

THE BABA BULLETIN

The Bay Area Bluegrass Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Welcome to April! I wanted to remind everyone that BABA is in need of items for the silent auction and the raffle at the Festival in August. Gift certificates, Gift baskets, Craft items, Musical instruments, Quilts, Art work.... the list is endless. Bring your donations to the monthly show, and remember that as a 501(c)3 charity, the value of your donations might make next year's tax time a little less painful!

I'm excited to announce that *The Grascals* and *Blue Moon Rising* are coming to the festival, along with the *Lonestar Bluegrass Band*, *The Bluegrass Solution*, *Sabine River Bend*, *Southern Style*, *The J. P. Shafer Band*, *Billy Bright* and *Jeff Union Trio*, and *The Armstrong Family*.

We are working hard to secure grand prizes for the contests this year. BIG thanks to Jeff Robinson and Mike Fuller for a custom hand-built guitar for the flat picking champion.

Raffle: Festival tickets for 2, Friday night room and breakfast for 2 !! There will be **two winners** and you can buy online at http://www.bayareabluegrass.org/fos_tickets.html Interested in being a festival vendor? Contact email is: bayareabluegrass2@aol.com Thanks, Rick Kirkland

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There will be a **separate newsletter for the Fire on the Strings Bluegrass Festival**, so that we can fit in all the great info that you'll want to know.

What would you like to see in it? So far we'll have: the band & workshop lists and schedules; contests with rules, dates, times, and prizes; raffle for the 2-day festival package prizes; vendor information, hotel reservation information.

Maybe **YOUR AD** as a sponsor for the festival? Or perhaps **YOU as a vendor?** E-mail Rick at bayareabluegrass2@aol.com or call him at **281-488-2244**

ANNE'S NOTES The Salt Grass Trail, Part II

Last month, this column detailed how I fulfilled a life-long dream of riding on the Salt Grass Trail; this month is the second (and final) installment of that column. Riding along the trail, I met all sorts of people. Of course, most of them were cowboys. Real cowboys. Ranchers. These people brought their own horses, their own horse/RV trailer (So, yes, they sort of did sleep with their horses. Or almost.), watering troughs, hay bales . . . you get the idea. As I was going to my car one day, one of the cowboys asked if that was my car, the one with the license plate that says "HAY." Yes, it is. He was wondering if I was in the hay selling business. Um, nope.

I had two favorite parts of the trail. First, I loved riding my horse on roads that were barely roads, past farms and ranches and just land. I loved it when horses far off in the distance would come running over to the fence line to say Hello! or Whatcha Doin'? I loved clip-clopping over bridges that spanned small creeks as well as the Brazos River, not far from Washington-on-the-Brazos, the birthplace of Texas. This year, much more than last, our wagon had a DVD player and speakers, so a lot of the ride was accompanied by mostly country music, with a quick round of YMCA thrown in now and then, but I managed to sneak in a few trail-appropriate bluegrass songs. They were quite well received. And yes, I did play some tunes from our own Lonestar Bluegrass Band. Now, if you read last month's column here, you remember that LSBG's leader, Chris Hirsch's, grandpa (or great-grandpa?) was one of the founders of the Salt Grass Trail.

My other favorite part, and this is in no particular order, was waving to the people who came out to wave to us. I was somewhat surprised at how many people came out of their business to watch and wave. And by the construction crews who paused from working to come over and wave and holler. But my most favorites were the school kids. I told my story (the one I told here last month) (about waving to the trail riders back in the 1950s) to my fellow riders, and as we passed hundreds of kids, one of my riding buddies turned to me and said, "There you are," referring to the bright, happy faces who were, indeed, so very thrilled at seeing real cowboys.

And, so, I'll close with the quote that I opened with last month.

Today's riders hit the trail in an attempt to recreate the Old West, and in doing so, find a common ground that links us all to the show. A sense of history and pride resides in each rider, igniting envy and intrigue in each child as they watch the trail riders and hope to one day join them. (www.rodeohouston.com)

Happy Trails, indeed, y'all. And Happy Pickin'.

Contributed by Anne Hayden

About BABA

The Bay Area Bluegrass Association (BABA) was organized in 1986 and incorporated in 1987 under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. The primary purpose of BABA is to preserve, encourage, and promote Bluegrass and Bluegrass gospel music as an American art form. BABA promotes Bluegrass through being active in community events, fund raisers, festivals, and monthly shows. BABA is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization; see any Director for information.

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

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

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MEMORIES:

I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

WINNING SMILE:

Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flossier to share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy.

MINT CONDITION:

Male, 1932 model, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well.

Thanks to Kerry Sturgeon, Tijeras N.M.

FOXY LADY:

Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'4' (used to be 5'6'), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

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Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband, looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot. Dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.

SERENITY NOW:

I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and meditation. If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times.

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THANKS TO SANDY JONES

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and more to come next month!





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Mule Trading

Curtis & Leroy saw an ad in the Starkville Daily in Starkville , MS. and bought a mule for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the mule the next day. The next morning the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry, fellows, I have some bad news, the mule died last night." Curtis & Leroy replied, "Well, then just give us our money back." The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already." They said, "OK then, just bring us the dead mule." The farmer asked, "What in the world ya'll gonna do with a dead mule" Curtis said, "We gonna raffle him off." The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead mule!" Leroy said, "We shore can! Heck, we don't hafta tell nobody he's dead!" A couple of weeks later, the farmer ran into Curtis & Leroy at the Piggly Wiggly grocery store and asked "What'd you fellers ever do with that dead mule?" They said, "We raffled him off like we said we wuz gonna do." Leroy said, "Shucks, we sold 500 tickets fer two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$998." The farmer said, "My Lord, didn't anyone complain?" Curtis said, "Well, the feller who won got upset. So we gave him his two dollars back."

A BIG BLUEGRASS THANKS!

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

Members' names are in alphabetical order

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

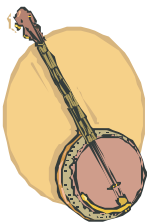
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Phil & Fern Deans, Lisa Maranto

Foundation Member:

Ed Fryday



PICK YOUR NEWS

The editor likes these guys! Check out the video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4f10pfbv_os Their album 8 More Miles is available for download on iTunes & CDBaby.

The music is a mix of bluegrass, rockabilly, country and hillbilly. With driving harmonica, high-speed fiddle, hot-pickin' [resonator guitar](#), twanging 5-string banjo, high-octane mandolins, pulsating rhythm guitar and thumping double bass producing their own unique sound. <http://www.stringcaster.com/> (You can also buy CDs from their website but they're from HOLLAND so the \$ is in Euros, I believe)

Tired of waiting for the BABA newsletter to get a little bit of Bluegrass Music news? If you're reading this you PROBABLY have a computer... go to <http://www.cybergrass.com/> any old time that you want, and keep up with what's hot and what's not.

Chris Austin Songwriting Contest finalists announced: see the website. Are you on here?? <http://bluegrasstoday.com/chris-austin-songwriting-contest-finalists-announced/>

Travelling in Texas and need a bluegrass connection?
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Texas Bluegrass Jams: <http://www.bluegrassmusicjams.com/jam-texas.html>
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GREG ENGLISH



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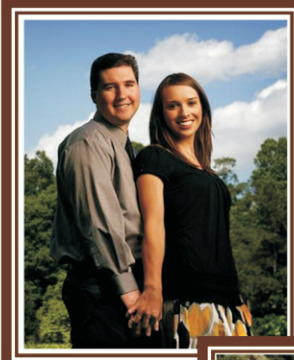
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 Marksmen - GA (Sat, Sun)
 Sabine River -TX (Th, Fr, Sat)
 Robertson County Line - TX (Th, Fr, Sat)
 Gospel Tradition - AZ (Sat, Sun)
 East Mountain - TX (Th, Sat, Sun)
And More To Be Announced.....

----- FEATURING -----
 Brooke & Darin Aldridge - NC (Sat, Sun)
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 Gary Waldrep - AL (Fri, Sat)
 Gold Heart Sisters - VA (Fri, Sat)
 Spring Street - OK (Sat, Sun)
 Robertson County Line - TX (Th, Fri, Sun)
 Lone Star Bluegrass Band - TX (Sat Only)
 The Armstrong's - TX (Sun Only)
And More To Be Announced.....

...and, don't forget ... **May 3 & 4, 2013 "BLUEGRASS FUN WEEKEND"**

.....bands will compete for a spot on one of the 2013 Festivals in our "Battle-of-the-Bands" event in the park... bring your group and sign up...

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

[JOIN: at the show, or online](#)

Individual Membership: \$35.00 annually

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

Family Membership: \$50.00 annually

You'll become a member of the BABA family with all the benefits of the individual membership for you and your immediate family. You'll support the free monthly shows & jams, receive the BABA Bulletin Newsletter monthly, get admission to workshops at the monthly shows and admission to Bluegrass in the Park for BABA members & guest, get updates about Bluegrass events in the area, discounts on some bluegrass shows in the area - and the satisfaction of supporting BABA and Bluegrass Music in Texas.

Gold Club Membership Individual: \$100.00 annually

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

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Lifetime Gold Club Membership Individual: \$1000.00

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LAST MONTH'S SHOW AND JAM...hope you didn't miss it! WE ♥ OUR BANDS AND VOLUNTEERS.

CYPRESS CREEK

WHITE DOVE

ALMOST HEAVEN

← BANDS

STAGE SET UP:

Pat Patterson, Roger Eklund

O.K. Stafford, Mark Kishbaugh

James Collins

SLOW JAM:

Laney Sims

KITCHEN:

The Kirkland Gang,

Sheryl Holland

TAKEDOWN: setup crew plus Rick Kirkland, Lynn Holbrook, Arvin Holland

THE TROUBLE WITH LIFE IS THAT THERE'S NO BACKGROUND MUSIC.

RAFFLE DONATIONS:

Remember to leave your name so we can thank you!

SOUND:

Roger Eklund,

Pat Patterson,

Mark Kishbaugh

BABA TABLE VOLUNTEERS:

Shannon Sims, Sharon Stafford



BABA puts on a stage show on the third Saturday of nearly every month.

Want to get your band on stage? Contact Rick Kirkland at 281-488-2244 and get details!

MEMBERSHIP:

Anne Hayden

(be sure to read Anne's Notes on page 2)

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WELCOME!

to our new members

WELCOME BACK!

to our renewing friends, too



PHOTOS from the March Show! Thanks to *Travis Posey*



for the YEARS of photo service!

<http://baba123.smugmug.com/Music/Monthly-Show-March-2013/>



ALMOST HEAVEN



CYPRESS CREEK



WHITE DOVE



**DOGGONE!
SHE CAN COOK!**



What Are Grits?

Nobody knows. Some folks believe Grits are grown on bushes and are harvested by midgets by shaking the bushes after spreading sheets around them. Many people feel that Grits are made from ground up bits of white corn.

These are obviously lies spread by Communists and terrorists. Nothing as good as Grits can be made from corn. The most recent research suggests that the mysterious Manna that God rained down upon the Israelites during their time in the Sinai Desert was most likely Grits. Critics disagree, stating that there is no record of biscuits, butter, salt, and red eye gravy raining down from the sky, and that God would not punish his people by forcing them to eat Grits without these key ingredients.

How to Cook Grits:

For one serving of Grits:

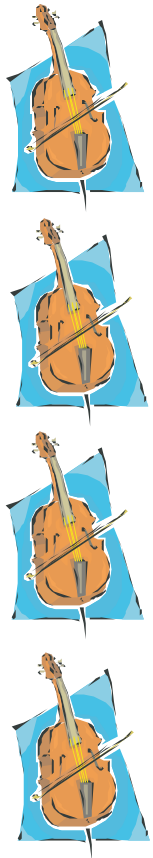
Boil 1.5 cups of water with salt and a little butter. [Use milk and they are creamier!]

Add 5 Tbsp of Grits.

Reduce to a simmer and allow the Grits to soak up all the water.

When a pencil stuck into the grits stands alone, it is done. That's all there is to cooking grits.

Thanks to Kathy Brobst, Virginia Beach, VA



Stringing You Along.....

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFENDERS

What do a banjo and a court trial have in common?
Everyone is relieved when the case is closed.

What's the difference between a guitarist and a savings bond?
A savings bond eventually matures and starts earning money.

A judge looked down at the defendant and asked, "Haven't I seen your face before?"

"You have, your Honor," the man answered, "I gave your son fiddle lessons last winter."

"Ah, yes," recalled the judge. "I sentence you to twenty years!"

Why do dogs howl when mandolin players play?
They're trying to tell them how the song goes.

Why is the dobro player the most important member in a bluegrass band?
Every band needs someone to make fun of.

How many upright bass players does it take to change a lightbulb?
1...5...1...5...1...5...

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!

Don't forget to bring us your receipts from any League City establishment where you shop or eat on the day of the BABA show! If you make your purchase on the way home, bring the receipt to the next show. Put your name and zip code on the back (and the shop name if it's not on the receipt) and drop it into the BABA raffle jar. Your shopping in League City helps promote BABA, and you could win a raffle prize for your effort!





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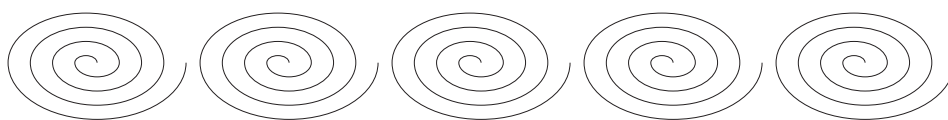
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TO ALL FUDDRUCKER'S JAMMERS:

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

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



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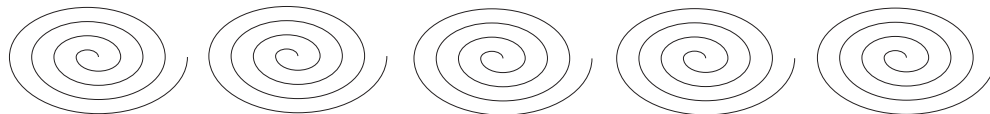
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"The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine."



I've entered the snapdragon part of my life. Part of me has snapped and the other part is draggin.....



I don't have an account on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube. I'm not opposed to them, I'm just lazy. There's a rumor that all three are planning a BIG merger, so I'm waiting until then to join. "YouTwitFace" will do it all

SIGN IN A LOCAL OFFICE:

"WILL THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEPLADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN."



**OH MY!
BIG CHANGE!**
Fire on the Strings Festival

will NOT be held in July of next year... we will have it in AUGUST of 2013. Still at the lovely South Shore Harbour Resort in League City. More on the website! www.fireonthestrings.com

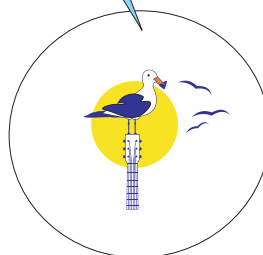


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JOKE OF THE MONTH**

Q: What's the difference between a redhead and a pitbull?

A: The shoes.

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MONTHLY JAMS & SHOWS

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Mondays

Cypress, TX - St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 13131 Fry Road, 7-9:30 PM, tonynema@earthlink.net, 281-373-1777

VACANCY!!! Do you have a jam we can add here? Do you know of any? Or if any of these have quit?

Groves, TX - Allie Morvent's House, 7119 Howe, 7PM, (409) 962-5236

Fridays

Manchaca, TX - Fire Hall, FM 1626 (1 Mi. W. of Manchaca Rd). 7PM Show (512) 282-3600.

Dickinson, TX, - Dickinson BBQ, 2111 FM 517 E, 7-9PM, (281) 534-2500

Sundays

Austin, TX - Artz Ribhouse, 2330 S. Lamar 2-5 PM. (512) 442-8283, or 272-9673.

1st Tuesdays

Nassau Bay, TX - **Jam at Fuddrucker's**, 2040 NASA Pkwy. (281) 993-1620

1st Friday

Carthage, TX - Town Square, 6:30PM (903) 678-3857

Saturdays

Alvin, TX - Texas Opry, 1720 Sealy. Admission charged. (281) 432-2942

Mauriceville, TX - Tuffy's, Bayou Country Grass, 6:30 - 8:30PM

1st Saturday

Henderson, TX - Odd Fellows Hall, 6PM (903) 889-2783 or 566-6650

Needville, TX - Brazos River Pickers puts on a free concert from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Brazos Bend State Park in the amphitheater. Usual State Park entry fees apply. (281) 344-0601, www.brazosriverpickers.com

Pearl, TX - 15 miles west of Gatesville, 7 miles south of US 84 on FM183, pearlbluegrass.com

Montgomery, TX - Downtown Montgomery, 10 AM - 2pm, 936-597-5002

2nd Saturday

Tomball, TX - Oklahoma Community Ctr., Conroe-Huffsmith Rd. off FM 2978, 4 PM Jam/6 PM Show, (281) 850-1413

Houston, TX - West University Community Building, 6104 Auden. 7:30 PM Admission, not always bluegrass, Houston Folklore Society (281) 347-3235

Huntington, TX - Volunteer Fire Dept, Main & Pecan. 5 PM Food and Jam & 6 PM Show (409) 422-3562 or 632-5393, or 897-3109.

Deer Park, TX, - Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St., 11 AM - 3 PM

Fayetteville, TX - info@texaspickinpark.com, www.texaspickinpark.com, 6PM

3rd Saturday

Harwood, TX - Community Center, 2 PM Jam/5:30 PM Pot Luck Supper (512) 648-4728

Houston, TX - Woodland Christian Church, 607 Rogers, North Harris County Dulcimer Society. 3 - 6 PM.

League City - Civic Center, 300 Walker. **BAY AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION**. 5 PM Jam/7 PM Show, (713) 249-2986

Marshall, TX - Lions Community Center, Poplar St. 7 PM Show, (903) 935-7023

Minden, TX - Community Center, 5:30 PM, (903) 657-3320

Sulphur Springs, TX. (Oct - March) - 400 Como St. (903) 885-4078 or 885-7063

4th Saturday

Beaumont, TX - Rosedale Baptist Church, 7110 Concord, (409) 866-0848, SE Texas Dulcimer Friends

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

Bellville, TX - Coushatta RV Ranch, Spring Creek Bluegrass Club, 4 PM Jam/6 PM Show (Jan. thru Sept. (979) 865-5250

Whitewright, TX - Opry House, 7 PM, (903) 364-2539

Walker, LA - Old South Jamboree, U.S. Hwy. 190, (504) 664-3630

Deer Park, TX - Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St., 11 AM - 3 PM

Cypress/Tomball Area - Bluegrass Jam, Kleb Woods Nature Center, Mueschke & Draper Rd.

← NW Houston Bluegrass Jam 281-373-1777,
281-910-4396. tonynema@earthlink.net

5th Saturday

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3rd Sunday

Grapevine, TX - Holy Trinity School, 3750 William D. Tate Avenue, from noon to 6 PM. Call 214-542-4402

