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Chick's kids *more than the music*



by Martin Stevens



Chick Rose a natural teacher of music with a beautiful heart.

Chick Rose was a natural teacher who loved to encourage young minds. One of his biggest passions in life was to teach the love of music to children. Over the last nineteen years I have watched as Chick has encouraged more than a thousand squirmy, shy and sometimes terrified kids to not only get on stage, but to own the stage and love it.

Since he sometimes taught sometimes large groups of kids who had never even held an instrument, I was always amazed at the amount of patience he exuded exhibited as he prepared them to perform songs together after only a couple of hours.

His success at this stemmed from his kind soul and enthusiastic approach. His philosophy was that children had the ability to play music and his job wasn't teaching them how to play, but to show them how much fun it is. He knew that if it were fun they would play for the rest of

their lives.

I cherish the fact that I had the privilege to be one of "Chick's Kids." I met Chick Rose when I was 4 years old when my older brothers started playing bluegrass music. Chick found other bluegrass kids for them to play with and helped them start the band "New Generation."

When I was eight, I begged Chick to set me up with a kid's' band too.

From the second I showed that interest, Chick always made sure he was helping my musical goals as much as he possibly could. Soon I was playing gigs with some of his other students in the band "Unstrung Heroes" and eventually we started "Athena and the River City Boys."

Chick's house was home base for us. Without Chick, I also wouldn't have been introduced to the Adkins and Dewhirst families, with whom who I play in a band with now. Almost every single band member I've ever had has been one of "Chick's Kids." His support of our music was

never ending.

Chick's influence on all of us goes far deeper than music, however. Chick was the type of person who would do anything in the world for you, while convincing you that you were the one doing him a favor. He has taught us about the importance of giving without expectations. He's the reason that many of us love teaching music and he has



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From the president

Howdy All....and a fond farewell

We are moving into our spring season, and all the excitement of another year of festivals is just on the horizon. This is one of my favorite times...thinking of all the great music that is ahead of us. Have you thought about what festivals that you are going to attend? I know that many of you have your special favorites, festivals that you go to every year, as I do. How about if this year, we all take a chance on a festival that we have never attended? Maybe get out to Fossil this year, or Tygh Valley, Darrington, or Stevenson. We have so many to choose from, that it can get a little daunting, and I think that many of us go back to what we know. I am not suggesting giving up the festivals that are special to you—, just try a new one. Who knows—, you may just find a new favorite along the way. You will find a listing of the festivals in this issue, so check them out.

And, as always, I urge you to get out and support local bands at the smaller venues. We are very lucky to have so many clubs and pubs that support acoustic music in our area, and they will only continue to do so if those artists are able to draw in a crowd. Showing our support for local bands by packing the room gives the venue a strong reason for inviting the band back. And, face it, folks, it is hard for a musician to play to an empty room

I want to say how sad I am at the passing of a great friend to bluegrass in the Northwest, Chick Rose. In my 13 years here, I had come to know Chick fairly well, and he was one of my favorite people to talk to. My fondest memory will be standing with Chick at the Columbia Gorge Festival in 2010, and watching some of his "kids" play. Chick would just beam when they really shined on stage. We talked about how he had some of his older "kids" ready to take over teaching the next generation, so that he could sorta sit back and take it easy. Watch over them, my friend. I really miss you.

Now I come to the farewell part, as I teased in my opening. My second term as President of the OBA is over, and I have decided to step aside, and give others a chance. My health hasn't been the greatest in the last year or two, and I have not been able to always get done what I wanted to. I do regret that. But things are good for the OBA. I am happy with the way that we, and I mean ALL of the Board of Directors, were able to build the organization back up to a strong position. Six years ago, when I came onto the Board, things were in a state of flux, and we have all worked hard to build on the foundation that we were presented with. The Bluegrass Express is an award-winning publication, and Colby Buswell, Chris Palmer, Kathy Boyd, Claire Levine, and all of those folks can be very proud. The OBA now has a strong presence at many festivals, as shown by our highly successful OBA suites at River City and WiIntergrass. Tony McCormick has worked hard to get our website modernized and updated. The list goes on, and I have limited space. But I just want to thank all of folks that who have been Board members during my tenure. I will not be leaving the Board entirely, as I want to keep be active with the OBA Archive project. So you will see me at festivals, and OBA events. And you may even hear me on my occasional turns on KBOO for The Music from the True Vine show. Have a wonderful summer!

 Uncle Chippy

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broadcast from Portland, can be heard
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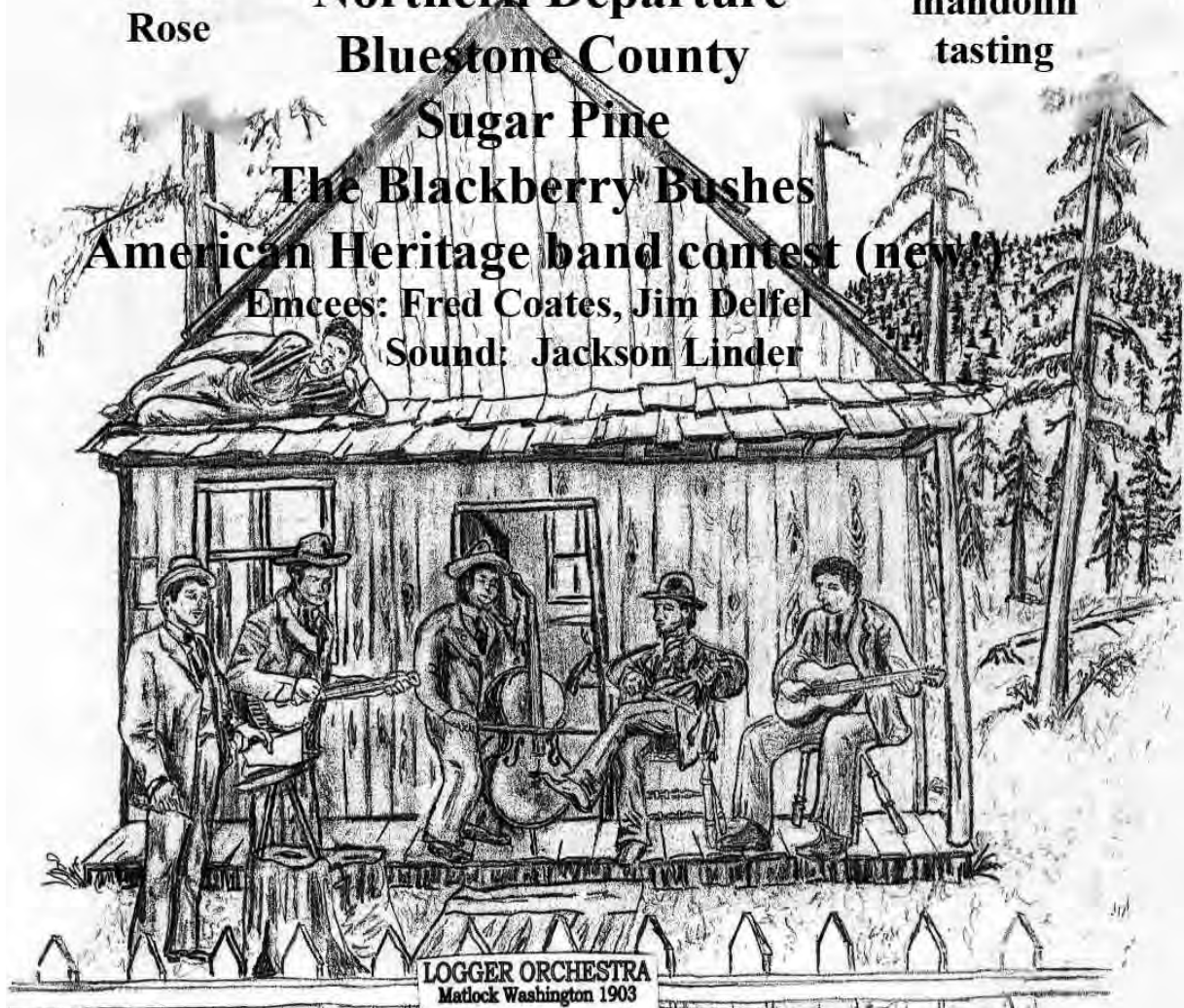
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Do a Google search on Hawaii + Bluegrass and you will find there are bands and jam sessions all over the islands here. There is an active organization, "Bluegrass Hawaii," a few festivals, and a strong Oregon connection.

The original editor of the OBA's "Express," and a founding board member, named Fred Langner, moved to Hillsboro, Oregon from Hawaii. He played in a bluegrass band in Hawaii in the 70's. Rick Walton, who played bass with a few Oregon bands including Sonny Hamond's "Sunny South" first played bass in a band with my pal Rene Berthume in Wahiawa, Hawaii.

Kathleen Tyau of Oregon has a brother, Keith, who lives about half a 1/2 mile from me. He doesn't play, but he takes me fishing once in a while. Everyone knows that catching fish and picking Bluegrass are the same things. Trisha Tubbs of Washington and the WBA, went to high school in Kailua, the town where I live now. I saw Trisha here in Kailua at a jam session, and I thought I was hallucinating. Kilin

"Bluegrass is alive here, and had been for some time"

Reece, from southern Oregon (and one of my all-time favorite musicians) plays in a great Oahu bluegrass B.G. band called "The Saloon Pilots." They play twice a month in Kailua where I live! Lauri Lewis and Tom Rosum played in Honolulu just last month. Bluegrass is alive here, and has been for quite some time. I suppose it will be able to survive me being here.



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I have moved here 'a little bit at a time' over the last three years. I still come back to Oregon to spend time with my family and to play with the Great Northern Planes. It is a good life! What do I do in Hawaii? I sing duets with my sweetie pie Sharon. I paddle 3 times a week with a bunch of great big Hawaiian guys in an outrigger canoe. I'm slowly working on the house we bought in Kailua, Oahu (did I say slowly?). I am a volunteer docent at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, where I give tours in Hawaii Hall, and also in the native garden outside. I also do volunteer work for an organization that is involved with giving supports to victims of traumatic brain injury (TBI) called Ho'oikaika. I grow kalo (taro), pineapples, papayas, coconuts, limes, mangoes, lilikoi (passion fruit), vanilla orchids, and ti in my backyard. So much for the rich and rewarding activities.

To fulfill my anxiety coefficient I play once a week with a bunch of pickers who refuse to do things my way. In spite of their limited vision, it is still fun. Only a few of them have quit in the middle of an oath-filled tirade (so far). We are: a retired Aloha Airlines pilot, a contractor who grew up in Kentucky, the wife of a Continental Airlines pilot, a Japanese mandolin player who is a Hawaii TV executive, the pilot and owner of a Stearman (Boeing) PT-17, and me.

Come visit Hawaii, and bring your mandolin. There is something happening on every island. The pickers here want to share their Aloha with you--really. And speaking of Aloha! my good friends Marty and Denise Sheffler, formerly in the Kauai bluegrass band "The Happy Enchiladas," have moved to Oregon. If you see them, give them a hug for me. They will need it. It is a sad thing to move away from this paradise. I hope to be seeing them myself this August.

Great Northern Planes will be on stage age the WBA's Mt. St. Helens Bluegrass festival in Toledo; at Chilliwack BC in Canada; The High and Dry Bluegrass Festival in Bend, and if we can tie that new sponsorship deal with "Senor Frog's",...who knows what else? Mahalo, A hui hou, Jimbo (Jim Hancock)

Jim Hancock is a former OBA president who now lives in Hawaii. He returns to Oregon regularly to play banjo with Great Northern Planes."



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Hello loyal OBA members and Readers of The Express. The Express has been undergoing changes in the last few months and we want to thank you for your patience. The OBA Board has decided to make this a quarterly publication, coming out four times per year (winter, spring, summer and fall).

“The express invites readers to submit any stories and photos of Chick Rose for an upcoming special issue dedicated to Chick and his kids. All funds from this commemorative issue will go toward a Chick Rose workshop and scholarship fund (after cost of printing). Please send submissions to expressnews@oregonbluegrass.org”

We are also in the midst of transitioning to a new team of production folks. To that end, I would like to thank the small, but dedicated group of people who have worked tirelessly over the last three years on The Express: Colby Buswell and Chris Palmer, behind the scenes gurus - publishing, editing, and advertising; Claire Levine and Kathy Boyd, story finders and writers extraordinaire as well as eagle-eye copy editors; and Chip Russell, keeper of the calendar. When you see these

folks, please give them your sincere thanks. They have volunteered countless hours on this publication and will guide the next group as they learn the ropes!

Our new group includes Nancy Christie, Richard Grimes, John Prunty, Matt Snook, Patty Spencer, and Christine Weinmeister. Tony McCormick, our webmaster, will continue updating the OBA's website. You'll still see columns from Matt Snook and Mark Gensman plus look for some new columns from Pat Connell and Bill Martin.

No words can convey the deep sense of loss to our community resulting from the death of Chick Rose last month (please see related article). Many of us knew Chick as the man devoted to teaching kids bluegrass music. He also authored the column "Sharp or Flatt.". We will sorely miss him. We invite readers to submit any stories and photos of Chip.

We Still Need You! There are a couple jobs we could sure use help with. Can you spare some of your time and talent? These are our most pressing needs:

- **Ad sales.** Advertising sales support The Express. Some ads come in on their own, but the Express is most successful when someone makes a point of contacting festival promoters and venues to find new ads.
- **Writing.** Each Express usually carries a cover story of about 1200 words, one or two additional stories at about 700 words, and columns, like Sound Advice, Theory of Bluegrass, etc. We have some ideas for cover stories and just need writers! Do you have story ideas you'd like to write about?
- **Updating information.** Each Express contains a list of radio programs, jams, and band listings. Someone needs to keep these up -to-date. The calendar has moved to the website.



A man devoted to teaching kids bluegrass music.

Please contact Patty Spencer (patty@freshairsash.com) or Marlene Smith, OBA Volunteer Coordinator, (smith-marlene@comcast.net) for more information or to volunteer. Our next planning meeting will be in early May where we'll begin work to produce the July issue.

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A few weeks ago a tavern that had graciously hosted a popular Sunday afternoon bluegrass jam abruptly terminated the jam. The establishment had been threatened with litigation for copyright infringement if it continued without paying licensing fees to copyright holders of songs and tunes played and sung at the jam. A couple of years ago a suburban music store had hosted a monthly jam to help folks learn how to play their instruments and discover music from one another. The store sold no refreshments at the jam and there was no cover charge. It had to close the jam at the store when it received a similar copyright infringement threat. These things are happening continuously with all types of music. It is a serious problem for bluegrass venues and potential venues. Here is some basic information on what is happening with copyright enforcement and music performances.

The Extent of the Law.

If you are anywhere in public and you hear music, the odds are great that the source of the sound has or should have a license to play it. The federal copyright law requires that any copyrighted song or tune played at a "public performance" be licensed. This includes any venue that is:

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This would likely cover a bluegrass jam in a bar or tavern and even performances at a farmer's market or on a street corner. It does not matter if there is no cover charge or other financial benefit to anyone. It is ru-

mored that house concerts may not be "public performances" and that the law does not apply to them or at least is not commonly enforced against them. I have not been able to confirm this, but if the concert is not widely advertised and is restricted to family and acquaintances of the hosts and if they are held only occasionally, they may not be "public."

Copyrighted material includes everything that is not in the public domain, i.e., generally published before 1923. (You can Google "public domain bluegrass songs" to find several sites with many songs. There are also many "traditional" songs in Peter Wernick's red "Bluegrass Songbook"). But, even then, it is possible the arrangement of a piece in the public domain also could have a copyright. This is the case with many of A.P. Carter's works which provided arrangements for old songs he gathered from the backwoods of the south.

In 1998, the Copyright Term Extension Act lengthened copyrights by 20 years. This was propelled by the desire of the Disney Corp. to protect the the expiring rights to Mickey Mouse. The law is now often called the "Mickey Mouse Protection Act." Works are now copyrighted for the following terms:

- The life of the author plus 70 years;
- 95 years for corporate authorship;
- 95 years for works published before 1978 if the copyright had not expired by 1998.

In essence, this law froze the expansion of the public domain for 20 years without providing any benefit to the public. It did prevent some American companies' cash cows from being exploited by other foreign and domestic businesses.

Enforcement.

Penalties for violation of the law are severe. They are imposed through law suits brought in federal court. They can amount to up to \$30,000 for each

violation (each song performed) plus the copyright owner's attorney fees and up to \$150,000 if the infringement was willful. Criminal penalties are also available for flagrant cases of commercial exploitation, e.g., copying and selling CDs.

While it is almost always the venue that is subject to enforcement actions, the performers and anyone else who enables the performance also could be liable.

Licensing.

There are three major companies that license music: the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP); Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) and SESAC, Inc. ASCAP represents over 240,000 writers, composers and publishers with over 8 million copyrighted works. BMI has over 400,000 writers, composers and publishers and over 6.5 million works. SESAC is smaller but growing and emphasizes foreign works and licensing. These companies, known as Performing Rights Organizations or "PROs," enforce copyrights by entering into agreements with music venues allowing performances of all of the works under their jurisdiction. In addition, there is the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) that generally enforces the law with respect to copying and selling of copyrighted works – including illegal downloads.

The PROs hire "spotters" to go to unlicensed venues and document performances of copyrighted material. The PRO then contacts the venue and demands they cease the infringement and offers the business a contract. Some venues agree to stop the performances; others enter into licensing agreements. The rest get sued and then settle after they see their lawyer. It is reputed that the PROs have never lost a case. With the cost of the venue's own attorney, the threat of draconian damages plus liability for the PRO's attorney fees, defending a case is practically



impossible and always uneconomical. A venue can buy the license for far less than it would cost to defend the case – with no certainty of winning.

It should be noted that ceasing the performances or entering into an agreement once a venue is caught red handed isn't necessarily a guarantee that the venue won't be sued, but practically speaking, that seems to be the case.

On the other hand, the cost of licensing is not overwhelming if the music is really a financial benefit to the venue. For a typical small establishment that might host bluegrass bands and jams it would run from a total of about \$1200 to \$3500 annually to contract with all three PROs. Rates are based on the size and seating capacity of the venue, the amount of time music is played, the revenue derived from the music, the amount spent on music, and the gross revenue of the facility. The PROs are legally bound to treat all similar venues the same: they cannot discriminate. However, venues can negotiate to show rationally why they should be charged less. For example, the music store mentioned in the first paragraph was subject to a demand for over \$2000 from only one PRO. They negotiated that down to less than \$500, but would then have had to deal with the other two PROs and buy licenses annually. I also understand that if a venue has a blanket contract for cable or other electronic entertainment, this may also cover licensing of live performances at no extra cost.

It is interesting to note that the recording artists do not share in the licensing fees. These go only to the PROs and the owners of the copyrights, not the performers.

PRO Contact Information.

If you are interested in exploring licensing for a venue, here is who to call or write:

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These PROs also have accessible online databases of the songs they license so you might be able to see if your venue could contract with less than all of them. This is a little risky though, as you might not be able to control everything each band performs.

Conclusion and Disclaimer

While I am an Oregon attorney, I am not an expert in this area of the law. This article is not intended to

provide legal advice to anyone, but only to provide some basic information. Please consult your attorney if you wish advice relevant to your particular situation.

Lastly, it would be interesting to hear from readers as to experiences you have had regarding copyright law enforcement and its application. Have you obtained a license from one or all of the PROs? How did it work out? How much did it cost and was it worth it? Have you received a letter from a PRO and had to deal with it? What happened? You can email me at charliew3@nwlinc.com.

I would be glad to follow up with another article if there is sufficient interest and some good stories or tips for dealing with copyright law or the PROs.

Charlie Williamson



The Mt. St. Helens 27th Annual

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June 24-26, 2011

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For more information, or to order event tickets and camping passes, visit: www.susanvillebluegrass.com

Chick's kids

by Martin Stevens

influenced my decision to pursue education as an occupation. Most importantly, he is the reason we all love playing music together. He was a wonderful teacher and a wonderful man and I will miss him more than I can say. Thankfully the future of bluegrass was in the hands of someone like Chick Rose, and I hope that the kids that he has influenced can carry on the tradition of teaching the love of music to future generations. He would love that more than anything.



Chick surrounded by his students at RiverCity 2011



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FESTIVAL CALENDAR



Saturday, May 7th

The first Boise-Eliot Bluegrass Music Festival will be hosted by Port City Development Center (Port City). Wayward Vessel, Whistlin' Rufus, Steer Crazy, Stumbleweed, Barnyard Ruckus, and The No Name String Band, local favorites in the Portland Bluegrass music community, will be joined by other local musicians for an afternoon and night of entertainment, jamming and dancing. The event will include square dancing and a silent auction featuring art by local artists and other fantastic items. Bring your instrument and bring your friends!

The Boise-Eliot Bluegrass Music Festival is the first event of its kind hosted by Port City at our facility in the North Portland Boise-Eliot neighborhood. This event will start at 3:00 pm at 2124 N. Williams Ave in Portland, OR. The suggested donation for admission is \$15.00 and above. Admission will be accepted at the door and through the Port City website. All proceeds from the Boise-Eliot Bluegrass Music Festival will go to support employment, community integration and training programs serving adults with disabilities in our community. Port City extends a special thanks to event sponsors including: Rogue Brewery, Widmer Brothers Brewery, Organic Valley, KBOO Radio and the Oregon Bluegrass Association. See our website for more details - www.portcitydevelopment.org

May 13-15, 2011

Bluegrass from the Forest

Also known as the Shelton Festival, this is a great way to kick off the season. Don't let weather scare you, the event is at Shelton High School and the performances take place in their beautiful auditorium. A second stage is set up in another inside building. The Phys Ed department showers are available to campers and there are indoor bathrooms.

This year's festival features: The Boxcars, Northern Departure, Bluestone County, Runaway Train, The Blackberry Bushes, Sugar Pine, Chick Rose and the Youth Program and more... Shelton High School, 3737 North Shelton Springs Rd, Shelton, OR 98484. Admission: \$15 to \$35. www.bluegrassfromtheforest.com

June 3-5, 2011

11th annual Winlock Pickers Fest

at Winolequa Park in Winlock, Wa. Contact Marv Sobolesky, marv@marvsmusic.com, and visit www.marvsmusic.com. Official website now up: www.winlockpickers.com

June 10-12, 2011

Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival and Dutch Oven Rendezvous

Sacajawea State Park, Pasco, WA. Concert times: Friday 5pm-9pm, Saturday, noon-10pm, Sunday 11am-3pm. Prices, Friday \$15, Saturday all day \$18, Saturday night \$15, Weekend pass at the gate \$30.00, Weekend pass pre-sales, \$25.00. Age 15 and under free. Camping, jamming, band scramble, concerts and more. Featuring: The Chapmans, Prairie Flyer, and Northern Departure. <http://sacajaweabluegrass.org>

June 17 - 19, 2011

Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival

One of the longest running festivals in Eastern Washington. Held at the Chelan County Expo Center (formerly the Fairgrounds) Cashmere,

WA. Headliners are: Alecia Nugent, Ned Crisp and Bottomline, Prairie Flyer, Brokentop Band, The Callenders, and more bands to come. Camping & Wi-Fi Available. Contacts: Marie Vecchio (509) 548-1230 or Chuck Egner (509) 548-8663. Also on the web www.WenatcheeRiverBluegrass.com

June 17 - 19, 2011

Sooke River Bluegrass Music Festival

The festival is held every year on the third weekend of June at the beautiful Sooke River Campground, Vancouver Island, B.C. www.sookebluegrass.com/festival

June 20th through 25th, 2011

Natl. Old-Time Fiddle Contest

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June 24-25, 2011

Fiddlin' Under the Stars Goldendale Festival.

Ekone Park, Goldendale, WA. Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce A Community of Opportunity. Rachel Olp - Executive Director. 903 East Broadway Goldendale, WA 98620. Phone: 509-773-3400. www.goldendalechamber.org

June 24-26, 2011

Susanville Bluegrass Festival.

Susanville, CA. Bands: Blue Highway, The James King Band, Mark Phillips and IIIrd Generation Bluegrass Band, The Del Williams Band, Anderson Family Bluegrass, Snap Jackson and the Knock On Wood Players, The Banner Mountain Boys, Wild Creek, Western Lights, Red Dog Ash, Central Valley Boys www.siskiyoubuegrass.com/SusanvilleFestival/SusanvilleBluegrassFestival.htm

June 25-26, 2011

Kettle River Bluegrass.

The Kettle River Bluegrass Festival is a two day event dedicated to the spirit of bluegrass music. The idea of old time acoustic string music resonating through the hills invokes visions of easier days, of relaxing in the shade of an old pine tree by the creek, pulling out the guitar and picking a favorite tune with your friends. You can find us at the Rock Cut Campground 75 Paradise Cove Road, Kettle Falls, WA, 99141. Ph 503-738-2350. <http://www.kettlefalls.com> See also, <http://www.rockcutblues.com/Amenities.html>

July 15-17 2011

The Darrington Bluegrass Festival.

Darrington Bluegrass Music Park, Highway 530, 3 miles West of Darrington. Bands: The Grascals, The Larry Stephenson Band, Country Current, Queens Bluegrass, The Shuler Family Band, Grapevine, Runaway Train, Panhandle Polecats, Red Desert Rambler, 5 On A String, Deadwood Revival, Mission Mountain Bluegrass Express, The Combinations. www.glaclerview.net/bluegrass or call Diana Morgan at 360-436-1179

July 22-24, 2011

Hard Times Bluegrass Festival



OBA Bluegrass Express -April/May/June 2011

This is a brand new festival with an "old-timey mountain" feel that features traditional bluegrass music. The Festival location is 10 miles south of Hamilton, Montana on U.S. Highway 93. Turn west on Forest Hill Road exactly at the 37 mile marker and follow the signs (approx. 1 mile) to parking at the Pat and Mary Thomas Ranch. The Festival is on the adjoining Tom and Janice Heiland Ranch. For more info call 1-406-821-3777. www.hardtimesbluegrass.com

July 22-24, 2011

Columbia River Gorge BG Festival.

Skamania County Fairgrounds, Stevenson, WA. Bands: The Seldom Scene, Dry Branch Fire Squad, John Reischman & the Jaybirds, Prairie Flyer. www.columbiagorgebluegrass.net

July 29-31, 2011

The Willapa Hills Bluegrass Festival

located at the PeEll School, 519 North Second Street Pe Ell, WA 98572. Bands and workshops. Bands: Alder Creek, Toutle River Pickers, The Dills, Money Creek, Fern Hill and more. <http://beckybluegrass.tripod.com>

July 29-31, 2011

Goose Creek Opry

Wilbur, WA. The weekend is a family-oriented music festival with a variety of activities, workshops, artisans and food vendors included. Most activities take place near the center of town in and around the grassy and shaded town park with a Friday Nite Pickin' & Potluck here at the RV Park at the Country Lane Campground & RV Park, Wilbur, WA. See <http://www.goosecreekoprpyassn.org> and www.hikercentral.com/campgrounds/112713.html

August 12-14, 2011

Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival.

Medical Lake, WA. Workshops and Bands: The Bluegrass Regulators, Cahalen Morrison and Eli West, Prairie Flyer, The Wilders, The Wylie Family, Northern Departure, John Reischman & the Jaybirds, Mountain Heart, Wanigan, Spokane Songwriters in the Round: Jim Faddis, Kevin Brown, Kelly Bogan and Stan Hall, Joy Kills Sorrow. www.bluewatersbluegrass.org

August 5-7, 2011

Clatskanie Bluegrass Festival

Located at the Clatskanie City Park in Clatskanie, OR. You will be able to get in to camp on Wednesday the 3rd at about 10AM. Cost of the event will be \$60 for camping and an additional \$25 if you use electricity. Bands: Urban Monroes, True North, SugarPine, Brokentop, Money Creek Mining Company, Opal Creek, Fern Hill, Oly Mountain Boys, Trusting Hearthtp://siskiyoubuegrass.com/ClatskanieFestival/clatskaniefestivalhome.htm

August 12-14, 2011

Mt. St Helens Bluegrass Festival

Washington Bluegrass Association's Own Annual Fest. Bands: Little Roy & Lizzy, Midnight Flight, Great Northern Planes, Grapevine, The Howdy Boys, & Hotwire. www.washingtonbluegrassassociation.org/2010fest

August 19-21, 2011

Zillah Bluegrass Pickin' Days

Zillah, WA (about 20 miles So. of Yakima). 119



FESTIVAL CALENDAR



First Ave. - Stewart Park. A weekend filled with good Bluegrass music, the 3 F's (food, friends, and fun). RV spaces are limited. Hours: Friday: 5-9pm, Saturday: 9am-9pm, and Sunday: 9am-1pm. For info: Coy Farmer 509-829-5291

August 19-21, 2011

The High & Dry Bluegrass

Bend, OR. Ten bands, workshops, jamming. Bands: Bluestone County, Lee Highway, Misty Mamas, Local Bands, Bend'N Strings, Big Pine & the Pitchtones, Bitterbrush, Blackstrap, Cinder Blue, LeRoy & Sidekicks, Quincy Street, Prairie Rockets, Runway Ranch, Bare Roots, Back From The Dead, Mud Springs Gospel Band, Anvil Blasters. \$10 Onsite camping, Kids 12 & under free. See www.highanddrybluegrass-festival.com

Aug 27, 2011

North Cascades Old-time Fiddlers Contest

Winthrop, WA. Registration at 8:00 a.m. 12 hours of fiddling! One hour of insects! General admission \$15, \$5 for Seniors, kids 12 & under FREE. \$10 entry fee for contestants. Winthrop, WA - location to be announced OVER \$3000 IN PRIZES! Giant Insect Contest at noon for kids 12 & under. Grand prize: Hot Air Balloon Ride. Free Friday night jam at the Schoolhouse Pub in Winthrop. Free Sunday jam at the Shaefer Museum grounds. For more info contact Brad Pinkerton at 509-996-2111, okfiddler@gmail.com. See our FACEBOOK page at NorthCascadesOldtimeFiddlers

Aug 26-28, 2011

Bannock County Bluegrass Festival

in Pocatello, ID. Bands to be announced. Visit www.bannockcountybluegrassfestival.com

September 9-11, 2011

The Newport Music Festival

Newport, WA - City Park. Featuring The Acoustic Heritage Band Competition for kids 18 & under, and Sunday Bluegrass Gospel Show. \$8/day admission; \$20 Weekend Pass. Free dry camping with paid weekend pass. More to be announced. Visit www.pvbluegrass.com

September 9-11, 2011

American Heritage Festival

in Tumwater, WA. Bands: Bluegrass Renegades, Blue Ridge, Black River, Lewis County Pickin' Party, Bill Stone and Friends, Rainier Philharmonic, Mission Mountain Trio, The AGB (All Girl Band), Coyote Ridge Wranglers, Oly Mountain Boys, Great Northern Planes. American Heritage Campground, 9610 Kimmie St SW, Olympia, WA 98512. Contact paisely3@comcast.net. Visit http://www.americanheritagecampground.com/ah_frontpage.htm

September 16-18

4th Annual Oregon Bluegrass Association's Bluegrass and Old Time Picker's Festival

at Pendarvis Farm - 16581 SE Hagen Rd, Happy Valley, OR, 97086. With two barns to jam in and a beautiful venue on the Southeast side of Mt. Scott, you can't go wrong. Jammin' will commence as early as you can arrive on Friday and not stop until late Sunday. We're planin' to increase the scale again this year with some bands and an Old Time Squaredance.

New Seasons Breakfast will be sponsored by RiverCity Music Festival. More details to be announced, but you will want to put this one on your calendar! The camping is awesome at Pendarvis Farms - RV space is limited w/ no hookups, so reserve early. See our website for ticketing and up to the minute details www.oregonbluegrass.org

September 12-18, 2011

3rd Annual George, WA Bluegrass Festival Campout and Jam at the George City Park in George, WA just off I-90. Entirely FREE. Bands: Prairie Flyer, Mission Mountain Trio w/ more to be announced. Visit <http://georgebluegrassfestival.com>

September 23-25, 2011

Tygh Valley Bluegrass Jamboree.

Held annually on the grounds of the Wasco

County Fairgrounds in Tygh Valley, OR. Information: Contact Debra Holbrook 541-489-3434. Weekend Pass is \$30, but a prepaid pass will be available soon for \$25. Tons of camping - Contact Sid Moss about camping at 541-483-3388. More info to come. Visit http://www.uptownbluegrass.com/Tygh_Valley.html

October 8- 9, 2011

12th Annual Birdfest & Bluegrass Festival Ridgefield, WA. Join the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Staff as we celebrate the coming of fall and the wildlife that make the Refuge their winter home. BirdFest and Bluegrass is an opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of fall migration and bluegrass music throughout Ridgefield. <http://www.ridgefieldfriends.org/birdfest.php>



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Sunday

ASHLAND: STRINGS ON THE SPRINGS 3rd Sunday Each Month, 3-6 pm or Until The Boss Calls You Home! Greensprings Inn, In the Greensprings area of Ashland. Hwy 66 .5 mile past mm 17. Bluegrass, Old Tyme, and Irish. Beginners to Braggers. The Inn offers great food and taps. Plenty of kids to play with!

For Information: Mark 541-890-2371
email: mwlackey@hotmail.com

DAMASCUS, OR: NO APRON STRINGS JAM 1:30pm to 6pm, 2nd Sunday of each month. 1:30 - 2:30 workshop, 3-6 open jam. For women to gather and help each other to improve musically. (I will have coffee/snacks available) If interested, send me your email address and I will put you on the contact list.

For Information: Sharon queen.sas@juno.com

KLAMATH FALLS: OBA JAM

Every Sunday from 4-7 pm - Old Town Pizza Klamath Falls, OR 97603 541-883-2918

Contact Ben Coker 541-783-3478
banjoist48@yahoo.com

PORTLAND: OBA JAM - First Sunday of every month October- April: Portland Area

OBA JAM, 12:30-4:30pm

Portland Audubon Center, 5151 NW Cornell Road, Portland. Large gathering of OBA supporters, intermediate and advanced, small donation requested to cover room rental

For Information: Audubon 503 292-6855
email: powellR5923@msn.com

ROSEBURG: OBA ROSEBURG JAM - 3rd Sunday, Year Round, Evergreen Grange, 5361 Grange, Rd. Take Exit 119 off I-5, Just past the 2nd stop light, turn left on Grange Rd. The Grange is down 1/2 mile on the left.

BLUEGRASS JAM - all levels encouraged. Come to play or just listen and dance to the music. Coffee provided. Snacks to share. Donations accepted.

For Information: 541-679-0553 or email: liz@cmspan.net

TUALATIN: JAM - Third Sunday of the month. 3-6 pm; Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca Street, Tualatin. Bluegrass, Old Time, Old Country music jam. \$1 donation requested

For Information: Loyce Martinazzi

WILLIAMS: PANCAKES & JAM

Second Sunday of the month. Pancake Breakfast: 8:30-11am, Bluegrass Jam: 11 am- 1 pm. Williams Grange, 20100 Williams Hwy. A great family atmosphere, organic food & strong coffee! Oh yeah, and some fine music, to boot!

For Information: Kim (541) 846-6345

Monday

CORVALLIS: "OLD-TIME" GOSPEL JAM -

Second and fourth Saturday evenings from 7pm-9:30pm Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship Hall at 3160 Southwest Western Boulevard, Corvallis, OR. It is open to all people in the community and the focus is acoustical Christian music in an "Old-Time" sound. Any acoustic instrument including voice is welcome. People that would like to just come and listen are also welcome.

https://sites.google.com/site/corvallisgospeljam/
For Information: Mike Sapp matt.neely@hp.com

PORTLAND: RAMBLING BLUEGRASS JAM

Every Monday night all year.

For Information: see Our website for information on location, time, contact, etc. Friendly!

Tuesday

ASHLAND: BLUEGRASS JAM - 2nd Tuesday - 7-11pm, Siskiyou Micropub, 31 Water Street, Ashland
For Information: 541 535 7001
email: justapicker@charter.net

CORVALLIS: ACOUSTIC BLUEGRASS JAM

EVERY Tuesday, from 6:30-8:30 Old World Deli, 341 SW 2nd Street, Corvallis, OR 97330

For Information: Contact Jim Ford 541-231-3163,
or Jim Jordan 541-753-6138. jimjordan@hotmail.com

DUNDEE: BLUEGRASS JAM - 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month, 7-9 pm .Held upstairs at La Sierra Mexican Grill right on Hwy 99W in the middle of Dundee

For Information: Jon Cooper (503) 702-8978
email: cooperweld@gmail.com

EUGENE: BLUEGRASS JAM - Every Tuesday 9:00 pm - 1:00 am. Sam Bond's Garage, 407 Blair Blvd, Eugene Established in 1995, The venue of this year round jam offers good food and good micro brews. If you're passing through Eugene on a Tuesday evening, come on by and pick some tunes.

For Information: Contact: Chuck Holloway & Gary Dunbar: 541-431-6603.

HILLSBORO: ROCK CREEK BLUEGRASS JAM

Every Tuesday 7-9pm McMenamin's Rock Creek Tavern in Washington County off Germantown Road and Cornelius Pass Road.

Google 10000 N.W. Old Cornelius Pass Rd. Hillsboro, OR 97124. Easy Access from Hwy 26 or Hwy 30. We're closer than you'd think. Established, open intermediate and advanced Bluegrass only jam

For Information: Contact Tim: timhowell74@gmail.com

PORTLAND: Our new Hollywood OFF KEY JAM is every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at Clyde's Prime Rib, 5474 N.E. Sandy Blvd. This is a great restaurant with good food and a wonderful area for us to pick. Thanks to everyone who came out for the debut Tuesday. Remember our motto: *No one is too crummy to play with us!*

Wednesday

BEAVERTON: BLUEGRASS JAM

First and third Wednesday of every Month - 6:30-9:30 p.m Round Table Pizza, 10150 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy Beaverton, OR(just east of 217) Newcomer Friendly!

For Information: Contact Jane:
email: janeromfo@yahoo.com

EUGENE: BLUEGRASS JAM - Every Wednesday night from 7:30 10:00. Cosmic Pizza All ages welcome.

For Information: Contact Ramblin Robert of KRVM

SOUTHERN WILLAMETTE VALLEY:

BLUEGRASS JAM - Every Wednesday night from 7:30 10:30. Axe & Fiddle (www.axeandfiddle.com) is located at 641 East Main Street, Cottage Grove, OR. It is an acoustic bluegrass jam open to all levels of musicianship.

For Information: Chuck Holloway
email: charlesmholloway@yahoo.com

Thursday

BEND: BLUEGRASS JAM

2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Held in the board room of the Bend - LaPine School District, downtown Bend, between Wall and Bond Streets, across from the Public Library.

For Information: Contact: Becky Brown & Verda Hinkle 541-318-7341 email: hinklebrown@bendbroadband.com

GRANTS PASS: BLUEGRASS-FOLKGRASS-GOSPELGRASS-MOUNTAIN-MUSICGRASS



OBA Bluegrass Express - April/May/June 2011

2nd Thursdays 5-8pm. Rogue River Valley Grange: 2064 Upper River Road, Grants Pass, Oregon. All levels of players—to take turns in the circle and lead the group in tunes—music includes all the music above. No electronics—no mikes—so be prepared to share your instruments and voices with each other so we can all learn and grow together. We'd love to see an RSVP from you!! Bring a friend—listen or play!! Refreshments, of course!! Intersection of G street and Lincoln—just outside of downtown G street area, Grants Pass

For Information: 541-471-2206 - Brinkerhoff and Antonucci bluegrasshodson9@yahoo.com

Friday

DALLAS: GUTHRIE PARK ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM - 7:00 p.m

For Information: Contact: Sally Clark (503) 623-0874

SCIO: BLUEGRASS JAM - 4th Friday of every month, year 'round. Held at the ZCJB Hall in downtown Scio. Kids and listeners are encouraged to attend this community sponsored event. Activities and beginners' jam starts at 7pm, with more advanced jamming beginning at 8:30pm. All acoustic. All ages welcome! Bring a munchie to share if you can, but not required. Donations accepted to help with the Hall rent and the cost of activities.

For Information: Contact: Starla Becker 503-394-3811

Saturday

BATTLEGROUND, WA: BLUEGRASS JAM

Every second and fourth Saturday evening. The Grange Hall, on the corner of N.E. 72nd Avenue at 179th Street Battle Ground Washington. Hosted by the Columbia River Oldtime Strings. Jamming downstairs at the Grange Hall with an open mic on the stage upstairs. Anyone can join in the fun; listeners as well as musicians are welcome. There is a large stage on the main floor and a comfortable basement are with lots of room for jamming.

DALLAS: ALL GOSPEL, ALL ACOUSTIC JAM

Every third Saturday of the month 7-10pm Guthrie Park in Dallas

For Information: Contact: Jim (503) 623-0874
email: dusterjim@hotmail.com

PORTLAND: OBA OFFKEY EASY BLUEGRASS JAM

Every Saturday, 3-5 p.m., at the Muddy Rudder Public House, 8105 SE Seventh Ave, just a couple of blocks from the Sellwood Bridge. Remember our motto: No one is too crummy to play with us!

For Information: Randy and Tony
offkey@oregonbluegrass.org

SNOHOMISH, WA: MALTBY BLUEGRASS JAM

First, Saturday of the month 2pm to midnight.

Maltby Community Club, 206th St. S.E. & 87th Ave. S.E., Snohomish Jamming, potluck dinner, stage show and more jamming.

For Information: Contact: Jan (360) 568-3685
email: J1J35@juno.com

WINLOCK, WA: SLOW JAM - Second Saturday of the month. 1pm. October through May. Held at the Hope Grange in Winlock, Washington. Great for all levels and especially good for total beginners

For Information: Contact: Marv Sobolesky at 360-785-4932 email: marv@marvsmusic.com

If you have jam updates or additions, please contact the OBA at PO Box 1115, Portland, OR 97207, or contact the Webmaster Tony McCormick @ banjo@notebene.net

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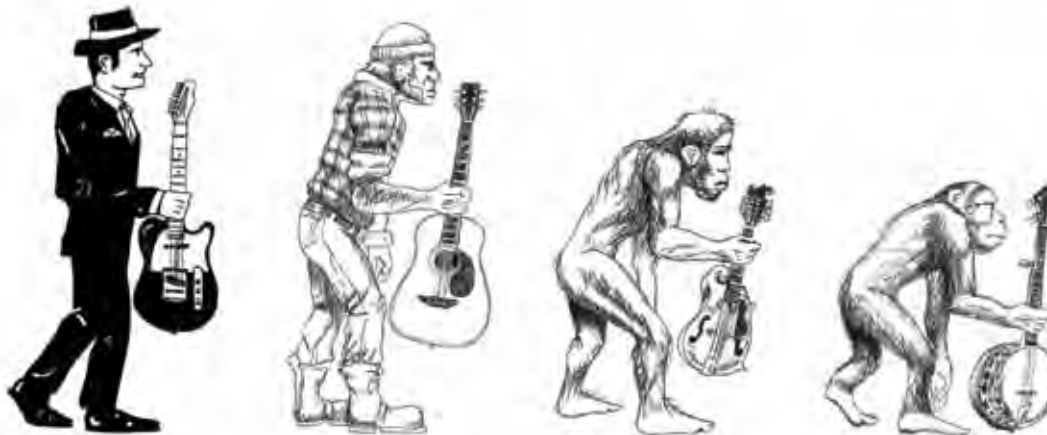
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Late last night, somebody in the jam circle called for the tune *Sally Anne*. It's a compelling tune that is simple enough for beginners to try their hand, but leaving a lot of room for folks to create interesting variations. I thought it would make a good subject for our scale pattern study.

Oh, flashback! Last time we pared down the number of notes



on a dobro fingerboard to just the ones that we could use in a particular tune. Figure 1 shows the pattern of the G scale in the first five frets of the dobro. The note names are not indicated, and are not necessary, because as you play *Sally Anne* you won't be thinking "I'd really like to hear an F# here..." No, you'll simply want to give the tune a little nudge or a particular feel in a certain phrase. How do you find that feel that you're looking for? Look to the scale pattern!

I did some research on *Sally Anne* and discovered that there are as many ways to structure the backup chords as there are players. So I chose a version played by Steve Kaufman and Bruce Molsky to write some dobro tab. Figure 2 is the basic melody as played by

the fiddle or sung by the vocalist. Now a dobro player could play this simple melody, but will soon want to elaborate a little.

In Figure 3 I have tabbed some examples of solos by various upscale dobro pickers, like the opening phrase up to measure 7, and some things I picked last night, like the second half of Part A. Part B is repeated many times, so you'll have to come up with your own variations – which, of course, is what this music is all about anyway. In Part A, I take advantage of the roll in measure 8 to segue down to the lower register after picking up high for a while. I've included many of the typical moves a dobro player might make, with lots of rolls, hammerons, pulloffs, and slides. In general, I tried to cover the entire fingerboard below fret

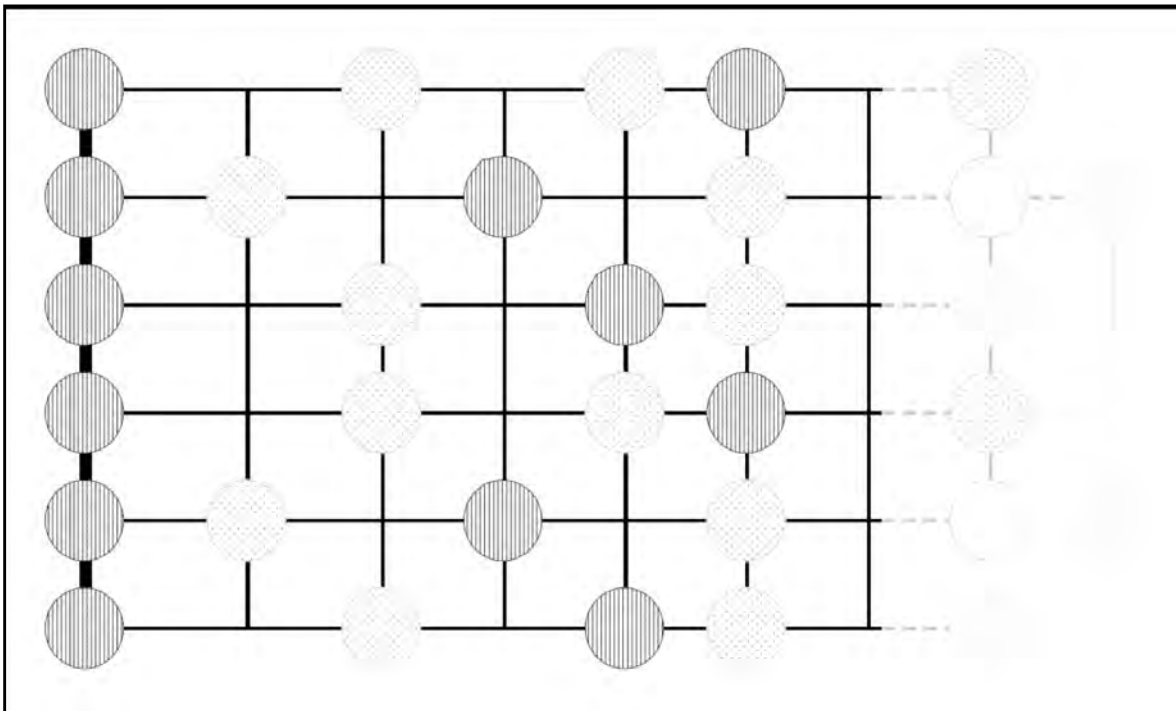


Figure 1. The pattern formed by the G scale for the first five frets of the dobro fingerboard. Learn the pattern, not the note names or particular tune, and you'll have the basis for unlimited variations of this and every other tune in the key of G! Notes of the G chord are shaded.

5 while providing a pretty fair-sounding version of the song.

What I want you to notice is that either in picking out this tabbed version or making up your own, every note that sounds good will come from that G scale pattern



Figure 2. Dobro tab for a simple version of Sally Anne. Notice that all the notes are from that G scale pattern.

above! With time (and practice), you'll sense the connection between that pattern and how the different notes feel during a song.

Now, if you learn this tabbed version of Sally Anne, you'll know one version of the song. If instead you learn that pattern of scale notes on the fingerboard, you'll be on the road to creating unlimited unique solos, not just for Sally Anne but for all tunes in a major key, for the rest of your picking days. Either way, have fun!

By Matthew Snook

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Figure 3. Dobro tab for a more elaborate version of Sally Anne, incorporating many bluegrass dobro moves. All notes that fit the tune fall into the pattern of the G scale!



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Howdy folks! Getting ready for the summer festival season? I know this is my busy time of year for doing live sound and I have some great festivals and bluegrass events coming up so I know I'll get to hear lots of great music.

One interesting thing I have noticed is how nearly every band has a CD of some sort to sell at their performance. I think that's a good thing since selling CDs after your show means the folks enjoyed what they heard. Of course, the problem is that your CD may not be up to your live performance standards. After listening to CDs from some local bands, it is pretty obvious that technology may not be our friend.

When a band or artist is considering making a CD, there are lots of options. Equipment is available for a couple hundred dollars that will create a pretty high-quality recording on a unit about the size of a pack of cigarettes. It is easy to transfer the tracks to a computer and start burning CDs. Stick on a label, put it in a plastic case and bingo, you have something to sell at your next gig. Maybe not the best representation of your band.

Everyone who owns a computer these days thinks they can make quality recordings but based on some of the products I have heard, that is very far from the truth. By thinking they are saving money, the final product suffers.

After all, why would anyone use a professional studio when they can buy an inexpensive computer, an inexpensive interface and some really cheap mics and record in the living room? All the gear has fallen in price over the years and literally anyone can make a recording these days.

However, compare the typical home studio with a professional studio and the differences are really pretty drastic. One area that can make a decent recording sound crummy is room acoustics. Most professional studios have acoustic treatment, tuned rooms and at the very least a room that has

been designed for the best sound. Bass traps, absorption, diffusion, flutter, echo, etc. all contribute to the quality of the recording regardless of the quality of the equipment.

There is also the problem of monitoring. If you cannot accurately hear what was recorded, then there is no way of knowing what was recorded. Listening to a recording on home or computer speakers won't provide the quality reference that is needed to make sure the recording is at its best. String noise, pick noise, strap noise, foot taps, etc. can be impossible to hear on a typical home or computer stereo system; and mixing a song on headphones can be done, but may create more problems than it solves.

Normally, a professional studio will have a decent collection of microphones to try on various instruments. A studio will have a decent (and not cheap) set of monitors, or even several sets to provide more reference. Mixing in a well-designed room with professional monitors means the sound of the recording is getting all the attention and not the room sound, heating systems running, the refrigerator turning on and off, the air conditioning running, traffic outside, etc. All of which can interfere with being able to hear

what actually was recorded. I listened to a CD from a local band that had foot thumps through the entire project. They were too low a frequency for most computer speakers to reproduce. It was embarrassing.

There is also the quality of the recording equipment itself. Sure, you use a computer, but what is the quality of your converters in your interface? What is the quality of your microphone preamps, your mic cables and the microphones themselves? It all makes a difference.

So, next time you decide to make a recording to sell at your gigs, do some serious thinking about what you want to present to the public. Do some research into recording facilities and see how much they charge and then decide if it's worthwhile to spend a little more to get a quality product.

Or, go with the "John has a computer and knows what he's doing" school of thought and do it yourself. Now excuse me while I go spray paint my car.

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Runs Real Good is Clayton Knight, Tom Marshall, Kelli Plummer, and Bill Marshall. We Play not-too-

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Sawtooth Mountain Boys

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Shasta Ray

Shasta Ray and the Downhome Band from Myrtle Creek Oregon. The band's founder and leader is Shasta Ray, born in New England. His travels and experiences are reflected in his song writing. The music played is a real slice of Americana including bluegrass, folk, country, sing-a-long gospel, and old time favorites.

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Urban Monroes

Fashioned from the heart of tradition and infused with adrenaline, the Urban Monroes' contemporary bluegrass style is an outgrowth of the combined skill of some of the Pacific Northwest's finest talent. Possessing band member credits ranging from "record of the year" and "CD of the Year" to state bluegrass instrument champions, their musical experience circles the

globe having taken them as far away as England and Scotland and even to Siberia...the long way. Three of the Urban Monroes four members have been featured on the Emmy award winning television show "Oregon Art Beat" and collectively they have opened for and shared the stage with the likes of Laurie Lewis, Ricky Skaggs, Iris Dement, Lee Ann Womack, Paul Delay and others.

With Fran Kent- guitar and vocals, Matt Gray-banjo, Jason Mellow-bass and Jeff Shippy- fiddle, The Urban Monroes are a new tradition in contemporary bluegrass.

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Wayward Vessel

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Whistlin' Rufus

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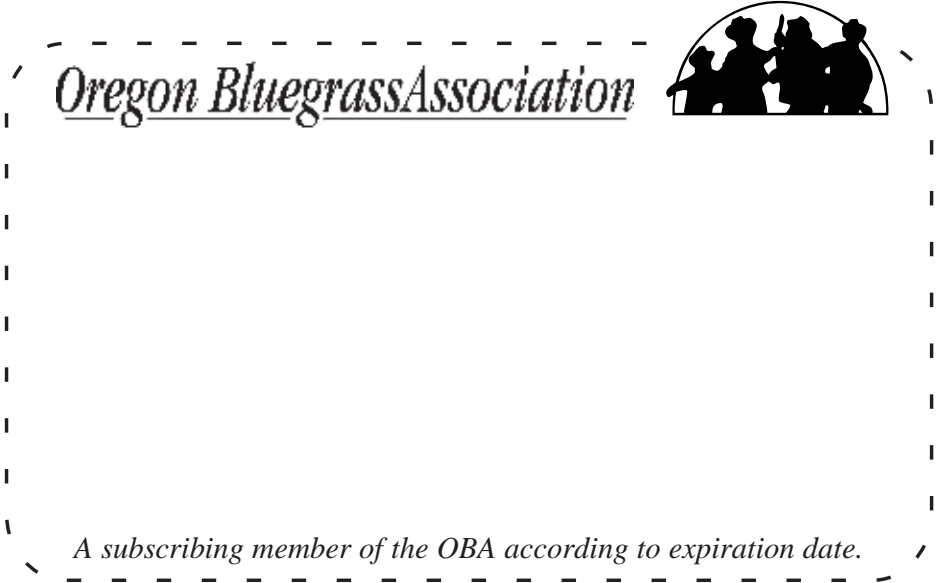
Yvonne McMillan:

is the Northwest's best-kept bluegrass secret. While raising a family in a small Willamette Valley town, Yvonne developed a dedicated following of fans who only heard her sing informally at jams and gatherings. Now, with her family grown, she's ready to bring her crystal-clear voice to a wider musical audience. Yvonne is joined in Sugar Pine by others long admired by the close-knit bluegrass community. Matt Snook, who recently relocated to the Willamette Valley, performed on banjo, dobro and vocals in a variety of La Grande groups. Barbara Collins is one of the region's most versatile, fluid and accomplished fiddlers. Garrett Maass plays mandolin with tone and taste, enlivening several Portland bands. Steve Blanchard's guitar playing has helped make Prairie Flyer one of the Northwest's most popular - and musical - groups. Sugar Pine's song selection ranges from traditional bluegrass to contemporary covers and originals by Yvonne, Matt and Steve. The rich vocal blend created by Yvonne, Matt and Barbara distinguishes this band from others in the Pacific Northwest. With an instrumental ensemble that plays hard, fast and creatively, Sugar Pine's the whole package.

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