song with John Denver.

In 2014, the bluegrass band, Special Consensus recorded, “COUNTRY BOY: A BLUEGRASS TRIBUTE TO JOHN DENVER” that featured the song, “Wild Montana Skies”. The song on the album and on the video was performed with guest vocalist Claire Lynch and dobro player Rob Ickes. The song received the 2014 International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Recorded Event of the Year Award.

Special Consensus will be performing in Missoula at the Ruby Jewel Jamboree on June 11 with additional dates in Billings and Great Falls. How cool will that be to hear “Wild Montana Skies” performed in Montana! If you can’t wait until June to hear the song, you can purchase the CD and a book of banjo tabs for the “Country Boy” album at the Special Consensus web site. (<http://specialc.com/store/>)

WILD MONTANA SKIES

John Denver

INTRO: | G |

C G
 He was born in the Bitterroot Valley in the early morning rain
D
 Wild geese over the water, heading north and home again
G C G
 Bringin' a warm wind from the south, bringin' the first taste of the spring
D G
 His mother took him to her breast and softly she did sing:

CHORUS:

C D G
 Oh, Montana, give this child a home
C D G
 Give him the love of a good family and a woman of his own
C D G C
 Give him a fire in his heart, give him a light in his eyes
G D G
 Give him the wild wind for a brother and the wild Montana skies

C G
 His mother died that summer and he never learned to cry
D
 He never knew his father and he never did ask why
G C G
 He never knew the answers that would make an easy way
D G
 But he learned to know the wilderness and to be a man that way

His mother's brother took him in to his family and his home
Gave him a hand that he could lean on and a strength to call his own
And he learned to be a farmer and he learned to love the land
And he learned to read the seasons and he learned to make a stand

CHORUS

On the eve of his 21st birthday, he set out on his own
He was 30 years and runnin' when he found his way back home
Ridin' a storm across the mountains and an achin' in his heart
Said he came to turn the pages and to make a brand new start
Now he never told the story of the time that he was gone
Some say he was a lawyer, some say he was a john
There was something in the city that he said he couldn't breathe
There was something in the country that he said he couldn't leave

CHORUS

Now some say he was crazy and some are glad he's gone
But some of us will miss him and we'll try to carry on
Giving a voice to the forest, giving a voice to the dawn
Giving a voice to the wilderness and the land that he lived on



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Jeff Scroggins and Colorado

August 12th—Missoula

Dale Ann Bradley

Sept. 13th—Missoula

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For more information:

<http://rubyjeweljamboree.com/>

MRBA March Jam & Potluck

Big fun with lots of pickers . 5 different jam circles in 5 different rooms... lots of folks- lots of fun— and lots of great food... yee haw mike (head potluck sampler)\



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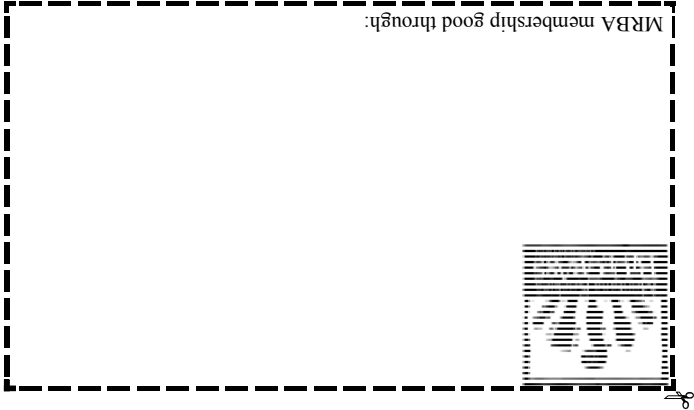


March Jam at Rubys—Big & Fun!

In the hall jammin—
You can get through but you got to sing a song.



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