



**Bluegrass Music
Association
of Maine**

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WR CUSTOM GUITARS

by Scott Chaisson



Bill Russo, owner and Master Luthier at WR Custom Guitars, has been building guitars for 20 years from his quiet shop tucked away in the hills of western Maine. Over that time, he has created hundreds of guitars that are as much a piece of fine art as they are a functioning, high-quality musical instrument. Bill's career started out in woodworking several years ago and for many years he found success as a custom cabinet maker. His passion for both woodworking and guitars eventually led him to the seemingly obvious decision to open WR Custom Guitars and take on lutherie as his full-time job.

Bill learned the basics of building guitars from books and from discussing techniques with other luthiers, but admits that being out in the shop building guitars was the best form of education. Each guitar poses a new set of challenges and early on, not every WR Custom was exceptional. Instead of becoming discouraged, Bill took the lessons learned from previous builds and applied his new knowledge to the next build. Fast forward to today, all of his guitars are exceptional, but he still continues to strive to make the next one better than the last.

At WR Custom Guitars, the sky is the limit when it comes to custom builds. Bill offers any standard size guitar from Parlor to Dreadnought and everything in between. As far as materials you can choose from his vast inventory for the custom build of your dreams.

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EASTERN AND SOUTHERN JAMS CANCELLED

Given the most recent guidance from Maine's Governor Mills regarding the COVID-19 virus, BMAM will be cancelling both the Eastern Jam in Brewer and the Southern Jam in Yarmouth that were scheduled for April 5, 2020.

A decision about the last Brewer Grange Jam (not a BMAM Jam) of the season (April 19th) will be made at a later time.

If you have any questions, please call Joan (207-989-5848) or Sandra (207-827-3698) for information on the Eastern Jam or Brewer Grange Jam; or Bob for the Southern Jam at 207-831-8908.

We will miss you and regret having to close the last BMAM jams of the season, and we hope all pickers stay safe during this difficult time.

PATI CROOKER MULLIGAN, GREG & SANDY CORMIER TO BE INDUCTED INTO MAINE COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME

Pati Crooker Mulligan, past promoter of the Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival, and Greg & Sandy Cormier of the Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival, will be inducted into the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame under a new category for Maine promoters of Country music in Maine.

The induction ceremony was scheduled for May 17th at the Silver Spur in Mechanic Falls, but will be postponed until September because of the coronavirus pandemic.

These inductions will reflect appreciation for these special people who have worked for many years to bring live, quality bluegrass/country music to our state.



I just hope bluegrass entertainers take care of their music and take care of their fans. If you don't practice, the man next door who is practicing will beat you.

- Bill Monroe -

WR CUSTOM GUITARS

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If you are unsure of what materials to use, Bill is a great source of information and can guide you through the selection process to help you choose the materials that best suit your needs.

In addition to custom builds, WR Custom Guitars also offers a builder's workshop where the student is guided through the guitar building process from start to finish. You choose the materials, finish and even custom marquetry if you so desire.

Over a 5-day period the student receives one on one instruction to ensure the guitar is built to the same high-quality standard as a custom build. The student does everything with the exception of finish, which Bill completes due to the complexity of that step. Once it is cured and polished, the student takes delivery of the guitar with the pride of having built something incredible with their own hands. For more information on the builder's workshop, visit wrcustomguitars.com

If that's not enough, Bill also repairs and sets up guitars. Whether it's improving the action or providing a neck reset, re-fretting to re-topping, Bill does it all. And the quality of work is extraordinary, I speak from experience.

WR Custom Guitars is located at 515 McCrillis Corner Rd., Wilton, ME. Ordinarily, Bill enjoys giving tours of the shop; however, due to the Covid19 pandemic, the shop is currently closed to the public. Please call ahead at (207) 778-9415 with any questions or requests. For more information including a gallery showcasing of some of his finest builds, visit wrcustomguitars.com.



WR Custom Acoustic Guitars

515 McCrillis Corner Rd, Wilton ME 04294
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<https://wrcustomguitars.com/>

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 Free Rough Camping with Weekend Ticket Purchase
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Advanced Tickets may be purchased on our website
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If you prefer to pay by check you may:
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DIRECTIONS TO FESTIVAL

GPS Directions:
1005 ME 134
Starks, ME 04911

From the North or South
 In Augusta
 Take Exit 112B to Rt 27 North
 Go to the end & take left on Rt 2
 Go 0.8 miles & turn right on Rt 134
 Go straight 4.8 Miles On Rt 134
 the Music Barn will be on the Right



Echo Valley (PA)

SORRY-NO SMOKING, PETS, COOLERS OR EXPOSED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED IN THE CONCERT AREA. PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON FESTIVAL GROUNDS & POOPER SCOOPERS MUST BE USED!
 Anyone appearing to be intoxicated, acting abusively, immodestly dressed or causing trouble will be removed from the premises and no refund will be given. We reserve the right to refuse anyone admission.
 No campfires (except in above ground fire pits), bicycles, ATV's or personal golf carts allowed.
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54th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival June 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2020 Litchfield Fairgrounds - Litchfield, Maine



The Gibson Brothers (NY).....S
The Bluegrass Brothers (VA).....T, F
The Little Roy & Lizzy Show (GA)....S
Zink & Company (TN).....F, S
The Baker Family (MO)T
Rock Hearts (RI).....F, S
Third Harmony (NB)F, S
Redwood Hill (CT)F
Robinson's Bluegrass GospelSun
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**Electric Hookup
\$35 Your Entire
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**Don't just hear about it,
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DIRECTIONS TO FESTIVAL:
Camping 30 Plains Rd., Litchfield, ME
Day Parking 2422 Hallowell Rd, Litchfield, ME

FROM THE NORTH

1. Head South on I-95 toward I-295 S
2. Slight right at I-295 S toll road
(signs for I-295 S/ME-126/Gardiner/Brunswick)
3. Take Exit 51 (just after toll) for ME-126 to Litchfield
4. Turn right at Lewiston Rd/ME-126 W/ME-9 W
5. Travel approximately 6.0 miles on ME-126
6. Turn left onto Hallowell Rd. travel 2.5 miles
7. Turn left onto Plains Rd.

FROM THE SOUTH

1. Head North on I-95 N (Maine Turnpike) Exit 102
2. Take Exit 102 for ME-126 to Gardiner/Litchfield
3. Turn right at Lewiston Rd. ME-126 W
4. Travel approximately 6.0 miles on ME-126
5. Turn left onto Hallowell Rd. travel 2.5 miles
6. Turn left onto Plains Rd.

Gate Opens 8:00AM (Sunday) June 14, 2020
Daily Gate Times Are 8:00AM-10:00PM

Ticket Prices Per Person:

Thur - Sun 4 Day Advance: Before February 16th \$54
 Thur - Sun 4 Day Advance: Before April 1st \$80
 Thur - Sun 4 Day Advance: Before June 1st \$85
 Thur - Sun 4 Day Advance: At Gate \$90
 Elec Hookups \$35/Entire Stay - Dogs \$10/Entire Stay
 Early Bird Camping Sun-Wed \$10/day per camper
 Guest/Visiting Sun-Wed - \$10/Person per day
 Children 16 & under Free with adult
 Rough camping Free Thur-Sun with Weekend Tickets
 Camping/Night Without Weekend Ticket - \$10

Daily Show Prices Per Person Payable At Gate Only:

Thurs - \$20, 4PM-9PM
 Fri. 10AM-9PM - \$35, After 5PM \$25
 Sat. 10AM-9PM - \$35, After 5PM \$25
 Sunday Gospel Sing & Jam - Free, 9AM-10AM

*All Weekend Tickets may be purchased on-line or send
a self-addressed stamped envelope & check to:*

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**Guess Who's
Missing?**



BMAM SCHEDULED AT FOUR MAINE SUMMER 2020 FESTIVALS

The Bluegrass Association of Maine plans for merchandising and membership presence at four Maine Bluegrass Festivals this summer...

BLISTERED FINGERS JUNE FESTIVAL June 19th and June 20th

OSSIPEE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL July 24th and July 25th

BLISTERED FINGERS AUGUST FESTIVAL August 28th and August 29th

THOMAS POINT BEACH BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL September 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th

PLEASE COME BY THE BMAM CANOPY TO:

- JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
- LOOK AT OUR BMAM MERCHANDISE
- GET RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE WR GUITAR

NOTE: If there are any changes to this schedule due to COVID-19, we will post notices on our website: <http://www.mainebluegrass.org>

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

April 2020

Dear Friends,

I wish for you good health in these trying times. Closing down the last BMAM Jams of the season is disappointing, of course, but in the best interest of all our members, guests and hosts. This is a great time to practice your instruments, listen to your favorite CDs and even support online concerts. Keep safe, healthy and happy and I can't wait to see you all this summer.

As the days are getting warmer it's a reminder that festival season will be here before we know it. Be sure and check out the webpages for your favorite Maine and New England festivals. The line-ups are awesome and there is lots to look forward to this summer. BMAM will be setting up the booth at several coming events. Without volunteers to bring the pop-up tent and T-shirts, etc, into these events, we can't get the word out about our organization. Please contact me or any Board Member if you are interested in setting up or helping at any or all of the upcoming festivals. To bluegrass newcomers, we are the face of bluegrass in Maine. Also, I would love to have a few folks assisting me at the Kids Academy that BMAM supports at Blistered Fingers (June & August). It's very fun and rewarding to see the young ones give their all at practice and on stage!

If you are in a bluegrass band or know of any public bluegrass events happening, please visit our BMAM webpage at mainebluegrass.org and submit events online at the Calendar page (it's easy). We'd like the BMAM Calendar to be the go-to place to check for bluegrass events in Maine.

Thanks to Joan Richert (Eastern Jam) and Nora Krainis (Southern Jam) and all the volunteers who have made this Jam season such a GREAT success!!

*Yours in Bluegrass,
Mama Beth Revels*

*Enjoy Bluegrass at its Best
on the Beautiful
Shores of
Mid-Coast
Maine!*

THOMAS POINT BEACH

★ Brunswick, Maine ★

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2020

Over FOUR DECADES of Bluegrass Friends and Family... Experience the MAGIC!

★ ★ ★ **Exciting 2020 Line-up** ★ ★ ★

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STEEP CANYON RANGERS
FRIDAY

The GIBSON BROTHERS
SATURDAY

JOE MULLINS & The RADIO RAMBLERS
SUNDAY

CHRIS JONES & The NIGHT DRIVERS
FRIDAY

HENHOUSE PROWLERS
FRIDAY

WILLIAMSON BRANCH
SATURDAY and SUNDAY

TWISTED PINE
THURSDAY

The RUTA BEGGARS
THURSDAY and FRIDAY

BACK WOODS ROAD
FRIDAY and SATURDAY

» **TICKETS** «

CHILDREN UNDER 12 - FREE ... No Refunds
Line-Up Subject to Change

ADVANCED 4-Day (T, F, S, S)

BEFORE 4/1	\$ 155
BEFORE 8/1	\$ 160
4-DAY "AT THE GATE"	\$ 165

ADVANCED 3-Day (F, S, S)

BEFORE 4/1	\$ 140
BEFORE 8/1	\$ 160
3-DAY "AT THE GATE"	\$ 150

2-Day - (Sat and Sun Only)

BEFORE 8/1	\$ 130
2-DAY "AT THE GATE"	\$ 135

"TEEN" (13-16) 1/2 Adult Rate

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Electric + Early Bird Packages Available!

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THURSDAY	only	\$ 35
FRIDAY	only	\$ 60
SATURDAY	only	\$ 60
SUNDAY	only	\$ 60

The DEL McCOURY BAND
SUNDAY

SHAWN CAMP & FRIENDS
FRIDAY

The PO' RAMBLIN' BOYS
SUNDAY

MICHAEL CLEVELAND & FLAMEKEEPER
SATURDAY

CAROLINA BLUE
FRIDAY

The BECKY BULLER BAND
SUNDAY

ALAN BIBBY & GRASSTOWNE
SATURDAY and SUNDAY

HIGH FIDELITY
SATURDAY

LEROY TROY & The TENNESSEE MAFIA JUG BAND
SUNDAY

BLUEGRASS UNIT
THURSDAY and FRIDAY

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NEW BMAM BOARD MEMBER SCOTT CHAISSON

I starting playing guitar when I was 5 years old learning from my father. Growing up I played in a number of bands which covered Classic Rock, Blues, Jazz and Alternative. After high school I joined the USAF where I met some fantastic musicians who played mainly Country music and so began my journey into that genre. I was fortunate to have met a producer from a recording studio in Virginia Beach where I worked on several studio projects as well as the occasional live performance. Over the following several years, as with many amateur musicians, my priorities shifted toward career, parenting, etc. and away from musical studies. I have been a fan of bluegrass music for several years but have just recently bought a bluegrass guitar and committed myself to learn how to play it. I am now about three years into my bluegrass studies and am enjoying the new challenge. I am excited and honored to serve on the BMAM Board and look forward to pickin' with you.

A FEW OLD MEMORIES...

SANDY RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
SANDY RIDGE N.C. 7:30 P.M.

FRI. MAR. 7

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2017 Winners- The Bluegrass Unit
2019 Winners- The Ruta Beggars

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DON'T MISS THESE GREAT BANDS...

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Spring Street, OK

Zink & Company, TN

Blistered Fingers, ME

The Douthwrights, NB

The LaClairens, ME



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HEALTH SERVICES



Ticket Pricing

Advance Weekend Ticket: \$75 ('til June 30) Weekend at the Gate: \$80

Children 12 and Under – Free with Adult

Day Tickets: Thurs - \$15 Fri - \$20 Sat - \$30 (\$20 after 5) Sun - \$15

Early Bird Camping - \$10 nite (Mon – Wed) Electric - \$35 for entire weekend

Camping without Weekend Pass - \$10 nite Dogs - \$10 weekend

PALMYRA PRODUCTIONS LLC

For advance tickets mail check and self addressed stamped envelope to:

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YOUR Labor Day Weekend Festival...



JUST ASK...

September 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2020

119 West Limestone Rd. Fort Fairfield, Maine 04742



The Kody Norris Show



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An AWARD WINNING LINEUP...

The Kody Norris Show, TN

Carolina Blue, NC

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The Kevin Prater Band, VA

Chris Jones & The NightDrivers, TN

Zink & Company, TN

Blistered Fingers, ME

The LaClaire's, ME



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - SPRING 2020

Joe Kennedy

Aw, spring! Our Maine winter was not as severe as the last couple or three. Let's hope the next few weeks do not include a nasty storm. Either way, spring is almost here and we'll be picking and singing in the sunshine.

The board is busy getting ready for the upcoming festival season. Most of our work revolves around fund-raising. Basically, it's Jams in the winter and festivals in the summer. Look for the BMAM booth at Blistered Fingers in June & August, Ossipee in July and Thomas Point Beach at the end of summer. A significant amount of our funding is raised at the festivals. We could really use some help manning the BMAM booths. The festivals range from one to four days each and require at least two people in the booth. Any time you can volunteer to help, even for a couple of hours is appreciated. At Thomas Point Beach last year, we had many new and old friends volunteer to help and it was very much appreciated. The schedule was filled in advance with the hours that were needed. Everyone enjoyed the experience and I'm hoping for a repeat of that success at all the upcoming festivals. Another area we could use some help with is the Kid's Stage Show at Blistered Fingers. BMAM is proud to be involved with young, aspiring musicians. We work with them for a few hours a day leading up to the stage performance. It means a lot to the kids as they see the process evolve from practice to performing. It's fun and educational. We think that it's important to have the kids feel they are part of the festival experience.

Would any member out there be interested in being our recording secretary? We've not yet been able to fill this position and it puts unnecessary burden on the board. If you have experience, a curiosity about how BMAM works and a desire to help out an all volunteer, non-profit organization that promotes the growth of our favorite music why not give it a try?

If you are interested in helping out in any of the ways I've mentioned above, please contact any BMAM officer and give them your contact information.

Congratulations to Bucky Mitchell on being inducted into the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame. Bucky served as BMAM vice president a few years ago.

There are only a few jams of the season left. Nellie and I are hoping we can make it to the next one at either Brewer or North Yarmouth. See the Jam ad in this newsletter for dates and times. Hope to see you there and thank you for supporting bluegrass music in Maine.

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BMAM NEW & RENEW MEMBERSHIPS

12/01/2019 TO 03/05/2020

NEW

Robert Ruddy
Jonathan (Yoni) Musher
Roger Drouin
Nanci Stein
Greg Carbone
Michelle Zelmar
Bob Heiser
Maurice Grafton
Troy Shellhamer
Kenny Sack

RENEWED

Ralph W. & Marion Stanley
Caren Mulford
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Jay & Leslie Dientes
Bud & Elizabeth Godsoe
David Pearson
Carl Stump
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Robert Norton
Joan & Evan Richert
Neal & Theresa Pottle
Doug Alley
Patty Kempton
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PODUNK BLUEGRASS SONGWRITING CONTEST

by Myrna Riquier, Podunk Bluegrass Festival

The Annual Podunk Bluegrass Festival's songwriting contest has gotten underway with a deadline for entries prior to May 1. The top three winners will receive cash prizes and other amenities, including the opportunity to perform their song on stage during the upcoming festival Aug. 6-9.

If your song is among the top 3 and if you cannot come to the festival to perform your song for our audience, that will not affect your place in the contest. In such a case, we would either play a recording of your song over our sound system or we may ask a group from our Main Stage lineup to perform it on your behalf.

If you have the winning song in 2020 your song will be performed the following season by the top 4 contestants in the band competition. Recordings of those performances will be provided to you and to our area bluegrass-friendly radio stations.

The 2019 winning song, Bear in the Barn, composed by Stan Keach of Rome, Maine will be performed at the festival this year by the top 4 competing bands on opening day.

Entry guidelines are located at podunkbluegrass.com under the contest tab. At this same site the winning songs from the past five years are available for you to hear. For more info call Myrna Riquier 860-455-9400.



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July 23rd & 26th, 2020

South Hiram, Maine

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Becky Buller Band

Hawktail

Tommy Emmanuel

Joe K. Walsh & Brittany Has

Lonely Heartstring Band

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Lindsay Lou

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Ranky Tanky

The Bagboys

Tanika Charles

Damn Tall Buildings

New England Bluegrass Band

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The Bluegrass Music Association of Maine is ...

an organization of people, listeners and players, who enjoy Bluegrass music. It was formed in March of 1995, and incorporated on July 8, 1996 as a Maine 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. The BMAM, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, welcomes all Bluegrass friends, fans, and pickers to become active members.

Functions of the organization include the following:

- To educate the public about Bluegrass music, in order to foster an appreciation of its history and cultural heritage
- To further the enjoyment of Bluegrass music, for ourselves and others, through teaching, sharing, and playing;
- To encourage participation in Bluegrass music events;
- To promote Bluegrass music as family entertainment;
- To support area workshops, festivals and concerts;
- To support area musicians and bands that play Bluegrass music;
- To inform members about Bluegrass and related events around the state;
- To cooperate with other organizations to promote Bluegrass and related music;
- To preserve the memories of those who have preceded us in this field of endeavor.

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