



## CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

Our regular editor is unavailable right now, so we're putting the newsletter together without the benefit of her skill and programs. Please forgive our lack of "prettiness." We hope you still find this information packed newsletter both useful and enjoyable. Please direct any comments, additions or corrections to [stevenscny@aol.com](mailto:stevenscny@aol.com), or call 315-451-2801. Have a great summer, everyone!!

***The world of bluegrass music mourns the loss of a favorite son with the passing of James King on Thursday, May 19.. Known in music circles as the Bluegrass Storyteller, King was known "for his matchless heartfelt ability to convey a story through song," Bluegrass Today said in a recent article on his passing. King, 57, became well-known in bluegrass circles as a guitarist and singer with two bands, Longview – featuring legendary J.D. Crowe – and his namesake, The James King Band that formed in 1983. If you catch Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble Radio show this week, you'll hear a tribute to James.***

### **Some news from the Treasurer, Eric Barth**

Facing continuous fee increases on the association's account, in April we moved our banking from Keybank to Empower Federal Credit Union. One of the several advantages that comes from our new business account extends to all of you. As a CNYBA member, you are now eligible for membership at Empower. You can open an account at any Empower branch simply by identifying yourself as an active member of the Central New York Bluegrass Association. You can stop in at any branch or check their website, [www.empowerfcu.com/](http://www.empowerfcu.com/) to see what services they offer. ...Regards to all, Eric.

### **UNCLE DAVE MACON PART III**

***by Bill Knowlton***

In my first two articles on the Grand Ole Opry's first superstar I reviewed how the "Dixie Dewdrop" got his start in show business: first personal appearances in schools and town halls, then vaudeville, and finally on radio; over WSM in Nashville where he remained until three weeks before his death, in 1952.

Uncle Dave loved being on radio. He even recorded a song "They're After Me" in which he boasts: "I get fan mail from Canada; I get it from everywhere -- People write and tell me I'm the very best on the air!!"

For many years Uncle Dave was backed up on guitar by his son Dorris—one of seven sons. He also worked with Sam & Kirk McGee, and Fiddlin' Sid Harkreader who accompanied Uncle Dave in 1926 to his first recording session, in New York City. He also worked personal appearance tours with the Delmore Brothers (recording with them too), Dr. Humphrey Bate, the "Harmonica Wizard" DeFord Bailey, Roy Acuff and Bill Monroe.

DeFord, an African American, would find himself locked out of hotels and boarding houses in the segregated South and faced a night of sleeping in the touring car but Uncle Dave would have none of that. Claiming that DeFord was his "butler," DeFord would be brought into Uncle Dave's room to spend the night.

There are dozens of stories about being on the road with the Dixie Dewdrop in the days on rural roads, way before the interstate. The old man, quite fond of Tennessee's Jack Daniels sippin' whiskey, always packed a small velvet lined case containing two bottles of the stuff.

One night the car was enveloped with a terrifying series of thunderstorms and showers causing the old man some fear and consternation. So he decided the best solution would be a bit of preaching to his fellow passengers citing that they all must mend their ways, stop drinking and carousing, go to church, etc. etc.

Well evidently his pious oration worked, for the storms subsided and a starry night time sky took their place. At that point Uncle Dave said, "Now boys I want you to pass me my satchel right now so I can have me a sip."

"But Uncle Dave, you just told us to mend our ways and give up our drinking" said a fellow passenger. "Well that was back then but it's alright now," the King Of the Hillbillies replied.

(By the way, Uncle Dave never learned how to drive, but he did own cars so that he could be driven to his personal appearances. This was because the old mule driver never forgave the trucks for putting his hauling company out of business.)

As he put it in song: "I'd rather go to heaven in a horse and buggy then to hell in an automobile."

***HOOKED ON GRASS (Blue that is)***  
***By Vicky Delaney***

When I first saw Ray Delaney in 1981, I was waitressing at the Ground Round in Fayetteville, NY, and he and his brother, John, were playing as a duo on the weekends singing Simon and Garfunkel, James Taylor, Neil Young, and other popular music. We met when I began passing him requests for favorite songs written on napkins. They had been off playing other venues for a couple of months, and then one day I looked up to see Ray walking in the door with his guitar. It was a moment I will never forget, and music has been part of our lives together literally from the first time I saw him on stage.

One Sunday night Ray was driving home and happened to come across Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble. The following week he was waiting by the radio to tune in for the show, and after that he couldn't get enough. He and John began to work on bluegrass on the side while they continued to play popular music at various weekend venues. Perry Cleaveland's mom and dad, Maxine and Dave, would come out to hear them play and stay until the crowd thinned out, and then they would encourage the boys to sneak in a couple of bluegrass numbers near the end of their show.

I had never heard bluegrass before I met Ray, and in 1982 he took me to the Berkshire Mountain Bluegrass Festival. It was so exciting and like nothing I had ever seen or heard – one band after another – the Seldom Scene with John Duffy and Mike Auldridge, the Osborn Brothers with Buddy Spicher, Dry Branch Fire Squad, the Country Gentlemen, Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys with Curly Ray Cline, and the Bluegrass Cardinals. The music was outstanding, the camp ground in the Berkshire Mountains was so gorgeous, and that weekend the weather was sunny and hot. As we walked around there were balloons everywhere and a group of children pretending to be a band with instruments made out of sticks. (See photos below) We just had a fabulous time.

By the summer of 1983, Ray and John realized they needed to make a choice even if it meant losing some of the work they had been getting. They formed the original Delaney Brothers Bluegrass with Jim Treat and Pat Parsnow, and began working as a bluegrass band from then on.

In 1984 Ray and I went back to the Berkshire Mountain Bluegrass Festival, and once again the lineup was spectacular. That year we heard Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, Peter Rowan with Marty Stuart, Mark O'Connor and Emmy Lou Harris, and the Johnson Mountain Boys. Being exposed to that kind of talent was so exciting and gave me a whole new appreciation for the heart and soul of bluegrass where the stories, rich vocal harmonies and amazing instrumental creativity are all woven together.

I will never forget those early years, and thanks to Ray and Delaney Brothers Bluegrass, I have been hooked on bluegrass ever since.



## ***Calendar of Events***

We aim for accuracy, but sometimes things get changed without our knowledge. Please check events before traveling. And send additions or corrections to [stevenscny@aol.com](mailto:stevenscny@aol.com) or call 315-451-2801.

May 25, 2016 - Wednesday 7 to 9 pm

**The Cadleys** at the Ridge Tavern, Chittenango, NY. Great food and atmosphere, spectacular scenery, and great music.

May 26, 2016 - Thursday- 12:30 pm

**The Cadleys** at HPC Common Grounds, Syracuse NY

May 27, 2016 - Friday 9 pm \$10

**Boots n' Shorts with Jatoba**, at Funk 'n Waffles Downtown, Syracuse, NY. Outlaw Bluegrass with a pinch of paprika, [bootsnshorts@hotmail.com](mailto:bootsnshorts@hotmail.com) [www.bootsnshorts.com](http://www.bootsnshorts.com)

May 28, 2016 - Saturday 9 pm Free

**Boots n' Shorts** at Dinosaur BBQ, Syracuse, NY. Outlaw Bluegrass with a pinch of paprika, [bootsnshorts@hotmail.com](mailto:bootsnshorts@hotmail.com) [www.bootsnshorts.com](http://www.bootsnshorts.com)

June 2, 2016 - Thursday 7 to 9 pm \$24

**Della Mae** at the West Kortright Centre, 49 West Kortright Church Road, East Meredith, NY. Traditional mountain music with modern singer/songwriter sensibilities. West Kortright Centre 607-278-5454

June 3, 2016 - Friday 6 to 7 pm

**Molly and the Badly Bent Bluegrass Boys** at Ithaca Fest, busking on the Commons

June 3, 2016 - Friday 8 to 11pm Free

**Boots n' Shorts** at World of Beer at Destiny USA, Syracuse NY. Outlaw Bluegrass with a pinch of paprika, [bootsnshorts@hotmail.com](mailto:bootsnshorts@hotmail.com) [www.bootsnshorts.com](http://www.bootsnshorts.com) Call (315) 422-2330 for information.

June 4, 2016 - Saturday 6 pm Free

**Boots n' Shorts** at Lafayette Community Day, Stafford Park, Lafayette, NY [bootsnshorts@hotmail.com](mailto:bootsnshorts@hotmail.com) [www.bootsnshorts.com](http://www.bootsnshorts.com) Call (315) 677-3674 for information.

June 4, 2016 - Saturday 6:45 to 7:45 pm

**Easy Ramblers** at the Taste of Syracuse, Delta Air Lines stage at Clinton Square, Syracuse, NY.

June 5, 2016 - Sunday 2 to 4 pm Free

**Genesee Ted** at the Sterling Nature Center Annual Festival of Nature and the Arts, 15380 Jenzvold Rd, Sterling, NY. The festival runs from 11 am to 4:30 pm and will feature local artists and authors as well as hands-on-activities for children and the young at heart as well as a craft fair. For lunch a Bar-B-Q beef sandwich, hotdogs and other food will be available. The event is open to the public. For more information call 947-6143.

June 11, 2016 - Saturday 12 to 6 pm Free

**Bluegrass on the Green** in Homer NY on the Village Green, Main St. Hosted by the Delaney Brothers, this year's festival will feature Diamond Someday, Otisco Valley Breakdown, The Atkinson Family and will end with the Delaney Brothers. For information, call 604-749-9942.

June 11, 2016 - Saturday 8 pm \$10 members, \$12 non

**Cincinnati Creek** at Unity Hall in Barneveld. For more information, email [cincinnati creek@gmail.com](mailto:cincinnati creek@gmail.com)

June 15, 2016 - Wednesday 7:30 pm \$20 Advance; \$25 at door

**Lonely Heartstring Band** at La Tourelle, 1150 Danby Rd, Ithaca, New York, CD Release Concert for Their Rounder Recording "Deep Waters." Go to [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2553581](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2553581) to purchase tickets. For more information, call 607-592-4647.

June 17, 2016 - Friday 8 pm Free

**Boots n' Shorts** at The Flashback Lounge, Watertown, NY [bootsnshorts@hotmail.com](mailto:bootsnshorts@hotmail.com) [www.bootsnshorts.com](http://www.bootsnshorts.com) Call (315) 681-4159 for information.

June 18, 2016 - Saturday 8 pm Free

**Boots n' Shorts** at The Monopole, Plattsburg, NY [bootsnshorts@hotmail.com](mailto:bootsnshorts@hotmail.com) [www.bootsnshorts.com](http://www.bootsnshorts.com) Call (518) 563-2222 for information.

June 18, 2016 - Saturday 3 to 9 pm

**Otisco Lake's 3rd Annual Homemade Jam** at the Otisco Lake Community Center, 2223 Amber Road, Marietta, NY, right across from the Amber Volunteer Firehouse. Hosted by SAMMY winning Bluegrass group, Easy Ramblers, the day will feature Joe Whiting & Dave Walker, Jodogs, Alison & Zoe, The Bog Brothers and Honky-Tonk Hindooz. The Homemade Jam is an annual acoustic music jamboree sponsored by the Otisco Lake Community Association. Bring a chair. The event includes a kids area with activities and food vending.

June 25, 2016 - Saturday 2 to 4 pm

**Molly and the Badly Bent Bluegrass Boys** at the Vestal Library, Vestal NY

June 30, 2016 - Thursday 6:30 pm **The Cadleys** at the Cazenovia Summer Concert Series, Cazenovia, NY

July 2, 2016 - Saturday 2 to 5 pm

**The Linabelle Bluegrass Band** at the Sheldrake Point Winery, 7448 County Road 153, Ovid, NY on beautiful Cayuga Lake. Come for a day of wine tasting and bluegrass, they go well together!

July 13, 2016 - Wednesday 6:30 pm

**Diamond Someday** at the Lang Memorial Library 2016 Music in the Park concert series. The concert will be held at the Gazebo in the Meridian Village Park located on State Route 370, next to the post office.

July 15, 2016 - Friday

**Chris Thile and Bela Fleck** at the Smith Opera House, Geneva, NY. Béla Fleck has virtually reinvented the image and the sound of the banjo. Chris Thile, multiple Grammy Award-winner, MacArthur Fellow, and proud member of Punch Brothers and Nickel Creek, is a mandolin virtuoso, composer and vocalist.

July 24, 2016 - Sunday 8 to 11 pm Free

**Mathews Family Tradition** on Bound for Glory, live broadcast from Anabel Taylor Hall at Cornell. The Mathews Family is one of upstate New York's top traditional bluegrass bands. Great singers and players, songs the way they used to be. <http://mathewsfamilytradition.com>. Bound for Glory, aired on WVBR, is North America's longest running live folk concert broadcast, Listen live at WVBR.com or come to Anabel Hall to hear the live sets at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 pm. All three sets are different. Come to as many sets as you wish. Admission is free and open to everyone in the area. Kids are always welcome. Refreshments are available. For further information, call Phil Shapiro at 607-844-4535, or e-mail [pds10@cornell.edu](mailto:pds10@cornell.edu).

July 28, 2016 - Thursday Leave dock at 5:50 pm Free

**Diamond Someday** at St. Williams Church on Long Point, Raquette Lake. You need to arrive by boat. Once in the village of Raquette Lake, the town dock is behind the gas pumps in front of the Raquette Lake Supply Company. Park in the village near the town dock or the Library. A boat launch is also available. Reservations are required due to limited space and the need for boat transportation to St. William's. Public barge leaves the village dock at 5:50 pm; and returns at 8:30. In the event of severe weather, programs will be held at the Raquette Lake School on Rt. 28. Plan to come rain or shine! For reservations call (315) 354-4265. For more information, go to [www.stwilliamsonlongpoint.org](http://www.stwilliamsonlongpoint.org)

July 30, 2016 - Saturday 1 to 3 pm Free

**Genesee Ted** at the Vestal Museum Summer Musical Memories Concert Series, 328 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal NY, doing music of the fifties with a Bluegrass/old time touch. For more information, call 607-748-1432, or go to [www.vestalny.com/residents/museum/index.php](http://www.vestalny.com/residents/museum/index.php)

July 30, 2016 - Saturday 7:30 to 10:30 pm

**Easy Ramblers** at Lakeside Vista on Otisco Lake, 2437 Route 174, Marietta, NY

August 7, 2016 - Sunday **Bluegrass Ramble Picnic**. See festival listings below for detail.

August 10, 2016 - Wednesday 7 to 8:15 pm Free

**Diamond Someday** at the Danby Community Church Ice Cream Social, 1859 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY. All are welcome! Come enjoy FREE ice cream sundaes and Bluegrass!!

August 13, 2016 - Saturday Noon to 3 pm

**Diamond Someday** at Towpath Days at the Canal Park, 5750 DeVoe Road, Camillus, NY. Diamond Someday loves this event, the vendors, the boats on the canal, the Sims store, the food...it's all great.

August 17, 2016 - Wednesday 7 to 8 pm Free

**Diamond Someday** at the Homer Summer Concert Series, Village Green in Homer, NY. Their 11th year playing this wonderful series. Great gazebo, beautiful sunsets, terrific audience! Bring lawn chairs and enjoy.

August 27, 2016 - Saturday 1 pm Free

**The Cadleys** at the Vestal Museum, 328 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY, doing music of the sixties.

## **Summer 2016 Festivals**

We hope you'll enjoy going to one or several of these festivals! We've tried hard to be accurate, but PLEASE check out any festival carefully. CNYBA is reporting these, but doesn't have personal knowledge of all of them. Send any comments, additions or corrections to us at [stevenscny@aol.com](mailto:stevenscny@aol.com) or call 315-451-2801. If you have trouble finding information, call Shirley at the number above and I'll try to help you.

### **May 26 to 29, 2016 35th Annual Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival**

Mountain View Park, Mountain Rd, Wind Gap, PA

Open Stage, Bluegrass Movies, Workshops, Jam Tent, Bluegrass Academy, Martin Guitar Company Trip, Bluegrass Academy. Featuring US Navy Band Country Current, Little Roy and Lizzie, Junior Sisk and Ramblers Choice, Eddie & Martha Adcock w/Tom Grey, Danny Paisley, Valerie Smith and Liberty Pike, James Reams and more. Go to [www.windgapbluegrass.com/](http://www.windgapbluegrass.com/) for more information or call 973-584-2324

### **May 27 to 29, 2016 Penny Bluegrass Festival**

199 Wrench Lane, Bainbridge NY

Featuring Remington Ryde, Gospel Way, Melanie and the Boys, Spare Parts, Slewfoot and many more. Guitar Raffle by Dave Nichols, parking lot picking, food by the Wrench family, camping free with weekend ticket. Friday, 6 to 10 pm, Country Round and Square. Rough camping, dump station, flush toilets and showers. Dogs allowed on a leash and not in stage area. This is a family oriented event. For more information, call 570-934-2507, email: [hardic@epix.net](mailto:hardic@epix.net), or go to [www.pennybluegrass.weebly.com/](http://www.pennybluegrass.weebly.com/)

### **June 2 to 5, 2016 9th Annual NEPA Bluegrass Festival**

Lazy Brook Park, Route 6 and 92, Tunkhannock, PA Free Camping with Weekend Ticket, 2 Stages, Workshops, Jam Tent, Food Vendors, Craft Vendors, Children Activities, Sunday Gospel and much more. Marty Raybon, Nothing Fancy, Larry Stephenson, Coaltown Rounders, Spinney Brothers, Gold Wing Express, Driftwood, Jim Gaudet, Circa Blue, Remington Ryde and more. Go to [www.nepabluegrass.com](http://www.nepabluegrass.com).

### **June 2 to 5, 2016 39th Annual Strawberry Park Bluegrass Festival**

42 Pierce Rd., Preston CT. The Kruger Brothers, The Gibson Brothers, Steeldrivers, Steep Canyon Rangers, Dry Branch Fire Squad, Della Mae, Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, and many more! See Strawberry Park website for full details on this years exciting line up. For more information, call (860) 886-1944 or email: [camp@strawberrypark.net](mailto:camp@strawberrypark.net)

### **June 2 to 4, 2016 26th Annual Thousand Islands Bluegrass Festival**

LaFargeville, NY The Spinney Brothers, Remington Ryde, Atkinson Family Band, Washington County Line, Louie Setzer, Blue Country, Dave Nichols and Spare Change and more. Free rough camping with weekend ticket. For more information, go to [www.thousandislandsbluegrass.com](http://www.thousandislandsbluegrass.com)

### **June 11, 2016 25th Annual Bluegrass on the Green**

12 noon to 6 pm - Rain or Shine. Village Green, Main St, Homer NY

Featuring the Delaney Brothers Bluegrass, Diamond Someday, Otisco Valley Breakdown, and The Atkinson Family. No alcohol, bring lawn chairs. Refreshments available. For information, call 604-749-9942

### **June 17 to 19, 2016 11th Annual Tug Hill Bluegrass Festival**

Maple Ridge Center, 7421 East Road, Lowville, NY. Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers, Tony Trischka, The Churchmen, Audie Blaylock and Redline, The Delaney Brothers, Karl Shiflett, Special Consensus, and more, as well as host bands, the Atkinson Family and Lost Time. Chicken Barbeque Sunday, not included in price of ticket. Rough Camping available – Running water and showers on site! Go to [www.tughillbluegrass.com](http://www.tughillbluegrass.com)

June 23 to 26, 2016 **16th Annual Jenny Brook Bluegrass** at Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds  
1 Fairground Road, Tunbridge, VT 05077. The Del McCoury Band, Gibson Brothers, Doyle Lawson &  
Quicksilver, Lonesome River Band, Claire Lynch Band, and many more, and your hosts: Seth Sawyer Band!  
Gates open at noon on Tuesday 6/22/16 for early pickin'! . Kids will enjoy the Kids Academy, Kids Activities,  
and the Jenny Brook Movie Theater. The Grass Seeds Gazebo Stage is our official "Showcase Stage" where  
up and coming bands can perform. For more information, contact Candi Sawyer: 802-380-4106,  
candi@jennybrookbluegrass.com, www.jennybrookbluegrass.com

July 7 to 10, 2016 **Busy Bird Bluegrass Festival**

231 Ketchumville Rd, Berkshire NY. Rain or Shine, Shade Tents provided, handicapped accessible, bring a  
lawn chair, food concessions and vendors, kid friendly. Featuring Jim Hurst, New Town, Matthews Family  
Tradition, Coal Town Rounders, Slewfoot, Rebecca Colleen, Plexigrass, Bottom Dollar Stringband, Mama  
Corn, Melanie & The Boys plus many more. For more information, go to [www.busybirdbluegrass.com](http://www.busybirdbluegrass.com)

July 7 to 10, 2016 **22nd Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival**

For GPS, use 1 Basin Rd, Brandon VT, and go to the end of the road. Fun for the entire family. Bluegrass  
pickin' and Vermont scenery!. Kevin Prater Band, Southern Rail, Dave Nichols & Spare Change, SugarHouse  
Run, Zink & Company, Seth Sawyer Band, Smokey Greene and Sons, Cedar Ridge and more. For more  
information, go to [www.basinbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.basinbluegrassfestival.com) or call 802-247-3275. After July 3, call 802-236-1096.

July 7 to 10, 2016 **10th Annual Remington Ryde Bluegrass Festival**

169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA Grange Park. Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, Junior Sisk and Ramblers  
Choice, James King Tribute Show, Little Roy & Lizzy Show, Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers, Goldwing  
Express, Hillbilly Gypsies, Remington Ryde, and more. 1500 RV Hookups 30amp & Water, Shower Houses,  
Public Restrooms; Billy Lee Cox will be preaching at the Sunday Morning Church Service. This is a true family  
event! Rain or Shine. [www.remingtonryde.com](http://www.remingtonryde.com) 717-348-3537

July 9, 2016 **12th Annual Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association Festival**

Erie Canal Village, Rt 49, Rome, NY. Featuring the Atkinson Family and the Fiddle De Divas and Dudes. 1  
day show. Camping available for Friday night through Sunday morning. Jam on Friday. [www.mvbga.com](http://www.mvbga.com)

July 14 to 17, 2016 **Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival**

The Walsh Farm, 1 Poultney Rd, Oak Hill NY. Bela Fleck and Chris Thile, Del and Dawg, Earls of Leicester,  
Del McCoury Band, David Grisman, Compton and Newberry, Front Country, Steep Canyon Rangers, Stray  
Birds, Scythian, Gibson Brothers, Della Mae, host band: Dry Branch Fire Squad, and many more. 40+ Bands,  
5 Stages, Workshops, Emerging Artist Showcase, Dancing, Children's Performers, Bluegrass Academy for  
Kids, Camping, Jamming, Foods, Crafts! For more information, go to [www.greyfoxbluegrass.com/festival/](http://www.greyfoxbluegrass.com/festival/)

June 15 to 18, 2016 **Smoked Country Jam**

Quiet Oaks Campground, Cross Fork, PA. A family-friendly event bringing together performers from all  
branches of the bluegrass tree along with the Lupus Auction benefiting The Lupus Foundation of PA.  
Featuring the Lonesome River Band, The Hillbilly Gypsies, Remington Ryde, Hickory Project, Mama Corn,  
Coal Town Rounders and many more. There is a full schedule of bluegrass workshops, children activities, a  
beautiful vendor midway, and the Pennsylvania Heritage Songwriting Contest. The festival is both 4-wheeler  
and pet friendly. Rustic camping is included with all full-festival tickets. Camping with hookups is an additional  
cost, run through Quiet Oaks Campground. For more information, go to [www.smokedcountryjam.com/](http://www.smokedcountryjam.com/)

June 18, 2016 **27th Annual Old Time Fiddlers' Gathering**

Lakewood Vineyards Inc, 4024 S Rte 14, Watkins Glen, NY, 1 to 6 pm  
Presented by the Arts Council of the Southern Finger Lakes. Old time music, jams, workshops, and regional  
crafts. Featuring Jessica Boss Collins and the Boss Tones, The Henrie Brothers, Chad Miller and Jessie  
Gotham, George Wilson and Peter Davis. For more information, go to [www.earts.org/fiddlers-gathering](http://www.earts.org/fiddlers-gathering)

**July 21 to 23, 2016 10th Annual Danby Olde Country and Bluegrass**

Powers' Field, 245 Tiff Road, Danby VT, on Route 7 North of Danby Village. Zink and Countyline, Feinberg Brothers, Dave Nichols and Spare Change, Seth Sawyer Band, Beartracks, host band: Just Passin' Thru, and more! Guitar Raffle, jamming, food concession, shelter tent (bring chair), craft vendors, onsite shuttle. For more information, go to [www.danbyoldecountrybluegrassfestival.wordpress.com](http://www.danbyoldecountrybluegrassfestival.wordpress.com)

**July 28 to 31, 2016 8th Annual Brantling Blue Grass Festival**

4015 Fish Farm Road, Sodus, NY 14551 Alan Bibey and Grasstowne, Little Roy and Lizzy, Dyer Switch, Beartracks, Lake Effect, Monrobilia, Linabelle, Higher Mountain, the Grillbillie Band Project and more, plus host band, Rebecca Colleen and the Chore Lads. Free camping with weekend ticket, sound by George's ProSound. For more information, go to [www.brantlingbluegrass.com/](http://www.brantlingbluegrass.com/)

**August 7, 2016 Bill Knowlton's 44th Annual Bluegrass Ramble Picnic**

Dwyer Park, Little York, NY. 10 am to 6 pm; Featuring Rich and Jean Fuhrman, Boots n' Shorts, Remington Ryde, Dyer Switch, The Cadleys, Easy Ramblers, Harmony Express, Gene Clayton and Friends, The Atkinson Family, Lake Effect, Northwater, Joe Lamay and Sherri Reese, The Salmon River Boys, Fiddle De Divas and Dudes, Slewfoot, Diamond Someday and the Picnic's host band: The Delaney Brothers. Free to all...plenty of back porch jamming! /.Free [www.wcny.org](http://www.wcny.org). [udmacon1@hotmail.com](mailto:udmacon1@hotmail.com)

**August 19 to 21, 2016 13th Annual Upper Hudson Bluegrass Festival!**

Ski Bowl Park, Ski Bowl Road, North Creek, NY. Amy Gallatin and Stillwaters, Cedar Ridge, Dave Nichols and Spare Change, Just Passin' Thru, Michelle Canning and Rough Edges, Remington Ryde, Seth Sawyer, Smokey Green, Zink and Company, and more. The Ski Bowl Park venue features a new pavilion, restrooms, space for parking up to 200 motor homes (sorry no hookups), ample auto parking and fantastic views of the surrounding mountains. Weekend parking for motor homes and campers is complimentary with the purchase of weekend tickets. For information, go to [www.upperhudsonbluegrassfestival.com/](http://www.upperhudsonbluegrassfestival.com/)

**August 19 to 21, 2016 14th Annual Hickory Fest: the Sue Cunningham Memorial Festival**

Stoney Fork Creek Campground, 658 Stony Fork Creek Road, Wellsboro, PA. A fun filled weekend Of Acoustic And Roots Music to benefit The Sue Cunningham Memorial Music Scholarship and the Tioga Unit of the American Cancer Society! Donna the Buffalo, Claire Lynch Band, Verlon Thompson, Harris Brothers, Hillbilly Gypsies, and many more! Open mic, Workshops on Saturday plus a Kids' Zone: Fun, organized activities for the kids while you enjoy the music! <http://www.hickoryfest.com/index.php>

**August 25 to 28, 2016 Pickin' in the Pasture Bluegrass Festival**

2515 Covert Rd, Lodi, NY. Featuring: Cap and Cady, The Jesse Alexander Band, The Spinney Brothers, Mark Miklos, Larry Efaw and the Bluegrass Mountaineers, Danny Paisley and the Southern Grass, Jeff Scroggins and Colorado, Little Roy and Lizzie, Nothin' Fancy, Circa Blue, The Feinberg Brothers and more. Workshops, camp shuttle, free camping, vendors. Pickin' In The Pasture has the reputation for some of the best jamming in the northeast. 607-582-6363 [www.pickininthepasture.com](http://www.pickininthepasture.com)

## ***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.

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 Summer!!***