Upcoming Bluegrass Events

July 10, Acousticals, Ravalli County Museum, Hamilton, MT, 12:00 noon
July 12, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, Kettlehouse Amphitheater, Bonner, MT
July 20-22, Darrington, Bluegrass Festival, Darrington, WA [http://www.darringtonbluegrass.com/]
July 21, Trampled by Turtles & Lil Smokies, Kettlehouse Amphitheater, Bonner, MT
July 27-29, Hardtimes Festival, Darby, MT (see pg. 5) [www.hardtimesbluegrass.com]
August 5, Leftover Biscuits, Sliter Park, Bigfork, MT (Riverbend Concert Series)
August 10, Greensky Bluegrass, Kettlehouse Amphitheater, Bonner, MT
August 10-12, Targhee Bluegrass Festival, Grand Targhee Resort, WY [http://www.grandtarghee.com/event/grand-targhee-bluegrass-festival/]
August 24, Infamous Stringdusters, Great Northern Bar, Whitefish, MT [https://greatnorthernbar.com/music-and-specials/]
August 24 & 25 —River City Roots Festival, Missoula, MT [http://www.rivercityrootsfestival.com/]
Sept. 20-23, Miles City Bluegrass Festival, Miles City, MT
Sept. 21-23, Trumble Creek Campout, Columbia Falls, MT (see pg. 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: Pickin Circle, Montana Distillery (631 Woody St.), Tuesdays, 6:00 pm
- Helena: Bluegrass Jam, Staggering Ox, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm
- Great Falls: Celtic Cowboy Open Bluegrass Jam, Sundays, 5:00 pm
President’s Message

At the Memorial Weekend Campout, we all raised our glasses in a toast to our dear friend Dale Kerns. He was a special character and will be missed greatly. Also, we were saddened by the loss of our friend and bluegrass supporter Lou Erck. Our condolences go out to Phyllis and her family. Lou was a friend to all and a great supporter of our bluegrass association. What a loss.

On a happier note, we have just returned from the 2018 MRBA Campout in its new location up Hughes Creek, south of Darby. Everyone loved the beautiful campsite with lots of jammin', a campfire, bs’in', 4-wheelin', biking, hiking and eating. Many pix at www.facebook.com/mtbluegrass. This year the Association members voted to drop the steak feed and have a potluck instead. What a potluck it was! It might have even rivaled our Memorial Weekend Potluck. At this year’s campout, all attending members received a newly designed MRBA travel cup. They will be available for purchase from Dallas at the MRBA booth at Hardtimes.

Now it's time to start getting ready for the special 10th Hardtimes Bluegrass Festival on July 27-29. We are excited to have eleven bands from Kentucky, Florida, Idaho, Oregon, and Montana. See our full-page ad in this issue. Hope to see you all there!

Wowie--Zowie--- Mike (and the boss - Tari)

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MONTANA ROCKIES BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
Membership Application

Date__________________ Last Name __________________________ First Name __________________________
Mailing Address________________________________________ City______________________
State__________Zip Code_______________Phone #____________________
E-mail__________________________________________________Individual ($10.00) ____ Family ($15.00) ____

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Please mail your application to: MRBA, PO Box 1306, Missoula, MT 59806
MRBA Festival CD
The brand spanking new MRBA Festival CD for 2018 is finished and features one song from each of the 18 bands that performed at this year’s Festival.
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Ten Years of the Best Bluegrass in Montana

This year is the special 10th anniversary of the Hardtimes Bluegrass Festival. This affordable, three-day, family friendly festival is nestled in the trees atop a ridge ten miles south of Hamilton and is gearing up for an unbelievable celebration of FUN, FRIENDS, and BLUEGRASS MUSIC.

Mike and Traci Conroy had a vision to create the “old time, 1930s, feet” of a fun, family-friendly music festival right here in the mountains of Montana. They imagined campers surrounding the stage in an awesome mountain setting. In 2009, with $2000, hard work, and the support of friends, their dream came true with the launch of the first Hardtimes Bluegrass Festival...and it has just gotten better every year since.

From that first time the festival has blossomed into a wonderful event and more than the Conroys could ever have anticipated. Join Mike, Traci, friends, and great musicians from all around on July 27th through the 29th this year to celebrate a decade of bringing some of the best Bluegrass music in the Northern Hemisphere to the Bitterroot Valley. Both young and old musicians gather in the last best place for good music and good fun.

Eleven bands will perform this year, from as far away as Kentucky and even Florida. They will grace the old style stage and play the old way, on one microphone that is powered by a generator back in the woods. Also FEATURED will be 5 Bluegrass Pioneers from around the Northwest on Saturday at 6 P.M., Bluegrass Band contest Saturday at 5 P.M., Bluegrass Gospel Sunday morning, Kids In Bluegrass Saturday at noon, food vendors on site, camping and too much FUN to mention.

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Conroy Memorial Day Campout 2018

Jammin’ in the Pines

Phillip and Peter Silcher

Mando Buddies (Ann & Anne)

Pot Luck To Go for the Stobies

Tari - Biscuits and Gravy Time

Jammin’ off the Grid
MRBA Annual Campout—2018

Landen Playin’ Fiddle for Copper

Chow Line

Dogs Rule at this Campout (Salty Dog)

Ben Getting Ready to Cook Something Good

Mark and Mike Say Hello

Anne, Debbie, Tari, and Bobbi Being Creative
In Memory of Dale Kerns

Tari is holding a picture of our buddy Dale Kerns as 110 friends raise a goodbye toast to a legend at his memorial at the Bluegrass Campout.

In Memory of Lou Erck

MRBA sends condolences to Phyllis and her family regarding the loss of their dad, Lou Erck. For many years, Lou and Ruby’s Inn have hosted the annual Christmas party, the winter bluegrass jams, and the Ruby Jewel Jamboree. It was always great to say hello to Lou at breakfast and see his wonderful smile. We shared many laughs, stories, and good memories at these events. Thanks Lou. We will miss you.
Old Home Place
(This song is by The Dillards and appears on the album Back Porch Bluegrass (1963))

G        B7       C       G
It's been ten long years since I left my home
D
In the hollow where I was born.
G        B7       C       G
Where the cool fall nights make the wood smoke rise,
D       G
And a fox hunter blows his horn.

I fell in love with a girl from the town
I thought that she would be true.
I ran away to Charlottesville
and worked in a sawmill or two.

(Chorus)
D       G
What have they done to the old home place,
A       D
why did they tear it down?
G        B7       C       G
And why did I leave the plow in the field,
D       G
and look for a job in the town.

Well, the girl ran off with somebody else
the taverns took all my pay.
And here I stand where the old home stood
before they took it away.

Now the geese fly south and the cold wind moans
as I stand here and hang my head.
I've lost my love, I've lost my home
and now I wish that I was dead.

Also performed by: J.D Crowe and the New South, IIIrd Time Out, Tony Rice, Ricky Skaggs
18th Annual

TRUMBLE CREEK
BLUEGRASS CAMPOUT

September 21 – 23

4260 Trumble Creek Road

Columbia Falls, Montana

Directions:

• From Highway 2: Go west on Highway 40 at the Blue Moon intersection.
• From Highway 93: Go east on Highway 40 a bit over 3 miles.
• From Highway 40, go south on Trumble Creek Road. Go about ½ mile.

Saturday Night Potluck 6 p.m.

And

Sunday Morning
During your next stay in Missoula
or
When planning your next event

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