

THAMES VALLEY BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

September 2006



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There was no July or August Newsletter because there hasn't been a lot of new activity to report and I have been busy making music and partying all summer. We will try to produce a Newsletter every month during the current season provided we have enough content to make it worthwhile. Any suggestions or contributions are more than welcome. Please contact Wes Lowe at wlowe@sympatico.ca or at (519) 539-8967 with suggestions and/or contributions.

COMING EVENTS

Our regular Thursday night sessions are beginning again September 7th at the Thamesford Legion.

On Sunday September 10 the Thamesford Lions Club will host our "**Fall Classic Bluegrass Pickin' Session**" at the Thamesford Arena Recreation Hall from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please see the flyer at the back of the Newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some members of the Club represented our Association at the Home County Folk Festival Open Stage. Garry Koenig, Wayne and Jane Uncer, Don and Jonus Hutchinson and your intrepid Secretary were the Club members involved. We brought in a couple of ringers in the persons of Chuck McCallum on Dobro and Garry Boyle. We got to do two sets. We may not have been the best but I think we were the liveliest bunch on the stage that day. We got a number of favourable comments from members of the audience.

The Goin' Concern played for much of the summer at the Alex P. Keaton on alternate Sundays ending their run on August 20th. Unfortunately I did not have the opportunity to get out and see them because of a very busy schedule this summer. I hope to catch up with them again during the winter.

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Git-R-Done played at the Woodstock Fair at 6:00 PM on August 25th. They will be playing at the September 10th Fall Classic in Thamesford, the Drumbo Fair at 8:00 PM on September 22nd and the Central Canadian Bluegrass Awards in Huntsville in November sometime during the weekend of the 17th to 19th.

Lonesome Wind presents An Evening of Bluegrass at the Aylmer Old Town Hall Theatre & Library, 38 John St. S., Aylmer on Saturday October 28, 2006 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Admission is \$15.00. The doors open at 7:00 pm.

We note that "Waiting for the Wind" was the #1 hit single on CBC Radio for 7 consecutive months.

The Dixie Flyers are appearing at the 131st Annual Western Fair on the Ann Eadie Park Stage. Scheduled appearances are: Friday September 8th at 4:00 and 6:00 pm., Monday September 11th at 6:00 pm. and Tuesday September 12th at 6:00 pm.

If any other groups affiliated with our association, or not, want us to publish their schedules, please let me know by phone or e-mail.

FINANCE REPORT

There is no Finance report available because the Executive have not met during the summer.

WORKSHOPS

There were no workshops over the summer. We hope to get these started early in the fall.

OTHER STUFF

I had a great time at the Willow Park Bluegrass Festival on the New Credit Mississauga First Nations Reserve in August. I highly recommend this festival to anyone who truly appreciates good Bluegrass Music. The line-up included two American bands, Flint River Boys and Gold Wing Express and Canadian bands Foxtail, Silverbirch, General Store and Don Coutchie.

This festival is always on the weekend following the Civic Holiday Weekend.

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Unfortunately for me the Thorndale Festival was happening the same weekend and I couldn't make to both. From all reports it was a complete success with an excellent line-up and good crowd.

If anyone attends an event and wants to comment on it, please let me know.

Check out our website at **TVBA.ca** sponsored by **The Stringman** and developed and maintained by Gord DeVries.

The Thames Valley Bluegrass Association Executive

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On Sunday September 10, 2006 at the Thamesford Recreation Centre Hall from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Bring your instruments, your voices, and your friends. The TVBA will have a house band to back up any single performers. This is another club “Introduction to the Stage Workshop” We welcome any part time or full time Bluegrass Bands to join our event or showcase your group. Please call in advance to register your group. It will be free admission to all musicians playing and only \$5.00 to spectators. All proceeds raised will sponsor the IBMA Ontario project to promote Bluegrass in schools. For more information or to book a spot on stage please call,

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Proudly hosted by the Thamesford Lions Club