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. 4—Hootenanny & Potluck, Sula (see pg. 5)

Nov. 11—Bozeman Bluegrass Festival, Bozeman
https://cactusrecords.net/events/11th-annual-bozeman-bluegrass-festival/

Nov. 30 - Old Divide, Bitterroot Brewery, Hamilton, 6:00 pm

Dec. 1 - Old Divide, Top Hat, Missoula, 6:00 pm

Dec. 2— Old Divide, Kalispell Brewery, Kalispell, 5:00 pm

Dec. 9—MRBA Christmas Party & Annual Meeting, Ruby's, Missoula (see pg. 4)

Dec. 9—Acousticals, Philipsburg Brewery Company, Philipsburg, 5:00 pm

Dec. 30—Lochwood Bluegrass, Blacksmith Brewery, Stevensville, 6:00 pm

Save the Date: MRBA Monthly Jams at Ruby’s, Missoula
Pickin’ and grinnin’ starts at 2:00 pm. Potluck at 6:00 pm, followed by more pickin’ and grinnin’

• January 13
• February 10
• March 10

Note:

1. Dates and times are subject to change. Please check with venue prior to event.
2. If you play in a band, (or know of a local bluegrass band) please e-mail the band’s web page or Facebook page link to the editor so we can check it for events to list in the bluegrass newsletter. Thanks. (kate@appcom.net)

Recurring Shows and Jams

• **Missoula**—Open Jam, Top Hat, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

• **Helena** - Bluegrass Jam, Staggering Ox, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

Please send information on open jams and shows to the newsletter editor.
President’s Message

October 7th was the day many of us went to Clinton for the "Celebration of Life" for our long time friend, Forrest Clark. The little Clinton Community Center was jam-packed with friends of Forrest. After the potluck, MRBA members grabbed their instruments and played many tunes that Forrest loved. I remember thinking, Forrest would have been in "hog heaven" with so many friends there, and so much bluegrass music, in his home town of Clinton. So long, old friend, we will meet again.

We have scheduled all the winter events including the Lone Rock Festival, for the second weekend of each month. The Lone Rock Festival is April 14th, and the Christmas Party and Meeting will be December 9th. The three jams are January 13th, February 10th, and March 10th. All four Missoula events will again be at Ruby's Inn in Missoula.

On a side note -- It is awesome that Ruby's lets us reserve these jams every winter for a very small fee. Be sure to tell them thank you if you get a chance, and be sure to stay there anytime you need a motel room in Missoula.

The MRBA has scheduled a Backwoods Hootenanny and Potluck at the Sula Clubhouse on Saturday, November 4th (405 East Fork Rd, Sula MT). We had one there a couple of years ago, and it was a Hoot (pun intended). Bluegrass musicians, come take a number and play on the microphone. Lots of visiting and eating and playing. Starts at 1pm, play til ‘the cows come home. Admission is by donation. More info 821-3777 or www.mtbluegrass.com  See poster on Page 5. Ya'll come! Mike (head backwoods boogie guy)
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1/2 Page – $15.00,  
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(P.S. — It will help keep down printing and mailing costs for the Association)

MONTANA ROCKIES BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION  
Membership Application

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Please mail your application to: MRBA, PO Box 1306, Missoula, MT  59806
MRBA Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 9
Ruby's Inn, 4825 North Reserve Street, Missoula, MT

The MRBA annual meeting will be held on **Saturday, December 9, 2017** at Ruby's Inn. The meeting will start at 3 p.m. Dinner will follow at 6 p.m. 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.

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 also make great prizes. We will have a drawing right after dinner.

http://thefiddleschool.com
MONTANA ROCKIES BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS AN OLD-TIME BLUEGRASS MUSIC
(BACKWOODS)
HOOTENANNY & POTLUCK
Sula Clubhouse
405 East Fork Rd, Sula MT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
1:00 PM—til the cows come home

Bluegrass musicians come and take a number and play on the microphone.

Y’all Come!

ADMISSION:
By donation

More Info:
821-3777 or www.mtbluegrass.com

Come join in the fun at The Montana Rockies Bluegrass Association’s Backwoods Hootenanny and Potluck, Saturday, November 4th at the Sula Clubhouse (405 East Fork Rd. Sula Mt.) Starts at 1pm- bluegrassers take a number and play us some tunes on the microphone. For more info call Mike or Tari at 821-3777 or www.mtbluegrass.com or
International Bluegrass Music Association
2017 Awards Winners

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR:
The Earls of Leicester (3rd year in a row)

VOCAL GROUP OF THE YEAR:
Flatt Lonesome (their second win in this category, previously in 2016)

INSTRUMENTAL GROUP OF THE YEAR:
Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper (their fourth win in this category, previously in 2008, 2009 and 2010)

SONG OF THE YEAR:
“I Am A Drifter” – Volume Five (artist), Donna Ulisse/Marc Rossi (writers)

ALBUM OF THE YEAR:
Mountain Voodoo – Balsam Range (artist), Balsam Range (producer), Mountain Home Records (label)

INSTRUMENTAL RECORDED PERFORMANCE:
“Fiddler’s Dream” – Michael Cleveland (artist), Arthur Smith (writer), Fiddler’s Dream (album), Jeff White and Michael Cleveland (producers), Compass Records (label)

EMERGING ARTIST OF THE YEAR:
Volume Five

RECORDED EVENT OF THE YEAR:
“I’ve Gotta Get a Message To You” – Bobby Osborne with Sierra Hull, Alison Brown, Rob Ickes, Stuart Duncan, Trey Hensley, Todd Phillips, Kenny Malone, Claire Lynch, and Bryan McDowell (artists), Original (album), Alison Brown (producer), Compass Records (label)

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR:
Brooke Aldridge (her first win in this category)

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR:
Shawn Camp (his second win in this category, previously in 2015)

International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame – trailblazing bluegrass artists Hazel Dickens and & Alice Gerrard, master fiddler Bobby Hicks, and Roland White, whose impressive career includes contributions to several seminal bands – were honored at this evening’s show.

BLUEGRASS EVENT OF THE YEAR:
Pickin’ in Parsons, Parsons, West Virginia

Read More:
https://ibma.org/press/awards
As part of their swing through Montana, John Reischman and the Jaybirds made a stop in Whitefish for a house party concert. Thanks to Donna Scholl Holmstul and John Hulmstul for a wonderful evening of music and fun. (That’s Donna holding up the MRBA newsletter in the picture.)

The Jaybirds played tunes from their new CD, as well as a mix of bluegrass standards and original compositions. Although band members reside in British Columbia, California, and Spokane, the band leader and mandolin player, John Reischman, brings the band together each year for a fall tour. This year, the tour included three stops in Montana, treating bluegrass fans in the Big Sky state to some of the finest acoustic musicians in the west.

Band members include Greg Spatz on fiddle, who learned “bare knuckle” fiddling skills growing up in Maine. He is also an award winning novelist. Bass player and vocalist, Trisha Gagnon, also makes organic jam and won first place in the “World Jampionship” in Scotland. Nick Hornbuckle plays banjo using a two-finger roll and also lends his baritone to harmony vocals. The newest member of the band is Partick Sauber on guitar. He lives in California and has played with music legends such as Laurie Lewis and John Fogerty.

John Reischman has released three critically-acclaimed solo instrumental albums and has recorded on dozens of other projects, including the Grammy-winning True Life Blues: The Songs of Bill Monroe. Bluegrass Unlimited magazine called John "one of the world's undisputed masters" of the mandolin, and he's known for producing wonderful tone from his famous 1924 Gibson 'Lloyd Loar' F-5 mandolin.

John is no stranger to Montana. He has been an instructor at the Fiddle Camp in Monarch and plans to tour the state again. If you are looking for an evening of unforgettable music, don’t pass up a chance to attend a Jaybird concert the next time they are in your area.
Gibbonsville Campout
Beautiful weather for another MRBA campout

All I Want For Christmas

FOR SALE


Call Bob Bungarz at 626-5761
Trumble Creek Photos

The Mellin family enjoying the bluegrass picking party.

Bob keeping his doggie nice and warm.

Jammin’ away in the tent.

Kerin getting some photo opps.

Thanks Mary Jane & Kerin for another fun weekend.

Great night for a bonfire.
My Bluegrass Profile

1. Name: __________________________________________________________

2. I play these instruments: __________________________________________

3. Favorite Bluegrass Songs to Sing: ___________________________________

4. Favorite Bluegrass Banjo Tunes: _____________________________________

5. Favorite Bluegrass Fiddle Tunes: _____________________________________

6. First Bluegrass Festival Attended: ___________________________ Year ______
   Location: _________________________________________________

7. Favorite Bluegrass Festival: ________________________________ Year ______
   Location: _________________________________________________

8. Favorite Bluegrass Band(s): _________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

9. Favorite Bluegrass Music Camp: ___________________________ Year ______
   Location: _________________________________________________

10. Have you ever played in a bluegrass band? Yes   No

   Name of Your Band: ____________________________________________

   Band Members: ______________________________________________

   __________________________________________________________

11. Favorite Bluegrass Memories: _____________________________________
During your next stay in Missoula
or
When planning your next event

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