

## BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

The CTBA Board lost an excellent board member recently when Tim Towell notified the board that he was moving out of state and could not longer serve on the board.

Obviously, it's our loss as Tim was a huge influence to and help with the planning and activities of CTBA.

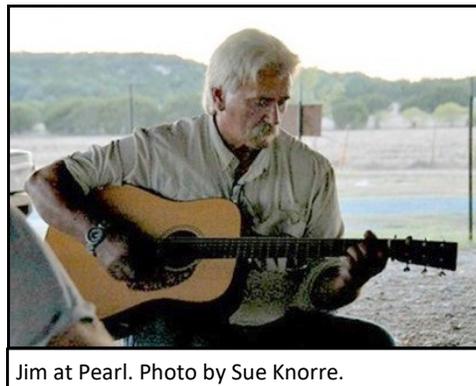
Plus, Tim was just a dang fine guitar picker, singer, and great guy. He will definitely be missed and we wish him the best.

To fill that empty board position, Jim Wiederhold has stepped up to be the latest board member addition.

Jim is an accomplished guitar player and singer and will certainly be a much-needed and appre-

ciated addition to the board.

Even though he lives and works near Johnson City, you can often find Jim in Austin for the Eddie Collins open mic at



Jim at Pearl. Photo by Sue Knorre.

the New World Deli on the first Thursday of the month or jamming with other pickers at Hill's Café on Sunday afternoons.

Jim has already thrown out some good ideas for future CTBA bluegrass events for the coming months. So, we look for-

ward to testing the waters on some possible new adventures that we'll pass along to you as they develop.

While the board does its best to plan various activities and events throughout the year, you are more than welcome to contact the board with any ideas you might have that will help us all promote bluegrass music in Central Texas. It takes a village, or so I hear.

If you have any ideas or suggestions you'd like to pass on the board, send them to us at [ctba@centraltexasbluegrass.org](mailto:ctba@centraltexasbluegrass.org).

And, of course, all board meetings are open to all members.

### Y'all come!

The next CTBA board meeting will be held Sunday, February 12th at 3:00 pm at Hill's Café, 4700 South Congress, Austin.

The board will meet for about one hour then join the rest of you outside for the weekly jam that usually runs 3:00-6:00 pm.

Board meetings are open to all CTBA members.

## CTBA FUTURE EVENTS

Nothing is sealed in concrete yet but here are some possible dates that you might want to pencil in on your bluegrass calendar:

**Raybo Fest**— May 21st at a location to be announced later. This is always a fun time of bluegrass music and friendship as we gather to celebrate the memory of Ray Cargo.

**CTBA Band Scramble**—July 2nd at a location to be announced later. It just doesn't get any more fun than this annual bluegrass pickers funfest.

In addition to the free-for-all band groupings, we usually take some time to award the annual **Willa Beach-Porter CTBA Music Scholarship**.

So, now is the time to start thinking about some young person you'd like to nominate who would be a good scholarship candidate.

**CTBA Annual Meeting** —November 12th at a location to be announced later. This is where we wrap-up the year's activities and celebrate another year of good bluegrass.



I grew up camping in the Davis, OK, area and know first-hand what a gorgeous part of the state it is. Many of you have attended the bluegrass events at the **Arbuckle Mountain Bluegrass Park** in Davis. However, due to lower attendance lately, the owners have decided to discontinue the festival until things pickup and hope it will be only a temporary action.

They will, however, keep the two jams and hope folks will join them at the jams and continue with the friendships, great fellowship, and the great music we all enjoy. Allen and Rosemary said, "Thank you for your support and friendship over the last 18 years."

- The spring jam will be April 16-22.
- The fall jam will be October 15-21.

More info at [www.arbucklemtbluegrasspark.com](http://www.arbucklemtbluegrasspark.com).

## RODEO AUSTIN 2017

This could be the year you load grandma and the kids into the minivan and head to **Rodeo Austin**, March 11-25 off Decker Lake Road in Austin.

Besides all the fun involved in the rodeo, you have the opportunity to hear **Max Zimmet & Hot Pickin Bluegrass** on Tuesday afternoon, March 21st, 3:00-4:30 pm.

The band of pickers for this event includes

- Eddie Collins
- Max Zimmet
- Eddie Dickerson (sitting in for Michael Montgomery)
- Kyle Clayton (sitting in for Vance Hazen)

The stage address is 7311 Decker Lake Road, Austin, 78724.

Complete info is available at [rodeoaustin.com](http://rodeoaustin.com).

## CTBA MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

CTBA established the Willa Beach-Porter CTBA Scholarship Fund with income used to pay for scholarship awards to students who have demonstrated a serious interest and performance talent in bluegrass music, and who show a need for financial assistance to support their musical studies.

This scholarship is named after Willa Beach-Porter, a long-time supporter of bluegrass music and of the Central Texas Bluegrass Association.

Your membership or donation will help us continue this great program. Go to [centraltexasbluegrass.org](http://centraltexasbluegrass.org) and click **Join** at top right then contact us to assure your contribution goes to the scholarship fund.

If you know a young person who would benefit from the scholarship, you can download the [Application](#) (.pdf) and submit his or her name. Please note that the applicant must be a Texas resident in order to qualify.

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## OLD SETTLERS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

To a lot of folks, the annual Old Settlers Music Festival is their premier music event of the year.

This year, the 30th annual OSMF takes place April 20-23 in Driftwood.

Recently, I had a chance to visit with Jean Spivey, Executive Director of the Old Settlers Music Festival.

**CTBA:** 30 years is a long time for a music festival. What do you think has contributed to the successful longevity of the OSMF?

**JS:** There are a number of factors, but I'll start with the real sense of community, a laid back atmosphere, and the family-friendly vibe you get from the dedicated fans and volunteers who come back year after year. An eclectic mix of music keeps it fresh.

**CTBA:** For someone new to the OSMF, what does the festival have to offer for a fun weekend?

**JS:** A curated lineup of great music – some you know and some you don't know, great people who love music (and who listen), camping (although it's not necessary), kids' activities, a youth talent



competition, performance workshops with the artists, craft beer at reasonable prices, arts & crafts vendors, festival food, and jamming.

**CTBA:** What do you think of the current band / performer lineup as far as music diversity – something for everyone?

**JS:** It's definitely not "something for everyone." We're rooted in Americana but that genre encompasses bluegrass, folk, blues, jambands, singer-

songwriters, alt-country, and classic country. I've probably forgotten a bunch.

As you know, 30 years ago the festival started as a one-day bluegrass festival and then organically evolved to what we are today. When Co-Producer Scott Marshall and I took the reins at the end of 2006, there was very little money in the bank and we didn't know that we still had debt from prior festivals. We had to evolve.

Now, I like to think that we are turning new folks on to bluegrass. For instance, my 84 year old mother used to say that she hated bluegrass, but she likes Dailey & Vincent. I had to tell her they ARE bluegrass!

And hopefully, we are also turning bluegrass folks on to new music.

All the OSMF info is online at [www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org](http://www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org).



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centraltexasbluegrass.org/bands.html

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**Farmgrass Fest '17** will take place on May 12-13 at the Simmons Family Farm, 100 Simmons Family Farm Road just off of Holz Rd. (CR 224), south of Niederwald, TX.

This year's lineup includes some veterans of past Farmgrass Fest's and some exciting new acts!

All you need to know can be found at [www.farmgrass.org](http://www.farmgrass.org).

# BLUEGRASS RISING IN NW HOUSTON @ JAM

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Our Website:

[www.bluegrassrising.net](http://www.bluegrassrising.net)

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[www.bayareabluegrass.org](http://www.bayareabluegrass.org)

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1. Every Monday Night Bluegrass Rising Jam (NW Houston); 6:30-9pm \*
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, Bluegrass Music Knight Out Show & Jam; Show, 6:-8:30pm, Jam 4:-8:45pm \*  
\* @Richard & Meg Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd, Cypress, TX 77433. (No Charge)
3. Fourth Saturday Jam Kleb Woods Nature Center, 20303 Draper Rd. @Mueschke Rd., (in Rosehill), Tomball, TX 77377.

Thank You For Your Participation

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## PLANTING THE BLUEGRASS TREE

by Earl Richards

I became interested in bluegrass mandolin relatively late in life and in a rather tangential way.

I first went to Austin musician and teacher Eddie Collins for some lessons with the goal of learning how to better handle a flatpick for a style of music different from bluegrass.

But Eddie, with no small amount of wisdom and foresight, guided me to both the personal pleasures of bluegrass music as well as the social pleasures of jamming.

I can remember when I could play only one tune at a jam. The rest of the time, I just sat there, envious and inspired, like all beginners are.

Once I got home, that envy and inspiration was transformed into hours of practice. A couple of weeks later, I could play two tunes.

And so it has gone now for three or so years. My repertoire has grown from one tune to a whole page of tunes. And I still feel that I've just started!

I sometimes hear non-musicians express interest in bluegrass, but say that it is too late for them to take up an instrument.

If you or someone you know thinks like this, let me share a favorite adage: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

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Big Sandy River is a fiddle tune that is played at nearly every jam I've at-

tended. But, I never learned that tune until recently.

Every tune must wait its turn, I suppose. I actually found it embarrassing for me to not be able to play this tune. When the tune would appear at a jam, I would pretend to receive a phone call or text. Walking around with a silent phone to your ear is not gratifying.

Finally, I said: enough is enough; learn the tune! And like most new tunes, it has become a favorite of mine.

The following fiddle version of Big Sandy River comes from a careful listening to Kenny Baker's playing on his great 1993 album, *Kenny Baker Plays Bill Monroe*. It is a rather *notey* tune, but definitely worth the effort.

So many tunes; so little time!

# Big Sandy River

Musical notation for measures 1-4. Measure 1 contains a triplet of eighth notes. Chords A and E are indicated above the staff.

Musical notation for measures 5-8. Measure 5 contains a triplet of eighth notes. Chords A and E are indicated above the staff. Measures 7 and 8 are marked with first and second endings, both containing triplets of eighth notes.

Musical notation for measures 9-13, labeled "First B part". Chords A, D, E, and A are indicated above the staff.

Musical notation for measures 14-17. Chords A, D, E, and A are indicated above the staff. Measure 17 contains a triplet of eighth notes.

Musical notation for measures 18-21, labeled "Second B part". Chords A, D, E, and A are indicated above the staff.

Musical notation for measures 22-25. Chords A, D, E, and A are indicated above the staff. Measure 25 contains a triplet of eighth notes.

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Join the CTBA: [www.centraltexasbluegrass.org/join.html](http://www.centraltexasbluegrass.org/join.html)

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# CTBA Area Jams

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## AUSTIN

**Every Sunday**, 3 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.

**2nd Thursday**, bluegrass jam at Texas Barber Services, 2301 E. Riverside Dr, #400A; Kurt Phillips, 512-330-4895.

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

## BANDERA

**4th Friday** of each month except Good Friday, November, and December at Silver Sage Corral – east of Bandera. Starts at 6 PM. For more info call 830-796-4969, silversagecorral.org.

## BELLVILLE

Texas Bluegrass Music jam/show Jan. through September, **4th Sat**; 4pm jam, 6:30 pm show. Coushatta Recreation Ranch, 2812 Nelius Rd. 936-697-5949, coleebiller@aol.net, www.TXBluegrassMusic.com. Plenty of RV camping, restrooms, showers.

## BLANCO

**First Saturday**, 2-5 PM at Buggy Barn Museum, 1915 Hwy 281 N; contact Deanna Dosser, 830-554-0006

## DRIPPING SPRINGS

**Last Saturday** of each month, 3:00 PM, jam at Hudsons on Mercer St.; contact Cliff at 701-770-8962 or telecliff@hotmail.com

## FAYETTEVILLE

**2nd Saturday**, Fayetteville Picking Park jam Jan.-Nov. beginning at 1:00 PM on the courthouse square. Acoustic instruments only. banjobooklady@yahoo.com

## GARLAND

Bluegrass on the Square: **Every Saturday**, March- November, between Main and State Sts. at 6th, 7:30 PM to 1:00 AM.

## GLEN ROSE

**3rd Saturday**, Oakdale Park, Paluxy River Bluegrass Association, free stage show, jam; and potluck Friday night before. Jim Chapman 469-231-6616, www.paluxybluegrass.com

## HOUSTON

**1st Tuesday**, Fuddruckers, 2040 NASA Rd 1, 281-333-1598

## JOHNSON CITY

**3rd Saturday** except in December, 2-6 PM, jam at The Dome, 706 W. Main St., Hwy 290 W; Charlene Crump, 512-632-5999.

## LEAGUE CITY (BABA)

**3rd Saturday**: Jam 5:00 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.

## LEANDER

**1st Sunday**, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, CTBA Beginner/Intermediate Bluegrass Jam, at Leander Public Library, 1011 South Bagdad Road. Bob Vestal, 512-983-5031

## LILLIAN

**2nd Saturday**, 4:00 PM jam, 7:00 PM show, First Baptist Church, \$4; Dale Brawner 97-935-4525.

## LLANO

**4th Saturday**, 2:00 PM, jam at Fuel Coffee House, 106 East Main St.; 325-247-5272; www.fuelcoffeehouse.org

## MEDINA

**2nd Tuesday**, all gospel jam, 6 PM at First Baptist Church; contact Linda Barton, 830-589-2486.

**2nd Friday**, jam at 6 PM, Masonic Lodge; Maude Arnold, 830-796-8422.

## PEARL

**1st Saturday**: Jam all day/night, stage show, 12:15 PM-6:15 PM; food and RV hookups available. Pearl Community Center, on FM 183, 7 mi. south of Purlmela; info@pearlbluegrass.com. Check website for show schedule: www.pearlbluegrass.com

## ROUND ROCK

**3rd Saturday**, 2-5 PM except November and December, jam at Danny Ray's Music, 12 Chisholm Trail; 512-671-8663. www.dannyraymusic.com

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

## SCHULENBERG

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## TOMBALL

**4th Saturday**, 4:00 PM, bluegrass jam at Kleb Woods Nature Center and Preserve, 20303 Draper Road, Tomball, 281-373-1777 or 281-910-4396.



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