



### Of Interest . . .

■ **Wanted: Graphic Designer! The Fireball Mail Newsletter**...the published publication of **SWBMAI** is looking for an interested person(s) to take on the position of volunteer Graphic Designer to create a bi-monthly newsletter similar in scope to this current publication in conjunction with our current volunteer editor Mary Helmke to help spread the "Bluegrass News" to the world-at-large (maybe over reaching a bit). Please contact Mary Helmke at 608-838-4852 or email: helmkemi@verizon.net. Paul Kienitz, the current designer, is willing to help with the "passing of the torch" in anyway possible to make a smooth transition.

■ **2007 SWBMAI Jamboree- Mark your calendar!**

April 21, 2007 - 1pm - 8pm, High Noon Saloon, 701 E. Washington Ave. Madison, WI  
 The Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association will be holding its 2007 Jamboree on April 21 from 1pm to 8pm at the High Noon Saloon in Madison. We had a great time last year at the High Noon Saloon last year and we are looking forward to a this year's full day of great music, meeting musicians, fans and members. There will be more information coming your way in the next issue of Fireball Mail.

■ **2007 Bean Blossom /bluegrass Festival - Not too early to plan!**

The 41st Bill Monroe Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for June 9-16, 2007. Our intrepid Bruce Nichols is volunteering again to help coordinate plans for Wisconsin bluegrassers to attend. He will help arrange lodging, reservations and all of the other details that come in for a wonderful time like this. To confirm the information, go to [www.beanblossom.com](http://www.beanblossom.com). To contact Bruce, call 608-273-4807.

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Every 3rd Sunday: **Sparetime Bluegrass Band**, 4-7pm, Hody Bar, 1914 Aurora St., Middleton, WI

Every Sunday: **The Weary Traveler**, 2-4pm, 3201 Williamson St., Madison, WI. Performance/jam hosted by Arvid

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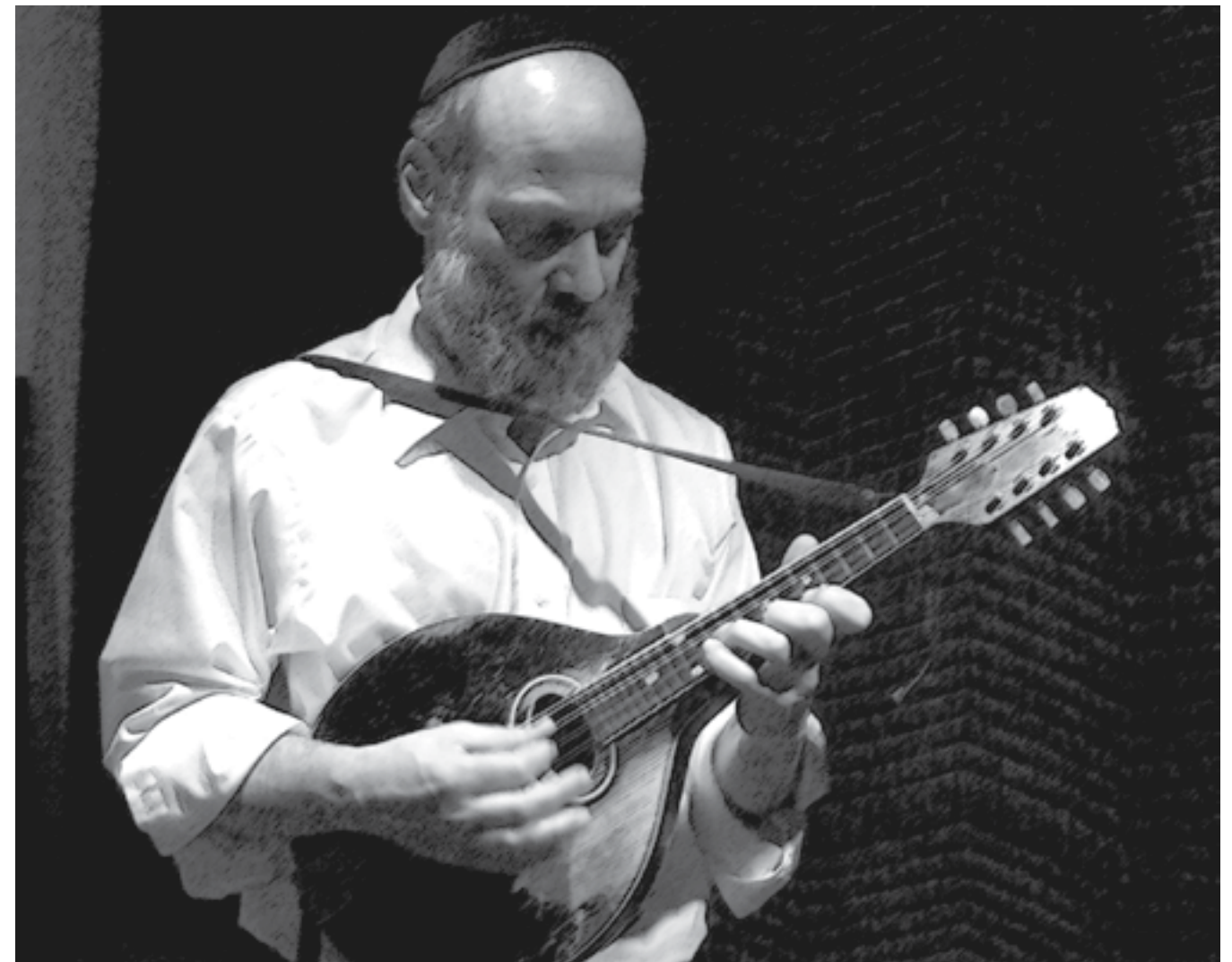
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# Andy Statman - Mandolin Virtuoso!

**In Madison Feb. 4th** (see article...pg. 3)

**In This Issue: Heritage Concert Photo Album, "Round the Bend...calendars, reviews, announcements and more!**



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# Fireball Mail

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## Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association, Inc.

The SWBMAI is a non-profit educational organization devoted to the preservation and promotion of bluegrass music, and supported by the volunteer efforts of its members.

### SWBMAI Mission Statement:

The SWBMAI mission as stated in the by-laws:

- 1) To promote bluegrass music and musicians
- 2) To bring together persons of all ages who enjoy singing, playing and listening to bluegrass music
- 3) To hold regular bluegrass jam sessions
- 4) To publicize information about bluegrass concerts and festivals
- 5) To promote family weekend camping with bluegrass music
- 6) To help younger persons obtain instruments and instruction in bluegrass music
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### Editors Note . . .

Here is the start of a new year. In upcoming issues, you will be reading about our annual Jamboree, jams in the area, concerts, events and festivals.

There is a new feature in the Fireball Mail, starting with this issue. We have had several people request an area where information could be sent out to Bluegrass folks. So, we have the Fireball Mail Bulletin Board. Not a fancy name, but it pretty much describes what it is. Send bluegrass specific information to me via my e-mail or mailing address. Send your information with your contact specifics to have someone get in touch with you. This is for lessons, instruments, teaching, looking for musicians in your area for band work, whatever would be a bluegrass concern. Because this is through the Fireball Mail and I am responsible for the contents, I reserve the right to crop or not run an entry if I feel it is not suitable.

We are saying thank you to two people who have been instrumental in our Association. Carolyn Hegeler and Nancy Nikora have decided to retire from being active SWBMAI board members. If you run into them at concerts, festivals, jams or just out and about, please be sure to thank them for their hard work for such a long time. As you will see in the articles, their contributions have been very important for our membership area.

There is a general election for the board coming up in March. Please send nomination ideas to Doug Hodge, Ellis Bauman or me to be able to put them on the list. We will be keeping you informed about a lot of information which would interest you in coming months both via the Fireball Mail and the SWBMAI website.

Also I would like to announce that our newsletter graphic designer, Paul Kienitz, is looking to "pass the torch" and move on from his newsletter duties. Paul has been filling this position for 3 years and is ready to give this opportunity to another interested person(s) willing to take on the challenge of getting out the "bluegrass news" to you folks. See the "Of Interest..." section on the back page for info.

Thanks, Mary

### CONCERT ALERT!

## Andy Statman will be performing with Jerry Wicentowski and Lucky Break in Madison!



Yes, **Andy Statman**-mandolin virtuoso, will be performing with **Jerry Wicentowski** and **Lucky Break** at the **Wilmar Center**, 953 Jenifer Street in Madison on February 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Statman became known as a mandolin virtuoso in the 1970's as part of the seminal group Country Cooking, which included Pete Wernick, Tony Trischka, Ken Kosek, and Russ Barenburg. This group and others was part of the newgrass movement of the era. Statman was equally adept at jazz and bluegrass. In the 1980's he became a force in the klezmer revival movement. His ability to move easily through what one would consider dissimilar musical genres lends a depth to his performing sensibility. He draws on the "ancient tones" of several cultures, smashing through critic-created barriers between musical forms. All-in-all this could prove to be a very interesting evening of music. -*Jim Robarts*

A Mandolin Workshop with Andy Statman will be offered in conjunction with the evening concert. This is a great opportunity to spend a few hours with a master bluegrass musician. (Workshop Info: nancy@blue-note.com or call 233-0150)



## In Print ...

### Bluegrass Music Profiles Magazine Introduces 1st Annual Women In Bluegrass Issue

Features interviews with Rhonda Vincent, Claire Lynch, Alecia Nugent, Dale Ann Bradley and many more! Nicholasville, KY - **Bluegrass Music Profiles (BMP)** magazine's November-December 2006 issue honors the Women In Bluegrass. This first-annual issue features a cover interview with seven-time IBMA Female Vocalist **Rhonda Vincent**. Rhonda discusses her new Christmas album as well as how she looks at the controversy created by her *All American Bluegrass Girl* CD cover.

The issue also features an in-depth discussion with **Claire Lynch** in which she opens up about the reasons for her absence from touring and recording and why she named her new project *New Day*.

**Dale Ann Bradley** and **Alison Brown** detail their involvement with Compass Records; **Alecia Nugent** talks about her background, favorite singers and recent projects; IBMA Bass Player of the Year **Missy Raines** offers glimpses into her bass influences, plans for the future and where she got her 1937 Kay bass; **Martha Adcock** explains why her and husband Eddie are excited to have their own studio; **Sandy Cherryholmes** reveals what's on her list of favorites; and The Daughters Of Bluegrass' **Dixie Hall** and **Lorraine Jordan** talk about the meaning and making of *Back to the Well*.

BMP's Fresh For The Pickin' record reviews section continues the all-girls theme and you'll find reviews on the latest projects by **Valerie Smith, Carrie Hassler, April Verch, Casey and Chris Henry, Heather Berry, Olivia Smiley, Adrienne Young, Ruby Jane, Misty River, Tonya Lowman, and The Lewis Family**, as well as the new ones by **Lorraine, Claire, and Dale Ann**.

Contact: [www.bluegrassmusicprofiles.com](http://www.bluegrassmusicprofiles.com) for Information



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( **Heritage Concert Responses** ...continued on pg. 6 )



## From the Board ...

### Thank You Carolyn and Nancy!!! From The Board and Members of the SWBMAI



Recently, SWBMAI received retirement letters from Carolyn Hegeler and Nancy Nikora.

Carolyn has been a strong advocate and supporter of bluegrass music in the area through-out her fifteen years as a board member. In addition to serving on the Board, including as President and Fireball Mail editor, she has written grants for SWBMAI and acted as our concert promoter and organizer on numerous occasions. All of this and playing with Round The Bend, too. There is no adequate way to convey our appreciation for her diligence, competence and professional handling of so many duties.

Nancy has not only served on our board and been contributing photographic masterpieces to the SWBMAI and the Fireball Mail

for over 9 years, she has also acted as our publicist many times, written press releases and sent material relating to the SWBMAI-sponsored concerts and other activities to several forms of media in the area.

Now both of these brilliant and talented ladies can have a lot more time to enjoy themselves even more. When you next see Carolyn and Nancy, remember to thank them for all of their hard work and congratulate them on all of the leisure time they have now.

### \* \* \* S o m e t h i n g N e w \* \* \*

#### The Bluegrass Bulletin Board

We are starting a new feature in the Fireball Mail. This is the bulletin board for the SWBMAI members to use to exchange Bluegrass information. Hence, the imaginative name.

This is for you to use to let people know that there are instruments on sale, bluegrass music instructors available for teaching, any services related to Bluegrass Music.

Merely contact me to get your information on The Bluegrass Bulletin Board.

Send me the information you have including your name, telephone number and e-mail address if you want. People will contact you directly with the information you send me: Mary Helmke, 608-838-7822, or [helmkemi@verizon.net](mailto:helmkemi@verizon.net) or 3418 Elvehjem Road, McFarland, WI.

The editor has the right to alter or refuse posting. This will be a posting area only.

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## Out and About . . .

### Jamming With Jim

Submitted by Jim Hodges

#### Spring Green General Store, Spring Green, WI

The Spring Green Jam is alive and well! On the second Saturday of the month at about 3 p.m., you can expect a lively group of pickers and singers led by Paul Bentzen, Mike Schmidt and others to lead a great round of Bluegrass classics.

The General Store where Todd, the owner, makes you feel like an honored guest is a great place to jam. The food is hot and well prepared. The smoke-free atmosphere is warm and friendly. And, if you're in the mood to shop, there's lots of interesting things to buy.

It's well worth the drive!

(137 S. Albany Street, Spring Green, WI, 608-588-7070  
www.springreengeneralstore.com)

#### Roxbury Tavern, Roxbury, WI

While it's no longer listed as an "official" jam in the Mail, the Roxbury Jam is beginning to show signs of renewed life. It has been on the 3rd. Saturday of the month for some time but participation fell off for awhile.

In the past several months however, things have picked up. Tom, the owner of the Roxbury Tavern is a great fan of Bluegrass. Spare-Time Bluegrass Band has called the Tavern home for a long time and plays there for various events.

Lately, the folks from Spring Green have been coming to

Roxbury (along with several others) in hopes of re-establishing the jam. The tavern has expanded the upper level where we usually play, providing room for plenty of people. The great food and local beers that Tom offers, as well as the smoke-free atmosphere, make it a great place to spend a Saturday afternoon. If you show up at 3 p.m. or so, you're likely to be part of a really good time.

Hopefully, the Roxbury Jam will once again become "the place to be" on the 3rd. Saturday!  
(On Kippley Road and County Y, Sauk City, 608-643-8434  
www.roxburytavern.com)

### Jamming In Black Earth

Information from Mary Gorman and Ellis Bauman

The second Friday each month Ron Poast (608-767-2276) hosts an old time music jam out at the Black Earth Bank, downstairs, from 1pm to around 4pm.

The jam was put in a local community paper in recent months and drew a nice size audience.

It is a circle jam with a traveling microphone. Each musician sings/performs a tune or passes and then the mic moves on to the next. Other musicians often play along if they feel they know or can follow, but don't generally take breaks. A number of the musicians are members of the Southern Wisconsin Old Time Fiddlers Association. The repertoire consists of a mix of bluegrass, old country/western, or old-timey. The playing schedule is on [www.ragtime88.com](http://www.ragtime88.com) under the SWOTFA listings.

### Sail with Friends!

Monroe Crossing invites you to escape the long cold winter and join us in the Bahamas, February 4-8, 2007, for the Bell Buckle Music Cruise. Leave your snow shovels behind and come sail with friends, pick some bluegrass, explore the islands of the Bahamas and relax in the Caribbean sun.

#### The Bands:

It's a Bluegrass Festival at Sea hosted by Valerie Smith & Liberty Pike, with The Lonesome River Band, Randy Kohrs & The Lites, Ernie Evans, Smokey Greene, The Riverbend Bluegrass Band, Swinging Bridge and Monroe Crossing.

#### The Ship:

We will be sailing on Carnival Cruise Line's SENSATION. The SENSATION is 855 feet and over 70 tons of boat. It can hold over 2000 people with a staff of 920.

As of two weeks ago, there were less than 40 rooms still available for the Bell Buckle Music Cruise, so we recommend you make your reservations immediately. Tickets from \$699 (double occupancy) include all concerts, workshops & jamming, all meals & shipboard activities. For reservations, call Celebration Travel at 800-426-1994, ask for the Bell Buckle Music Cruise, and be sure to tell them Monroe Crossing sent you.

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### House Concert for the Holidays

By Marilyn Carlen

House Concerts are an excellent way to gather with friends and other bluegrass enthusiasts, to really listen to the music, to get to know the artists and to enjoy a special late night jam. Jim and Nancy Nikora have hosted three since 2005, publicizing them variously in stores, on WORT, the web, e-mail lists and of course right here in the Fireball Mail. So they are not just private affairs -- YOU are welcome.

This holiday season, the Nikoras invited Dave Hull and Kari Larson to their new home, which can seat as many as 40 people. As the living room darkened and the track lighting spot-lighted the jolly duo, we noticed an artistic array of instruments: ukulele, mandolin, and archtop, flattop, Weissenborn, tenor, National, and piccolo guitars. So we settled in for a great two hour concert.

They played many familiar Christmas favorites, but with creativity and fun. The styles went from gentle and beautiful to foot-tapping energetic. They included tunes from Finland, Ireland and Italy. They sang and told stories, sometimes bantering about who had the bigger and bolder instrument. Have you ever heard a ukelele and mandolin swing together?

Dave and Kari who drove down from Minneapolis have been playing together since 1995. Dave is the veteran: a master flat and finger picker, a story-teller, a humorist, a collector of vintage instruments, and a wearer of bright shirts. He

has performed on stage or in the studio with Van Ronk, Utah Phillips, Doc Watson, Robin and Linda Williams, Paul Geremia, Spider John Koerner, Sally Rogers, and the Prairie Home Companion folks: Butch Thompson, Peter Ostroushko, and Garrison Keillor.

Kari studied classical guitar at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and later went into instrument building in Minnesota. She now lives in Wisconsin north of La Crosse. Her image, her intensity, her virtuosity as she rocked those Christmas songs, lingers in my mind. She was a real inspiration.

During a short break, while sipping wine, the 20 or so guests chatted with the musicians and made new musical acquaintances. Kari seemed modest with a sparkle, and happy with her eclectic life. She told me that she appreciates her musical friendship with Dave. Dave, in one of his interviews online said, "I have never felt a closer affinity to another musician. Kari is a brilliant and creative stylist who never ceases to amaze me."

The house concert experience was special. What a treat to sit just 10 feet away from all that energy! If you want to get on Nancy's email list to be notified of future events, let her know at nancy@blue-note.com.

What a way to enjoy our favorite music!

### Jefferson County Bluegrass to Play Stoughton Opera House!

Jefferson County Bluegrass with opening act The Krause Family will play the Stoughton Opera House on January 27, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 series/\$17 single and still available. Call for 608-877-4400 for info.

On a cold, wintery Wisconsin night, why not warm up with a spectacular dose of Bluegrass music at the Opera House? "The Jefferson County Bluegrass Band brings together some of the most accomplished area veterans of bluegrass music" (Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association newsletter). Firmly footed in the basic structures, techniques and traditions of bluegrass music, they bring to it their own unique sound. The members include Brian Cate, bass, Chris Faulkner, banjo, Doug Hodge, guitar, and Dale Ward, mandolin and dobro.

All members are accomplished singers and share the duties. Solid musicianship and tight harmonies have been the source for the band's success. The Jefferson County Bluegrass Band performs at fairs, festivals, club venues, special events and celebrations throughout the Midwest. They brought the house to its feet in last years performance at the Opera House with a breathtaking rendition of "Blue Moon of Kentucky" sung by mandolinist, Dale Ward. Jefferson County Bluegrass Band all have a great sense of devotion to bluegrass music. They respect its history and are trying to promote a solid place for it in the future. (Information from: www.stoughtonoperahouse.com)

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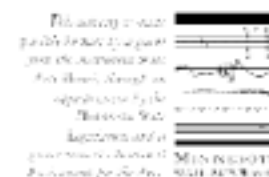
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### Getting Down to Business . . .

#### Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2006

**Present:** Doug Hodge, Ellis Bauman, Catherine Rhyner, Carolyn Hegeler, Mary Helmke, Nancy Nikora, Sandy Nowack and Sharon Manion

**Regrets:** Jon Peik

**Absent:** Jim Maginnis, and Mike Schmidt

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m. by Doug.  
The minutes from the September 5, 2006 meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's report had been distributed via email prior to the meeting by Jon for the board's review. The Heritage Budget was removed from this report and with this adjustment the association's total assets was reported as \$8,974.86 as September 30, 2006.

Catherine introduced Brian Ray who was interested in becoming a board member. Doug made a motion to accept Brian as our newest board member which was seconded by Catherine and unanimously approved by the board.

Carolyn distributed and reviewed the Heritage Concert report which included:

Total expenses: \$15,300.00. (This included a breakdown of what has been paid as of September 5, 2006 with a balance to be paid of \$13,789.97.)

Income: \$9624.47. (This includes the \$2500 from the DCCAC grant, \$3545 from sponsors, ads, tickets and \$3579.47 balance in the Heritage Concert account.

Total remaining to be raised: \$4165.50

Projected income: \$6,000.00 (packages, sponsors/ads, ticket sales)

Carolyn also went over additional notes on deadline dates, lunch menu and asked for volunteers for the October 21 Heritage Concert. **Nancy and Catherine volunteered to sell supper during break, Sandy offered to assist with taking tickets during the day and assist as needed. Doug will welcome everyone, make introductions, announce end/beginning of each part of the event and thank all sponsors and advertisers. Nancy will provide a draft script for Doug to use for the introduction. Ellis will provide the wording for Mayor Dave's proclamation. Carolyn will check with the Lussier Center to see when we can get into the building to set up for the event and will report back to the board. Carolyn will also send weekly email to the board members with updates on the Heritage ticket sales.**

Sandy made a motion to transfer \$2500.00 from the SWBMAI account into the Heritage Concert account. This was seconded by Mary followed by discussion. It was felt that if we matched the DCCAC grant money with our own money this would be beneficial when apply for future grants and therefore unanimously approved by the board.

Marilyn provided a review of the September 23 picnic/jam. The event was well attended and everyone had a good experience. **Marilyn will submit an article for the Fireball mail with details of the event.**

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## Lots of Jams ... Sept.-Oct. 2006 *Call ahead just to be sure. For a great jam, bring your pickin' pals!*

Every Monday  
**Dry Bean Saloon**, 6:30-10:30pm, 5264 Verona Rd., Madison, WI (608-752-6321 or dhodge@merr.com) Host: Doug Hodge

**Newgrass Jam**, 6-10pm, Bar Next Door, 222 E. Olin Ave. Madison, WI - just off John Nolen Drive next to Jingles. Host: Spencer Walts (Info: eyewerks@tds.net)

Every Tuesday:  
**Learner Jam at The Coliseum Bar**, 232 E. Olin Ave. Madison, WI 7-10pm, Just off John Nolen Drive. SWBMAI sponsored instruction on first Tuesday, 7:30-9pm by Jon Peik, \$5.00 donation for instructor requested. Other weeks are facilitated without charge. (Info: Catherine 608-835-8117 or helmkeml@verizon.net)

Every Wednesday  
**Northland Ballroom**, 8-11pm, HWY 49 (at CTY C) between Rosholt & Iola, WI (715-884-6996 or 715-677-3491) Hosts: Art & Stephanie Stevenson with Dale Reichert

**Emily's Restaurant**, 8-11pm, Cedar Creek, WI. (262-677-0138 or www.emilysrestaurant.com)

Every Saturday  
**Culvers**, 1-4:30 pm Acoustic Music Jam Session, Culvers, Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN. Free (Barb 763-784-7881 or www.MinnesotaBluegrass.org)

**Escape Java Joint & Gallery**, 8pm - midnight, 916 Williamson St., Madison, WI (608-255-0997), Host: Stephen Lee Rich

1st Saturday  
**Riley Tavern**, 2pm, 8205 Klevenville-Riley Rd., Mt. Horeb, WI (608-845-9150) Take CTH PD to CTH J between Mt. Horeb & Verona. Host: Archie Lowman

1st Sunday  
**Orfordville American Legion**, 12pm-6pm. Orfordville, WI (608-897-4286) On Hwy 213 S, just south of Hwy 11. Please note the December date is December 10, January is January 7, 2007. (Last jam will be June 3, 2007, to restart in Oct.) Host: Fritz Jaggi

**Life Spring Coffee Shop**, 1-4pm, 7578 Hwy 51, Minocqua, WI. Host: Rich Gadow (715-588-9498) (www.headforthe-dome.com)

2nd Saturday  
**R.H. Landmark Saloon**, 3pm, 138 S. Main St. Jefferson, WI. Host: John Short (920-563-7441)

2nd Saturday  
**Spring Green General Store**, 3-6 pm, 137 S. Albany St., Spring Green, WI. Host: Paul Bentzen (608-588-7070 or www.springgreengeneralstore.com)

2nd Sunday  
**Hazelhurst (Yawkey) Town Hall**, 1-5pm, Hwy 51, Hazelhurst, WI. Host: Keith Justice (715-356-3793)

**Borders Books-Milwaukee Jam**, 2-5pm, River Point Shopping Center, Bayside, WI. (414-961-0660) Take I-43, exit Brown Deer Rd.

2nd & 4th Sunday  
**Park View Manor**, 1:30-4pm, Rock St., Viroqua, WI (except December) (David Peterson 608-637-3820)

2nd & 4th Thursday  
**Books 'N Brew**, 7-9pm, Milton, WI. (608-868-3371, Maureen)

2nd and 4th Friday  
**Harmony Bar Open Jam with The StringRays**, 9:30 pm, 2201 Atwood Ave. Madison, WI (608-249-4333) Hosts: The StringRays

3rd Saturday  
**Grove Bar & Restaurant**, 1-5pm, Poplar Grove, IL, fiddler@direcway.com) Host: Poplar Grove Jam Band

3rd Sunday  
**Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts**, 1-4pm, 208 S. Chestnut Ave., Marshfield, WI. Host: Roman Stauber and Max Winkels (715-676-2305 or maxwinkels@commplus.net or stauber.roman@marshfieldclinic.org)

3rd Tuesday  
**Hartland Music**, 7-9 pm, 1125 James Dr., Harland WI. off Hwy 83, just south of Hwy 16 (rwschwartz@aol.com)

Last Sunday  
**Tom's Garage**, 1-5pm, Appleton, WI (920-882-2183 or www.toms-garage.com) Host: The Acoustic Buffalo.

Last Monday  
**Fellowship Hall of United Methodist Church-Acoustic Music Jam Session**, 7-10 pm, 4405 Oakland Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN Free, (Roy 612-822-1926 or www.MinnesotaBluegrass.org)

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Doug provided an update on the East Troy SWBMAI table. The table took in approximately 6 new memberships and had lots of interest in our association and the Heritage Concert.

Email protocol was discussed next with a reminder that whenever appropriate if someone sends email to all board members you should only respond to the sender and not back to all. The sender will compile the responses and distribute to the board if it is felt to be important information for everyone to know.

Mary reported that been contacted to have an area in our newsletter to post buy and sell and miscellaneous items. During our discussion it was felt that this "bulletin board" should be used only for bluegrass specific information. **Mary will draft an introduction that would be placed in the Fireball and share with the board members. This topic will be discussed further at our November meeting. At that meeting Brian will also share ideas about a web site forum area.**

**Catherine will send out a list of our current SWBMAI members to the board.**

Finally, we had an informal discussion on future ideas of SWBMAI events and answered questions from the new board members. **It was felt that the board needed a half day working meeting to work some of the following:**

- 1. Establish Budget**
- 2. 2007 Jamboree**
- 3. How to get ourselves better organized**

**The following agenda items were tabled:**

- **Publicizing to our members/community future SWBMAI events**
- **Tax status change 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3)**
- **Future Sunday afternoon concerts/jams**
- **Membership discount cards**
- **Membership email list**

The **next meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Coliseum Bar.** All board members should come prepared with ideas for the location and possible dates of our 2007 Jamboree and a list of pros and cons of the locations. We also should **come with some possible dates for our half day working meeting** which should be held early in January at the latest.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Manion, SWBMAI Secretary

## Mark Your Calendars - Doc Watson in Madison!

Don't miss the **Doc Watson** with the "Hills of Home" featuring **Richard Watson** and **David Holt**, Saturday, May 19, 2007, 8:00 PM at Overture Hall, 501 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Hills of Home is an exciting musical evening with Doc Watson, Richard Watson and David Holt. The show presents folk tunes and mountain wisdom from living legend Doc Watson and storyteller-musician David Holt. The concert draws from the CD, Legacy, which was honored with a Grammy Award for Best Traditional Folk Recording in 2002. "We cover the gamut of mountain musical traditions from old-time to bluegrass, from ballads to blues," says Holt. "It is particularly fun for me because I get to play not only banjo, but slide guitar and throw in a little hambone as well." Doc's soulful singing and signature guitar playing highlight this great down-to-earth show.

**Children under the age of six will not be admitted to this performance.**

**Tickets are \$30, \$27, \$24** (Information: [www.overturecenter.com](http://www.overturecenter.com))





## Band Membership ...

The SWBMAI band membership category was introduced in 2001 in an effort to promote local bands.

For an annual fee of \$100, band members receive:

- Two times a year, a list from the Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau, of future conventions in the Madison area
- Exposure on the SWBMAI website (band profile, audio sampling)
- Band listing and contact information in each issue of Fireball Mail
- Rotating band profile in Fireball Mail
- One subscription to Fireball Mail

### Current Band Members

**Above the Town** – Jerry Loughney; 262-510-1128, jerry@abovethetown.com

**Cream City Bluegrass** – Andrew Struthers; 262-754-1397, creamcitybluegrass@hotmail.com

**Jefferson County Bluegrass Band** – Doug Hodge; 608-752-6321 or 608-201-2032, dhodge@merr.com

**Monroe Crossing** – Art Blackburn; 763-213-1349, art@monroecrossing.com

**Round the Bend** – Fred Newmann; 608-238-6863, fnewmann@wisc.edu

**Sawdust Symphony** – Jeff Kramer; jkramer14@wi.rr.com

**Sparetime Bluegrass Band** – Bob Batyko; 608-575-9945, bob@sparetimebluegrass.com

**Whippoorwill** – Robbie Hunsinger; 773-774-5509, whippoorwill@kellykessler.com

### Featured Band: **Round the Bend**

Based in Madison, Wisconsin since 2000, Round the Bend blends Bluegrass, Old-Timey, and Western Swing in captivating versions of traditional songs that evoke nostalgia, love lost and found, and barn-dancing fun. Spirited vocals, tight harmonies, inventive instrumentals and down-home humor have delighted audiences of all ages at parties, festivals, community concerts, weddings, and senior centers. Tailoring selection of tunes to hosts' requests, the band offers concert-style shows or low-profile background music.

**Sherry Crownhart**, mandolin, has performed with Just Friends, the Wildwood, and Bluegrass Caravan. Her vocals reflect diverse styles in country music.

**Mike Cunningham** (top photo), upright bass, has performed with Just Friends, The Bluegrass Survivors, Turtle Creek cajun and string band and Bluegrass notables Vassar Clements, Benny Martin, Bill Harrel, and Curtis Burch. **Don Engelhart**, guitar, is best known for his music with the local group Just Friends where he played banjo and pedal steel. Don also enjoys classical music and jazz. **Carolyn Hegeler**, plays melodic and Scruggs-style banjo. A long-time student of banjo legend Alan Munde, Carolyn has also studied with Craig Smith. **Doug Hodge** (bottom photo), upright bass, is also guitarist and a vocalist with The Jefferson County Bluegrass Band. A solo performer for many years, he organized Harlan County Bluegrass Band and Lickety Split. **Fred Newmann**, fiddle, has studied with Laurie Lewis, Byron Berline and Fletcher Bright. His musical interests have evolved from classical to Dixieland, swing, and bluegrass.

Contact: Fred Newmann, 608-238-6863, fnewmann@wisc.edu



## 2007 Festivals/Camps/Workshops ...

### California

Jan. 19-21 - **Blythe Bluegrass Festival**, Blythe CA

July 22-28 – **San Diego Strings Conference**, San Diego, CA (Info: www.markoconnor.com)

### Colorado

June 21-24 – **Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Telluride**, CO (Info: www.bluegrass.com)

July 27-29 – **Rockygrass Bluegrass Academy**, Lyons CO (Info: www.bluegrass.com)

### Illinois

May 26 - 27 - **Memorial Weekend Bluegrass Festival at Rockome Gardens**, Arcola, IL (Info: www.bluegrassmidwest.com or 217-268-4106 or 217-243-3159)

June 8-9 - **6th Annual Three Sisters Park Bluegrass Festival**, Chillicothe, IL (Info: www.bluegrassmidwest.com, camping: 309-274-8837, Band: 217-243-3159)

August 18-19 - **13th Annual Bluegrass Festival at Rockome Gardens**, Arcola, IL (Info: www.bluegrassmidwest.com or 217-268-4106 or 217-243-3159)

November 9-11 - **21st Annual Greater Downstate Indoor Bluegrass Music Festival and Guitar Show**, Crowne Plaze Hotel, Springfield, IL. (Info: www.bluegrassmidwest.com, Hotel res: 217-529-7777, Festival: 217-243-3159)

### Michigan

June 1-3 - **Midwest Banjo Camp**, East Lansing, MI (Info: www.midwestbanjocamp.com, info@midwestbanjocamp.com)

### Minnesota

Feb. 18 – **Lonely Pines Concert Series featuring Chris Stuart & Backcountry**, 3pm, Blue Heron Café, Winona, MN (Info: 800-635-3037 or www.MinnesotaBluegrass.org)

March 2-4 - **MBOTMA's Winter Bluegrass Weekend**, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 3131 Campus Dr, Plymouth MN 55441 (Info: contact: www.MinnesotaBluegrass.org or Jed Malischke, PO Box 16408, Minneapolis MN 55416, 800-635-3037)

June 1-3 - **Minnesota Homegrown Kickoff**, El Rancho Mañana Campground, 27302 Ranch Rd, Richmond MN 56368 (Info: contact: Jed Malischke, PO Box 16408, Minneapolis MN 55416, 800-635-3037, www.MinnesotaBluegrass.org)

August 9-12 - **Minnesota Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival**, El Rancho Mañana Campground, 27302 Ranch Rd, Richmond MN 56368 (Info: contact: Jed Malischke, PO Box 16408, Minneapolis MN 55416, 800-635-3037, www.MinnesotaBluegrass.org)

### Missouri

Jan 12-14 – **33rd Annual SPBGMA Bluegrass Music Awards**, Jefferson City, MO (Info: www.spbgma.com)

Feb 23-25 – **17th Annual Gateway City Indoor Bluegrass Music Festival**, St. Louis, MO (Info: www.bluegrassmidwest.com)

### Oregon

August 12-17 - **Bluegrass at the Beach**, Nehalem, OR (Info: www.bluegrassatthebeach.com)

### Tennessee

June 24-27 – **Tennessee Fiddle Camp**, Montgomery Bell Park, Burns, TN (www.markoconnor.com)

### Texas

July 22-27 – **Camp Bluegrass**, Levelland, TX (Info: www.campbluegrass.com/)

### Washington

September 7-9 - **American Banjo Camp**, Fort Flagler, WA (Info: www.langston.com/ABC/)

**2007 Festivals/Camps/Workshops ... continued on pg.?**



### Wisconsin

August 3-4 - **4th Annual Sugar Maple Traditional Music Festival**, Lake Farm County Park, Madison, WI  
(Info: [www.fourlakesmusic.org](http://www.fourlakesmusic.org) or 608-227-8685)

### West Virginia

July 29- Aug. 3 - **Augusta Heritage Center Bluegrass Week Workshop**, Elkins, WV (Info: [www.augustaheritage.com](http://www.augustaheritage.com) or 1-800-624-3157)

## New Recordings ...

-**Pinecastle Records** has just released "**Essential Bluegrass - Bluegrass Gospel**" (PRC 4008), a compilation CD featuring the Adcocks performing "Standing In The Need Of Prayer", as well as labelmates the Osborne Brothers, Larry Stephenson and more. Look for it at [www.pinecastle.com](http://www.pinecastle.com), at the Music Shed, or any other good bluegrass-gettin' place.

-Just released is **Bill & Maggie Anderson's** brand new CD, "**Going Home to the Fold**", on the Vintage Acoustic Music label. The project, with songs and tunes new and old, was produced by **Eddie & Martha** and recorded at Wes Easter's **Eastwood Studios** in Cana VA, and mastered at **Benny Quinn Mastering** in Franklin TN. Check their website, [www.vintageacoustic.cc](http://www.vintageacoustic.cc).

-NASHVILLE, TN - **The Skylighters** is the self-titled release by this stellar band made up of members of the acclaimed East Nashville group **Last Train Home** (Eric Brace, Jim Gray, Martin Lynds), along with bluegrass legends **Mike Auldridge** and **Jimmy Gaudreau**. Dobro great **Mike Auldridge** says, "Working in the Skylighters band is most fun I've had in years... I get to play *pedal steel and dobro*, and

even get to sing a bit. Our new CD always makes me smile when it turns up in my car's CD player rotation." For more information or to buy a copy of the record, drop a line to P.O. Box 68417, Nashville, TN, 37206 or e-mail at [mail@redbeetrecords.com](mailto:mail@redbeetrecords.com) or visit Red Beet Records <http://www.redbeetrecords.com/>

**Monroe Crossing** proudly announces the release of their 7th CD, "**Into The Fire**". This is Monroe Crossing's 2nd all-gospel recording The title track was written by fiddler and lead vocalist Lisa Fuglie. Each song presented here has a message which can vary for every listener. "Into The Fire"

also features "He Did Rise" by Monroe Crossing bass ist Mark Anderson, "Get Thee Behind Me" by Minnesota songwriter Mary Henderson, some traditional favorites, and the music of Gillian Welch, Don Reno, Pat Enright, Ronnie Bowman, Terry Smith and of course, Bill Monroe. CDs are \$15 each, with free shipping. Order online at [www.conroecrossing.com](http://www.conroecrossing.com) or by mailing a check made payable to Monroe Crossing to: Art Blackburn, 17625 Argon St. NW, Ramsey, MN 55303.

**Jack Cooke's "Sittin' on Top of the World"** (Pinecastle Records) new CD will released in February of 2007. Jack Cooke is the consummate sideman. A mainstay of the Baltimore/Washington DC bluegrass scene, and a former member of the Blue Grass Boys, he has, for over 30 years, played bass with Ralph Stanley. He was asked by producer Jim Lauderdale to record his own album. The result of their collaboration is a strong example of traditional bluegrass.

The only new song is "That's how the Cookie Crumbles", all the rest are bluegrass and country standards. Though there is nothing new in the song choice the execution is excellent. Much of the album sounds somewhat Ralph Stanley, thanks to the banjo work of Steve Sparkman who has played Ralph's three-finger banjo parts for the last few years. He sounds more like Ralph than Ralph.

However the use of Mike Bub on bass, Rob McCoury on mandolin, and Jason Carter on fiddle brings a more syncopated surge in the rhythm and is a nice counterpoint to Sparkman's on-the-beat banjo. The music really shines when Ron McCoury takes over banjo and Del McCoury sings harmony on "Dark Hollow" and "On and On". These are the two best cuts on the album.

Included are two cuts done in 1963 showcasing Cooke's voice as it was then. It doesn't sound as if he has lost much over the years. All-in-all Jack Cooke's solo effort, "Sittin' on Top of the World", is a wonderful romp through traditional bluegrass.



### January

- 13 **Monroe Crossing**, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs Showcase, Bloomington, MN
- 14 **Above The Town**, 12-4 pm, Volo Bog Nature Area Winterfest
- 19 **Monroe Crossing**, 8 pm, Bluegrass Mass with VocalEssence, Trinity Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN
- 20 **Monroe Crossing**, 8 pm, Bluegrass Mass with VocalEssence, Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis, MN
- 20 **Jefferson County Bluegrass**, 7:30 pm, Rockford, IL
- 20 **Above The Town**, 7-10 pm, Bluegrass at The Quarry, Byron, IL
- 21 **Sparetime Bluegrass**, 4-7pm, Hody Bar, Middleton, WI
- 27 **Monroe Crossing**, 7:30 pm, Miles Reif Performing Arts Center with Not Necessarily Bluegrass, Grand Rapids, MN
- 27 **Jefferson County Bluegrass with opening act: The Krause Family**, 7:30pm, Stoughton Opera House, Stoughton, WI Tickets: \$15 series/\$17single. (Info: 608-877-4400)
- 27 **Sparetime Super Bowl Sunday**, 3-5 pm, Roxbury Tavern, Roxbury, WI
- 28 **Monroe Crossing**, 3 pm, Backus Auditorium with Sloughgrass, International Falls, MN

### February

- 1 **Monroe Crossing**, 9 pm, with Big Spike Hammer, The Redlight Cafe, Atlanta, GA
- 4-8 **Monroe Crossing**, Bell Buckle Music Cruise
- 8 **Sawdust Symphony at Swanp N Grass**, playing 8-12pm, Elkhart Lake, WI ([www.swampngrass.com](http://www.swampngrass.com))
- 9 **Round The Bend**, Wild Hog In the Woods, 8-10pm, Madison, WI
- 10 **Monroe Crossing**, with **Bethlehem Bluegrass**, Community Bluegrass and Gospel Concert, Franklin, TN
- 11 **Sparetime Bluegrass, United Way Benefit with The Lonesome Rogues and Cork 'n Bottle String Band**, 1-4 pm, Barrymore Theater, Madison, WI
- 17 **Sawdust Symphony**, Donges Bay Clubhouse, time to be announced
- 17 **Monroe Crossing**, Folk Forum Concerts, 8 pm, Oak Center, MN



- Jan. 10** **The Dirty Shirts with the Cork 'n' Bottle String Band and the Greensky Bluegrass Band** from Michigan, 6pm, High Noon Saloon, Madison, WI (Info: [www.thedirtyshirts.com](http://www.thedirtyshirts.com))
- Jan. 20** **David Davis & The Warrior River Boys**, Two Rivers, WI (Info: [www.bluegrassbrad.org](http://www.bluegrassbrad.org))
- Jan 21** **Sparetime Bluegrass**, 4-7pm, Hody Bar, Middleton, WI
- Jan. 24** **Forghorn Stringhand** from Portland, Oregon, **The Wilders** of Kansas City, **The Honey Buckets**, 7pm, Tickets \$10 advance, \$13 door, High Noon Saloon, Madison, WI ([www.fourlakesmusic.org](http://www.fourlakesmusic.org))
- Jan. 27** **The Dirty Shirts**, 9:30pm, King Club, 114 King St., Madison, WI (Info: [www.thedirtyshirts.com](http://www.thedirtyshirts.com))
- Feb. 4** **Andy Statman with Lucky Break** featuring **Jerry Wicentowski**, 7:30pm, Wilmar Center, 953 Jenifer St., Madison, WI, Cover: \$15.00
- March 16** **Everybody Fields** from Tennessee (Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective Production), 7pm, High Noon Saloon, Madison, WI ([www.fourlakesmusic.org](http://www.fourlakesmusic.org))
- April 21** **Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association Jamboree**, 1-8pm High Noon Saloon, Madison, WI (Info: [swbmai.org](http://swbmai.org))
- April 27** **Steppin' In It** from Lansing Michigan, **The Finders** from Iowa (Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective Production), 7pm, High Noon Saloon, Madison, WI ([www.fourlakesmusic.org](http://www.fourlakesmusic.org))
- May 18** **Doc Watson**, 8pm, Overture Center, Madison, WI (Info: [www.overturecenter.com](http://www.overturecenter.com))