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



Happy New Year!



*AHMA show – Princeton Middle School Auditorium
January 2nd, 2010*

Doors open 5:30 Show begins 6:30 p.m.

Featuring:

***Alan Johnston & South 52
Valley Bluegrass Band***

Alan Johnston & South 52 hails from McDowell County and has a unique sound, full of good bluegrass tunes, a lot of original songs written by Alan and Stacy, and fantastic musicians and singers. Stacy has a new CD that she's released recently as well, titled "***Hurricane,***" and I'm sure she'll have some copies with her on the 2nd!

Valley Bluegrass Band is based in Peterstown; they are one of our newer member bands. Larry and Loretta have shared with us the fact that they've got some new band members, and that we're in for a real treat with them on the 2nd. As you all know, they were very good anyhow, so we're really looking forward to their "new" sound!

Everyone come and join us in a fun night of music and fellowship for our first show of our twelfth year! And don't forget to stop over in the cafeteria and get some good food from our concession stand there.

Want even more good music? Listen to this, folks: **Black Diamond** and **The Whites** will be performing for us on February 6th, same time, same location. Be there!

A big "THANK YOU" to **Everett Lilly & The Songcatchers** and **Five Strings For Jesus** for their performances on December 5th. I know the weather was bad, but those of you who missed this show did miss some fine music!

Okay, folks, now's the time to get those membership renewals taken care of. Memberships are still \$28.00 for family, \$22.00 for individual, and \$6.00 for non-members at the gate. You don't want to miss any of these shows, and you surely will not want to miss our special show on February 20th, featuring **Big Country Bluegrass** and **The**

Hagar's Mountain Boys. Big Country Bluegrass, from Mouth of Wilson, VA, has been performing for two decades at festivals and concerts. **The Hagar's Mountain Boys**, from Roxboro, NC, has been together since 2006 and has made quite a name for itself in that short time period. Watch for our February newsletter for more information about these two excellent bluegrass groups.

Don't get enough bluegrass once a month at the AHMA show? For more great bluegrass, old-time and bluegrass gospel tunes, spin your radio dial to FM 106.3 or FM 107.7 on Sunday evenings from 7:00 p.m. 'til 11:00 p.m. **J&J Bluegrass Classics** will fix you right up with some fine music; Junior and Joe will even play your request if you call them at 304-325-2250. Remember now, only call while a song is playing; otherwise they can't answer the phone.

If you're located where you can pick up **The Ridge**, WNRV radio station 990 AM out of Narrows, VA, you can hear bluegrass music 24/7.

If you have internet access, the AHMA website is: www.ahma-online.org. You can find information there concerning our shows and performances, as well as reading our newsletters online. You can also call me at 304-384-9807 for any information concerning upcoming

events or to ask any questions you may have regarding the AHMA.

The AHMA Board of Directors for 2010: Amos Bailey, Elizabeth Bailey, Junior Billings, Larry Cox, Loretta Cox, Richard Cox, Dora Earnest, Will Frazier, James Grubb, Peggy Hartman, Jimmy Martin, Cindy Romano, Janet Snow. We'll have our new list of officers in the next newsletter.

Member bands, do you have performances or other news you'd like to get in the newsletter to share with the AHMA members? As long as those performances do not fall on the same evenings as our shows and as we have room, we'll be glad to share them. If you'd like to have an upcoming performance mentioned, or if you have new band members or other news about your band, please call me at the above phone number with the information. I'll need to receive it by the middle of the month prior to the newsletter date (for example, for the February newsletter, I'd need it by January 15th).

See you all on January 2nd!

God Bless,

Peggy

Peggy Hartman