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The BABA Bulletin



The Bay Area Bluegrass Association

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“Twenty-five Years Strong”

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The Bay Area Bluegrass Association, (**BABA**) was organized in 1986 and incorporated in 1987 under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. The primary purpose of **BABA** is to preserve, encourage, and promote Bluegrass and Bluegrass Gospel music as an American art form. **BABA** promotes Bluegrass through being active in community events, fund raisers, festivals, and monthly shows.

The monthly show is free to the public and features Bluegrass from the local and national scene. The stage show begins at 6:30 p.m., but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier. **BABA**'s kitchen provides tasty, inexpensive food and beverages (NO ALCOHOL). Prizes and donations are raffled off every show.

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Please help support Bluegrass. Join **BABA** today. Your membership will help us to meet our goals and objectives. See membership levels below. **BABA** is a 501(a) tax deductible organization. See any Director for information.



If you were at the show last month I don't have to tell you we had one of the best shows ever. **James** “broken string” **King** did one heck of a job and what a super nice guy that apologized about 100 times for breaking a string. I knew I liked him the first time I talked to him. Bluegrass folks - you just can't beat 'em. **White Dove** and **Texas Harmony** had toes tapping and folks singing along too. Let's not forget them. Jams going on in all the rooms, in the halls, and outside; with the biggest crowd in some time.

Now on to this month. We'll have **Cypress Creek**, **Justified**, and **Da BBQ Bunch**. Bring your friends out and lets have a good picking time.

Are you thinking about the festival? How about the **Kenny & Amanda Smith Band**, **Charlie Sizemore Band**, and **The Chapmans**, plus a whole bunch of regional bands from the great state of Texas and beyond? Guitar workshop with **Kenny Smith**, mandolin workshop with **Spencer Strickland**, a bass workshop with **Zak McLamb**. I'm working on the other workshops now; a beginners/kids workshop with a list of instructors on Friday. Sound interesting? Well, join me at **Fire On The Strings** here in League City at **South Shore Resort and Convention Center** July 15th, 16th. All indoor with more jamming areas than you can shake a stick at. **TICKETS ON SALE NOW** on the **BABA** website. Special room rates and free breakfast buffet with every room. Make sure to ask for the **BABA** rate to receive the discounts and free breakfast. Contact South Shore Harbor Resort & Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd., League City, TX 77573, 281-334-1000 for reservations. (Make your reservations now while there are still rooms.)

With the festival, Kemah boardwalk, NASA Space Center, Clear Lake, shopping, food & restaurants and RV sites all close by there will be something for everyone. Make your plans to join us and help support **BABA**.

Remember, our membership and donations keep **BABA** alive. We need your help. Renew your membership. Ask if your employer has a donations program. Ask your friends & neighbors to come out & join us and become a member of **BABA**. We need your support.

Lets pick.

Rick

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SLOW JAM **AT EVERY MONTHLY SHOW**

In the Rec Room

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BABA presents a show the third Saturday of every month. Would you like to have your band perform on stage? Contact Rick Kirkland at 281-488-2244 to be added to the schedule.

Flash From The Past



My First **BABA** Experience

My first trip to the **BABA** League City monthly show must have been '89 or '90. We were playing in a band called Trinity Ridge at the time.

We had been out to the Spring Creek event a couple of times and heard there was a monthly event closer to home in League City, and it was indoors, and it had A/C.

The next month we were at **BABA** jamming and having a good time.

We were asked if we would come and play on stage, but being new kids on the block and not knowing the ropes, we declined the offer.

My youngest daughter was disappointed when we got there because she was looking forward to seeing some "blue" grass. She was three.

I am glad to be a part of **BABA** and what it does for preserving the music my father, and his, grew up on, and were so fond of.

Now there is another new generation of talented young pickers hanging around **BABA** and you'd better be on your "A" game to get in a jam with them.

There are some things that haven't changed in all the years I've been involved with **BABA**. The people are always friendly, you can always find a jam to fit into, and I never had to worry about my kids at a **BABA** event.

Keep on pickin'

Owen Huckabay



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Listings have proven to get bands paid gigs!

**We are proud to have these fine bands as members of the
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Monthly Jams & Shows

Note - Please send additions, deletions or corrections to the editor.

Wednesdays

Spring, TX - Ron Hayden's house, 22703 Bayleaf Drive, 5:30PM, rhayden7@gmail.com, 281-353-3531

Thursdays

Groves, TX - Allie Morvent's House, 7119 Howe, 7PM, (409) 962-5236

Fridays

Manchaca, TX - Fire Hall, FM 1626 (1 Mi. W. of Manchaca Rd), 7PM Show (512) 282-3600.

Sundays

Dickinson, TX—Bayou Campground, 5001 Hwy. 3, 2 PM, (832)-647-8645

Austin, TX - Artz Ribhouse, 2330 S. Lamar 2-5 PM. (512) 442-8283, or 272-9673.

1st Tuesdays

Nassau Bay, TX - Jam at Fuddrucker's, 2040 NASA Pkwy. (281) 993-1620

1st Friday

Carthage, TX - Town Square, 6:30PM (903) 678-3857

Saturdays

Alvin, TX - Texas Opry, 1720 Sealy. Admission charged. (281) 432-2942
Mauriceville, TX - Tuffy's, Bayou Country Grass, 6:30 - 8:30PM

1st Saturday

Henderson, TX - Odd Fellows Hall, 6PM (903) 889-2783 or 566-6650
Needville, TX - Brazos River Pickers puts on a free concert from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Brazos Bend State Park in the amphitheater. Usual State Park entry fees apply. (281) 344-0601, www.brazosriverpickers.com
Pearl, TX - 15 miles west of Gatesville, 7 miles south of US 84 on FM183, pearlbluegrass.com
Montgomery, TX—Downtown Montgomery, 10 AM—2pm, 936-597-5002

2nd Saturday

Tomball, TX - Oklahoma Community Ctr., Conroe-Huffsmith Rd. off FM 2978, 4 PM Jam/6 PM Show, (281) 850-1413
Houston, TX - West University Community Building, 6104 Auden. 7:30 PM Admission, not always bluegrass, Houston Folklore Society (281) 347-3235
Huntington, TX - Volunteer Fire Dept, Main & Pecan. 5 PM Food and Jam & 6 PM Show (409) 422-3562 or 632-5393, or 897-3109.
Deer Park, TX, - Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St., 11 AM - 3 PM
Fayetteville, TX—info@texaspickinpark.com, www.texaspickinpark.com, 6PM

3rd Saturday

Harwood, TX - Community Center, 2 PM Jam/5:30 PM Pot Luck Supper (512) 648-4728
Houston, TX - Woodland Christian Church, 607 Rogers, North Harris County Dulcimer Society. 3 - 6 PM.
League City - Civic Center, 300 Walker. **BAY AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION.** 5 PM Jam/7 PM Show, (281) 636-9419
Marshall, TX - Lions Community Center, Poplar St. 7 PM Show, (903) 935-7023
Minden, TX - Community Center, 5:30 PM, (903) 657-3320
Sulphur Springs, TX. (Oct - March) - 400 Como St. (903) 885-4078 or 885-7063

4th Saturday

Beaumont, TX - Rosedale Baptist Church, 7110 Concord, (409) 866-0848, SE Texas Dulcimer Friends
Sacul, TX - Opry House, Hwy. 204 (25 mi. SE of Jacksonville), 6:30 PM, (903) 586-8484 or (409) 326-4544
Bellville, TX - Coushate RV Ranch, Spring Creek Bluegrass Club, 4 PM Jam/6 PM Show (Jan. thru Sept. (979) 865-5250

Whitewright, TX - Opry House, 7 PM, (903) 364-2539

Walker, LA - Old South Jamboree, U.S. Hwy. 190, (504) 664-3630
Deer Park, TX - Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St., 11 AM - 3 PM
Cypress/Tomball Area - Bluegrass Jam, Kleb Woods Nature Center, Mueschke & Draper Rd., (281) 373-1777, tn.bluegrassjam@earthlink.net

5th Saturday

Huntington, TX - Volunteer Fire Dept., Main & Pecan, 6 PM Show (409) 897-3109 or 632-5393 or 422-3562

3rd Sunday

Grapevine, TX - Founders Building, 701 S. Main St., 12-5:00 PM, (817) 275-3104

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Just bring any receipt you have from any League City business. The date on the receipt must be the date of any **BABA** show. If you make a purchase on the way home, bring the receipt to the next show you attend. Print your name and zip code on the back of the receipt and drop it in the jar at the **BABA** table.

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Mandolin Workshop Notes

By Anne Hayden

Ron and I thoroughly enjoyed our first venture up to the Argyle Bluegrass Festival. The bands were amazing (Dailey & Vincent, The Boxcars, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, The Travelin' McCourys, and others), workshops were plentiful, and jammin' was everywhere. As a novice mandolinist, I attended all three of the mandolin workshops. Each mandolinist said that strings, mandolin, picks, and accessories are really a matter of personal preference; all of the presenters use arm guards and tone guards. As a relative newcomer to all of this, I like to see what they use so I'll know what I might want to try for my own playing.

Workshop #1 – Adam Steffey (The Boxcars)

Adam uses Elixir strings, coated, medium (11-15-26-40) or D'Addario strings. His mandolin is a Henderson. He uses a Blue Chip pick (a small one, tri-cornered, and uses the point to play) and prefers a heavy to extra-heavy weight pick (1.0 or higher). Someone commented that his tremolos seems slow; he likes to play them that way. He spoke about the importance of timing and recommends using a metronome for practice. He confessed to rarely using his pinky finger (except on chops). "People will want to play with you in jams if you do great chops," Steffey says, speaking about how he loves chops and playing rhythm. He told how chops in the 1940's were more chord-like and have progressed through the years to what we now see as much choppiest chops; he likes to vary his chops. When it's your turn in a jam, he says, you should emphasize the melody; if someone walks in $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through your break, s/he should be able to recognize the song you're playing. Also, he added, it's fine to add fills while others are playing their breaks (regular fills or double-stop tremolos), but don't overplay them. He says he takes the simple melody of a song, then builds his part from there for a performance. We should be practicing our down/up skills (cross picking); it helps us have better control over the pick.

Workshop #2 – Jesse Brock (Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper) and Sterling Abernethy (Rockin' Acoustic Circus)

Jesse uses D'Addario strings, coated, medium (11-15-26-40). He likes a medium action setting. He uses a 1MM nylon Dunlop pick or a Blue Chip 40. He also like the Wegen chips and doesn't care for tortoise (too heavy). He recommends really learning the chord patterns for rhythm chops (He confessed to sometimes using only the top two strings on some of the chords. → He spoke of the importance of controlling your tone; he has very little of the point of his pick exposed, then lightens up and exposes more on a break. He emphasized the need for an open, fanned hand when playing really fast, then closing more on the chops. Don't pick up your left thumb, but slide it up and down the neck, like a fiddle player would do. He says there is usually no real need to pick hard; use your grip and style for variety. He uses a lighter grip when playing fast, then a medium or heavier grip at medium or slower speeds. Bonus: he had a really neat pick holder (for guitars and mandolins) that goes between the strings above the nut. (I don't know the brand of his, but I ordered one called a Wedgie from amazon.com.)

Workshop #3 – Ronnie McCoury (The Travelin' McCourys)

Ronnie uses D'Addario coated, heavy strings (11.5-41); he did add that sometimes he mixes brands of strings. He uses a heavy (1.5) pick for volume and thicker tone and takes the points off; he says he's not too crazy about Blue Chip picks. His mandolin is a 1981 Gilchrist (Australian, and he told how Steve Gilchrist made surfboards before he made mandolins.

Ronnie had quite a few helpful pieces of instruction: A double-stop is any 2 strings within a chord. Like Jesse Brock, he says to play with an open right hand, using a loose wrist (like a dish rag, he says). He says for speed, you should exercise trying to keep up and keep it clean. How you use your pick makes a big difference on the cleanness of your notes. Get the chords down! Learn the melody of a song, then sit around to find notes (fills, stops, whatever) that go with the melody. (He was playing a 3-finger G chord on the top 3 strings, I noticed.)

Here's a Bill Monroe blues run Ronnie showed us: Bb-B slide (on 2nd string), G (3rd string), Bb B (non-slide), 2 G's.

Ronnie gave us a lot of mandolin history on Bobby Osborne (first melodic mandolin player), Bill Monroe, Sam Bush, and Frank Winfield. Obviously, playing with his dad (Del McCoury) and brother (Rob McCoury) was huge in his life from very early on.

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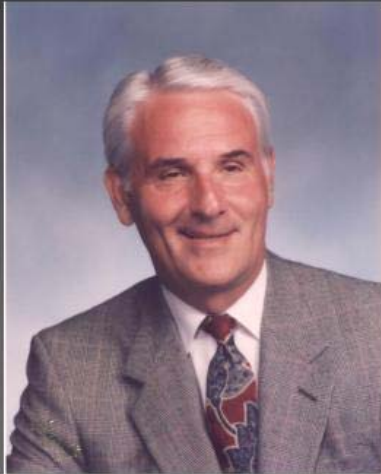
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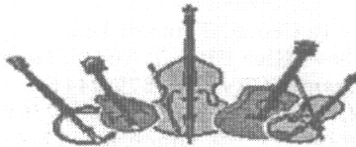
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Music lessons from The Studio of *Kerry Jones*

Do you find yourself standing around a pickin' session wishing you could join in, but don't know how to play? The music studio of Kerry Jones can help. We offer day and evening lessons for children & adults, ranging from beginners to advanced, on banjo and guitar.

Kerry has a Music Performance degree and over twenty years experience. He has been instructing individuals for the last ten years. You've loved Kerry as the wierded out leader and banjo player in Classical Grass. Now get to know him as your instructor and friend.

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When you sign up for eight weeks of lessons, Kerry will provide you with a beginner's level instrument to take home and practice with. This allows you to try your hand at music without forking over a large amount of money for an instrument.

For lessons, call Kerry Jones at

Class Acts (832) 545-7261
Located in Alvin, Texas

Fire on the Strings

BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2011

presented by:

Bay Area Bluegrass Association

lots of workshops:
see the website for
detail

Who? We're working on the Band Lineup now; more info later as things develop! Want to play our festival? Like to be a sponsor? Contact Rick Kirkland email crk5820@msn.com
phone 281-488-2244

Our festival features something for everybody: young and less young, traditional and contemporary. Bring your friends and family, stay the weekend, plan on having a great time with wonderful folks and excellent bluegrass music!

NEW LOCATION! NEW DATE!

MORE STUFF!

Where?

South Shore Harbor
Resort and Convention Center
2500 South Shore Boulevard
League City, Texas 77573
281-334-1000 for reservations
Check out the exciting new location!
www.sshr.com

When?

July 15th-16th, 2011
Friday and Saturday
(Third weekend)

What?



Texas State Championship contests:
Flat-pickin' Guitar & Banjo
Junior Bluegrass Show, Workshops,
Special BABA rates with indoor jam
rooms and jamming floors set aside.
Be sure to ask for the BABA rate!
RV sites close by!

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Looking for more than Bluegrass? Golf, Kemah Boardwalk, Nasa, offshore fishing, onshore fishing, party boats, shopping, beaches, amazing dining, minutes from Galveston's historic Strand and Moody Gardens. (and more shopping!)

You can plan a vacation for the whole family around this!



February





AcousticMusicCamp

August 11-13, 2011 • Arlington Texas



A three day camp for Bluegrass & Clawhammer Banjo, Guitar, Mandolin, Fiddle, Songwriting, Dobro, Vocal, Bass, Swing/Jazz Guitar

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Robert Bowlin

Swing/Jazz Guitar

Kim Platko

Songwriting

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Dennis McBride

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Small class sizes with hands-on instruction and an emphasis on fun is what you can expect at Acoustic Music Camp 2011. Come join us this August in Dallas and learn to make better music in a friendly, supportive environment. Only 15 minutes away from DFW Airport and conveniently

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or call Gerald Jones: **214-236-0783**

Texas Pickin' Park Reopening

I am looking for some volunteers to help represent **BABA** at next month's Reopening of Texas Picking Park in Fayetteville.

Dorothy and Hal Stall, long time **BABA** members, will be honored for their contributions to bluegrass and for getting Texas Picking Park off the ground.

I'd like to have a **BABA** table with flyers, membership information and some jammers around for the afternoon and evening. **BABA** will furnish some refreshments.

If you have a pop up canopy we could use, that would be great. I have one but If we have any jamming, it won't be big enough. Bring chairs.

Help out if you can.

Thanks
Rick Kirkland

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*South Shore Harbour
Resort & Conference Center*

workshops

jamming

Texas State Banjo Championship

Junior Bluegrass Showcase

raffles

silent auction

swimming

Texas State Flatpicking Championship

craft vendors