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(to the tune of Jingle Bells)

Dashing through the fog
On a Texas winter day,
To the jam we go;
Our friends are on their way.

The Bass is in the Truck.
The Mandolin's here too.
Oh what fun it is to play
And sing along with you.

(CHORUS)
Bluegrass songs, sing-alongs,
Take your turn to play.
Oh what fun it is to pick
And jam the night away. HEY!
Tune them things, pick them strings,
Christmas time is near.
We're gonna crank this Bluegrass up
So Santa Claus can hear.

The guitar picker's hot.
The banjo player's strong.
The fiddle's fast, the dobro's tuned
For Bluegrass all night long.

Now Santa's at the door,
More pickers in his sleigh.
The Reindeer shake their jingle bells
Now EVERYBODY play!

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ANNE'S NOTES Have a Blue(grass) Christmas

By the time this newsletter goes into cyberspace, you just might need a boost of Christmas spirit to keep you from becoming The Grinch. Here are a few ideas to put some jingle in your strings.

Strum, pick, or bow Christmas songs, even if just for yourself. Learn some new ones. My preferences lean toward the slow, pretty ones. My suggestions: The Holly & the Ivy (there are some nice versions on YouTube), What Child Is This (Greensleeves, you know), Away in a Manger, and, of course, Silent Night, originally performed on the guitar in 1818.

Listen to bluegrass Christmas music, again with many, many great songs easily found on YouTube. To get you started, check out Christmas Time's A-Comin' (Bill Monroe), Little Drummer Boy (Ricky Skaggs & The Whites), Christmas Time Is Near (The Stanley Brothers), and Jingle Bells (Earl Scruggs & Bluegrass All Stars).

Get out and play Christmas songs in a local park, either by yourself or with a friend. (If you put out a donation cup, be sure to give the proceeds to your favorite charity, other than yourself.)

Give an instrument or an accessory to as a gift. Go to your local music shop and pick up some percussion items (eggs, spoons, wooden frog, etc.) to donate to your local fire station, school, or other organization that's collecting gifts.

Make a short video of yourself playing a Christmas song and put it on the BABA Facebook page or on YouTube. You could go viral and be famous!

Whatever you do, may this Christmas season bring you peace and joy.

Merry Christmas and Happy, Happy New Year to All.

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 expense of keeping the music playing. We thank you for your attendance, your generosity, and your love of the music.

HEY! YES, YOU!

HERE'S YOUR BIG CHANCE!

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE, RIGHT?

YOU'VE SEEN SOME OF THOSE ACTS.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE BETTER THAN THAT....

SEE BELOW FOR INFO ON HOW TO REGISTER

Those interested in AUDITIONING should REGISTER on our WEBSITE: www.agtauditions.com

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ANNUAL B.A.B.A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Come 'String' in the New Year with your bluegrass friends!

December 31: Arvin and Sheryl Holland have graciously offered to host the BABA annual New Year's Eve Party & Jam once again. The address is 2604 45th Street, Dickinson, Texas 77539. That's on the north side of 45th Street, just west of Hwy 3, between East Washington and Illinois Streets. Or check out Map Quest or Google Earth.... or your GPS app.

Pot Luck dinner will start @ 6 P.M. so bring something you like to eat, and like to share!

This is an indoor building with plenty of room to jam and central air/heat, so whatever the weird Texas weather decides to throw at us will NOT dampen the party or the instruments.

There's even space for RV overnighters, although there's no pumping station so you will need to be self-contained. Come 'String' in the New Year with your bluegrass friends!

RSVP to BayAreaBluegrass@AOL.com or cal Rick Kirkland with questions: 281-488-2244

NO MORE RECEIPTS!

BABA will no longer be taking League City receipts, and we will no longer have a door prize drawing for them each month.

They have not been as useful as we had hoped, so starting in January we will be focusing on the door prize for BABA MEMBERS.

Be sure to stop at the BABA table, and get a MEMBER door prize ticket. THANKS!
P.S. You can join there, too.

Stringing You Along.....

Why does Santa have three gardens?
So he can 'ho ho ho.'

What did Father Christmas say to his wife when he looked out of the window?
Looks like reindeer.

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve.

What happens if you eat too many Christmas decorations?
You get tinsel-itis.

What do English teachers call Santa's little helpers?
Subordinate Clauses.

Why is a foot a good Christmas present?
It makes a great stocking filler.

How does King Wenceslas like his pizza?
Deep and crisp and even.

How does an Eskimo fix his house?
Igloos it together.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite.

What kind of music do elves like best?
Wrap music.

2014 SHOW LINEUP: STARS, WORKSHOPS, JAMS - Start tuning up now!

What a way to kick off the new year!!!

On Saturday January 18th, the Bay Area Bluegrass Association will feature the acclaimed Kenny and Amanda Smith (http://www.kenny-amandasmith.com/) . Winners of the IBMA's prestigious Emerging Artist of the Year award in 2003, the Kenny and Amanda Smith Band combines gutsy, heartfelt vocals, brilliant instrumental talents and a powerful, contemporary sense of song choice and arrangement into one of the most compelling new sounds in bluegrass today. Also appearing will be two of our local favorites, the Lonestar Bluegrass Band (http://www.lonestarbluegrassband.com/) and Southern Style. You won't want to miss this great bluegrass kick-off to the new year.

Stage shows start at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center located on 400 W. Walker in League City, TX. In addition you may be interested in the Kenny Smith guitar workshop starting at 6:00, until 7:00 p.m. The workshop is free to BABA members, but a $35 fee is collected for non-members. Multiple jam areas are available for all musicians from 5:00 until 11:00 PM (including a slow jam room for beginners). See their website at http://www.hardroadtrio.com

MORE BAND & WORKSHOPS - LINEUP TO DATE:

Saturday February 15: The feature band is Hard Road Trio. Steve Smith will lead a mandolin workshop and Anne Luna will hold a bass workshop, both from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, and thenthey will play the stage at 8:00. The workshop is free to BABA members, but a $35 fee is collected for non-members. Prairie Fire will take the stage at 9:00, and the 7:00 PM stage slot is still tentative as of this time.

Saturday March 15: Hold onto your hats! We will welcome back the spectacular Eddie and Martha Adcock to the BABA stage. Eddie will host a Banjo workshop from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The workshop is free to BABA members, but a $35 fee is collected for non-members. Eddie & Martha will take the stage at 8:00 PM. At this time the 7:00 and 9:00 stage slots are open. See page 11 for photo and biography on the famous Adcock duo, and there's more info at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eddie_Adcock

WORKSHOPS: DID YOU NOTICE?

If you're a member of the Bay Area Bluegrass Association, the workshops are free. If you aren't a member, then the price of the workshops - with some of the top musicians in the Bluegrass world - will cost $35 to participate.

Think about this: a basic membership in BABA costs the same $35 as a single workshop. Join or renew, and get all of the workshops for free for the whole year!

BABA is operated and maintained by volunteers and members. We charge no admission to the monthly shows and jams. And while the music is free, please understand that keeping the doors open is NOT free. We live (or die) on your donations - at the show, at the BABA tables, when we pass the hat.

If you are blessed with the means to help us with memberships and donations, we sincerely thank you. We're old school...we don't even plug in our instruments, so we can't take credit/debit cards except for online memberships, but we do appreciate cash or checks if you are willing and able. See page 12 for details on membership options.

IBMA International Bluegrass Music Association
http://ibma.org/membership

Support your local bluegrass music association. Memberships for adults start at $40 dollars and the professional single membership is $75.

Swap-n-Shop: a free service of the BABA newsletter - for musical instruments and items related to bluegrass music. Contact the editor @ bayareabluegrass2@aol.com

I have one Peavey Basic 50 bass ams for sale.

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Ed Fryda[illegible]yday@gmail.com 281-636-9419

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Sold both. See, these ads WORK!!

Do you have an instrument that you'd like to sell or trade?
Are you looking for one in particular that you'd like to buy or trade?
Contact the BABA Swap 'n' Shop!
email: bayareabluegrass2@aol.com
Include a couple of good photos, details, asking price & contact info.
Free service of the newsletter.
(Grateful donations upon sale are welcome!)

VACANCY

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

Gold Club Members

Don & Jan Clark, Mike & Pat Conwell, Ed & Ann Fitchard, J.B. & Nancy Graham, Gerry & Kim Herman, Lynn Holbrook, Rick & Shirley Kirkland, Darryl & Tina O'Bryant, Laney & Shannon Sims

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

BABA Lifetime Members: Brad & Dee Alford, Dave Aldrich, Scott & Diana Armstrong, Doris Arnett, Chris Bagley, Hubert & Shirley Brasseaux, Cara Cooke, Eric & Kim Corgey, Lyman & Annis Cox, Paul & Dana Cutts, Robert & Debi Duke, Bill & Joni Dusenbury, Harry Edwards, Ruth Evans, George Franklin, Jason & Alicia Fricke, Ed & Becky Fryday, Mike Fuller, Paul & Lillie Futch, John & Jean Gardner, Bill & Geri Gatlin, J.B. & Nancy Graham, Jim & Sharon Greenlee, Doris Grigg, Chuck & Mary Pat Gunn, Robert & Elizabeth Hasserd, Tom Harrison, Ron & Anne Hayden, Arvin & Sheryl Holland, Sammy & Ottie Holloway, Jan Johnston, Stan Jones, Paul & Linda Kerr, Pat Lomas, Ken & Wanda MacDonnell, Phil & Cecile Mathers, Paul & Madeline McKneely, Faber & Sandy McMullen, Patrick Milligan, Barbara Monroe, Charles & Ellen Orsburn, Mike Petitt, Bill & Glenna Pierpont, Norman Ponder, Billy Potts, Tony & Nema Redding, Karl Reid, Jack & Carol Ritter, Tom & Sandy Roberts, Jonathan & Kristine Samuell, Billy & Terry Schmidt, Jerry & Monica Scribner, Gordon Spaulding, O.K. & Sharon Stafford, Bob & Marilyn Taylor, James & Laura Taylor, Scott Teven, Charlene Threlkeld, David Towery, Helen Vinson, Viola Wakefield, Larry Wenner, Paul Williams.

Endowment Gift Members:
Phil & Fern Deans, Lisa Maranto

Foundation Member:
Ed Fryday

PICK YOUR NEWS

THE TONY RICE FUND

John Lawless | December 12, 2013 *Bluegrass Today* exerpt

While *Bluegrass Today* is involved in helping publicize this campaign, it is actually being run by Jeff and Terry Pinkham, close friends of Tony's from way back.

It was started last week after the Pinkham's learned from Tony directly that his financial situation was precarious, owing to the fact that arthritis has kept him from performing much of the past two years. With royalty income also declining from his older recordings, not being able to work had taken a toll on simply meeting his living expenses.

The fundraising is being done using PayPal, and all receipts (less PayPal fees) are directly deposited into Tony's bank account. No tax deduction is available to donors. Tax laws do not allow for deductible/exempt organizations that exist to benefit a single individual. But I'm sure that won't prevent anyone from contributing to Tony's support.

Jeff and Terry have another terrific suggestion, what they are calling the "Ten for Tony" program. They are encouraging folks to consider a recurring $10/month donation, which is very simple to do using the PayPal interface. Jeff said that if 400 people do so, there will be enough ongoing income to help Tony keep the lights on and beans on the table while he seeks proper medical treatment for his arthritis, and attempts to recover his voice, which he revealed during his induction into the IBMA Hall of Fame was possible with concerted effort.

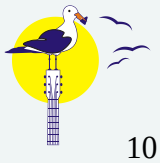
You can **READ MORE** via **http://bluegrasstoday.com/tony-rice-fund-update/**
Scroll to bottom of page, click the yellow DONATE button to access the Pay Pal fund site.

The Ten Commandments of Jam Session Etiquette

R. Lynn Holbrook

Thou shalt…

I. ask prior to joining a jam
II. play in tune
II. play in time with the unit
V. go around the circle giving all a chance to call a tune
V. play softly unless taking a break
/I. play very softly while figuring out the chord structure
II. not play during guitar breaks unless thou art the bass or mandolin (chopping)
II. sing on pitch… or not at all
X. know the words to a tune thy calleth
X. direct the instrument breaks to a tune thy calleth



Don't miss the BABA show in March!
March 15, 2014
You will have the rare opportunity to hear and meet two of the stars in the Bluegrass sky: Eddie & Martha Adcock!

Banjo workshop 6 - 7 pm
with Eddie & Martha
STAGE SHOW at 8:00 PM
400 W. Walker, League City TX

Workshop is free to BABA members!
All others are $35 for the workshop.

No cover charge for the stage show but we LOVE donations!

Eddie Adcock is one of bluegrass music's bonafide legends, a super-picker long considered a pioneer of "new acoustic" music. Creator of the unique "Adcock style" of playing banjo and guitar, he's been a major force in the field since the 1950s. The 'Richmond Times-Dispatch' claims, "Eddie Adcock is a patriarch of modern bluegrass music." And after a 2008 brain surgery implant, he's also "The Bionic Banjo Man"!

After selling a calf he'd raised and buying his first banjo, Eddie honed his talents with the likes of Mac Wiseman (at 17) and Bill Monroe (at 19); then for 12 years he was the sparkplug member of the ground-breaking, award-winning "Classic" Country Gentlemen. An IBMA and SPBGMA Hall-of-Famer, he is designated a Pioneer of Bluegrass. Also a member of the Bill Monroe Bean Blossom Hall of Fame, he was presented with the DC Bluegrass Union's Washington Monument Award, and is the recipient of many other awards and honors also.

An adept, versatile rhythm guitarist, Martha plays a powerhouse style; yet it's her singing which garners the most attention and praise: 'Bluegrass Now' Magazine says, "Make no mistake –- the clarity, passion and accuracy of Martha's leads easily place her among the top female singers in our business; maybe any business." The International Bluegrass Music Museum has designated her a Pioneer.

Now multi-Grammy finalists Eddie and wife Martha, partners for nearly 40 years since the days of their influential '70s newgrass band Second Generation, carry the torch of originality together, fusing the elements of bluegrass with jazz, folk, gospel, and even a touch of rockabilly, while evoking the spirit of the fabled close-harmony sibling duets of the past.

A good ole Virginia boy and a South Carolina girl, they make their home near Nashville, Tennessee, and tour internationally with their music, which they've labeled "TwoGrass". Their warm and witty banter has earned them the sobriquet "the Sonny and Cher of bluegrass".

Add to Eddie's amazing musicianship Martha's heartfelt vocals and rock-solid rhythm guitar playing, and what you've got is an effervescent, high-energy duo that is surely the "Biggest Little Band in Bluegrass".

For more information: Ron Hayden rhayden7@gmail.com or call him at 281-353-3531
BABA show is March 15 at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 West Walker in League City, Texas
Jams start at @ 5:00 PM, Workshop at 6 - 7 PM and stage show starts at 7 PM. PS: BABA membership costs the same as ONE workshop. Join, and get all of the workshops all year for F.R.E.E.!

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

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Lifetime Member Individual: $350.00

Get all the benefits of BABA membership for life! You'll become a member of the BABA family and support the free monthly shows & jams, and receive the BABA Bulletin Newsletter monthly. You'll 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 for life.

Lifetime Member Family: $500.00

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Lifetime Gold Club Membership Individual: $1000.00

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Texas Bluegrass Jams & Shows

Combined list from Bay Area Bluegrass Association and Central Texas Bluegrass Association so wherever you are in Southeast to Central Texas, you might just as well bring your instruments because we're going to find you a place to pick and jam.
PLEASE notify us at bayareabluegrass2@aol.com if you find any errors, or have a jam that you'd like changed, added or deleted. We list by day of the week, then by town/city.

Mondays

Bluntzer: 3rd Monday, 2-6 PM, South Texas Bluegrass Gospel Jam, G&H BBQ, 5491 Hwy 624. phone 361-387-4552 Email stx.bluegrass@gmail.com,
Cypress: Every Monday 7-9:30 PM, St. Aidan's Episcopal Chruch, 13131 Fry Road. Email tonynema@earthlink.net, phone 281-373-1777
San Antonio: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 PM, "Monday-in-a-Jam" at Grady's BBQ, 327 E. Kakoma Dr., 78216. Phone Peyton Starr 210-870-4321 or Sheryl Sultenfuss (no phone listed)

Tuesdays

Llano: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 PM, Beginner/Intermediate, 1st Presbyterian Church. Phone Jeff White 325-248-4114
Medina: 2nd Tuesday, All Gospel Jam, 6 PM, 1st Baptist Church. Phone Linda Barton, 830-589-2486
Nassau Bay: 1st Tuesday, 7-@9 PM at Fuddruckers, 2040 NASA Pkwy, 281-933-1620
Shulenburg: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30-9:30, Shulenburg RV Park Clubhouse. Phone Loretta Baumgarten 979-743-4388 or Email camp@ShulenburgRVPark.com

Wednesdays

Austin: 1st Wednesday, 7-10 PM, Musician's Woodshed, 3698 RR 620 South, Ste. 107, 78738, themusicianswoodshed.com
Houston: each Wednesday, 6-9 PM, at Hickory Hollow, 100 Heights Blvd, Houston (just south of I 10 on Heights Blvd)

Thursdays

Austin: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 PM, Bruce Manbridge's home. Contact Steve Mangold for all Austin Jam info, 512-345-6155
Georgetown: Every Thursday, 5:30–7:30 PM, Duke's BBQ. Email sigi@sigi.us, phone 512-869-8076
Groves: Every Thursday, 7 PM, Allie Morvent's House, phone 409-962-5236
Manchaca: Every Thursday, 6:30-9 PM, Manchaca Railroad BBQ, FM 1626. Phone Dave 512-680-4433

Fridays

Bandera: 4th Friday, 6:30 PM, Silver Sage Corral, east of Bandera. For info, phone 830-796-4969
Carthage: 1st Friday, 6:30 PM, Town Square. For info, phone 903-678-3857
Dickinson: Every Friday, 7-9 PM, Dickinson BBQ, 2111 FM 517 E. Phone 281-534-2500
Hondo: 1st Friday, begins 11 AM, Hondo Hootenany. Hondo Community Center, 1014 18th St. Phone 830-426-2831
Manchaca: Every Friday, 7 PM show, Fire Hall, FM 1626 (1 mile West of Manchaca Rd.) Phone 512-282-3600
Utopia: 3rd Friday, 7 PM, Senior Citizen's Center. Phone Skip Doerr 830-966-6362
Victoria: 3rd Friday, Slow Jam 5-7 PM, regular jam 7-10 PM, American Legion Post #166, 1402 E. Santa Rosa. Free Admission. Email crossroadsbluegrass@yahoo.com or phone Stan Kendrick 361-935-4413 or Gary Moses 361-550-5466

Saturdays

Alvin: Every Saturday, Texas Opry, no time given, 1720 Sealy, Admission is charged. Phone 281-432-2942
Austin: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, slow jam 2-4 PM, intermediate 4-6 PM, CTBA sponsored. 3801 Berkman Dr., 78723.
Beaumont: 4th Saturday, no time listed, Rosedale Baptist Church, 7110 Concord. S.E. Texas Dulcimer Friends. Phone 409-866-0848
Bellville: 4th Saturday, 4 PM jam & 6 PM show Jan through Sept, Coushatte RV Ranch, Spring Creek Bluegrass Club. Email bluegrass221@peoplepc.com, phone 979-865-5250, website www.springcreekbluegrass.com
Carrollton: Every Saturday March – Nov, 7:30 PM – 1 AM, between Main & State Sts. @ 6th St. Phone Jim Miller 972-279-3197 or website www.meetup.com/bluegrass-142
Cypress/Tomball: 4th Saturday, noon - 4PM, Kleb Woods Nature Center, Muschke & Draper Rds. Email tonynema@earthlink.net or phone 281-373-1777 or 281-910-4396.
Deer Park: 2nd Saturday, 11 AM-3 PM, Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St. No contact listed.
Fayetteville: 2nd Saturday, 6 PM April – Nov, Courthouse Square. Email info@texaspickinpark.com or website www.texaspickinpark.com

DON'T STOP NOW, WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED! CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.....

here's the rest of the jam and show schedule! 'pick' your favorite.....

Saturdays continued

Field Creek: 1st Saturday, 6 PM, Field Creek Music. Field Creek is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71. Phone Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

Glen Rose: 3rd Saturday, no time listed, Oakdale Park, Paluxy River Bluegrass Assoc., free stage show, camping encouraged. Phone John Scott 817-525-0558

Harwood: 3rd Saturday, 2 -9 PM, Jam & Stage Show. 9 mi. E. of Luling, Hwy 90. Phone Tony Conyers 512-601-1510 or 512-940-3731

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Houston: 2nd Saturday, 7:30 PM, Admission charged and not always bluegrass, Houston Folklore Society, West University Community Building, 6104 Auden. Phone 281-347-3235

3rd Saturday, 3-6 PM, Woodland Christian Church, 607 Rogers, North Harris County Dulcimer Society. No phone listed.

Huntington: Nothing going on any more. Find a new jam? email the editor at bayareabluegrass2@aol.com

League City: 3rd Saturday, 5-11 PM jam, 7 PM show, 300 W. Walker St @ the Civic Center, Bay Area Bluegrass Assoc. Phone 281-488-2244

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Minden: 3rd Saturday, 5:30 PM, Community Center. Phone 903-657-3320

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Wrightright: 4th Saturday, 7 PM, Opry House. Phone 903-364-2539

Sundays

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Corpus Christi: 2nd Sunday, 2 PM, Heritage Park. South Texas Bluegrass Association, Phone Bill Davis 361-387-4552

Grapevine: 3rd Sunday, noon to 6 PM, Holy Trinity School, 3750 William D. Tate Ave. Phone 214-542-4402

OK, folks, that's what we have in our combined list. Remember, that old saying is still true:

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Bay Area Bluegrass Association BABA

ANNE'S NOTES Have a Blue(grass) Christmas

By the time this newsletter goes into cyberspace, you just might need a boost of Christmas spirit to keep you from becoming The Grinch. Here are a few ideas to put some jingle in your strings.

Strum, pick, or bow Christmas songs, even if just for yourself. Learn some new ones. My preferences lean toward the slow, pretty ones. My suggestions: The Holly & the Ivy (there are some nice versions on YouTube), What Child Is This (Greensleeves, you know), Away in a Manger, and, of course, Silent Night, originally performed on the guitar in 1818.

Listen to bluegrass Christmas music, again with many, many great songs easily found on YouTube. To get you started, check out Christmas Time's A-Comin' (Bill Monroe), Little Drummer Boy (Ricky Skaggs & The Whites), Christmas Time Is Near (The Stanley Brothers), and Jingle Bells (Earl Scruggs & Bluegrass All Stars).

Get out and play Christmas songs in a local park, either by yourself or with a friend. (If you put out a donation cup, be sure to give the proceeds to your favorite charity, other than yourself.)

Give an instrument or an accessory to as a gift. Go to your local music shop and pick up some percussion items (eggs, spoons, wooden frog, etc.) to donate to your local fire station, school, or other organization that's collecting gifts.

Make a short video of yourself playing a Christmas song and put it on the BABA Facebook page or on YouTube. You could go viral and be famous!

Whatever you do, may this Christmas season bring you peace and joy.

Merry Christmas and Happy, Happy New Year to All.

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 expense of keeping the music playing. We thank you for your attendance, your generosity, and your love of the music.

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ANNUAL B.A.B.A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Come 'String' in the New Year with your bluegrass friends!

December 31: Arvin and Sheryl Holland have graciously offered to host the BABA annual New Year's Eve Party & Jam once again. The address is 2604 45th Street, Dickinson, Texas 77539. That's on the north side of 45th Street, just west of Hwy 3, between East Washington and Illinois Streets. Or check out Map Quest or Google Earth.... or your GPS app.

Pot Luck dinner will start @ 6 P.M. so bring something you like to eat, and like to share!

This is an indoor building with plenty of room to jam and central air/heat, so whatever the weird Texas weather decides to throw at us will NOT dampen the party or the instruments.

There's even space for RV overnighters, although there's no pumping station so you will need to be self-contained. Come 'String' in the New Year with your bluegrass friends!

RSVP to BayAreaBluegrass@AOL.com or cal Rick Kirkland with questions: 281-488-2244

NO MORE RECEIPTS!

BABA will no longer be taking League City receipts, and we will no longer have a door prize drawing for them each month.

They have not been as useful as we had hoped, so starting in January we will be focusing on the door prize for BABA MEMBERS.

Be sure to stop at the BABA table, and get a MEMBER door prize ticket. THANKS!
P.S. You can join there, too.

Stringing You Along.....

Why does Santa have three gardens?
So he can 'ho ho ho.'

What did Father Christmas say to his wife when he looked out of the window?
Looks like reindeer.

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve.

What happens if you eat too many Christmas decorations?
You get tinsel-itis.

What do English teachers call Santa's little helpers?
Subordinate Clauses.

Why is a foot a good Christmas present?
It makes a great stocking filler.

How does King Wenceslas like his pizza?
Deep and crisp and even.

How does an Eskimo fix his house?
Igloos it together.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite.

What kind of music do elves like best?
Wrap music.

2014 SHOW LINEUP: STARS, WORKSHOPS, JAMS - Start tuning up now!

What a way to kick off the new year!!!

On Saturday January 18th, the Bay Area Bluegrass Association will feature the acclaimed Kenny and Amanda Smith (http://www.kenny-amandasmith.com/) . Winners of the IBMA's prestigious Emerging Artist of the Year award in 2003, the Kenny and Amanda Smith Band combines gutsy, heartfelt vocals, brilliant instrumental talents and a powerful, contemporary sense of song choice and arrangement into one of the most compelling new sounds in bluegrass today. Also appearing will be two of our local favorites, the Lonestar Bluegrass Band (http://www.lonestarbluegrassband.com/) and Southern Style. You won't want to miss this great bluegrass kick-off to the new year.

Stage shows start at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center located on 400 W. Walker in League City, TX. In addition you may be interested in the Kenny Smith guitar workshop starting at 6:00, until 7:00 p.m. The workshop is free to BABA members, but a $35 fee is collected for non-members. Multiple jam areas are available for all musicians from 5:00 until 11:00 PM (including a slow jam room for beginners). See their website at http://www.hardroadtrio.com

MORE BAND & WORKSHOPS - LINEUP TO DATE:

Saturday February 15: The feature band is Hard Road Trio. Steve Smith will lead a mandolin workshop and Anne Luna will hold a bass workshop, both from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, and thenthey will play the stage at 8:00. The workshop is free to BABA members, but a $35 fee is collected for non-members. Prairie Fire will take the stage at 9:00, and the 7:00 PM stage slot is still tentative as of this time.

Saturday March 15: Hold onto your hats! We will welcome back the spectacular Eddie and Martha Adcock to the BABA stage. Eddie will host a Banjo workshop from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The workshop is free to BABA members, but a $35 fee is collected for non-members. Eddie & Martha will take the stage at 8:00 PM. At this time the 7:00 and 9:00 stage slots are open. See page 11 for photo and biography on the famous Adcock duo, and there's more info at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eddie_Adcock

WORKSHOPS: DID YOU NOTICE?

If you're a member of the Bay Area Bluegrass Association, the workshops are free. If you aren't a member, then the price of the workshops - with some of the top musicians in the Bluegrass world - will cost $35 to participate.

Think about this: a basic membership in BABA costs the same $35 as a single workshop. Join or renew, and get all of the workshops for free for the whole year!

BABA is operated and maintained by volunteers and members. We charge no admission to the monthly shows and jams. And while the music is free, please understand that keeping the doors open is NOT free. We live (or die) on your donations - at the show, at the BABA tables, when we pass the hat.

If you are blessed with the means to help us with memberships and donations, we sincerely thank you. We're old school...we don't even plug in our instruments, so we can't take credit/debit cards except for online memberships, but we do appreciate cash or checks if you are willing and able. See page 12 for details on membership options.

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THE TONY RICE FUND

John Lawless | December 12, 2013 *Bluegrass Today* exerpt

While *Bluegrass Today* is involved in helping publicize this campaign, it is actually being run by Jeff and Terry Pinkham, close friends of Tony's from way back.

It was started last week after the Pinkham's learned from Tony directly that his financial situation was precarious, owing to the fact that arthritis has kept him from performing much of the past two years. With royalty income also declining from his older recordings, not being able to work had taken a toll on simply meeting his living expenses.

The fundraising is being done using PayPal, and all receipts (less PayPal fees) are directly deposited into Tony's bank account. No tax deduction is available to donors. Tax laws do not allow for deductible/exempt organizations that exist to benefit a single individual. But I'm sure that won't prevent anyone from contributing to Tony's support.

Jeff and Terry have another terrific suggestion, what they are calling the "Ten for Tony" program. They are encouraging folks to consider a recurring $10/month donation, which is very simple to do using the PayPal interface. Jeff said that if 400 people do so, there will be enough ongoing income to help Tony keep the lights on and beans on the table while he seeks proper medical treatment for his arthritis, and attempts to recover his voice, which he revealed during his induction into the IBMA Hall of Fame was possible with concerted effort.

You can **READ MORE** via **http://bluegrasstoday.com/tony-rice-fund-update/**
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The Ten Commandments of Jam Session Etiquette

R. Lynn Holbrook

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I. ask prior to joining a jam
II. play in tune
II. play in time with the unit
V. go around the circle giving all a chance to call a tune
V. play softly unless taking a break
/I. play very softly while figuring out the chord structure
II. not play during guitar breaks unless thou art the bass or mandolin (chopping)
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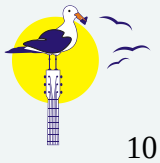

Don't miss the BABA show in March!
March 15, 2014
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Banjo workshop 6 - 7 pm
with Eddie & Martha
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400 W. Walker, League City TX

Workshop is free to BABA members!
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No cover charge for the stage show but we LOVE donations!

Eddie Adcock is one of bluegrass music's bonafide legends, a super-picker long considered a pioneer of "new acoustic" music. Creator of the unique "Adcock style" of playing banjo and guitar, he's been a major force in the field since the 1950s. The 'Richmond Times-Dispatch' claims, "Eddie Adcock is a patriarch of modern bluegrass music." And after a 2008 brain surgery implant, he's also "The Bionic Banjo Man"!

After selling a calf he'd raised and buying his first banjo, Eddie honed his talents with the likes of Mac Wiseman (at 17) and Bill Monroe (at 19); then for 12 years he was the sparkplug member of the ground-breaking, award-winning "Classic" Country Gentlemen. An IBMA and SPBGMA Hall-of-Famer, he is designated a Pioneer of Bluegrass. Also a member of the Bill Monroe Bean Blossom Hall of Fame, he was presented with the DC Bluegrass Union's Washington Monument Award, and is the recipient of many other awards and honors also.

An adept, versatile rhythm guitarist, Martha plays a powerhouse style; yet it's her singing which garners the most attention and praise: 'Bluegrass Now' Magazine says, "Make no mistake –- the clarity, passion and accuracy of Martha's leads easily place her among the top female singers in our business; maybe any business." The International Bluegrass Music Museum has designated her a Pioneer.

Now multi-Grammy finalists Eddie and wife Martha, partners for nearly 40 years since the days of their influential '70s newgrass band Second Generation, carry the torch of originality together, fusing the elements of bluegrass with jazz, folk, gospel, and even a touch of rockabilly, while evoking the spirit of the fabled close-harmony sibling duets of the past.

A good ole Virginia boy and a South Carolina girl, they make their home near Nashville, Tennessee, and tour internationally with their music, which they've labeled "TwoGrass". Their warm and witty banter has earned them the sobriquet "the Sonny and Cher of bluegrass".

Add to Eddie's amazing musicianship Martha's heartfelt vocals and rock-solid rhythm guitar playing, and what you've got is an effervescent, high-energy duo that is surely the "Biggest Little Band in Bluegrass".

For more information: Ron Hayden rhayden7@gmail.com or call him at 281-353-3531
BABA show is March 15 at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 West Walker in League City, Texas
Jams start at @ 5:00 PM, Workshop at 6 - 7 PM and stage show starts at 7 PM. PS: BABA membership costs the same as ONE workshop. Join, and get all of the workshops all year for F.R.E.E.!

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JOIN: at the show, or online

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Lifetime Gold Club Membership Individual: $1000.00

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Texas Bluegrass Jams & Shows

Combined list from Bay Area Bluegrass Association and Central Texas Bluegrass Association so wherever you are in Southeast to Central Texas, you might just as well bring your instruments because we're going to find you a place to pick and jam.
PLEASE notify us at bayareabluegrass2@aol.com if you find any errors, or have a jam that you'd like changed, added or deleted. We list by day of the week, then by town/city.

Mondays

Bluntzer: 3rd Monday, 2-6 PM, South Texas Bluegrass Gospel Jam, G&H BBQ, 5491 Hwy 624. phone 361-387-4552 Email stx.bluegrass@gmail.com,
Cypress: Every Monday 7-9:30 PM, St. Aidan's Episcopal Chruch, 13131 Fry Road. Email tonynema@earthlink.net, phone 281-373-1777
San Antonio: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 PM, "Monday-in-a-Jam" at Grady's BBQ, 327 E. Kakoma Dr., 78216. Phone Peyton Starr 210-870-4321 or Sheryl Sultenfuss (no phone listed)

Tuesdays

Llano: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 PM, Beginner/Intermediate, 1st Presbyterian Church. Phone Jeff White 325-248-4114
Medina: 2nd Tuesday, All Gospel Jam, 6 PM, 1st Baptist Church. Phone Linda Barton, 830-589-2486
Nassau Bay: 1st Tuesday, 7-@9 PM at Fuddruckers, 2040 NASA Pkwy, 281-933-1620
Shulenburg: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30-9:30, Shulenburg RV Park Clubhouse. Phone Loretta Baumgarten 979-743-4388 or Email camp@ShulenburgRVPark.com

Wednesdays

Austin: 1st Wednesday, 7-10 PM, Musician's Woodshed, 3698 RR 620 South, Ste. 107, 78738, themusicianswoodshed.com
Houston: each Wednesday, 6-9 PM, at Hickory Hollow, 100 Heights Blvd, Houston (just south of I 10 on Heights Blvd)

Thursdays

Austin: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 PM, Bruce Manbridge's home. Contact Steve Mangold for all Austin Jam info, 512-345-6155
Georgetown: Every Thursday, 5:30–7:30 PM, Duke's BBQ. Email sigi@sigi.us, phone 512-869-8076
Groves: Every Thursday, 7 PM, Allie Morvent's House, phone 409-962-5236
Manchaca: Every Thursday, 6:30-9 PM, Manchaca Railroad BBQ, FM 1626. Phone Dave 512-680-4433

Fridays

Bandera: 4th Friday, 6:30 PM, Silver Sage Corral, east of Bandera. For info, phone 830-796-4969
Carthage: 1st Friday, 6:30 PM, Town Square. For info, phone 903-678-3857
Dickinson: Every Friday, 7-9 PM, Dickinson BBQ, 2111 FM 517 E. Phone 281-534-2500
Hondo: 1st Friday, begins 11 AM, Hondo Hootenany. Hondo Community Center, 1014 18th St. Phone 830-426-2831
Manchaca: Every Friday, 7 PM show, Fire Hall, FM 1626 (1 mile West of Manchaca Rd.) Phone 512-282-3600
Utopia: 3rd Friday, 7 PM, Senior Citizen's Center. Phone Skip Doerr 830-966-6362
Victoria: 3rd Friday, Slow Jam 5-7 PM, regular jam 7-10 PM, American Legion Post #166, 1402 E. Santa Rosa. Free Admission. Email crossroadsbluegrass@yahoo.com or phone Stan Kendrick 361-935-4413 or Gary Moses 361-550-5466

Saturdays

Alvin: Every Saturday, Texas Opry, no time given, 1720 Sealy, Admission is charged. Phone 281-432-2942
Austin: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, slow jam 2-4 PM, intermediate 4-6 PM, CTBA sponsored. 3801 Berkman Dr., 78723.
Beaumont: 4th Saturday, no time listed, Rosedale Baptist Church, 7110 Concord. S.E. Texas Dulcimer Friends. Phone 409-866-0848
Bellville: 4th Saturday, 4 PM jam & 6 PM show Jan through Sept, Coushatte RV Ranch, Spring Creek Bluegrass Club. Email bluegrass221@peoplepc.com, phone 979-865-5250, website www.springcreekbluegrass.com
Carrollton: Every Saturday March – Nov, 7:30 PM – 1 AM, between Main & State Sts. @ 6th St. Phone Jim Miller 972-279-3197 or website www.meetup.com/bluegrass-142
Cypress/Tomball: 4th Saturday, noon - 4PM, Kleb Woods Nature Center, Muschke & Draper Rds. Email tonynema@earthlink.net or phone 281-373-1777 or 281-910-4396.
Deer Park: 2nd Saturday, 11 AM-3 PM, Troy's Music Shop, 4005 Center St. No contact listed.
Fayetteville: 2nd Saturday, 6 PM April – Nov, Courthouse Square. Email info@texaspickinpark.com or website www.texaspickinpark.com

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here's the rest of the jam and show schedule! 'pick' your favorite.....

Saturdays continued

Field Creek: 1st Saturday, 6 PM, Field Creek Music. Field Creek is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71. Phone Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

Glen Rose: 3rd Saturday, no time listed, Oakdale Park, Paluxy River Bluegrass Assoc., free stage show, camping encouraged. Phone John Scott 817-525-0558

Harwood: 3rd Saturday, 2 -9 PM, Jam & Stage Show. 9 mi. E. of Luling, Hwy 90. Phone Tony Conyers 512-601-1510 or 512-940-3731

Henderson: 1st Saturday, 6 PM, Odd Fellows Hall. Phone 903-889-2783 or 903-566-6650

Houston: 2nd Saturday, 7:30 PM, Admission charged and not always bluegrass, Houston Folklore Society, West University Community Building, 6104 Auden. Phone 281-347-3235

3rd Saturday, 3-6 PM, Woodland Christian Church, 607 Rogers, North Harris County Dulcimer Society. No phone listed.

Huntington: Nothing going on any more. Find a new jam? email the editor at bayareabluegrass2@aol.com

League City: 3rd Saturday, 5-11 PM jam, 7 PM show, 300 W. Walker St @ the Civic Center, Bay Area Bluegrass Assoc. Phone 281-488-2244

Liberty Hill: 4th Saturday, 1-6 PM, Hwy 29 West. Phone Paula 512-778-5410

Llano: 1st Saturday, 6 PM, Field Creek Music. Field Creek is between Llano and Brady on Hwy 71. Phone Bill Tuckness 325-247-3223

4th Saturday Jan – Oct, 5:30 – 10:30 PM, Bluegrass in the Hill Country Jam, The Badu House. Email info@bluegrassinthehillcountry.org

Marshall: 3rd Saturday, 7 PM Show, Lions Community Center, 1201 Louisiana St. Phone 903-935-7023

Minden: 3rd Saturday, 5:30 PM, Community Center. Phone 903-657-3320

Montgomery: 1st Saturday, 10 AM-2 PM, Downtown historical District. Discount coupons at local KOA. Email mld@consolidated.net or phone 936-597-5002

Needville: 1st Saturday, 6 PM-8 PM concert. Brazos River Pickers perform free at Brazos Bend State Park in the amphitheater. Concert is free but usual State Park Entry fees apply. Phone 281-344-0601 or website www.brazosriverpickers.com

Pearl: 1st Saturday, 1 PM, Pearl Bluegrass Jam & Show. Old School House on FM 183 (not US 183). 7 mi. South of Purmela. RV hookups available. Phone Ronald Medart 254-865-6013 or website www.pearlbluegrass.com

Round Rock: 3rd Saturday, 2-5 PM, Danny Ray's Music, 12 Chisholm Trail. Phone 512-671-8663 or website http://dannyraysmusic.com

Sacul: 4th Saturday, 6:30 PM, Opry House, Hwy 204 (25 mi. SE of Jacksonville). Phone 903-586-8484 or 409-326-4544

Sulphur Springs: 3rd Saturday, October through March. No time listed. 400 Como St. Phone 903-885-4078 or 903-885-7063

Tomball: 2nd Saturday, 4PM jam & 6 PM show, Oklahoma Community Ctr., Conroe-Huffsmith Rd. off FM 2978. Phone 281-850-1413

Walker, LOUISIANA: in case you sneak across the border. 4th Saturday, no time listed, Old South Jamboree, U.S. Hwy 190. Phone 504-664-3630

Wrightright: 4th Saturday, 7 PM, Opry House. Phone 903-364-2539

Sundays

Austin: every Sunday, 2 PM, Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto, 78701

Corpus Christi: 2nd Sunday, 2 PM, Heritage Park. South Texas Bluegrass Association, Phone Bill Davis 361-387-4552

Grapevine: 3rd Sunday, noon to 6 PM, Holy Trinity School, 3750 William D. Tate Ave. Phone 214-542-4402

OK, folks, that's what we have in our combined list. Remember, that old saying is still true:

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so if you know of any changes, corrections, deletions or updates, PLEASE notify us at bayareabluegrass2@aol.com so we can keep the information current and correct. always call before traveling, just in case!

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