



BLUEGRASS Clippings

February 2011

Yellowstone Bluegrass Association

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ACTIVITIES

Friday Night Jams

7:00-9:00 P.M.
Lincoln Center
Basement
Band Room
415 N. 30th
Billings
(Use SE Entrance)
September-May

2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$15/Person or
\$30/Family

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EDITORIAL NONSENSE

We have a couple of great web links that we thought you should know about. Angelfire Bluegrass Links. It has general interest, bands and performers, bluegrass events and other links.

<http://www.angelfire.com/music2/bluegrasscontest/links.html> Also take a look at World Wide Bluegrass Radio at <http://www.worldwidebluegrass.com/listen.html> This site allows you to listen

to great bluegrass while computing. It has an entertaining chat room. Laura wants us all to check out this site.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a long, cold winter, but music at the Lincoln has been hot. The slow jam continues to be well-received and there is interest in adding a few more songs. Attendance has picked up considerably. We have new musicians participating whose abilities range from beginner to accomplished. It is good to see younger faces on Friday night. We even have a section of non-musicians filling the back row! We are always looking for old-timers to come in and share their knowledge with the newbies. My schedule has changed and I will be able to participate in most Friday night jams.

The YBA board is in the process of sponsoring a late-winter mini festival/party for all YBA members and guests. This event will occur on **Saturday, February 26th**, starting at 11:00 AM, at the Unitarian Universalist Church located at 2050 Central Avenue as we understand holding the event at Bones Brewery in the past was not well received by some members. We are hoping that entire bands show up as we would like to offer time slots for each band to perform their own set. In keeping with our philosophy of teaching, perhaps each band would be willing to invite one or two YBA members who aren't affiliated with a band to play in their set

for two or three songs. There are separate rooms for jamming and consuming food that will be provided to the YBA members, and for a nominal charge, their friends and families who aren't members. After the last band performs, we all come together for our large group jam as always. Please contact me no later than Feb. 24 so we can schedule your slot and know how much food to order. What we don't want to see happen is members playing their set, eating and going home. We want everyone to hang around and listen to everybody's music. This is not about just playing, but some appreciative listening, too! Contact me at wades@usadig.com or call 690-5135.

Remember, our Spring showcase will be Friday, April 29th. The opening song, in which any current YBA member may participate, will be "I'll Fly Away." Contact Terry Indreland if you plan to perform.

We have created some excitement and momentum for the organization. As of December, we have a record number of members. Please support the organization by attending YBA events and our sponsored guest concerts... and remember, pick it solid.

Wade

DID YOU KNOW

Lester Flatt G Run

In 1944, when Lester Flatt, lead guitarist, joined Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys, he had to alter the way he played the guitar in order to keep up with the quicker pace of the other musicians. Lester loved to use open chords and bass runs, unlike a lot of his

contemporaries. Using this style helped him to bridge the timing between two phrases. The famous G Run, now known as the Lester Flatt G Run, can be heard in nearly every song they performed. It is now considered to be a Bluegrass guitar picker's standard.



Poor Banjo Players

Did you know that frets are like speed bumps on a banjo?

A beautiful maiden is talking a stroll around the castle when she hears, "Hey! Down here!" Looking around, she sees a small frog down by the moat and picks it up. "Hi-I'm really a banjo player but an evil witch has put a spell on me and turned me into a frog. If you would kiss me I can return to my normal

self and we can live happily ever after..." The beautiful maiden smiles and puts the frog in her purse. "Hey! Aren't you going to kiss me?" shouts the frog. "No way-a talking frog is worth a lot more than a banjo player!"

BLUEGRASS BUMPER STICKER

Banjo picker's do it with picks on

UPCOMING EVENTS

Concerts/Events

- **Praire Winds Cafe** Enjoy local Bluegrass Bands on Saturday mornings from 9am-12 noon in Molt
- **Tunes for Tuesday Open Mic Night**- Yellowstone Valley Brewing Co. Garage
- **Tuesday Music** 6:00-8:00 Bull Mountain Grille
- **Monday Night Open Mic** 7:00-9:00 Pryor Creek Bar & Grille beginning Feb. 21.
- **John Jorgenson Quintet** The Ellen Theatre in Bozeman Thursday Mar.3

Festivals

- 5th Annual **Big Sky Grass Festival** Feb 18-20 Missoula
- **Montana Folk Festival** July 8-10 Butte
- 3rd Annual **Kootenai River Bluegrass and Beyond Festival** at Roosevelt Park in Troy Mt. on July 15-17
- **Hardtimes Bluegrass Festival** July 22-24 in Hamilton
- **Music on Wings** Miles City Sept 16-18.

Music Camps

- Pete **Wernick's Bluegrass Jam Camps** in Boulder CO, Apr. 1-3
- **Montana State Oldtime Fiddlers** 16th Annual Fiddle Camp Monarch June 5-10 or June 12-17
- 6th Annual **Grand Targhee Resort Bluegrass Camp** Aug. 10-13

Please Remember To Pay Your Annual YBA Dues Now!

Bulletin Board

- *Music equipment for sale or to buy*
- *Announcements (weddings, grandbaby etc.)*

Bulletin Board



Barry's Cleaning House (256-9182): **Applecreek Mountain Dulcimer** with gig bag, nearly new \$175.

Martin (D12X1) 12 string-\$550.

Taylor(110GB) 6 String- \$550.

Soft 3/4 size bass case for sale. It's in decent used condition. First 30 bucks cash takes it home. 672-7695 Brad

Clippings' Feature Member

Wade Steinmetz- The YBA President

We rarely see Wade without one of his several banjos in his arms but there is a lot more to this quiet man.



Wade was born and raised on a farm west of Billings. He graduated from West High School and EMC with a degree in Elementary Education. He taught fourth grade for three years in Laurel and then returned to cattle feeding and farming.

Wade has many interests that include reading, history, woodworking, and Sudoku puzzles but his greatest obsession is playing bluegrass music.

He married a wonderful girl (she was only 22 years old!), Laura, and they have been married for 31 years. When he retired in 2006, he was glad to give up the farming but still misses the cattle...in fact, Laura says, he keeps buying a few head of cattle each summer to keep the front pasture grazed. Now days, when Wade isn't playing the banjo, he's keeping the Conoco refinery secure.

In the mid '70s Wade met Steve Carlson in Bozeman at the Back Porch Pickin' Parlor. This is where he fell in love with his first blond....and as is true with all first loves, Miss Stelling took front stage. Four banjos later and after playing with the Ramblin' Laurels for 10 years, the banjo is still his passion!

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