



Hall of Honor Inductees

2018

Bob Campbell

You could always find Bob playing late into the night at local jams and festivals. One of his biggest passions was sharing bluegrass and old-time fiddle tunes with fellow jammers young and old. He passed on his love for the fiddle to his sons, Jimmy and Johnny.



Jimmy Campbell

A native of Belleville, Michigan, Jimmy became a talented fiddler at a young age, playing with many local bands. By the time he was 19, he began working with bluegrass legends like Jim & Jesse, The Osborne Brothers, and Bill Monroe, among others.



Roy Cobb

A great friend of the bluegrass music in the area, Roy played with The Sunnysiders, and fronted Roy Cobb and the Coachmen for over 50 years. He has been a mainstay of the Huron Valley Eagles bringing top talent to that venue since the mid 80's.

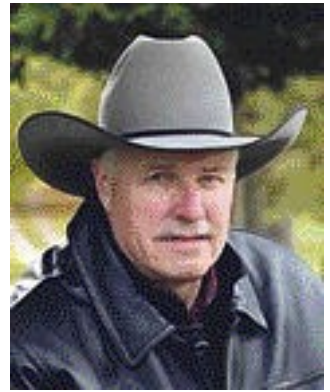


Dana Cupp, Jr.

Multi-instrumentalist Dana Cupp, Jr., can be found wherever music is being played. He has played in many configurations locally, including Wendy Smith and Blue Velvet, and continues to appear at the Huron Valley Eagles and other venues. He was the last banjo player in Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys, and played guitar with the Osborne Brothers. When Sonny Osborne retired, Dana played banjo with Bobby Osborne and the Rocky Top Xpress.

Richard “Dick” Deiterle

Founding member of the RFD Boys, playing fiddle and acting as emcee. Mr. Deiterle played with the band for 45 years, beginning at it's founding in 1969. Mr. Deiterle loved bluegrass and found his spirit and soul in the Bill Monroe and Kenny Baker traditions.



Tim Ellis

Tim Ellis and his banjo have been a fixture in the area for many years. He has played with many groups, including Wendy Smith and Blue Velvet, North Country Grass, Flatland Grass, and more. He played for Jim & Jesse for several years in the 70's. Tim is the son of Fred Ellis and was raised around the bluegrass festivals promoted by his father and Robert White.



Jimmy Thompson

A mandolin player from the age of eleven, Mr. Thompson played with many bands in the Toledo area. Jimmy Thompson, is the considered the most humble of humble souls who plays his mandolin with such fever and passion he draws you into his musical world with every note he plays and with little effort at all... and it's a nice world there. He is a legend and very loved by all in the bluegrass music community in Toledo, Ohio.



Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association

The Association was founded in August 2014 after a luncheon meeting of interested people. Attendees were Bobby & Patsy Ann Hutch (Boggs), Mark Gaynier, Wendy and Freda Smith, Bill and Pam Warren, and Jerry and Ada Yates. We have been spreading the word about bluegrass in Southeast Michigan since that time. Find more information at: smbbluegrass.org.

SMBMA Hall of Honor

The Hall was established in 2016 to honor those who have made significant contributions to bluegrass music in Southeast Michigan.

Class of 2016

Michael Adams
John Bayerl
David Blakney
Bobby Hutch
Tom Laing
Gordon L. Lamb
Larry McDaniel
Virgie McClearn
Nick Mladjan
John Morris
Jim & Fay Wilder
Jerry & Ada Yates

Class of 2017

Gary & Maggie Bilby
Burke Cole
Dana Cupp, Sr.
Leroy Drumm
Fred Ellis
Pete Goble
Cayce & Ruth Kiger
Mitchel Manns
Roy & Fay McGinnis
Freddie Newby

2017 Continued

Cranford (Ford) Nix
Ralph Paige
Virgil Shouse
Bill & Pam Warren
Robert White

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Members of SMBMA may nominate candidates for 2018 inductees through the website or by picking up a form at any meeting or event.