



BLUEGRASS Clippings

May 2013

Yellowstone Bluegrass Association

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ACTIVITIES

Friday Night Jams
 End on May 31st

MEMBERSHIP DUES
 \$15/person or \$25/Family
 Full time Students are dues
 exempt

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Bluegrass Jamming – Make it a Day...June 29th

**MOLT – PRAIRIE WINDS
 BLOWOUT-** thank you to the
 Urfers for their support of
 Bluegrass!

Molt Community Center

Saturday Morning
 Food Available....Bring your
 lawn chairs.

Local Bands Performing:

- Spur of the Moment
- Highway 302
- Maverick String Stretchers
- Longtime Lonesome Dogs
- South Bound
- Cold Frosty Morning
- Bluegrass for Breakfast

BONES GRASSROOTS MUSIC FEST

BLUEGRASS & ROOTS MUSIC • DANCING • BREW • SPIRITS • BBQ

BONES BREWING PRESENTS

BILLINGS GRASSROOTS MUSIC FEST

JUNE 29 2013
 All-DAY All-NIGHT
 10am-10pm outdoor stage
 10pm-late call indoor stage
 Gate opens at noon

Tickets available SOON at:
 Bones, Ernie November
 or online: Buy Online
 \$15 advanced - \$18 day of show
 \$25 VIP limited seating call: 406-839-9221

Chuck Mead & His Grassy Knoll Boys
Glumxlovers
Ted Ness and the Rusty Nails
The Bridaer Creek Boys **Dodax Mountain Men**
Maverick Strins Stretchers
Jaded Ladies **Cosmic Roots Duo** **Kemmick Bros**

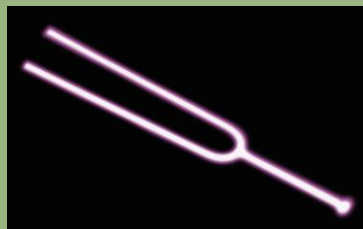
YES! folding chairs, sun screen, hats, smiles
 NO! backpacks, coolers, non-Bones food or beverages, video taping, frowns
 all ages* outside till 10pm - 21+ after 10pm inside
 *Under 21 must be accompanied by an adult.

With a little help from our friends!
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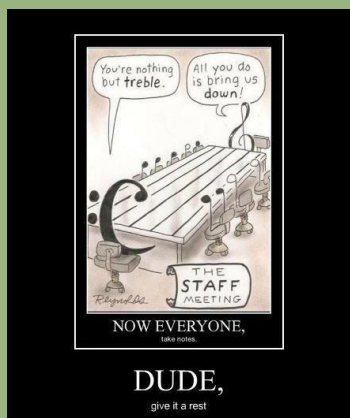
Yellowstone Bluegrass Association Midwinter Jam by Ed Pierson

(If you wish to sing this, use the melody to "Turkey in the Straw".
 The Unitarian Fellowship was the place to be
 The time was Saturday, February 23
 Olsons, Larsons, and Andersons where there
 playin' dat bluegrass with a Scandinavian flare
 The weather brought them in by 5s, and 3s, and 2s
 or maybe it was the vittles, PORK bbqed by "Blues".
 Well, we picked and we sang 'til it got rather late
 and many missed their TV shows which usually start at 8.
 Pick 'em on the ol' guitar
 The one's we love to hear
 Saw 'em on the fiddle
 Those melodies so dear
 Mark the date, don't be late, never shed a tear
 Let's plan, you know we can, to meet again next year.
 The End

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Time to FORK over your dues



Our annual YBA scholarship to send a young musician to Montana Fiddle Camp has been awarded to Drew Gerber. Some of you may have had a chance to play with Drew at our midwinter jam/BBQ. A number of us have heard Drew play guitar but he has an interest in other bluegrass instruments as well. Drew stays busy with school related interests but may find time to come to a jam or our summer picnic.

Lincoln Center jams, Friday evening, 7-9 p.m., continue to be popular after which many go to Hardee's Restaurant, 27th St, for ice cream and more bluegrass pickin'. The Friday evening crowd elected to continue meeting through the month of May. We will resume jams at the Lincoln when school begins in the Fall.

Local bluegrass events of note:

The "Molt Blowout", June 29, is a one-time event being held to honor Fran and Jerry Urfer who for many years hosted bluegrass bands on Saturday morning in their Prairie Winds Cafe. It will feature 7 local bluegrass bands, many members of which are associated with YBA. Breakfast begins at 7 and music starts about 8. Bring your lawn chairs and an instrument also as there could be some jamming. Lunch will be available.

YBA jam/BBQ, July 20, Riverfront Park in Billings, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.. Last year this event was attended by 35 pickers in a new location which was very congenial. There is room to spread out in smaller groups and cottonwoods provide welcome shade. BBQ is served later afternoon. All bluegrass pickers are welcome so bring your friends and your pickin' chair. If you have CDs, instruments, or other bluegrass related items you wish to trade or sell this is a good opportunity to reach a bunch of other pickers.

Many in our bluegrass community will miss the fine company and musicianship of Aron Strange who has passed away. Aron was the founder of

the Musicians Rendezvous held annually at Itch-kep-Pe Park in Columbus, Mt since 1990. The 2013 Musicians Rendezvous, Aug 9-11, will be held in Aron's memory and as a celebration of his life. Memorials may be given to The Musicians Rendezvous, Whitebird Community Center (c/o of Bill Calovis, 445A McNaley Rd, Columbus, Mt. 59019)

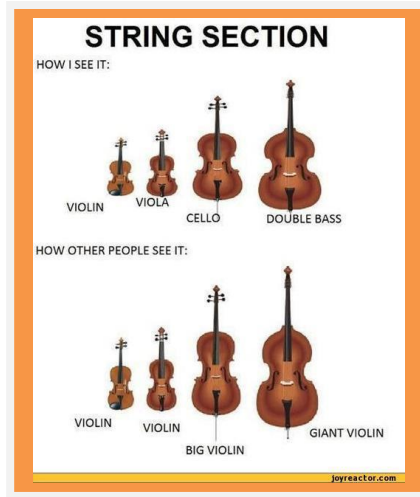
Barry Gum, has agreed to serve as chair of the nominating committee for YBA board members. Our annual election is not until early December. However, please give some thought to volunteering to represent your own bluegrass point of view on our board and visit with Barry.

Besides northern Wyo. events already listed in this newsletter there are jams, etc. all summer long. Ed Capen of Thermopolis, [307 921 8120](tel:3079218120), "Capen, Ed" <xyzfiddle@yahoo.com> will be happy to add you to his mailing list if you are not already on it.

If you haven't already done so, please take care of your membership renewal. Over the course of the year you receive back the cost of your membership in food!!

In addition, your membership helps fund our annual scholarship in which we send a young musician to Mt Fiddle Camp. You also receive a membership discount on concerts as well as the opportunity to help promote and keep our bluegrass music alive. You will meet and play music with unique and interesting people!

Please complete the form on the next page to accompany your dues so our membership list is current.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17 and June 7 Thermopolis Jam -Ed Capen
xyzfiddle@yahoo.com

June 2-7 & 9-14 Montana Fiddle Camp,
 Monarch, Mt
<http://www.montanafiddlers.org/camp.html>

June 29 Molt Blowout

June 29 Bones Grassroots Music Fest
<http://www.bonesbrewing.com/grassroots/>

July 12, 13, 14 Big Horn Mountain Festival,
 Buffalo, WY,
<http://www.bighornmountainfestival.com/>

July 20 YBA jam/BBQ, Riverfront Park, Billings

July 26,27,28 Hardtimes Bluegrass Festival, 10
 miles S. of Hamilton, Mt,
<http://hardtimesbluegrass.com/>

Aug. 2,3,4 Montana Old-time Fiddlers Picnic,
 Livingston, Mt. <http://fiddlerspicnic.blogspot.com/>

Aug 9,10,11 Musicians Rendezvous, Itch-kep-
 Pe Park, Columbus, Mt

Aug 16,17 Wyoming BBQ Championship
 and Bluegrass Festival, Worland, Wy.
<http://www.wyo-bbq-bluegrass.com/>

Sept 20,21,22 Miles City Bluegrass Festival,
 Miles City Mt
<http://www.milescitybluegrassfestival.com/>

Oct. 25 YBA Fall Showcase, Yellowstone Boys
 and Girls Ranch

.....from Alameda

If you're in the Billings area
WEDNESDAY MAY 22 stop in
 at the **M2B RANCH BED &
 BREAKFAST** for a house
 concert with **HANK CRAMER**
 and his side man **Rob Thran**.
 This WMA artist is **REALLY
 GOOD**. He's produced a
 number of cds and they are
 ones I listen to over and over.
DON'T MISS this opportunity
 to hear some outstanding
 music



Hank Cramer is one of the best-loved folk singers in the American West. He's known for his booming bass voice, smooth picking on a vintage flat-top guitar, and a wry sense of humor. Hank's repertoire is a mix of original, traditional, and contemporary folk songs. They tell the stories of cowboys, sailors, soldiers, miners, adventurers, and just plain doers. That fits with Hank's life story: he has been an underground miner, a professional soldier, thirty-year on a square-rigger sailing ship, wrangler for a high-country outfit, and a world traveler. Those experiences make Hank's music ring with a special authenticity.

MAY 22, 2013 7:00-9:00 PM
M2B Ranch Bed & Breakfast
 1650 Nahmis Ave. Huntley, MT
 Bring your lawn chair! Questions? 406-348-3282

Bulletin Board



Barry's Cleaning House
 (256-9182):

Martin (D12X1) 12 string
 \$450.

Martin HD28V \$2,400

Behringer Amp- 30 w,
 with 10" Jensen Spkr. \$75

**New bass Case with
 wheels for \$140.**

Fits 1/2 or 3/4 bass.

**Call/email LaLonnie at
 406-669-3218 or
laionnieidtheftlegal4u@yahoo.com**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yellowstone Bluegrass Association

P.O. Box 23143 - Billings, Mt. 59104

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Check One: Individual (\$15.00) _____ Family (\$25.00) _____

Instruments played _____

Dates of Interest for Calendar _____