

Greetings Pickers and Grinners!!!!

Glad you all survived the harsh Tucson winter. 2 consecutive days of snow!!! The weather is warming, with spring around the corner, along with our annual festival. March 15-17 will be here before you know it. We have a great line up of bands scheduled and some great workshops. The <u>volunteer sign up</u> program is up and running on the DBA>Marana festival website. Working a 4 hour shift will get you a weekend pass. I also want to encourage all our members to invite a couple of neighbors and friends to join them at the festival. We are our biggest marketing firm.

It is a busy time of year and our annual meeting will be held Monday February 11th at 5:45 prior to workshop at Christ Community Church. If your not familiar with the location, the address and map can be found on the website under "workshops". We will be electing officers and will have reports on membership, treasury, festival and other items of concern to the association. I urge all members to attend. I also encourage advance players to bring their instruments and participate in one of our three intermediate groups afterwards (... Continued on Page 3)

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GREETINGS FELLOW BLUEGRASS LOVERS By Dave Polston



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It is also that time of year when your annual membership is up for renewal. This year we have added a third option for payment. 3 years for \$50. Get a \$10 discount and you don't have to worry about renewing for a while. (We will let you know when you'll need to re-up).

Make sure to visit the 2 calendars we have on the website. One is for DBA events while the other features local bands and out of town artists performing in the

area. We have a couple of good national acts coming through town along with the possibilities of some specialized workshops. Keep checking.

As many of you know there is a large group of pickers that visit the quaint town of Levelland, Texas each year to attend Camp Bluegrass at South Plains College. Each year we have 10 to 20 or more attend, we comprise about 15 to 20 percent of the total attendance. One of our objectives in the DBA is to keep this music alive and going strong by introducing and encouraging youth to play this genre of music. We have a scholarship fund for kids to attend camp. Some years we have 2 or 3, and unfortunately some years like this we have none. So a few things, plan on attending this camp if you are serious about improving your skills and looking for a great week of music and fun. Encourage youth you know to pick up an instrument and start coming to workshop. If you have grandkids, this is a great way to bond with them. I am also very excited to announce that I will be an instructor at this year's camp. I will be running a nightly slow jam for the beginners, teaching a jam class or two and be a floater for other instructors to work with beginner banjo and guitar students. I am very flattered that Alan Munde and Paula Carr asked me to be part of a great team of instructors and they are giving me an opportunity to expand my teaching methods to a wider national audience. I hope to see you at Camp Bluegrass July 14-19, 2019.

Alright, get offline and go pick!!! Dave



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Save with our new 3-year renewal option!

Hi Bluegrass Fans,

It is the time of year when we ask our members to check the expiration date of their DBA memberships and renew their memberships if needed. In the Desert Bluegrass Association, we use a common expiration date. All expirations for the year occur on March 1st. The advantage of this approach is that we can focus on membership renewals once per year.

This year we are introducing a new option: you can renew for 3 years for only \$50. The 3 year option has real benefits. First you save \$10 which is a 17% reduction. Second you save time by only having to deal with renewals every 3 years. Third, we save time in processing renewals and reminding you to renew. So we all have more time to enjoy Bluegrass Music. That is a real win-win. Of course, you can still renew yearly for \$20 per year if you prefer.

So take a minute and see if you need to renew. If you received your newsletter electronically, check the e-mail for your expiration date. If you received this newsletter via postal mail, check the mailing label. If it says "expires 2-19" above your name, then your membership needs to be renewed. You may renew either by mail or from our website. To renew by mail simply fill out the form in the newsletter, enclose a check made out to DBA, then mail it to the address listed. If your information is current, you don't even need to fill out the form - just include the mailing address with your payment. To renew from the website, go to www.desertbluegrass.org, look for the "join DBA" area, click the "buy now" button and follow the instructions. Either way is simple and easy.

The DBA promotes and preserves Bluegrass Music in so many ways. Think of the workshops, the jams, the festival, the clinics, the website, the newsletter, the directory, the youth scholarships and more. All of this happens because of two things: First, the hard work of incredible volunteers and second, your memberships which provide needed funds. So renew today and keep supporting Bluegrass Music in Southern Arizona.

Thanks

Mike Headrick

Membership Secretary



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March 15, 16, & 17 2019 GLADDEN FARMS COMMUNITY PARK

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Morning Fire

(Jam Pack)

Agri-Country Bluegrass Festival 2019

JOIN US!

Desert Bluegrass Association Annual Meeting

WHEN:	Monday February 11th, 2019

5:45 pm

WHERE: Christ Community Church.

530 S Pantano Rd.,

Tucson, AZ 85710

Come and see what we're up to in 2019! We will be electing officers and will have reports on membership, treasury, 2019 Marana Bluegrass Festival and other items of concern to the association. I urge all members to attend.



Sierra Del Sol Jam - - - January 24, 2019

Camp Bluegrass 2019

Join us as Camp Bluegrass 2019 celebrates the music of the Carter Family, July 14-19, 2019.

Camp Bluegrass is a one-week residential picking camp for bluegrass musicians. It is held each July at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas located 30 miles West of Lubbock. Campers stay in dorms on campus or in conveniently located RV sites. Motels are also available in town. Food service is provided in the SPC cafeteria.

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Dusty River Band

No. of Concession, Name

Agri-Country Bluegrass Festival 2019



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What: Free 2-hour clinic focusing first on Don Reno banjo style and then transitioning into on-stage sound systems. This clinic is <u>hands on</u> so bring your instrument. All levels and abilities are welcome.

When: Saturday, February 9th, 2019 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Where: The Chicago Store <u>Eastside</u>, 5646 E. Speedway Blvd, Tucson AZ 85712, just east of Craycroft. Directions at: <u>www.chicagomusicstore.com</u>.

What: First hour to cover Don Reno banjo style including chord melody and single string technique, revealing opportunities to add variety to your banjo playing. Second hour will continue with Reno or other banjo styles, but then transition into discussion about **on-stage sound production** technique.

Our instructors will be Alvin Blaine and Andy McCune.

Alvin Blaine grew up in California and ended up in Las Vegas, playing with show bands for 25 years. He can play any kind of music, and almost any instrument, including banjo, pedal steel, slide, and dobro. He is a sound technician for Old Blue Sound, regarded as the best sound company in the Southwest. He provides sound systems for festivals and concerts in 10 states. Alvin also performs locally, recently with Nick McBlaine & Log Train, Tucsonics, and more.

Andy McCune plays various banjo styles and teaches banjo, and guitar, mandolin, and dobro. He performs with local bands Rusty Chops, Titan Valley Warheads.

For more information or to reserve seating: Don Domkowski @ 520-235-1518 viperdond@gmail.com

Monroe Crossing Bluegrass Band will be playing on February 23, 7 PM at Rincon East RV Resort, auditorium 8989 East Escalante Road, Tucson AZ

Pre purchase Tickets are \$15 and \$18 at door. For more information and Tickets Call the RCE activities office ph.# 520.296.4651.

For bookings: 1-844-MonroeX info@monroecrossing.com www.monroecrossing.com



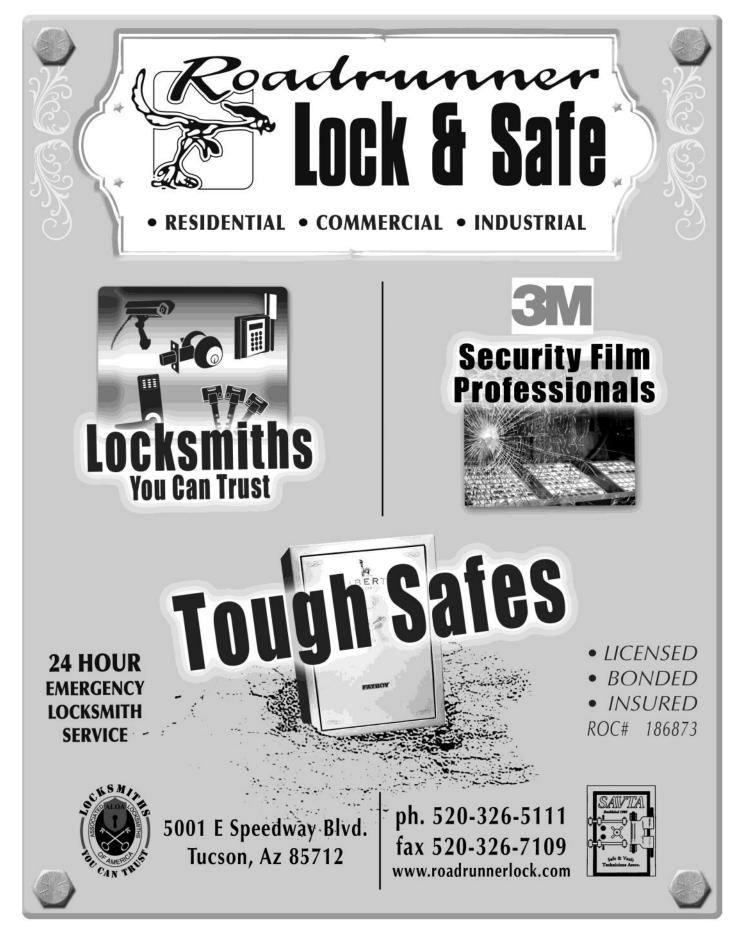
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— Dick Beckley, President, Seven Mountains Bluegrass Association

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Titan Valley Warheads



DBA Events

Visit the DBA Online Calendar

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DesertBluegrassWebmaster@gmail.com . Refer to the 'Links' tab on the homepage to view current band and instructor information. We have added a second calendar on the website for other (non- DBA) concerts and events. If you have something scheduled that you would like added to the calendar: send me the date, time and address info. You may also include a link to your band's website or to a special

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JAMS & OPEN MICS

DBA sponsored jams are listed at www.desertbluegrass.org & on the enclosed calendar.

Southern AZ Old Time Fiddlers Assn.

Southwest Community Center Cardinal Ave, Tucson, AZ Tuesday 7 PM Info: Wilbur 520-743-7086

Catalina Mountain Chapter of the AZ Old Time Fiddlers Association **Fiddler's Workshop**

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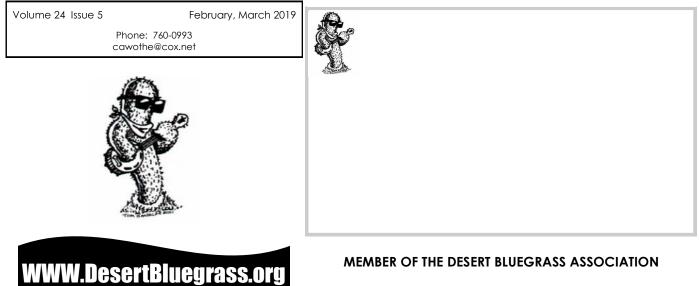
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Membership dues for the Desert Bluegrass Association are \$20 annually per family, due March 1st, and includes bulk mailing of the bi-monthly newsletter to each member.

Members joining after November of any year will have their membership extended through the next year. Those joining before November must renew the following March 1st.

First name:	Last name:					
Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip:			
Home phone:	Cell phone:					
Email address:						
Do you wish to be included in the Membership Directory? (check one) Yes No						
What instruments do you play? □Banjo □Bass □Fiddle □Guitar □Mandolin □Resonator Guitar □other						
Check here if you wish to receive the DBA Grass Clippings Newsletter by mail \square						
Complete this form then mail it, along with your personal check or money order payable to Desert Bluegrass Association, to: Mike Headrick (DBA Membership Secretary) 13308 Placita el Algodon Tucson, AZ 85749						