

# APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS MUSIC ASSOCIATION



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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! Another summer is coming to a close, and with it, we celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday of September. Labor Day is an annual holiday celebrated all over the world that resulted from the labor union movement. This year, Labor Day falls on September 7<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who have Grandparents still living, don't forget them on their own special day, Grandparents' Day, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Let's all stop in our busy schedules on September 11<sup>th</sup>, Patriots' Day, to honor and remember those nearly 3000 who died in the terrorist attacks in 2001. Our first day of Autumn is September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There will not be a show the first weekend in September. Instead, our annual Fall Festival (or pig roast as we've come to know it) will be held again this year at Camp Creek State Park September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The event times are Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Music Saturday will be provided at the amphitheater by "Across

the Miles,” “Sandy River Bluegrass Band,” “Country Pride,” “Second Generation,” and “Bent Hickory.” These last two bands will each play two sets. Sunday’s music program will be bluegrass gospel at the amphitheater with “Five Strings For Jesus,” “Appalachian Countdown,” and “The Whites” performing. Please come out and support these fine member bands.

During this event, the ladies will be serving pork dinners, which will include two sides, roll, dessert and drink, for a very nominal charge. They will also serve other concessions. They surely would welcome some help if any of you would like to bring a dessert or help serve one of those days.

There will be a 50/50 drawing on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>; some very nice door prizes have been donated to give away on Saturday as well. Our new T-shirts, long sleeve T’s, jackets and caps will be available for sale in a nice selection of colors and sizes, so check those out. Thanks to Cindy Romano and Richard Cox for making it happen that we once again have AHMA shirts and caps for sale.

We will have the new 2010 membership cards available at the Fall Festival for those of you who want to get your memberships renewed early. Also, if you have friends who are not members, but would like to become members, bring them to the Festival and have them join now. Their

memberships will become effective for the remainder of this year as well as for 2010.

Please bring your lawn chairs/camp chairs with you for seating. And remember ladies, please lock your purses in the TRUNKS of your vehicles out of sight or carry them with you when you attend outdoor functions.

Beginning in October, our shows 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 "B & H Bluegrass" and "Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder." "B & H" is one of our charter bands, always giving us superb musical performances. 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 young group of very talented musicians who pleased our audience at the picnic. So plan on being with us in October for our first indoor show of the season.

Our August show was held August 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Creek State Park Amphitheater. "Ridgeline" and "Midnight Ramblers String Band" performed that evening, and as always, had a lot of fun entertaining their audience and having a good time together. A big thank you to both bands for an evening of good music and fun. And thanks to all our members who came out and supported the bands and your association.

Don't forget to tune in to "J & J Bluegrass Classics" every Sunday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on radio stations 106.3 FM and 107.7 FM. Junior and Joe always play the very best in bluegrass, old time, and bluegrass gospel music. This program supports the AHMA and our local bands, so please tune in and listen!

WNRV Radio (990 AM) in Narrows, Virginia, features bluegrass programming seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Tune in and listen to some good bluegrass.

Ted Hatfield invites you to join him for "Ramblin' Ted's Bluegrass Roadshow" online at [www.worldwidebluegrass.com](http://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](http://www.ahma-online.org) for information concerning our shows; you can also call 304-384-9807.

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