THE BABA BULLETIN

The Bay Area Bluegrass Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: **Well, summer is almost here and things keep heating up around here. We had a great show last month. Pine Island Station, Sabine River Bend, and the Sowell Family did us proud.**

This month we're trying something that hasn't been done for a while but by popular demand the BABA band scramble is on back the books. I've had many, many requests for this so here we go, and we'll see what happens!

Also we have another new band to the BABA stage , The Flying Fish Sailors. Ron has been doing a fine job with the bands and I can't wait to hear this one.

OK. We can finely announce the bands for Fire On The Strings! The Crowe Brothers will be heading up the show and releasing a new CD. The lineup continues with Hard Road Trio, Robertson County Line, The Billy Bright & Alan Mundy Quartet, The Lonestar Bluegrass Band, The Bluegrass Solution, Cypress creek, Sabine River Bend, Pet Rooster, and The Sowell Family, There are still a few things going on so you may get a surprise or two in a little while.

Remember to ask for the "bluegrass discount" when booking your rooms at South Shore Harbour : 281-334-1000

And as always, remember we couldn't do the things we do without you. Pick on! Rick

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Contact Mike Fuller of *The Bluegrass Solution* at:
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Anne's Notes

May 2014

Flying Fish Sailors

What's quirky, Celtic, folksy, and sometimes plays songs that we bluegrass people play? Yes! The Flying Fish Sailors!!!

Back in April 2009, Ron & I went to Discovery Green in downtown Houston, representing the Houston Sierra Club for Earth Day festivities. There were many entertaining bands performing, but our main attention went to The Flying Fish Sailors. Since then, we have bought 4 of their 5 CDs (I'm thinking we need to complete our collection this weekend), and we have actually paid to see them at McGonigel's Mucky Duck. Of course their show is well worth the cost of admission, but THIS WEEKEND you can see them for FREE!!!! Why? Because you're a member of BABA. Or you know a member. Or you just drop in every month for a free show. At any rate, you're in for a delightful, spirited evening of entertainment.

Many of the FFS (Flying Fish Sailors) songs are original and quite witty, such as "Flu Pandemic," "Haul U-Haul Haul," and my favorite, "Poke You in the Eye," which is the ringtone I hear when my sister calls. Besides original tunes, FFS performs familiar songs like "Three Jolly Coachmen," "The Cat Came Back," and "Waltzing Matilda."

What, you may wonder, does this have to do with bluegrass? If you have read more than two of "Anne's Notes" in your lifetime, you know I eventually get around to making the connection. First of all, some of their instruments are our instruments. No, not stolen, just the same instruments: guitar, mandolin, violin/fiddle, and vocals; they also throw in a pennywhistle, an occasional bass, and a bouzouki. More familiar tunes that we know and do, indeed, play at our jams include "Cluck Old Hen," "Drowsy Maggie," "Rivers of Texas," and my personal favorite, "St. Anne's Reel."

Of course, they'll be selling their CDs at the show, but you can also purchase them online from www.amazon.com.
You can check out their website: http://www.flyingfishsailors.com
And you can like them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/flyingfishsailors
But wait, there's more! They offer FREE music downloads:
www.flyingfishsailors.com/download-remnant-stew-free
Brace yourself for a wonderful hour of fun from the Flying Fish Sailors. *Contributed by Anne Hayden*

2014 SHOW LINEUP: STARS, WORKSHOPS, JAMS - Start tuning up now!

MORE BANDS & WORKSHOPS - LINEUP TO DATE:

Saturday May 17: Welcome a new (to BABA) band to the stage. We'll host The Flying Fish Sailors for the first time at our venue in the 7:00 PM stage schedule. As Rick has already mentioned in the President's Message, the rest of the evening will be filled with an old favorite, the loved, (the dreaded?) BAND SCRAMBLE! Let's make beautiful music together! Info on sign up will be posted later, so practice, practice, practice! There's no telling what kind of great bands and friendships could come out of this!

Saturday June 21: We have another newcomer to the BABA show. Be sure to welcome The Pausitive Band, and get here by 7:00 PM so you don't miss Prairie Fire either! Take a nap Saturday afternoon, because jamming starts around 4:30 or 5:00 PM and we have a third band on stage that you'll want to stay awake to see: our friends and regulars to the BABA shows - the talented Cypress Creek.

Saturday July 19: Start practicing now, because the Texas State Mandolin competition will be held at the July BABA show in League City! Pet Rooster will play during set-up, and after the last contestant is finished. The winner of this contest will represent the great state of Texas at the nationals in Kansas.

Are your friends telling you to try out? DO it!
More later...

IBMA International Bluegrass Music Association

http://ibma.org/membership

Support your local bluegrass music association. Memberships for adults start at $40 dollars and the professional single membership is $75.

WORKSHOPS: DID YOU NOTICE?

If you're a member of the Bay Area Bluegrass Association, the workshops are free. If you aren't a member, then the price of the workshops - with some of the top musicians in the Bluegrass world - will cost $35 to participate.

Think about this: a basic membership in BABA costs the same $35 as a single workshop. Join or renew, and get all of the workshops for free for the whole year!

Fire on the Strings

Bluegrass Music Festival 2014

presented by:

Bay Area Bluegrass Association

lots of workshops & great vendors: see the website for details

Who? The Crowe Brothers with a CD release, The Hard Road Trio, and Robertson County Line! Also performing: The Billy Bright & Alan Mundy Quartet, The Lonestar Bluegrass Band, The Bluegrass Solution, Cypress Creek, Sabine River Bend, Pet Rooster and The Sowell Family Pickers..... so far! (Lineup subject to change if necessary)

Contact Rick Kirkland: phone 281-488-2244
email crk5820@msn.com

Purchase tickets online at
www.bayareabluegrass.org/fos_tickets

LOCATION!

Where?

South Shore Harbor
Resort and Convention Center
2500 South Shore Boulevard
League City, Texas 77573
281-334-1000 for reservations
Be sure to ask for the Bluegrass Discount!! www.sshr.com

DATE!

When?

August 15th & 16th, 2014
Friday and Saturday
(Third weekend)

TICKETS: discounted 'til Aug. 10
Both days: $40.00 per person
Friday only: $20.00 per person
Saturday only: $30.00 per person

MORE STUFF!

What?

Texas State Championship contests:
Flat-pickin' Guitar & Banjo
Junior Bluegrass Show, Workshops.
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The Crowe Brothers
http://www.crowebrothers.com

Hard Road Trio
http://hardroadtrio.com

Robertson County Line

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So, here is one thing you can do for BABA that requires NO dishing out money, and NO effort on your part... well, other than taking less than five minutes to get it set up. You can follow these instructions or pick up a copy of them at the BABA monthly shows.

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2. LINK YOUR CARD AT www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

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a) You will need to enter your email address, create a password, enter your zip code, click on a favorite store, and agree to the terms and conditions.

b) Once you are done entering your information you will get a message asking you to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email to activate your Kroger account.

*IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A KROGER.COM ACCOUNT:

a) Enter your email address and password and click on "Sign In".
b) Click on "Edit" in the "Community Rewards" section.
c) Enter your organization's number or name and then click on "Search".
d) Select your organization and click on "Save".
e) To verify that you enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your 'Account Settings' page.
f) Once you are linked, you can start earning rewards immediately toward the organization you are supporting. (Note: The message saying that you are supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards program will start printing on your receipt about 10 business days after you linked your card.)

3. VIEW YOUR REWARDS DETAILS

* Sign in to your Kroger account.
* Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com
* Click on "View Your Rewards Details"
* See how much you have earned for your organization! (Note: This information will only be available and updated at the end of each cycle.)

Remember, you must swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card, or use your Alt ID when shopping in order for each eligible purchase to count.

Thanks for your continuing support of bluegrass!

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For General Festival Questions, please contact Angie Beaubouef at texangie55@yahoo.com

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Wylie Jubilee

Bluegrass on Ballard

Car Show • Chili Cook-Off • Arts & Crafts • Food & Fun

Saturday July 5

Music: 3pm – 10pm
Chili Cook-off: 10am – 8pm
Arts and Crafts: 10am – 8pm
Car Show: 3pm – 6pm

Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass
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Join us on Saturday, July 5 for the Wylie Jubilee featuring live bluegrass music on Ballard Avenue in the center of historic downtown Wylie! This Independence Day celebration will feature live bluegrass music from 3:00pm until 10:00pm as well as a car show, chili cook-off, arts and crafts fair!

And it's all FREE with no ticket required!

Visit DiscoverWylie.com

Ballard Avenue just North of Highway 78
in Downtown Wylie, Texas 75098

This great event is presented by the Wylie Downtown Merchants Association, the City of Wylie, and the Bluegrass Heritage Foundation.

Downtown Wylie has great places to jam, so come join us and pick all afternoon and evening!

The Wylie Best Western Plus is the host hotel for this event. Call 972-429-1771 discounted room rates.

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TO OUR RETURNING MEMBERS

PHOTOS from the April Show (Thanks to Travis Posey for the great photos!)

See the website for more: http://baba123.smugmug.com/Music/Monthly-Show-April-2014/

PINE ISLAND STATION

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IF YOU FIND YOURSELF UP BY DALLAS AND NEED A BLUEGRASS FIX....

The international headquarters of the Bluegrass Heritage Foundation has been humming with plans for the new year. We have just confirmed some very special events, with more info coming soon, but you can mark your calendar now:

May 31: The first-ever BYOB (Bring Your Own Bluegrass Band) BAND CONTEST and show at the beautiful Dallas Heritage Village park near downtown. Up to a dozen bluegrass bands will compete for several cash prizes, then we will finish the night with a full show by Sgt Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band! Details coming soon.

July 5: The Wylie Jubilee/Bluegrass on Ballard! Back, bigger than ever, and still free! This incredible street fair and show boasts great bluegrass, a huge car show, arts and crafts vendors, and more! Last year was a blast - this will be bigger and better!

Oct. 17-18: The Bloomin' Bluegrass Festival & Chili Cook-Off at the Farmers Branch Historical Park.

Monthly: The Bluegrass Heritage Foundation is proud to co-sponsor the First Tuesday Bluegrass Jam at the famous Charley's Guitar Shop. Join them at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month at 2720 Royal Lane in Dallas.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association

NO MORE RECEIPTS!

BABA will no longer be taking League City receipts, and we will no longer have a door prize drawing for them each month.

They have not been as useful as we had hoped, so starting in January we will be focusing on the door prize for BABA MEMBERS.

Be sure to stop at the BABA table, and get a MEMBER door prize ticket. THANKS!
P.S. You can join there, too.

Stringing You Along

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can.

Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

I'm at this level.

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About BABA

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. BABA is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization; see any Director for information.

The monthly show is free to the public and features Bluegrass from the local and national scene. The stage show begins at 7:00 PM, but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier to jam. Tasty, inexpensive food is available at the show, and there are raffles, door prizes, and Bluegrass merchandise for sale. This is a 'no alcohol' event, but there's plenty of music and great family fun!

Proceeds from donations, sponsors, memberships, sales, and raffles are used to keep the doors open and the regular shows free to the public. They also maintain and replace sound equipment, storage, security, and expense of keeping the music playing. We thank you for your attendance, your generosity, and your love of the music.

A BIG BLUEGRASS THANKS!

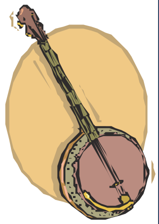
to our members who help keep the music playing every month, and an extra shout out to those who have joined as Gold Club, Lifetime, Endowment and Foundation levels. We couldn't do this without all of you!

Members' names are in alphabetical order

Gold Club Members

Don & Jan Clark, Mike & Pat Conwell, Ed & Ann Fitchard, J.B. & Nancy Graham, Gerry & Kim Herman, Lynn Holbrook, Rick & Shirley Kirkland, Darryl & Tina O'Bryant, Laney & Shannon Sims

Membership in the Gold Club is payable annually. We thank you for your "extra" support.



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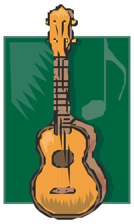

Chris Martin Accepts Sustainable Standard-Setter Award: The Rainforest Alliance honored C.F. Martin & Co. with the Sustainable Standard-Setter Award at their annual gala on May 7th at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. The award recognizes industry champions who prioritize environmental sustainability. In 2009 Martin Guitar was one of the first acoustic guitar manufacturers to produce a guitar model comprised entirely of FSC® certified woods. The D Mahogany includes a genuine mahogany neck, back and sides, an Alpine spruce soundboard and katalox fingerboard and bridge.   See the guitars at: www.martinguitar.com

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Speaking of guitars.....I stopped by Fuller's Guitars on the north loop on Saturday. The back room is getting set up again after the Dallas show, the visit by the Gibson Custom gang, and a general sprucing up (pun intended). Oh my! I visited a Gibson Firebird and a National Resonator Mandolin; something acoustic that looked like it was out of an original Gene Autry movie - I started drooling at that point and don't remember who made the western pin-up girl model. I suppose I should learn to play the ones I have before I lust after more. Or... I should keep buying them until I find one that I CAN play?! Seriously, you owe it to yourself to just go LOOK at those stunning instruments!

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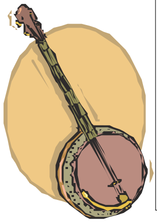

TONY RICE benefit concert and auction in Paris (France!) was on Sunday May 11. If you missed the Ricky Skaggs benefit for Tony in March and couldn't get to Paris, but wish to donate to the effort, information can be found at the Tony Rice Foundation's facebook page.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

JOIN: at the show, or online

Individual Membership: $35.00 annually

You'll become a member of the BABA family and support the free monthly shows & jams. You'll receive the BABA Bulletin Newsletter monthly, admission to workshops at the monthly shows, admission to Bluegrass in the Park for BABA members & guest, updates about Bluegrass events in the area, discounts on some bluegrass shows in the area – as well as the satisfaction of supporting BABA and Bluegrass Music in Texas.

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Lifetime Gold Club Membership Individual: $1000.00

Get all the benefits of the individual membership, A Gold Club Membership Name Badge, A BABA shirt, and knowing that you are giving that extra support to the BABA family. You'll become a member of the BABA family and support the free monthly shows & jams. You'll receive the BABA Bulletin Newsletter monthly, admission to workshops at the monthly shows, admission to Bluegrass in the park for BABA members & guest, updates about Bluegrass events in the area, discounts on some bluegrass shows in the area -and the satisfaction of supporting BABA 'above and beyond'.

Texas Bluegrass Jams & Shows

Combined list from Bay Area Bluegrass Association and Central Texas Bluegrass Association so wherever you are in Southeast to Central Texas, you might just as well bring your instruments because we're going to find you a place to pick and jam.

PLEASE notify us at bayareabluegrass2@aol.com if you find any errors, or have a jam that you'd like changed, added or deleted. We list by day of the week, then by town/city.

Mondays

Bluntzer: 3rd Monday, 2-6 PM, South Texas Bluegrass Gospel Jam, G&H BBQ, 5491 Hwy 624. phone 361-387-4552 Email stx.bluegrass@gmail.com,

Cypress: Every Monday 7-9:30 PM, St. Aidan's Episcopal Chruch, 13131 Fry Road. Email tonynema@earthlink.net, phone 281-373-1777

San Antonio: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 PM, "Monday-in-a-Jam" at Grady's BBQ, 327 E. Kakoma Dr., 78216. Phone Peyton Starr 210-870-4321 or Sheryl Sultenfuss (no phone listed)

Tuesdays

Llano: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 PM, Beginner/Intermediate, 1st Presbyterian Church. Phone Jeff White 325-248-4114

Medina: 2nd Tuesday, All Gospel Jam, 6 PM, 1st Baptist Church. Phone Linda Barton, 830-589-2486

Nassau Bay: 1st Tuesday, 7-@9 PM at Fuddruckers, 2040 NASA Pkwy, 281-933-1620

Shulenburg: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30-9:30, Shulenburg RV Park Clubhouse. Phone Loretta Baumgarten 979-743-4388 or Email camp@ShulenburgRVPark.com

Wednesdays

Austin: 1st Wednesday, 7-10 PM, Musician's Woodshed, 3698 RR 620 South, Ste. 107, 78738, themusicianswoodshed.com

Houston: each Wednesday, 6-9 PM, at Hickory Hollow, 100 Heights Blvd, Houston (just south of I 10 on Heights Blvd)

Thursdays

Austin: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 PM, Bruce Manbridge's home. Contact Steve Mangold for all Austin Jam info, 512-345-6155

Georgetown: Every Thursday, 5:30–7:30 PM, Duke's BBQ. Email sigi@sigi.us, phone 512-869-8076

Groves: Every Thursday, 7 PM, Allie Morvent's House, phone 409-962-5236

Manchaca: Every Thursday, 6:30-9 PM, Manchaca Railroad BBQ, FM 1626. Phone Dave 512-680-4433

Fridays

Bandera: 4th Friday, 6:30 PM, Silver Sage Corral, east of Bandera. For info, phone 830-796-4969

Carthage: 1st Friday, 6:30 PM, Town Square. For info, phone 903-678-3857

Dickinson: Every Friday, 7-9 PM, Dickinson BBQ, 2111 FM 517 E. Phone 281-534-2500

Hondo: 1st Friday, begins 11 AM, Hondo Hootenany. Hondo Community Center, 1014 18th St. Phone 830-426-2831

Manchaca: Every Friday, 7 PM show, Fire Hall, FM 1626 (1 mile West of Manchaca Rd.) Phone 512-282-3600

Utopia: 3rd Friday, 7 PM, Senior Citizen's Center. Phone Skip Doerr 830-966-6362

Victoria: 3rd Friday, Slow Jam 5-7 PM, regular jam 7-10 PM, American Legion Post #166, 1402 E. Santa Rosa. Free Admission. Email crossroadsbluegrass@yahoo.com or phone Stan Kendrick 361-935-4413 or Gary Moses 361-550-5466

Saturdays

Alvin: Every Saturday, Texas Opry, no time given, 1720 Sealy, Admission is charged. Phone 281-432-2942

Austin: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, slow jam 2-4 PM, intermediate 4-6 PM, CTBA sponsored. 3801 Berkman Dr., 78723.

Beaumont: 4th Saturday, no time listed, Rosedale Baptist Church, 7110 Concord. S.E. Texas Dulcimer Friends. Phone 409-866-0848

Bellville: 4th Saturday, 4 PM jam & 6 PM show Jan through Sept, Coushatte RV Ranch, Spring Creek Bluegrass Club. Email bluegrass221@peoplepc.com, phone 979-865-5250, website www.springcreekbluegrass.com

Carrollton: Every Saturday March – Nov, 7:30 PM – 1 AM, between Main & State Sts. @ 6th St. Phone Jim Miller 972-279-3197 or website www.meetup.com/bluegrass-142

Cypress/Tomball: 4th Saturday, noon - 4PM, Kleb Woods Nature Center, Muschke & Draper Rds. Email tonynema@earthlink.net or phone 281-373-1777 or 281-910-4396.

Deer Park: 2nd Saturday, 11 AM-3 PM, Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St. No contact listed.

Fayetteville: 2nd Saturday, 6 PM April – Nov, Courthouse Square. Email info@texaspickinpark.com or website www.texaspickinpark.com

DON'T STOP NOW, WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED! CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.....

here's the rest of the jam and show schedule! 'pick' your favorite.....

Saturdays continued

Field Creek: 1st Saturday, 6 PM, Field Creek Music. Field Creek is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71. Phone Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

Glen Rose: 3rd Saturday, no time listed, Oakdale Park, Paluxy River Bluegrass Assoc., free stage show, camping encouraged. Phone John Scott 817-525-0558

Harwood: 3rd Saturday, 2 -9 PM, Jam & Stage Show. 9 mi. E. of Luling, Hwy 90. Phone Tony Conyers 512-601-1510 or 512-940-3731

Henderson: 1st Saturday, 6 PM, Odd Fellows Hall. Phone 903-889-2783 or 903-566-6650

Houston: 2nd Saturday, 7:30 PM, Admission charged and not always bluegrass, Houston Folklore Society, West University Community Building, 6104 Auden. Phone 281-347-3235

3rd Saturday, 3-6 PM, Woodland Christian Church, 607 Rogers, North Harris County Dulcimer Society. No phone listed.

Huntington: Nothing going on any more. Find a new jam? email the editor at bayareabluegrass2@aol.com

League City: 3rd Saturday, 5-11 PM jam, 7 PM show, 300 W. Walker St @ the Civic Center, Bay Area Bluegrass Assoc. Phone 281-488-2244

Liberty Hill: 4th Saturday, 1-6 PM, Hwy 29 West. Phone Paula 512-778-5410

Llano: 1st Saturday, 6 PM, Field Creek Music. Field Creek is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71. Phone Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

4th Saturday Jan – Oct, 5:30 – 10:30 PM, Bluegrass in the Hill Country Jam, The Badu House. Email info@bluegrassinthehillcountry.org

Marshall: 3rd Saturday, 7 PM Show, Lions Community Center, 1201 Louisiana St. Phone 903-935-7023

Minden: 3rd Saturday, 5:30 PM, Community Center. Phone 903-657-3320

Montgomery: 1st Saturday, 10 AM-2 PM, Downtown historical District. Discount coupons at local KOA. Email mld@consolidated.net or phone 936-597-5002

Needville: 1st Saturday, 6 PM-8 PM concert. Brazos River Pickers perform free at Brazos Bend State Park in the amphitheater. Concert is free but usual State Park Entry fees apply. Phone 281-344-0601 or website www.brazosriverpickers.com

Pearl: 1st Saturday, 1 PM, Pearl Bluegrass Jam & Show. Old School House on FM 183 (not US 183). 7 mi. South of Purmela. RV hookups available. Phone Ronald Medart 254-865-6013 or website www.pearlbluegrass.com

Round Rock: 3rd Saturday, 2-5 PM, Danny Ray's Music, 12 Chisholm Trail. Phone 512-671-8663 or website http://dannyraysmusic.com

Sacul: 4th Saturday, 6:30 PM, Opry House, Hwy 204 (25 mi. SE of Jacksonville). Phone 903-586-8484 or 409-326-4544

Sulphur Springs: 3rd Saturday, October through March. No time listed. 400 Como St. Phone 903-885-4078 or 903-885-7063

Tomball: 2nd Saturday, 4PM jam & 6 PM show, Oklahoma Community Ctr., Conroe-Huffsmith Rd. off FM 2978. Phone 281-850-1413

Walker, LOUISIANA: in case you sneak across the border. 4th Saturday, no time listed, Old South Jamboree, U.S. Hwy 190. Phone 504-664-3630

Wrightright: 4th Saturday, 7 PM, Opry House. Phone 903-364-2539

Sundays

Austin: every Sunday, 2 PM, Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto, 78701

Corpus Christi: 2nd Sunday, 2 PM, Heritage Park. South Texas Bluegrass Association, Phone Bill Davis 361-387-4552

Grapevine: 3rd Sunday, noon to 6 PM, Holy Trinity School, 3750 William D. Tate Ave. Phone 214-542-4402

OK, folks, that's what we have in our combined list. Remember, that old saying is still true:

"garbage in, garbage out"

so if you know of any changes, corrections, deletions or updates, PLEASE notify us at

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so we can keep the information current and correct. always call before traveling, just in case!

TO ALL FUDDRUCKER'S JAMMERS:
If you like the Fudd's jams but haven't been getting your monthly email reminder, shoot us an email request at: bayareabluegrass2@aol.com. If you'd like to be added to the list, just let us know!

Join us at Fuddrucker's, NASA Parkway, on the FIRST TUESDAY of every month for dinner and jamming. Turn in a BABA 'coupon' and we will receive a percentage of your food and drink purchase price as a donation from Fudd's. Great food, great friends, great bluegrass....how good can it get?! See Rick Kirkland for a coupon at the Jam.

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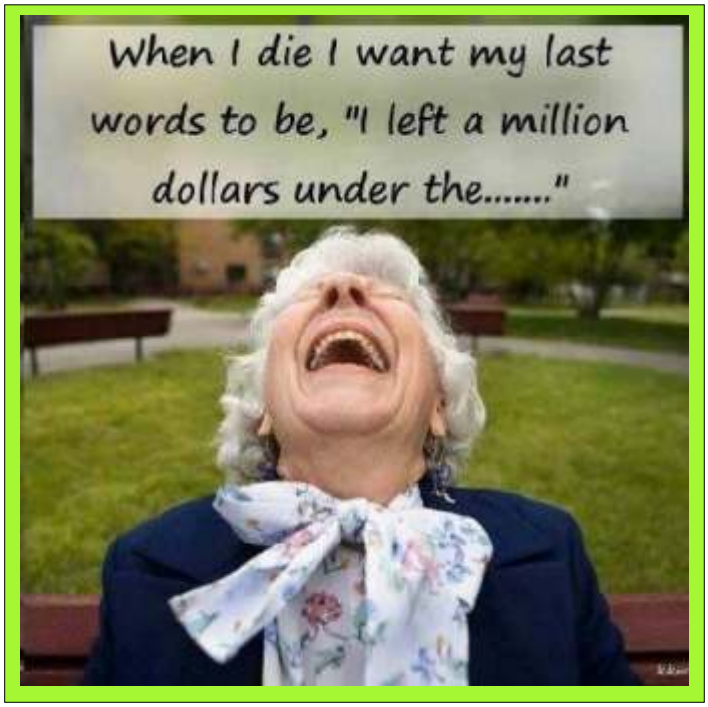

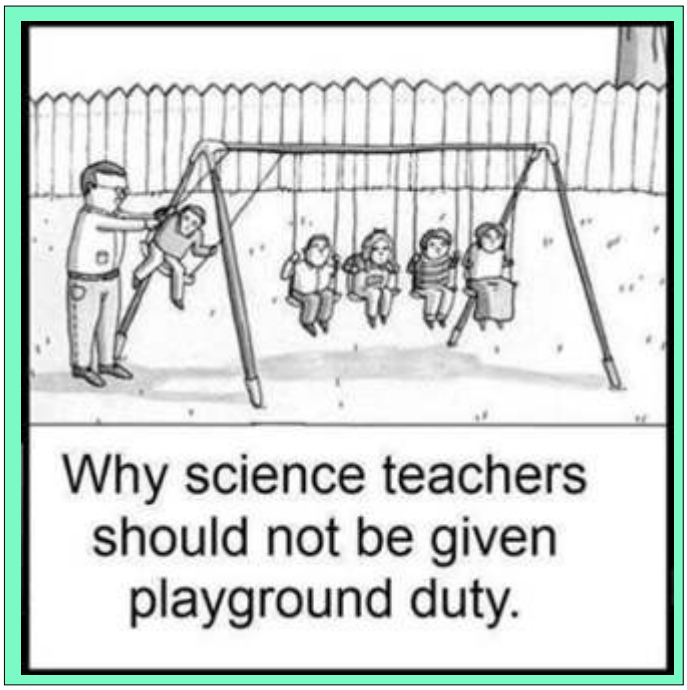

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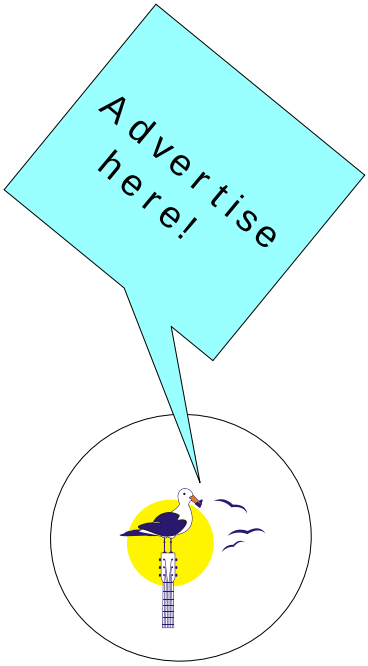

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