

APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS MUSIC ASSOCIATION



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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! A bit early of course, but since this is the December newsletter, I wanted to be the first to wish all of you a wonderful and blessed Christmas! December 7th marks the 68th year since Pearl Harbor was attacked. Let us stop and remember those lives lost and the many men and women who stepped forward to defend our great nation following that attack. And let us keep today's military in our prayers through this Christmas season.

*****As we bring in the year 2010, we also begin our twelfth year with the AHMA. Before our December 5th show, at 5:30 p.m., the election of new members for the Board of Directors for the AHMA will be held in the Princeton Middle School Auditorium. We need members to step forward and agree to be on our Board and help keep the AHMA going strong. **The by-laws for our organization as filed with the State of West Virginia state that we MUST have a minimum of ten (10) and not more than twenty (20) Board members, or**

the organization will have to be dissolved. We have a member base of over 300, and Folks, a half dozen people can't do all that needs to be done to keep our wonderful music association running smoothly. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you can serve on our Board, please see any current Board member any time before the December show and let us know that you are available to serve, or just come on to the December 5th meeting at 5:30. **Also, the ladies and gentlemen who have worked with the concessions year after year DESPERATELY NEED some help.** If you think you can better serve YOUR AHMA by working with the concessions, again, please let any Board member know. **Let's keep our AHMA going strong!*******

Our December 5th show featuring "Everett Lilly & The Songcatchers" and "Five Strings For Jesus" will be held at the Princeton Middle School auditorium from 6:30 p.m. 'til 10:00 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Concessions will be served in the cafeteria. Both of these bands are comprised of real fine musicians and always present us with great music, so plan on being with us!

Our January show, which will be held at the same location on January 2nd, will feature "Alan Johnston & South 52" and "The Whites." Alan and the gang always give us an outstanding show filled with super tunes, and Bernard and his band present us with great gospel bluegrass. This is one show you won't want to miss!

Our November 7th show featured “Diggin’ Grass” and “The Muddy Bottom Boys;” Both of these bands gave us the best in traditional bluegrass music, so thanks to both bands for a great evening of entertainment!

The 2010 memberships are available at this time. Family memberships for 2010 are still \$28.00, single memberships \$22.00, band memberships \$30.00, and admission at the gate for non-members is \$6.00.

Mark your calendars now for our annual special mid-February show, which will be held February 20th, 2010. We have scheduled “Big Country Bluegrass” and “The Hagar’s Mountain Boys” to perform again this year. This is going to be one of the best “special” shows we’ve ever had, so please plan on attending!

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. 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.

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 for information concerning upcoming shows and events.

AHMA Officers: President – Ted Hatfield, Vice-President – Cindy Romano, Treasurer – Peggy Hartman, Secretary – Elizabeth Bailey

Band Scheduling – Amos Bailey, Scholarship Program – Dora Earnest

AHMA Board of Directors: Robert Clark, Larry Cox, Loretta Cox, Richard Cox, Will Frazier, James Grubb, Jimmy Martin, Janet Snow

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