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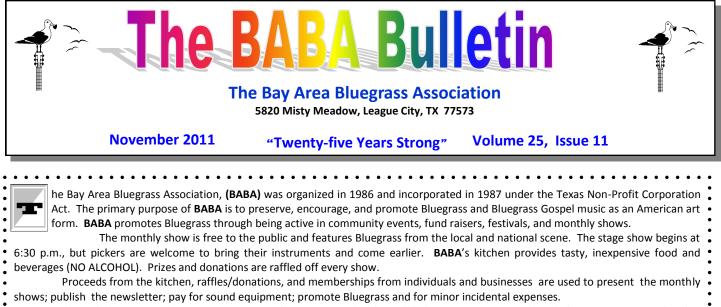
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November 19 - The Bluegrass Solution, Sabine River Bluegrass Band, **Justified**

December - no show - Merry Christmas & Happy Chanukah

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Well, this month wraps up another year of top shelf bluegrass. I know I sure have enjoyed this past year and the shows we've had.

This month we have The Bluegrass Solution, Sabine River Bluegrass Band and Justified for another top show.

Thanks to Eddie & Martha Adcock, Southern Style and LoneStar Bluegrass Band for a great show last month.

BABA needs your help. Just like everyone else, we are being affected by the hard economic times. It has always been a balancing act to keep **BABA** going in the black, but in recent months the balance hasn't been so good. The crowds have been good, the shows have been good, the jams have been good, but the balance sheet has been out of balance. Your membership and donations are what keeps **BABA** going. Help us keep **BABA** going. If you aren't a member, join. Ask your friends and family that enjoy bluegrass to join. Ask your employers if they have a donations program for non-profit groups. Remember we are only as strong as our members. Donate what you can when you can.

Keep on picking,

Rick Kirkland President

P.S. We are making plans for next year - drop me a line if there are any bands you would like to see at the festival or the monthly shows. It doesn't hurt to ask.

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would like feedback and Bluegrass articles from our readers. Tidbits or article(s) can be: an amusing quote; reviews of festivals or music conventions; behind the scenes reports of bands; technical; RV & campground reviews; or anything you feel would be of interest to Bluegrass enthusiasts. Articles may span more than one issue, and full credit will be given.



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> Thanks to the bands that entertained us at the October show.

Southern Style Eddie & Martha Adcock LoneStar Bluegrass Band **Board of Directors**

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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.

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Happy Thanksgiving



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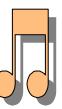
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Jan 21 - League City, TX, BABA, 5PM jam, 7:00 stage show, 281-488-2244, www.bayareabluegrass.org Feb 18 - League City, TX, BABA, 5PM jam, 7:00 stage show, 281-488-2244, www.bayareabluegrass.org













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TO ALL FUDDRUCKER'S JAMMERS

If you enjoy the jams at Fuddrucker's but have not been receiving the monthly reminders, let me know. Send an email to me at: bmonroe0409@sbcglobal.net to request that your name be added to the Fuddrucker's Reminder list.

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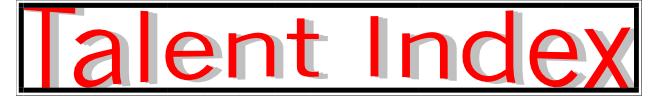
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Monthly Jams & Shows

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

Wednesdays

Spring, TX - Ron Hayden's house, 22703 Bayleaf Drive, 5:30PM, rhayden7@gmailcom, 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.

<u>Sundays</u>

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

1st Tuesdays

Nassau Bay, TX – Jam at Fuddruckers, 2040 NASA Pkwy. (281) 993-1620

<u>1st Friday</u>

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

<u>Saturdays</u>

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.brazosriverpickes.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,*

Fayettevine, Tx—injo@texaspickinpark.com, www.texaspickinpark.com 6PM

<u>3rd Saturday</u>

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

Sulpher 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 - Coushatte 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.blugrasjam@earthlink.net

5th Saturday

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

<u>3rd Sunday</u>

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

Keep Those Receipts A'Coming

Don't forget to bring your receipts from any League City establishment at which you shop or eat the day of a **BABA** show. Your shopping in League City helps promote **BABA**.

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. <u>Print your name and zip code on the back of the receipt</u> and drop it in the jar at the **BABA** table.

We know that many of you eat at local restaurants before or after the show. Some of you buy gas or snacks for the ride home. Just start hanging on to those receipts and bring them to the next show you attend. Thanks for supporting **BABA**!

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DAN HAYS DEPARTING AS IBMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) announced today that it has reluctantly **accepted the resignation of Executive Director Dan Hays, effective February 29, 2012.** In doing so, the Board expressed its profound appreciation for Hays' 21 years of effective, dedicated service in the position, noting that his contributions have been indispensible to the organization's stature as a force for professionalism within the industry and as an advocate for the music in broader circles.

Citing new opportunities facing the music and the organization in coming years, Hays noted that:

"Bluegrass has achieved amazing and very different kinds of success over each of the last seven decades. Today, bluegrass is poised to reach new heights, and IBMA has embarked on the challenge of reinventing itself in an age of major change in the entertainment world. I'm fully in support of IBMA addressing the challenges of this era and have given my best to help set the stage for another positive evolution."

"Approaching 2012, IBMA is poised to open doors to a new generation of opportunities - in creativity, in how we do business, and in how we connect with fans. The role of the Executive Director will be critical, not only in helping us to walk through those doors, but in solidifying and strengthening the emerging roles for the organization in coming years. It's exciting to be where we are and, in my judgment, this is an opportune time for a leadership transition."

Hays' contributions are intertwined throughout the organization's efforts of the past two decades, including:

the establishment of the IBMA Awards and its worldwide broadcast

- a successful annual World of Bluegrass business conference offering a wide array of professional development opportunities
- the annual Bluegrass Fan Fest, a multi-day festival with an enormous talent lineup that raises money for IBMA and the Bluegrass Trust Fund (which offers financial aid to music industry professionals in time of emergency need)
- the creation of Leadership Bluegrass, a high level industry educational program which boasts hundreds of alumni
- "Bluegrass in the Schools" programs, which have reached out to millions of young people and, in recent years, spurred the creation of a new Foundation For Bluegrass Music as a means to connect charitable giving with these and similar public programs.

a variety of industry-wide marketing initiatives that have helped to elevate the profile of the genre around the world.

Hays has also been responsible for raising several million dollars through corporate relations for IBMA and in charitable contributions to the Foundation for Bluegrass Music and the Bluegrass Trust Fund, in addition to representing the organization in public and to the world of entertainment.

"To be entrusted with the responsibilities of this position and welcomed into the family of our music has been a genuine blessing throughout the years," Hays added. "I will be leaving with more appreciation than can be expressed for current and former board leaders, volunteers, members, staff and other supporters."

"It's inconceivable that we would be where we are today without the vision and dedication that Dan Hays has brought to the job of Executive Director," said Board of Directors Chair Stan Zdonik. "Thanks to his work, we're confident that our music—and our organization—are in a strong position to find creative ways of meeting the need to move into the future while retaining our essential connection to the music's roots."

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Member Drawing Winner: Arnold Krajcik	Threlkeld, David Towery, Helen Vinson, Viola Wakefield, Larry Wenner
Receipt Drawing Winner: Rudy Welch	Lifetime Members' names are in alphabetical order
Welcome New Members: Mike Huff, Mickey Gaedchens, Everett Gaedchens, Melvyn Phaup, Cindy Petty, Jerry Louthan	Endowment Gift Members: Phil & Fern Deans, Lisa Maranto

Welcome Back Renewal Members: Lee Dickerson, Billie Hoda, Greg English, Terry Atmar

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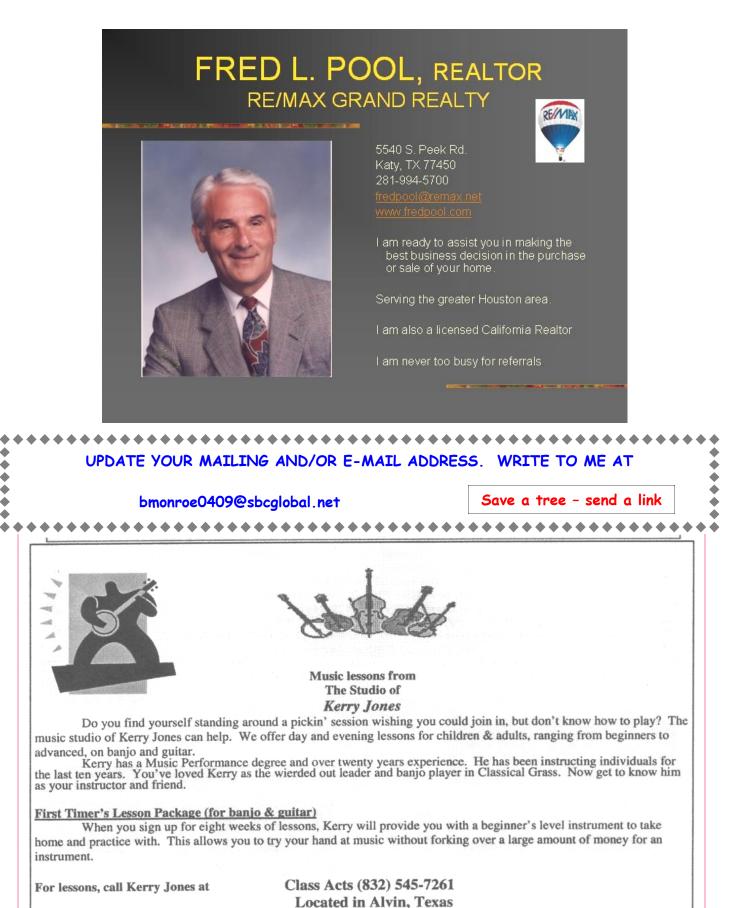
GOOD ADVICE

- * Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than putting' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try ordering' somebody else's dog around.
- * Live simply, love generously, care deeply, and speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

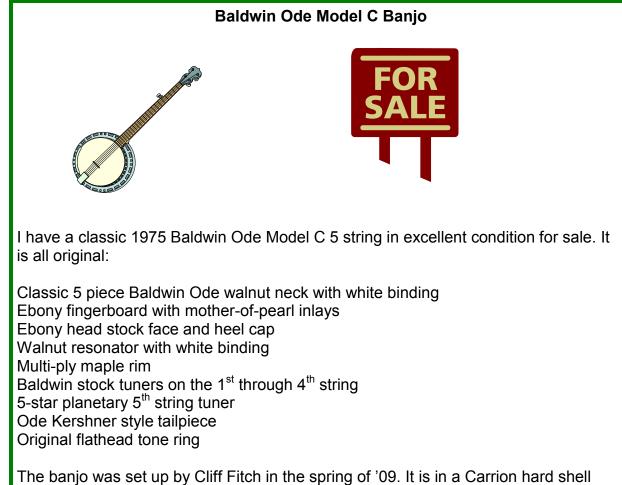
Wanna Jam?

Looking for bluegrass players in Baytown who would like to play. Any accoustic instrument at any playing level. I play the 5 string banjo and I love to play but need some folks who like to play also. My email is <u>jbbanjar@verizon.net</u> and my name is Jim.





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The banjo was set up by Cliff Fitch in the spring of '09. It is in a Carrion hard shell case. \$1500.00. Call George: 281-337-7420 in Dickinson.

To All Our BABA Friends...



Your Board of Directors

ADVICE FROM A RETIRED HUSBAND

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an oversensitive woman.

My name is Ron. Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Carol. When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Carol to get a full-time job, along with her part-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work

Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch each day in the Men's Grill at the Golf Club, so eating out is not an option in the evening. I'm ready for some home-cooked grub when I hit that door. She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner.

I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed. Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But, boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two, or even three days. That way, she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points..

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods... She had to take a break when she was only half-finished mowing the front lawn. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man.. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me, too.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Carol. I'm not saying that showing this much patience and consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Ron died suddenly on January 31 of a perforated rectum. The police report says he was found with a Calloway extra-long 50-inch Big Bertha Driver II golf club jammed up his rear end, with barely 5 inches of grip showing, and a sledge hammer laying nearby. His wife Carol Anne was arrested and charged with murder.. The allwoman jury took only 10 minutes to find her Not Guilty, accepting her defense that Ron, somehow without looking, accidentally sat down on his golf club.

Contributed by Patrick Milligan