Montana Rockies Bluegrass Association

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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

Nov. 3—Lochwood Bluegrass, Draughtworks Brewery, Missoula, 6:00 pm

Nov. 5—MRBA Hootenanny, Stevensville Playhouse, 1:00 pm (See pg. 6)

Nov. 18—Lochwood Bluegrass, Top Hat, Missoula, 6:00 pm

Nov. 19—Lochwood Bluegrass, Kalispell Brewery, Kalispell, 5:00 pm

Dec. 2—Two Bit Franks, Polson High School, Polson, 7:00 pm
http://missionvalleylive.com/concert/two-bit-franks-blue-grass-concert/

Dec. 3 — MRBA Christmas party & annual meeting, Ruby's Inn, Missoula (See pg. 4)

Dec. 7— House Concert with Greg Blake, Isaac Callendar, and Ellie Hakanson Missoula, 7:00 pm (See pg. 10)

Dec. 9—Lochwood Bluegrass, Missoula Brewery, Missoula, 6:00 pm

Dec. 18—Blue Smoke Bluegrass, Symes Hotel, Hot Springs, MT, 7:00 pm

Dec. 31—Acousticals, First Night Missoula

Mark Your Calendars

January 14—MRBA Monthly Jam. Winter Jam Series— Ruby's Inn. Pickin' and grinnin' starts at 2:00 pm. Potluck at 6:00 pm, followed by more pickin' and grinnin'

February 11— MRBA Monthly Jam
March 11— MRBA Monthly Jam

Note: Dates and times are subject to change. Please check with venue prior to

Recurring Shows and Jams

- **Missoula**—Top Hat, Open Jam, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm
- **Helena—**Staggering Ox, Bluegrass Jam, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

President's Message

Hi all. We have scheduled another Hootenanny at the Stevensville Playhouse on Saturday, November 5 (you're going to have to hurry to get there). Like before, all bluegrassers are encouraged to put their names on the sign-up sheet at the Hoot, and play on stage. Lots of pickers (including Tari and I) would be glad to back you up if you need help. Of course, bands are also welcome. Jamming room available in the lobby and at the Gallery next door. It should be a nice afternoon of bluegrass and fun.

Our annual meeting and Christmas party is December 3 at Ruby's Inn. The meeting is at 3:00 pm. Attendance has been pretty small at our yearly meetings, so please come and help direct our Association's path for the next year.

The potluck is at 6:00 pm. Tari will cook a big ham, so if folks bring side dishes and desserts, it would be too cool for school. Jammin' before and after the potluck.

The dates for the winter jams have been set for the second Saturdays in January, February, and March. (January 14, February 11, and March 11). Come see friends and join in the pickin' and grinning' .....

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MRBA Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 3
Ruby's Inn, 4825 North Reserve Street, Missoula, MT

The MRBA annual meeting will be held on *Saturday, December 3, 2016,* at Ruby's Inn. The meeting will start at 3:00 pm. Dinner will follow at 6:00 pm . Jams will be held before and after dinner.

This is your opportunity to get up-to-date information on the activities of the MRBA and to help chart its future course. As in past years, officers and directors will be elected for the upcoming year. All positions will be up for election. Please consider what you can do to help the MRBA remain an active part of the Montana/Northwest bluegrass scene.

Regarding dinner, the Association will provide the meat course for the meal. We ask that others bring potluck side dishes and desserts. Please consider donating a door prize (see below).

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Wanted
Door Prizes

Please consider donating a door prize for the MRBA Annual Meeting and Holiday party. The prize can be something musical or something humorous. Christmas-themed doodads or holiday goodies would also make great prizes.

http://thefiddleschool.com/

International Bluegrass Music Association 2016 Awards Winners

Entertainer of the Year
The Earls of Leicester

Female Vocalist of the Year
Becky Buller

Male Vocalist of the Year
Danny Paisley

Vocal Group of the Year
Flatt Lonesome

Instrumental Group of the Year
Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen

Song of the Year
"You're the One," Flatt Lonesome

Album of the Year
Runaway Train, Flatt Lonesome

Instrumental Recorded Performance of the Year
"Fireball," Special Consensus featuring Rob Ickes, Trey Hensley and Alison Brown

Emerging Artist of the Year
Mountain Faith

Recorded Event of the Year
"Longneck Blues," Junior Disk and Ronnie Bowman

Bluegrass Hall of Fame Inductees
Clarence White
Rounder Records founders Ken Irwin, Marian Leighton-Levy and Bill Nowlin

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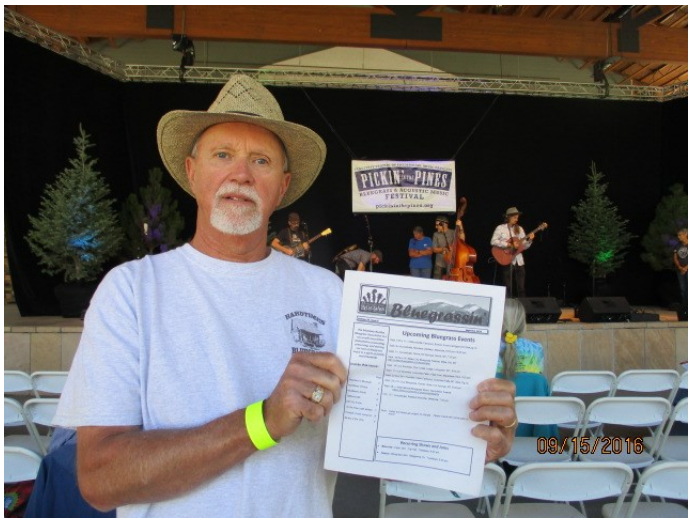
On the Road With MRBA

Steve Chapman with newsletter at Pickin in the Pines Festival in Flagstaff, AZ

Here are some shots from the festival to prove we were there and advertising. Jerry Douglas and the Earls put on quite a show after we had to sit through a "Punkgrass" band, whatever the hell that is.

(http://pickininthepines.org/ - Flagstaff, AZ)



On The Road in Champaign, IL
Kate McMahon

This September, I was in my hometown of Champaign, IL, visiting family. I was taking a drive around town when I came across the street sign shown in the photo. Alison Krauss was born and raised in Champaign, and in 2015 the City Council voted to rename the block where she grew up as "Honorary Alison Krauss Way." If you look closely, that is the MRBA newsletter taped to the light pole.

When I was in college, I lived in an apartment building on the next block and, as it turned out, the balcony of my apartment overlooked Alison's back yard. She would have been a youngster of about nine years old at the time. A few short years later she was winning state fiddle contests and performing in coffee shops in town. The rest is history.

Trumble Creek Camp-Out

Forrest and Alex Jammin' Together

Perfect Jammin' Weather

Nothing like a big bonfire to jam by

Just hanging out and tailgating

Forrest's New Band Mates

Tent Jam

Thanks to Mary Jane for another bluegrass memory!

Sunday morning Biscuits and Gravy

Bluegrass Word Search—IBMA Hall of Fame Inductees

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Search for the part of the name that is all CAPS

(Kenny) BAKER

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(Lester) FLATT

(Josh) GRAVES

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(Jimmy) MARTIN

(Del) MCCOURY

(Bill) MONROE

OSBORNE (Brothers)

RENO AND SMILEY

(Tony) RICE

(Earl) SCRUGGS

STANLEY (Brothers)

(Doc) WATSON

(Chubby) WISE

MRBA Mugs Now Available

For the first time ever (I think) we have received a shipment of MRBA coffee mugs. See Dallas to be the first one on your block to have one.

Mike (head coffee drinker)

Lil' Smokies Win Momentum Band of the Year at International Bluegrass Music Association!

Raleigh, NC—On Sept. 28, at the World of Bluegrass Business Conference, the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) presented the Momentum Award to Missoula-based band Lil' Smokies. The Momentum Awards focus on artists and industry people who are in the early stages of their bluegrass music careers. Congratulations!

This picture is from a recent performance at the Wilma in Missoula.

Members of the Band Include:
Matt Cornette - Banjo
Matthew Rieger - Guitar, Vocals
Andy Dunnigan - Dobro, Vocals
Scott Parker - Bass

House Concert—Missoula

On December 7, there will be a house concert with Greg Blake, Isaac Callendar, and Ellie Hakanson of Jeff Scroggins and Colorado. The concert will be at John Parker's restored church, 601 Longstaff in Missoula.

The show starts at 7:00 pm, with Lochwood doing an opening set. The suggested donation is $10. BYOB and a chair if possible.

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