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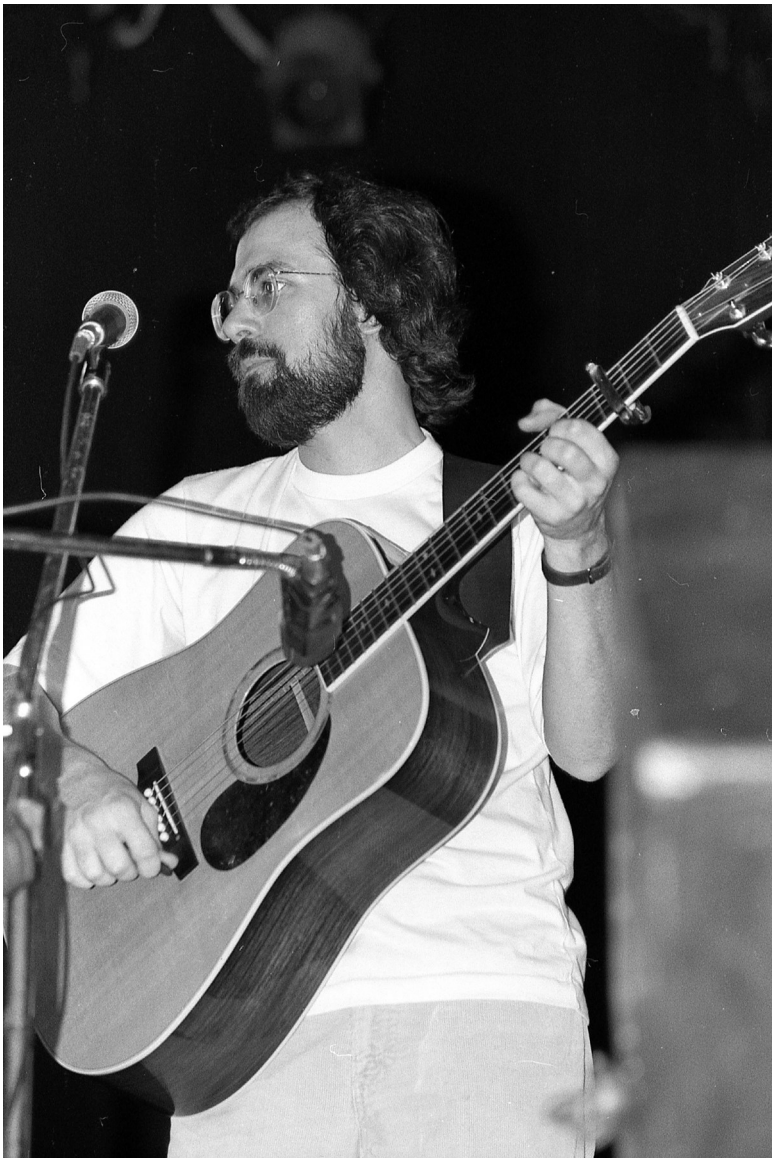
Wood Street Bloodhounds

by Eddie Collins

For the fifth year running, Central Texans will be treated to the classic bluegrass sounds of Chicago's Wood Street Bloodhounds. Each year they have spent a weekend entertaining guests at Becker's Vineyards in Stonewall, one of the Hill Country's premiere wineries. They are adding a stop at the *New World Deli* (Thursday, March 12th) in Austin during this year's visit to go along with their Saturday/Sunday vineyard performances (March 14/15th). Let's get to know this group of pickers who are members and huge supporters of CTBA

Bloodhounds Steve Avery (dobro), Jeff Bone (guitar) and Robert Becker (mandolin) met in a bluegrass ensemble class at the Old Town School of Folk Music in downtown Chicago. The teachers—both alumni of Special Consensus—were great, but after a couple of sessions they decided in the Fall of 2004 it would be more fun to get together on their own and play. A couple of months later, Steve invited his friend, Jim Corsolini, to play banjo with the group. Within six months they played their first paying gig—a street festival in nearby Oak Park. After rotating a number of bass players, Brian Buhman joined in 2009. Banjoist Jim left a couple of years later to focus on playing jazz guitar. The band has had the fortune of interacting with many great Chicago-based players and Tom Boyd agreed take over the banjo duties, when he's not traveling with the Dry Branch Fire Squad. Tom is also a long-time alumnus of Larry Sparks' band.

In regards to the backgrounds of the other bandmates, dobroist Steve Avery grew up in New York's Finger Lakes region and started playing his dad's 50's Kay arch top guitar when he was 12. His mother was the lead singer in the Singin' Guitars, a country group of five women. He began studying dobro in earnest in the 1990s after his move to Chicago in 1980. Lately, Tom Boyd, who is also a fantastic dobro player, has been showing Steve some new licks. Avery is co-owner of Orchard Productions, Inc-—a video production company of twenty-one years. Mandolinist Robert Becker is a native Texan, having been raised in Abilene and San Antonio. His folksy past includes playing clawhammer banjo for dances at Chicago Barn Dance events, which he still does on occasion. He studies mandolin with virtuoso and Jethro Burns protégé, Don Stiernberg.



Joe Carr onstage with Country Gazette at the Armadillo World Headquarters, Austin, in 1978. Photo by K. Brown

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Bassist Brian Buhman last played in Austin in the early 1990's, playing electric bass with an indie rock band (GrainUSA) at SXSW. He got into string bass through an interest in more roots -oriented music, such as The Band and The Byrds. He also plays with country and jazz bands in the Chicago area. By day, Brian is a software engineer for Shure Audio Electronics, makers of the microphones that many bluegrass musicians use. Guitarist Jeff Bone is an architect by day working on affordable housing and community based design. He played guitar in a basement rock band growing up in Indiana. Jeff was drawn to the Grateful Dead's Americana and traditional roots side in the late 1980's, which led to trips to Bill Monroe's Bean Blossom festival in southern Indiana.

Austin's own Eddie Collins plays banjo with the Wood Street Bloodhounds on their Texas trips. It began in 2010 when their regular banjoist couldn't make it the first year they planned the trip. Robert googled "Banjo, Austin, Texas" and gave Eddie a call. Amazingly, Eddie was able to handle all the group's needs, which included supplying a full PA system and acoustic upright bass, as well as being familiar with most of the 60 songs the group intended to play in their shows. Robert sums up the band's outlook for the future, "Blizzards permitting, we rehearse and play gigs a couple times a month. While we love the standards of the bluegrass canon, we are starting to write our own material and are in the early stages of a recording project. We hope to have something ready by summer." He adds, "We play this music because we love it. When the music is right—when the harmonies are tight and the band is in the pocket—it is an indescribable feeling. We enjoy the unique kind of friendship that comes from shared experiences on stage or during rehearsal or just hanging out together, which only makes the music richer. And fun!" Catch the Wood Street Bloodhounds Thursday, March 12th, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the *New World Deli*, 4101 Guadalupe St., Austin, 78751. Also on Saturday and Sunday, March 14th and15th, 1:00 – 4:00 PM at *Becker Vineyards*, 464 Becker Farms Road, Stonewall, TX 78671. Learn more about the band by visiting their website:

http://www.woodstreetbloodhounds.com/

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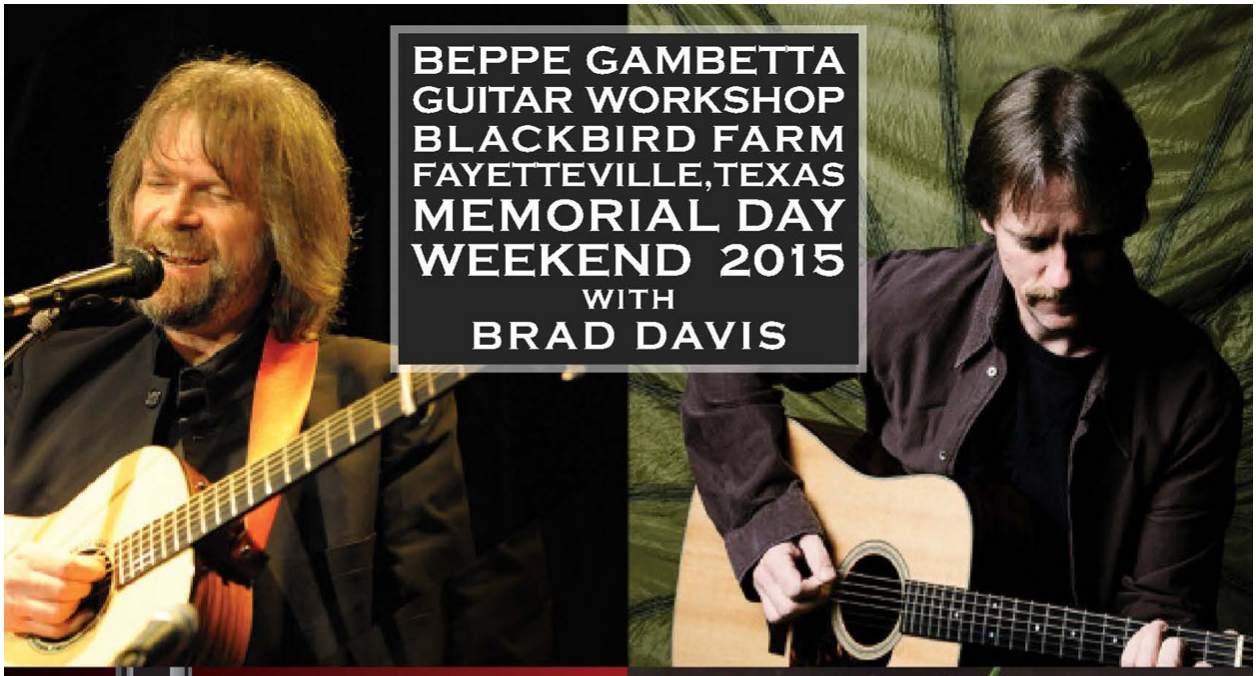

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At the board of directors meeting in February, the following planned events for 2015 were proposed. The tentative dates are:

Old Settlers Music Festival, April 16-19: the CTBA will have a presence in the campground area, instead of the main performance area .

Scholarship application deadline, May 1: the CTBA sponsors one or more scholarships for students at bluegrass-related music camps each year (often at Camp Bluegrass in Levelland).

Second Annual Ray Cargo Memorial Festival, May 17: our first event honoring bass player and CTBA member Ray Cargo was at Hill's Café last year. We propose to do it again in May.

Band Scramble and Garage Sale, July 5: our main fundraiser.

CTBA Annual Meeting, November 1

Print Edition of the Newsletter

by Jamie Stubblefield

We need your help! The CTBA board has been having discussions regarding the expenses involved in publishing our printed newsletter each month. While we recognize the benefits of the printed medium, as well as our obligation to our members who signed up to receive the newsletter by mail, the monthly cost has become extreme considering the small number of people being served. The latest figures show that the printed newsletter costs CTBA $102.00 per month (this is for printing and postage) which extrapolates to $1224.00 per year. Members who choose to receive their newsletter by mail pay an additional $5 a year on top of their membership dues, and there are 37 people who have chosen the printed option (37 x $5 = $185). The net amount that printing and mailing the newsletter costs CTBA per year is a loss of $1039 ($1224-$185). We are seeking the membership's assistance in determining a way to cut this loss to CTBA. So, please step up and offer your ideas to president@centraltexasbluegrass.org as to how we can maintain the ability to provide a printed newsletter to those who desire to have it while cutting the costs to do so. If those who are currently receiving the paper version are willing to receive it by E-mail, please let us know.

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Coushatte Ranch

After keeping the Spring Creek Bluegrass Club going for many years at Coushatte Ranch, near Bellville, Buddy and Carolyn Brockett have retired, and have turned over the reins to Scott Armstrong and Colee and David Biller, the **Texas Bluegrass Music** folks who now run the Salmon Lake Park festivals at Grapeland. The monthly jam and stage show is continuing, on February 28 (*Cypress Cr*eek and *Lonestar Bluegrass Band)* and March 28 (*Greer Family*). The fall festival will also continue, and this year's version (Thursday-Saturday, **October 29-31**) will feature bands from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Texas: the *Little Roy and Lizzie Show*, *Trinity River Band, Wauka Mountain Boys, Sabine River Bend, Bama Blu Grace, Copper Canyon*, and *Saltgrass*. We'll have more details about this festival next fall, but for now, the Spring Creek Bluegrass web site is no longer being updated. For more information on Coushatte Ranch, go to www.TXBluegrassMusic.com.
Coushatte Recreational Ranch is located five miles southeast of Bellville, at 2812 Nelius Road. It's a beautiful wooded site with lots of RV hookups.

Right: indoor stage show at Coushatte Ranch, September 28, 2013
Photo by K. Brown.

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Events calendar: March, 2015

Note: For a more complete and up–to-date listing, with web links to venues. See the CTBA web page at *www.centraltexasbluegrass.org/*

It's the first page to appear on the web site.

Sunday, March 1
11 AM-1 PM: *Pine Island Station* at **Threadgill's North**, 6416 N. Lamar; (512) 451-5440

Thursday, March 5
8:30 PM: *Red Molly* at **Strange Brew**, 5326 Manchaca Rd.; (512) 828-7636

Friday, March 6
6:30-9 PM: *The Carper Family* at **Central Market North**

Sunday, March 8
11 AM-1 PM: *Out of the Blue* at **Threadgill's North**, 6416 N. Lamar; (512) 451-5440

Thursday, March 12
1 PM: *The Sieker Ba*nd at **Sun City Church**, Georgetown
6:30 – 8:30 PM: *Wood Street Bloodhounds* at the **New World Deli**, 4101 Guadalupe St.

Sunday, March 22
1 PM: *The Sieker Band* at **Black's BBQ**, Lockhart
3 PM: CTBA board meeting at **Hill's Café** (open to all CTBA members)

Tuesday, March 24
7-9 PM: *Out of the Blue* at the **Barber Shop Bar**, 207 Mercer St., Dripping Springs; (512) 829-4636

Friday, March 27
6:30-9 PM: *The Austin Steamers* at **Central Market Westgate**

Saturday, March 28
6:15 PM: *The Sieker Band* at Texas Heritage Stage, **Tomball German Festival**

Sunday, March 29
11 AM-1 PM: *Piney Grove Ramblers* at **Threadgill's North**, 6416 N. Lamar; (512) 451-5440

March Residencies

Sunday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
3-5 PM: *David Diers and the #910 Train* at **Sweetwater Bar**

Monday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
8-11:30 PM, *The Bluegrass Outfit* at **Radio Coffee & Beer**

Tuesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
8-10 PM: *Matt Downing's Bluegrass Explosion* at the **White Horse**

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18. 25
9 PM-midnight: *The Bluegrass Outfit* at **Tantra Coffeehouse**, San Marcos
7-8 PM: *Out of the Blue*, bluegrass gospel Lent service at **New Life Lutheran Church**, 1121 DS Ranch Rd, Dripping Springs

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CTBA Area Jams and Events

AUSTIN AREA, CTBA
Every Sunday, 2 PM-??, CTBA Sunday jam at Hill's Café, 4700 S. Congress; (512) 851-9300.

2nd and 4th Saturday, 3-5 PM, beg./int. jam at Wildflower Terrace, 3801 Berkman Drive; Steve Mangold (512) 345-6155.

1st and 3rd Thursday, 7-9 PM, beg./int. jam, Northwest Hills area; Steve Mangold (512) 345-6155.

Every Thursday, 6-9 PM, beg./int. jam, Texican Café, 11940 Manchaca Road; Dave Stritzinger, (512)689-4433.

Every Tuesday, 8-10 PM, Texas Old Time Fiddling, Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto; (512) 474-1958.

BANDERA
4th Friday of each month at Silver Sage Corral– east of Bandera. Starts at 6:30 pm. For more info call (830)796-4969 (Not on Good Friday)

BELLVILLE
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Plenty of RV camping, restrooms, showers.

BURNET
2nd Saturday, 5 PM, Café 2300, Hwy 29 west

CORPUS CHRISTI
2nd Sunday, 2 PM, jam at Heritage Park, 1581 N. Chaparral St. Bill Davis (361) 387-4552, stx.bluegrass@gmail.com

DALLAS
1st Tuesday, 7-9 PM, Charley's Guitar Shop, 2720 Royal Lane #100. (972) 243-4187
www.charleysguitar.com/Events.asp

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Every Friday, 7-9 PM, Dickinson BBQ and Steakhouse, 2111 FM 517 East.

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HOUSTON
1st Tuesday, Fuddruckers, 2040 NASA Rd 1

JOHNSON CITY
3rd Saturday, 2-6 PM, jam at The Dome, 706 W. Main St., Hwy 290 W; Charlene Crump, (512) 632-5999. Potluck at 6 PM, optional jamming afterward.

LEAGUE CITY (BABA)
3rd Saturday: Jam 5 PM, Stage show 6:30 PM Jan- Nov., League City Civic Center, 300 W. Walker St. (281) 636-9419. Sponsored by Bay Area Bluegrass Association.

LIBERTY HILL
4rth Saturday, 4-9 PM, jam at the Stocktank, 8950 Ranch Road 1869, Liberty Hill;
(512) 778-6878.

LLANO
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PEARL
1st Saturday: Jam all day, stage show, 11:30 AM-5:30 PM; food and RV hookups available. Pearl Community Center, on FM 183, 7 mi. south of Purmela; contact Ronald Medart (254) 865-6013. Check web site for show schedule:

www.pearlbluegrass.com

ROUND ROCK
3rd Saturday, 2-5 PM, jam at Danny Ray's Music, 12 Chisholm Trail; (512) 671-8663.
www.dannyraysmusic.com

SAN ANTONIO
Every Monday, 6:30-8:30 PM, at The Barbecue Station, 1610 NE Loop 410 at Harry Wurzbach exit; (210) 824-9191.

Every Tuesday, 6-8 PM, bluegrass jam (up the hill) and country jam (to the left) at Homewood Residence at Castle Hills, 1207 Jackson Keller Rd.

SCHULENBERG
1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:0-9 PM, jam at Schulenberg RV Park Community Center, 65 N. Kessler Ave. Laretta Baumgarten (979) 743-4388; camp@schulenbergrvpark.com

TOMBALL
Saturday, noon–4 PM, bluegrass jam at Kleb Woods Nature Center and Preserve, 20301 Mueschke Road, Tomball. (281) 373-1777 or
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Editor's note: this list of jams hasn't been verified in a long time. Call ahead before checking out an unfamiliar jam, to make sure it's still active.

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