



CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

Greetings everyone.

We are pleased to be sending you this brief newsletter which includes another Uncle Dave Macon column by Bill Knowlton, a listing of coming events, and some membership notes. Please direct any comments, additions or corrections to Shirley Stevens at stevenscny@aol.com, or call 315-451-2801. Also, please consider writing something for the next newsletter. ..we'd love to hear from you. Have a great fall everyone!!

REMEMBERING UNCLE DAVE MACON PART IV

by Bill Knowlton

There are so many memories and stories I have of Uncle Dave Macon—the first superstar of the Grand Ole Opry—that I could probably write a book. But fortunately I won't have to do so because COL. Michael Doubler US Army (ret), a West Point graduate and great grandson of Uncle Dave, is doing that as I write. He's a well-regarded author on Army history even penning a book on the Army foot soldier in WW II; dedicating it to his Father, Alvin Doubler, a veteran of the D-Day and the Battle Of the Bulge.

Mike is going to cover the life and times of the Dixie Dewdrop from the family's point of view.

Incidentally, Uncle Dave had six sons, one of whom, Dorris, often accompanied his "Pap" on guitar both on the road and Saturday nights at the Grand Ole Opry. He was even with him in the 1940 Republic picture: "Grand Ole Opry."

Then there was Paul, Rev. Esten, Harry, Glenn and his oldest son Archie.

Glenn Macon unfortunately was an introvert, which meant his tremendous talent could only be enjoyed by close friends in the kitchen of the Macon farm house. (Sam McGee once said to me: "I reckon I can say this now: Glenn was an even better musician than his Father!!")

Archie Macon made up for brother Glenn's shyness by being extremely outgoing, enthused with life, and he "never met a stranger."

In the 1920s "Mr. Archie" often drove his Pap to what was then "The WSM Barn Dance." He also was the person responsible for convincing Uncle Dave to sing a hymn on the show, basing his suggestion on the Pickard Family's performances on their own WSM radio show, which often included gospel songs.

I once took Archie to visit the Ryman Auditorium. To my astonishment he'd never been there. "Why heck, Bill! Pap was always underfoot at my home and if I wanted to hear him on the Opry all I had to do was turn on my radio."

Archie was astonished that the Ryman was first called the "Union Gospel Tabernacle." And this made it more meaningful to him; his Pap played every week in what was once a Church.

Also, while standing on the spot where his Dad performed, Archie commenced to tell tales of the Dixie Dewdrop to the tourists who were passing through the historic building, drawing so much attention that the line started backing up at the Ryman entrance!

When I first made contact with the descendants of Uncle Dave in Murfreesboro, TN, it was "Mr. Archie" that I first met. When in his home he wouldn't let me sit in any other chair but the Morris chair he had inherited from Uncle Dave.

Sadly Archie did not live to see the beginning of Uncle Dave Macon Days, but he was aware of it before his passing. He and his wife Malissa (who cooked many a meal for Uncle Dave and his fellow musicians when they stayed with them) are buried in Coleman's Cemetery, Kittrell, TN, right down the row from Uncle Dave.

More to come!----Bill Knowlton

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Marion Lamont: It is with great sadness that we tell you that Marion passed away on September 5, 2016. Marion was a long time member of our Association and a great supporter of Bluegrass. For many years she could be found at the Friday night Marcellus Bluegrass Jam with her big smile, listening to the music and chatting with her friends. It would be impossible to count the number of meals she helped prepare for Bluegrass events and she managed to keep us all updated on what was happening in the Central New York Bluegrass world. She had a great concern and love for all her Bluegrass friends. She will be missed. Our prayers go out to all her friends and family.

Bibian Bouthillette: Sadly, Bibian passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2016. She was a member of the New York State Old Tyme Fiddlers Association and the Oswego Valley Fiddlers Chapter for nearly a quarter of a century. She served as Vice President of the Oswego Valley Fiddlers. She was also a member of the Central New York Blue Grass Association. Fiddling was her main instrument of choice, but she also played other instruments, such as the piano, dulcimer and guitar. BiBi was instrumental in bringing old time fiddle tunes to the US from her place of birth, Canada. Bibian was also a seamstress and made many of her clothes for performances of music and square dance. One such outfit can be seen at the Fiddlers' Hall of Fame and Museum in Osceola, New York. She shared her talents with so many and taught people how to enjoy life through her music, song and dance.

Molly and the Badly Bent Bluegrass Boys will be recording their second CD this fall. We look forward to hearing it!

INFORMATION REQUEST

From Dean Shea: "Not sure how long your group has been around. I had a cassette from back in the 80's from a local band called Cayuga Bluegrass. Anyone there ever heard of them? I lost the tape and I am trying to get a replacement. It had songs like Georgia Rose and Family Bible." If you can help Dean, let Shirley know, using the contact information at the top of the first page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There's so much wonderful Bluegrass and Old Time music for you to enjoy...some of it right around the corner! Support our local, regional and national groups. You'll have a great time and they'll love you for it!! Please confirm shows before traveling.

September 21, 2016 - Wednesday 7 pm

The Cadleys at the Ridge Golf Club and Restaurant, 1281 Salt Springs Road, Chittenango, NY 687-6900

September 24, 2016 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm)

Idlytymes at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre OPRY, 15 N Main St, Bainbridge NY. Idletymes offers a unique blend of hard driving, straight forward bluegrass music with tight, core harmonies and boasts an impressive portfolio of original songs. To reserve seats please call Judy Dewey at 607-967-3169 (afternoons and evenings, please).

\$12 (Seniors and students \$10; under 10, \$5; Family \$25)

September 24, 2016 - Saturday 3 pm Cost ?

Dyer Switch at the Arlington Street Fair, Raymond Avenue, between Collegeview Avenue and the Eastbound Arterial, Poughkeepsie, NY

September 24 and 25, 2016 11 am to 4 pm both days

Cincinnati Creek at the Remsen Barn Festival of the Arts, Remsen, NY. A tradition for more than 30 years, the main street of Remsen is transformed that weekend into a venue for more than 250 crafters and food vendors. The street is closed to vehicle traffic, allowing approximately 225 arts and craft exhibitors and 25 food concessions to line the street. A farmer's market can also be found mixed with the craft booths. Admission to the Festival is free and parking can be found in several authorized parking lots.

September 25, 2016 - Sunday 2 pm Free

Genesee Ted at the Marcellus Free Library, 32 Maple St, Marcellus NY, in the Friends Community Room. A local quartet of old-time musicians and singers will perform folk, blues, bluegrass, country and original tunes. The group is made up of Dana Cooke on mandolin and guitar, Shirley Stevens on guitar, Eileen Rose on mountain dulcimer, and Tom Burr on bass. Concert made possible by a grant from Senator John A. DeFrancisco

September 29, 2016 - Thursday 6 pm

Pigeon Post Stringband at the Seneca Street Brew Pub, Manlius NY

October 1, 2016 - Saturday 1 to 4 pm \$7.50 (under 2 free, seniors \$5)

The Cadleys at Critz Farms, 3232 Rippleton Road Cazenovia, NY on the patio. 315-662-3355 Ticket information: There is an admission charge of \$7.50 per person on weekend days during the Fall Harvest Celebration, with a \$30.00 per car maximum (No family riding together in one car pays more than \$30.). Kids under 2 are free, and seniors are \$5.00. Each paid admission includes a Season Pass which entitles the family to get unlimited free admission to the farm on future visits throughout the season. www.critzfarms.com/fall-harvest-celebration/

October 2, 2016 - Sunday 3:30 to 5 pm

Molly and the Badly Bent Bluegrass Boys at the Great PumpkinFest, Courthouse park, Cortland NY.

October 7, 2016 - Friday 8 pm \$15

Molly Tuttle, at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society, 3800 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY, sponsored by the Folkus Project (www.folkus.org). Virtuoso multi-instrumentalist and award winning songwriter with a distinctive voice, Molly has turned the heads of even the most seasoned industry professionals.

October 8, 2016 - Saturday 7:30 - 9 pm Cost ?

Dyer Switch at Park Coffeehouse, Church Street, Holland Patent, New York - (315) 865-5854

October 9, 2016 - Sunday 1 to 4 pm \$7.50 (under 2 free, seniors \$5)

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October 15, 2016 - Saturday 8 to 11 pm

Easy Ramblers, CD Release Party! at the Green Gate Pub, 2 Main St, Camillus, NY.

October 15, 2016 - Saturday 9 pm

Red Dog Run at Roots Cafe, 197 North Main St. Building A, Naples, NY. Roots music: folk, rock, old time, new wave, country, Celtic, Cajun/Creole, and their own compositions. (585) 374-9800

October 21, 22 and 23, 2016 \$20

Cincinnati Creek, Cathy, Chris, and Lori, will be joining the Steuben Players for their rendition of the History of Lake Delta. We will be singing and, yes, even acting in that production. The dinner theatre includes a pork dinner and all the trimmings including great homemade pies. Tickets sell fast. Call Lori if interested, 315-723-8782.

October 22, 2016 - Saturday 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm) \$12 (Seniors and students \$10; under 10, \$5; Family \$25)

Zink and Company at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre OPRY, 15 N Main St, Bainbridge NY. Zink and Company is firmly rooted in the traditions of the early decades of bluegrass and country music. The band can be counted on for their powerful musicianship combined with Zink's smooth lead baritone vocal, which sounds just as much at home with a driving bluegrass tune as it does a tear-filled country weeper. The Zink and Company members have come together to create a recipe of entertainment with a tight, cohesive sound that you are sure to love. To reserve seats please call Judy Dewey at 607-967-3169 (afternoons and evenings, please).

October 23, 2016 - Sunday 2 pm \$12 members \$15 non members

Zink and Company and Shine Hill Road at the Adirondack Bluegrass League, Brookhaven Golf Club, 333 Alpine Meadows Road, Porter Corners, New York

November 3, 2016 - Thursday 7 pm

The Cadleys at Buffalo Bill's Family Restaurant and Tap Room, Shortsville, NY.

November 11, 2016 - Friday TBA

The Cadleys at the Nelson Odeon, with Dan Duggan, 4035 Nelson Rd Cazenovia, NY 315-655-9193.

November 23, 2016 - Wednesday 8 pm

Molly and the Badly Bent Bluegrass Boys at the Fest Before the Feast! with Digger Jones at the Red Jug Pub.

November 26, 2016 - Saturday 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm) \$12 (Seniors and students \$10; under 10, \$5; Family \$25)

David Davis and The Warrior Boys at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre OPRY, 15 N Main St, Bainbridge NY. David Davis and the Warrior boys continue to be at the forefront of defining Bluegrass. To reserve seats please call Judy Dewey at 607-967-3169 (afternoons and evenings, please).

November 26, 2016 - Saturday 8 pm

Molly and the Badly Bent Bluegrass Boys at BRU 64 at Marketplace Mall, 64 Main St., Cortland, NY with Dana Twigg and Stephen Bradley, Cortland NY.

November 27, 2016 - Sunday 2 pm \$12 members \$15 non members

David Davis and the Warrior River Boys and the Mason Zink Band at the Adirondack Bluegrass League, Brookhaven Golf Club, 333 Alpine Meadows Road, Porter Corners, New York.

December 3, 2016 - Saturday 7 pm \$20

Flatt Lonesome Christmas Bluegrass Concert at the Sodus High School Auditorium, Sodus NY.9 While deeply-rooted in bluegrass music's historic classics, they also have an energetic flair for country sounds, progressive jams, and soul-stirring gospel music while never forsaking their traditional essence. If you love high lonesome harmony, soaring sibling vocals and powerful bluegrass music, then you will love Flatt Lonesome. For more information or to buy tickets, contact: Mike Garlock: Email: mgarlok@verizon.net or phone: 585-415-9641. Visit www.sodusrotary.org/

December 9, 2016 - Friday 7 to 10 pm

The Cadleys at the Brae Loch Inn, 5 Albany St, Cazenovia NY

December 14, 2016 - Wednesday 7 pm

The Cadleys at the Ridge Golf Club and Restaurant, 1281 Salt Springs Road, Chittenango, NY 315-687-6900

December 17, 2016 - Saturday 8 to 11 pm

Easy Ramblers at the Green Gate Pub, 2 Main St, Camillus, NY

CNYBA JAMS

Don't forget to come out to the CNYBA monthly jams held on the second Saturday of the month from September through May (except for December)..Jams are held at the Lamson Rd Community Church,, 2259 Lamson Rd, in Phoenix, NY., from 10 am to 2 pm..The next jam will be held on October 8, 2016/. Come to pick, sing, or just to listen. Everyone is welcome!

MEMBERSHIP

No room for the membership form...if you'd like to renew your membership, just send a check, made out to CNYBA, to Shirley Stevens at PO Box 536, Liverpool, NY 13088. Please note that your renewal date will either be in April or in October. Please check your label for the date and let us know if there's any problem.

Unless there are changes in your contact information, all we need is your name or band name. Feel free to make any comments you'd like. We'll pass them along to the board. Rates are: Individual Active (\$10) Family (\$15) Individual Senior-- 62 and older (\$9) Band (\$20). Happy Fall!