

# APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS MUSIC ASSOCIATION



## NEWSLETTER



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**Dedicated to Promoting the Heritage of the Appalachians**

**Our Goal: Promote, Preserve and Foster Bluegrass and Old-Time Music**

Hi, Everyone! I hope everyone is well and as ready for Spring's arrival as I am. Make yourselves a note to set your clocks forward on March 9<sup>th</sup>, when Daylight Savings Time resumes. March 16<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday. For those of you who are Irish or just want a touch o' the Irish luck, St. Patrick's Day is March 17<sup>th</sup>. March 20<sup>th</sup> brings a very welcome Spring. Good Friday falls on March 21<sup>st</sup>, and we celebrate Easter Sunday this year on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. And folks, let us all take time to remember why we celebrate Easter and give thanks for the sacrifice He made for us all!

Our March show will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Princeton Middle School. The bands scheduled for the evening's musical entertainment are "Ridgeline" and "Midnight Ramblers Stringband." Both of these groups are looking forward to the evening's music and fun and plan to present you with programs that leave you tapping your toes and singing along! The doors to the school will open at 5:30 p.m. with the music beginning at 6:30 p.m. Concessions will be

served in the cafeteria, and as always, the ladies will serve the best-tasting food around! So mark your calendars, and we'll see you there!

As most of you know, we have been having our 2008 membership drive since October of last year. Although most of you have already renewed your memberships, there may be some of you who have let it slip your minds. If you have not yet renewed your memberships, please do so right away. The yearly memberships are \$25.00 per family and \$20.00 per individual, and you can mail your check to the AHMA at the address on this newsletter along with your names, address, and telephone number, or you can pay your renewal at the front desk at the March 1<sup>st</sup> show. This will be the last newsletter you receive if you do not renew your membership this month.

April's show will be held April 5<sup>th</sup> featuring "Appalachian Countdown" and "Grandview Valley Strings." "Appalachian Countdown" is one of our newer member bands, and their performances are always excellent. "Grandview Valley Strings" with John and Sue Smith always leave us laughing and having fun as well as giving us some great music. So don't forget to be with us on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> we saw "Wildgrass" and "Alan Johnston & South 52" performing onstage. Both groups gave an outstanding performance, and both groups received an encore call at the end of their second sets! Thanks, folks, for the wonderful evening of music!

February 16<sup>th</sup> was a real treat in bluegrass musical

entertainment for us. Our very own "Across the Miles" opened the show, and as always, their performance was superb! We missed Morgan onstage with his banjo and send our heartfelt wishes for his full recovery. Then "Big Country Bluegrass" took the stage and gave us an excellent performance. They have made a name for themselves in bluegrass music, and those of you who shared the evening with us certainly heard that their reputation is much deserved. The evening was certainly a great musical success!

Our volunteers made our special February 16<sup>th</sup> show possible, and once again we'd like to thank them for all their hard work and time. As we've said before, we depend on our volunteers, both as bands and as individuals, to keep our association strong and growing. This is YOUR organization, and we need you!

Those of you who love bluegrass music and have internet access, Ted Hatfield hosts two shows online at [www.worldwidebluegrass.com](http://www.worldwidebluegrass.com); the first on Wednesday evenings at 10:00 p.m.; the second on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. He'd love to have you stop in and listen.

Don't forget to tune your radio to FM 106.3 or 107.7 on Sunday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for the very best in bluegrass, old time, and bluegrass gospel music with "J & J Bluegrass Classics". Junior and Joe always have a great show, and they'll be glad to take your requests. Call them at 304-325-2250, but please do call while the music is playing so they can answer the phone. This program is a supporter of the AHMA and our local bands.

Tune in to the newest bluegrass station in our area, WNRV 990 AM, also known as “The Ridge,” located in Narrows, VA. They provide programming seven days a week 24 hours a day.

Again if you have internet access, check out our website at [www.ahma-online.org](http://www.ahma-online.org) for information concerning our shows; you can also call 304-384-9807.

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