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

Hello, Folks! We celebrate the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12th. Halloween is celebrated on the 31st as an offshoot of the traditional "end of harvest" celebration in older cultures.

Beginning with our October 3rd show, we will once again move indoors to the Princeton Middle School auditorium. Show times will be 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Performing for October's show are "Appalachian Countdown" and "Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder." "Appalachian Countdown" is one of our fine member bands who always give us a good performance. Those of you who were with us at the Fourth of July picnic saw "Mountain Thunder," our newest member band, perform. They are an upcoming group of very talented young musicians. Please plan on being with us in October for our first indoor show of the season.

Our 2010 membership cards will be available at the October show for those of you who want to renew then. Also, if you know anyone who is not a member but is interested in joining the AHMA, tell them that now is a good time to do so, because they will be admitted for the remainder of 2009 as well as 2010 on their new card. We will also have our short- and long-sleeve T-shirts, caps, jackets and sweatshirts available for sale at the October show.

The November 7th show will feature “Diggin’ Grass” and “The Muddy Bottom Boys.” Both these bands always give us a good show, so mark your calendars now for this event as well.

Those of you who were with us for our Fall Festival at Camp Creek State Park the 19th and 20th of September heard some excellent music and enjoyed a wonderful weekend. I’d like to thank “Across the Miles,” “Sandy River Bluegrass Band,” “Country Pride,” “Hans Creek Stringband,” “Bent Hickory,” “Five Strings For Jesus,” “Appalachian Countdown,” and “The Whites” for their fine performances.

Teresa Keaton has asked me to thank, on her behalf, all the volunteers who helped serve the food those two days and also all the folks who donated food items for the event. It was a wonderful show of support and help that is truly appreciated. I’d like to add my thanks as well, to Teresa herself for coordinating the food preparation and

serving. It was a big job, and she has worked hard to serve the AHMA. Thanks to Eddie Keaton for running our sound system most of the weekend; thanks also to our Board members who were there and pitched in to help like they did. Anyone who helped whom I have not specifically named, please know that we really do appreciate everything you do and have done to make this organization work. Our volunteers often don't get recognition, but please remember that the AHMA is an ALL-volunteer group; without the folks who step forward and help, we wouldn't be enjoying the benefits of this organization. The weekend of the Fall Festival was a great example of what it takes to make a successful endeavor.

We had numerous businesses donate items for door prizes for the weekend. These businesses are: King Tire Service, Lambert Excavating and Paving, John Deere-Conn's Service Center, Highland Propane, Allen's Supermarket Crossroads, Tractor Supply, and Discount Furniture Outlet. Thanks to Will Frazier for making this happen. Thanks to Gunnoe's for the donation of food as well. If you happen to visit any of these businesses, please take a minute to thank them for helping make our Fall Festival a success.

On Sunday evenings, spin your radio dial to 106.3 FM or 107.7 FM and tune in to "J & J Bluegrass Classics" from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Junior and Joe would like to have you tune in and listen to their great selection of

bluegrass, old time and bluegrass gospel music. They'll be glad to take your requests, and you can call them at 304-325-2250. Please, only call while the music is playing so they can answer the phone. This program supports the AHMA and our local bands, so please tune in and listen!

WNRV radio station, 990 AM, also known as "The Ridge," is located in Narrows, VA. This station provides bluegrass music and programming seven days a week 24 hours a day. This station is also online, so if you have internet access, the website is www.wnrvbluegrassradio.com.

Ted Hatfield invites you to join him for "Ramblin' Ted's Bluegrass Roadshow" online at www.worldwidebluegrass.com if you have internet access. He broadcasts on Wednesday evenings at 10:00 p.m. and on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

If you have internet access, check out our website at www.ahma-online.org for information concerning our shows; you can also call 304-384-9807.

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