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From the President. . .

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Elections were held at the annual meeting on April 19th. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate as presented by the nominating committee was elected. Please join me in welcoming the newly elected officers and board members (see page 7). I look forward to working with them through the next year to continue to strengthen our organization. I want to thank the Nominating Committee, chaired by Bill Light, for the great job in providing a strong list of candidates.

JOINT CNYBA-MVBGA ONE-DAY FESTIVAL:

I'm pleased to announce great progress as we work to organize a one-day festival, jointly presented by CNYBA and Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association (MVBGA). The committee is co-chaired by Butch DeForge (CNYBA) and Dick Satterly (MVBGA). The board approved the necessary funding for the event at the last meeting. The dates (09/12/09) and site (Oswego County Fairgrounds - Sandy Creek) have been settled on, and efforts are underway to secure bands for the event. Over the next few weeks we will be contacting volunteers to set up teams for handling various jobs at the festival.

Full hookups will be available at the festival site, as well as plenty of 'dry' camping. There is a dump station, and bathrooms with showers. We are making arrangements so campers can arrive on Friday and leave Sunday. There will be a food concession on-site. This is shaping up to be a great event, and it is a pleasure to be working with our friends at MVBGA to bring more bluegrass to our area.

STEVE KAUFMAN FLATPICKING WORKSHOP:

Bill Light, as chairman of the Flatpicking Workshop committee has been working hard to get all arrangements finalized, so we can begin promoting the workshop and concert. A big thanks goes to the Marcellus United Methodist Church for agreeing to let us use their facilities for the workshop and concert



on November 13th and 14th. We hope to be selling advanced workshop tickets by May, and by then plans should be finalized for the Saturday night concert. We will have plenty of time to promote both the workshop and the concert, so I believe both will be successful.

MARTIN GUITAR RAFFLE:

Al Worthen, owner of Mountain Music in Old Forge, NY, donated a Martin DX-1 guitar for us to raffle in support of the joint CNYBA-MVBGA festival in September. Tickets are available from Bill Light. I encourage everyone to help sell these - if we each sell 5 tickets, this will be a very successful fundraiser! Thank you, Al, for your generous donation.

FINALLY:

We have put together a small group of musicians to perform at Parkrose Estates on June 14, for their annual Flag Day ceremony. We are working on arrangements so the monthly jam at Parkrose Estates can continue through the summer, even though we will not be having meetings.

There are a lot of people working very hard to support our efforts at CNYBA. Sometimes we forget to say thank you to those who work, often 'behind the scenes', to insure our success. If you know of someone that has helped us out in the past year, please consider inviting them to our joint picnic in June. Information about the CNYBA-MVBGA picnic can be found elsewhere in this newsletter (see page 7).

-- Dennis



Member



MAY MEETING IS ON SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009



What's Happening? Out and About.....

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY: CNYBA meeting
- Park Rose Estates, Liverpool -- Come meet and pick!

EVERY SUNDAY 1 p.m. til? Jammin' at Kellish Hill Farm, 3192 Pompey Center Rd. (1/2 mile north of Route 20), Manlius, NY. Good old fashioned bluegrass, gospel & country music. Can bring a dish to pass. Free for the young at heart! For information, call Kathy at 315-682-1578. See page 7 about our festival!!

EVERY 3rd SUNDAY: STBA meeting at the Tuscarora Elem. School, Addison, NY. Bring a dish to pass, your table setting, a friend, your musical instrument, and/or your listening ear. Picking begins at noon; meeting called to order at 1:00 -- then lunch -- then back to picking. Info: Ken Pearson, Pres., 269 Dwight Ave., Corning, NY 14830 (607-936-3103)

FOURTH SUNDAY -- FINGER LAKES BLUEGRASS MONTHLY JAM, 2 pm - 7 pm, EXCEPT DEC. and MAY thru AUG. at the ONTARIO COUNCIL, 65 S. Main St., Canandaigua, NY. Bluegrass Acoustic instruments only. \$2.00 donation at the door; children under 5, free. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages available. Pot luck dinner -- please bring a dish to pass. For further information, call: THE ARTS COUNCIL, 585-396-0087, JOHN at 585-924-3117 or BUTCH at 585-289-4845.

EVERY MONDAY - JAM from 7-10 pm at the American Legion, Rochester St., Hannibal, NY. For information, call Bob Simmons at 564-5412 or 591-3296 or Butch Spencer at 598-1159.

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT from 7 to 10:30 pm **BLUEGRASS OPEN MIC NIGHT** with **STRING THEORY** -- Bring down your banjo, mandolin, fiddle or acoustic guitar and sign up to pick with Rochester's own String Theory. Just come to Johnny's Irish Pub. If you have questions or need more information, go to www.stringtheorybluegrass.com or call Jim Barbero at 585-489-0120. **EVERY TUESDAY: The Golden Link Folk Singing Society, Inc.** sing around 8 pm at 12 Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 S. Winton Rd., 585-234-5004 or <http://www.goldenlink.org>

EVERY WEDNESDAY (thru the summer): 7-9 pm Jam Session at the **Hillview Baptist Church Hall**, O'Brien Rd., Baldwinsville, NY (off Rt. 48, near Soroco). All welcome -- listeners and players. Phone 455-2434 or 626-2594.



EVERY THURSDAY: 7 pm - **Musicians Forum at the Art Council** - 108 W. Miller St., Newark, NY. Bring an acoustic instrument for a round robin of shared music -- new and old. Listeners and players welcome. Jacqueline Grey, Ex. Dir. Information: 315-331-4593.



EVERY FRIDAY: 7 pm- **Jammin' at the Legion Hall** in the village of Marcellus. Come join the fun! Info: Sam and Marion at 315-673-2329 or Jack Burns at 315-673-1844. \$2.00 donation for hall use. **EVERY 1st FRIDAY: COUNTRY JAM** - 7pm - ? At the **VFW POST**, Main St., Camden, NY. All are welcome: bluegrass lovers, country, fiddlers, and listeners (ring buzzer for admission).

EVERY SATURDAY - Open Forum Acoustic Jam, 7 - 11 pm - At the **Legion Hall** (next to the Fire Hall) in **Lyons, NY** - Free beverages, musicians welcome, and no cover charge for hall use. **EVERY 3rd SATURDAY:** 8 am til. . . **Stittville, NY - The Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association** and the **Stittville Vol. Fire Dept.** -- Breakfast and jammin' begins at 8 am. Info: 315-339-2771 or 315-225-2906.

AM-FM-AM-FM



Brother Don's Internet Radio Show 10am & 10pm every day at <http://www.wdyn.net> - Independent Bluegrass and Old Time Artists. Send your CD, cassette tape, or LP To: Brother Don, 2440 Welch Road, Geneva, NY 14456-9303, bristbro@gmail.com OR Brother Don, W DY N Independent Radio, 2844 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616 USA 1-800-816-4262

Larry Hoyt: "Common Threads" folk music, 2-5 pm; WAER FM (88.3) Syracuse - every Sunday except when SU athletic contests pre-empt the show.

Brad Edmonson: WVBR (93.5 FM) Ithaca; **"The Salt Creek Show"** 6-10 every Sunday, playing a mixture of music. Saltcreek@wvbr.com

Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble: Sundays 9 - midnight WCNY-FM (91.3), WUNY (89.5) and WJNY (90.0) www.wcny.org and Udmacon@aol.com

Barbara Heller Burns: Thursdays 3 pm; **"String Fever"** WSLU-FM (89.5) Canton, (88.9) Watertown, (91.3) Thousand Islands, and (91.7) Tupper Lake

Bruce Cutler's "Gospel Doings" (Christian Country & Bluegrass) is heard on: WACK-AM Radio 1420, Newark NY, Sundays 6:30 a.m.; also on: www.omnimedia.org, Portland OR, Mondays midnight to 1 a.m. (Eastern time) **"Country Roots" (Secular Country & Bluegrass)** is heard on: WETD-FM Radio 90.7; Alfred NY, Sundays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; also on: www.omnimedia.org, Portland, Oregon, Fridays 11 p.m. to midnight (Eastern time). Contact Bruce at jockey1170@verizon.net

BLUEGRASS SHOWCASE



Sunday, May 17th 2009
 at the Bullhead Point Pavilion
 on Lake Neatahwanta
 725 W Broadway (Rt 3) - Fulton, NY 13069

Featuring...

From 1- 5 PM

the *Lonesome Road Ramblers*

The Lonesome Road Ramblers have been performing traditional and vintage bluegrass around a single microphone for many years. Keep it simple... that's how the Lonesome Road Ramblers feel about traditional bluegrass and old country favorites. This idea of simplicity is accomplished by reviving many of the time-honored tunes of the past. They focus on the works of Bill Monroe, the Stanley Brothers, Flatt & Scruggs, and fiddle tunes.



Lovers of traditional country music will find in the Lonesome Road Ramblers, a great mix of harmony and instrumentation.

And also appearing -

The Gospel Way

The Gospel Way, formed in 2003, is a 5-piece gospel Bluegrass group from Central New York. They love to share God's love through their music. Their beautiful harmonies will warm your heart.



We'll open with an open (circle) jam at 1 pm. The show begins at 2 pm.

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

The pavilion is just past the Fulton War Memorial on Route 3

For information call Kathy Kinney at 315-572-2247, or email:

cnybacontactus@aol.com

Presented by

The Central NY Bluegrass Association

Admission \$10 (\$8 for Members)

Children 16 & under, free with paying adult

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Upcoming Events at Kellish Hill Farm

Kathy Kellish

315 682 1578

**Sunday, May 3:**

The Syracuse Irish Sessions and Kellish Hill Farm present Liz Carroll and Daithi Sproule. Since she was 18, when she astounded the Celtic music world by winning the Senior All-Ireland Championship, Liz and her fiddle have been amazing audiences around the world. Her recordings and appearances on concert stages, television and radio have established Liz as one of traditional music's most sought after performers. Fiddle Workshop 2-3 PM, Advanced Fiddle workshop 3-4 PM, Guitar workshop 3-4 PM, concert at 7 PM. Workshops \$20, concert \$15, both \$30. Food vendor on site. 3192 Pompey Center Rd., Manlius (1/2 mile north of Rte. 20 and 4.4 south of Rte. 92 in Manlius.) For more information, call 315-256-1577 and check out www.rhbamericana.com.

Saturday, May 9:

A Celtic Moon Ceili : A Ceili is a party with live musicians! Jamming beginning at 3:00. Scheduled groups to start their performances at 7 pm and run to around 11 pm. More jamming after that for the hardy ones. Donations accepted and appreciated. Come enjoy our Irish music and the wonderful folks who go with it. 3192 Pompey Center Road; for additional information call Eileen at 315-882-2145 and check out <http://www.rhbamericana.com>.

Saturday, May 16:

English Country Dance hosted by the Syracuse Country Dancers. Pamela Goddard will be the caller with music by Four Hands Round. 7 - 10 PM. Adults \$7.00. 3192 Pompey Center Rd., Manlius. For more information, call 315-682-1578 and check out www.rhbamericana.com.

Saturday, May 30:

The Second Annual Festival of Folk Music: Featuring: Folkstrings, John Cadley and John Price, Larry Hoyt and the Good Acoustics, Alan Sokaloski, Father John, Off The Wall, The Selkirk Band, John O'Hara and Caz. and the Syracuse Song Miners. Sing along from 10 AM to noon, Show starts at Noon. Adults \$15; 16 and under free with adult. Jamming all day. Food vendor on site. 3192 Pompey Center Rd., Manlius. For more information, call 315-682-1578 or 315-964-1226 and check out www.rhbamericana.com.

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At the Gridley Inn

ACOUSTIC DESSERTS Doors open at 6:30 pm;
36 WEST MAIN ST. Music from 7-9 pm;
WATERLOO, NY No admission charge;
315-539-5192 ----- Delectable desserts,
 coffee, tea and other beverages
 available.

May 7 - Bristol Mt. Bluegrass

May 14 - Cuisle Moi Chroi (Traditional Irish songs, and tunes on harp, flute, pennywhistle and guitar)

May 21 - North Water with special guests: John Dancks and Perry Cleaveland (Real country blues and duets in an oldtime fashion way!)

May 28 - Dana Cooke and Joe Cleveland (Quirky, insightful, original songs with melodies on mandolin and clawhammer banjo)



**Enter the CNYBA T-shirt
 Design Contest!
 Prize To Be Determined!
 LAST CHANCE TO BECOME A
 FAMOUS BLUEGRASS LOGO DESIGNER.....**

**Submit your designs to Ed VanCott by
 hand or email - evancott@twcny.rr.com
 or by mail - 759 Village Blvd. S.
 Baldwinsville, NY 13027**

**Don't forget to check us out online at
www.cnyba.com**

**Ramblin' With Helen:**

Well, folks, I've ALMOST convinced that spring has finally arrived! I love waking up to the sound of th birds singing, sun shinning, and being able to open my windows to let the fresh air in; and, of course, the ants and spiders are also "visiting"! It was a "Welcomed e-mail" from our editor that she is back in circulation and able to do this newsletter. For those of you have computers, you can read my April Ramblin' on our website. I was going to print it off before I started this "visit," and use what I could from it, but my computer fails to turn on. The power was off in the night, and I have no idea what is wrong, or what to do, so had to forget that idea.

When **Jerry and Peg Miller** sent their renewal, Peg wrote that all was well when they arrived home. Glad to hear that folks. A long-time member, **Joe Marshall**, rejoined, and so glad to hear from you, Joe. However, his wife Gladys had heart valve surgery in May of '08 and has not recovered very much. This surgery, along with other health problems, results in her weighing under 80 lbs now. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

Along with **Dale and Audrey Barnell's** renewal, he included a nice note regarding a **Jam Session** he has started on the first Saturday of each moth at the **Homer United Methodist Church**, from 10 a.m. to ??? He says it has been well-attended and lots of fun. They will skip the June one because of **Bluegrass on the Green** in Homer that day.

Carl Leege, another long-time member, sent his renewal and expressed his desire to come aorund my way to take me to the **April Showcase** at Kellish Farm. I was so sorry to have to decline this offer due to an unexpected Eastern Star obligation, but hope he was able to go.

THANKS to **Pete Carr**, I was able to go to the March Showcase with **Bristol Mountain Bluegrass**, and had a wonderful conversation with **Don Springer** and **Perry Cleaveland**. I muse say, Don hasn't "aged" at all! Perry, the one I'd love to claim as a son I never had, told of his plans of building a funeral home onto the back of his Bread and Breakfast in Waterloo. Folks, not everyone can "wine and dine" you, "entertain" you and then take care of your "final arrangements" all at the same place! A pick-up group, **The Backyard Performers**, consisting of **Bill Light**, **Les Hathaway**, **John Warner** and **Jim Hackett**, did a wonderful job of entertaining us, and were joined by vocalists **Joy Crouch** and **Kathy Kinney**.

It was so good to see **Carol McGinley** there taking our money at the door and enjoyed conversations with several members I hadn't seen in a long time.

THANKS to **Dale and Audrey Barnell** and **Carol Beckwith** for their generous donations in addition to their dues when they renewed their memberships! Carol also sent a SASE and suggested that if each one would do this, it would save on postage. A good idea, Carol, especially with the postage increase coming soon!

WELCOME to the following new members: **Timothy Howe**, Las Vegas, NV; **David Gates**, Liverpool, NY; and **William Smith**, Rome, NY.

Folks, once again, I'm asking you to please send a cheerful card or note to **Vernon and Olive Loucks**, 629 Lakeport Rd., Chittenango, NY 13037. Olive is in and out of the hospital (more in), and Vernon goes every day to visit her from 9 to 5. They have been members for years, honorary members, and most generous over the years with monetary support of CNYBA. Let's show them we DO CARE -- send that card or note today. Thank you!

--Helen

JERICHO COUNCIL OF THE ARTS -

The Town Hall Theatre is located in the center of Bainbridge, New York, business district, on state route 7, just off Interstate 88.

May 19th - Bristol Brothers - 8:00 pm

Don Springer and Richard Hood bring decades of experience in old time and bluegrass music to the stage with a show based deep in the roots of bluegrass. Using a variety of instruments (many vintage) and styles, the "boys" perform and explain the music that is the bedrock for today's country and bluegrass forms. Guitars, mandolin, banjos, autoharp, banjeurine, fine expressive vocals, and humorous exchanges with the audience make up a complete (and educational) entertainment package. The Bristol Brothers have appeared on national TV, on major college campuses, and at arts and music festivals nationwide.

General Admission... \$12.00

Seniors and Students... \$10.00

Family... \$25.00 Tickets are available at the door the night of performance or reserve ahead by calling

☎967-7228. Table reservations are available!



The Nashville Numbering System

The Nashville Numbering System (sometimes called Nashville Notation) is a system of music notation that uses numbers instead of chord names to describe the chord progression of a song. By eliminating chord names, a musician can easily explain (and write down) chord progressions. And since there are no chord names used, the progression works in any key (if you know basic music theory, that is!).

The Nashville system relies on a musician knowing the notes in a scale. Then, numbers are assigned to those notes, from lowest to highest. Those numbers are used to describe the chord progression of a song. Here's how that looks for two keys, C and G:

Notes in key of C:	C	D	E	F	G	A	B
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Notes in key of G:	G	A	B	C	D	E	F#

Here is the chorus of "Bury Me Beneath The Willow". I've added the chords for the key of C, along with the "Nashville number" from the chart above:

C(1) F(4)
 Oh, bury me beneath the willow
 C(1) G(5)
 Under the weeping willow tree
 C(1) F(4)
 So she will know where I am sleeping
 C(1) G(5) C(1)
 And perhaps she'll weep for me



As you can see, in the key of C the progression is C-F-C-G... etc. In the Nashville system, the progression is 1-4-1-5... etc.

So far, it seems like all we've done is complicate matters. After all, if you (or your friend) always sing that song in the key of C, there is no need to know anything other than "C-F-C-G...". But what happens if a ...uh... banjo player walks into the jam and wants to sing 'Bury Me'? As we know, since the banjo's involved, it will be in the key of G. You won't be able to use the C-F-C-G... progression. But if you refer to the notes in the key of G, above, you'll see in the key of G, 1=G, 4=C and 5=D. So the 1-4-1-5... progression now becomes G-C-G-D...

This basic explanation of the Nashville system should get you started. A few layers of complexity have been ignored here, but this is enough to get you started thinking 'number progressions' instead of 'chord progressions'. And now, when you hear someone in a jam say "This is 1-4-5 in the key of G", you'll know they are really saying "We'll be using the chords G-C-D in this song."

For extra credit, fill in the blanks in this chart:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Notes in key of D:	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Notes in key of A:	—	—	—	—	—	—	—





Classified Ad: Guitar player w/ vocals looking for established bluegrass band or others interested in starting one, call Dave @ (315)572-0762

CNYBA Officers and Board Members for 2009-2010

Congratulations to our officers and new board members for the 2009-2010 year:

Officers--

President: Dennis Crawford

Vice Pres: Bill Light

Secretary: Ed Van Cott

Treasurer: John Warner

Board Members (3 yr terms)--

Joy Crouch

Bill Knowlton --

Thanks for your willingness to help our association be active and successful!

Joint CNYBA/MVBGA Picnic Sunday, June 14th, 2009

Chittenango Falls State Park
2300 Rathbun Rd.
Cazenovia, NY
315-655-9620

We have reserved the large pavilion at Chittenango Falls State Park in Cazenovia for a joint picnic with Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association (MVBGA). The park opens at 9:00am, and closes at sunset. There is a \$4.00 per vehicle parking fee collected at the gate. They can direct you to the large pavilion, just tell them you are looking for the CNYBA/MVBGA 'bluegrass folks'.

Please bring a dish to pass, your own beverage, and table service. Chittenango Falls is a carry-in/carry-out park, so we each need to remove what we bring into

FYI -- Newsletter Deadline = 25th of month prior to newsletter you want your info. entered!

CNYBA Showcase Committee Thank You

Kathy Kinney and the other members of the Showcase Committee wish to extend special thanks to the following people who have helped so much with our showcases: Nancy Sullivan for the afghan she provided for the April showcase; Carol McGinley, for the afghans she donated; George Rose, for running the pie table; and Katie Warner, for selling 50/50 tickets and for clog-dancing in the aisles! Your help really made the show a marvelous occasion. For help at the Kellish Hill Farm showcase in May, the committee would like to thank Lauri's Diner and Char for the pies and desserts for the show. Yummy, yummy! Thanks also go to Kathy Kellish for providing the venue for this terrific showcase. Your help is invaluable to CNYBA's success with our showcases.

P.S. There will be a Chicken Barbecue available at our May 17th show -- see page three.

the park. There will be plenty of pavilion space, and plenty of jamming areas available, so bring you instruments, rain or shine.

Please extend an invitation to all friends of CNYBA, MVBGA, and friends of bluegrass. As Dick Satterly (MVBGA Pres.) says, "Come on out and enjoy meeting old and new friends with a fun day of jamming and socializing."



JOIN THE CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

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Choose your membership: Active - \$10. _____, Senior (62+) - \$9. _____

Family - \$15. _____, Band - \$20. _____

Gift Certificate**

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What instrument(s) do you play?

What band(s) are you with?

Areas/activities you can assist us with: (check all that apply)

Publicity _____ Mentoring _____ Performing _____

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Make checks payable to CNYBA and mail to Helen Weldon, 2446 Hillview Dr., #17, Cato, NY 13033; 315-626-2603, e-mail: helwel80@yahoo.com.

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Happy Mother's
Day!



*Check your
membership re-
newal date!!*

PLEASE KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT -- RENEW EARLY!!!!