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President's Message

by Chris Doan

The practice session on June 11 at Mountain Mike's was a blast with a very good turnout including Jack Convery. Jack treated us to a couple of lively solos.

Rich is reintroducing "Banjo Pickers Ball" to our regular line-up and it is starting to sound like we all know what we are doing!! You might make it a point to practice it at home and take the time to learn the words so the entire band is singing along. What an entergetic banjo piece.

On Thursday of last week, we enjoyed a play-out at Concord RoyaleOne for their residents. We had a large, lively audience including one of our own retired members, Clyde Dedman. It was a great afternoon and was certainly special to see Clyde again. Next month, we will include pictures of the event in the Newsletter.

Stoneman Village Playout



In our first outdoor event of 2024, the East Bay Banjo Club played for the residents of the Stoneman Village in Pittsburg on May 24. The setting was an afternoon ice cream social on a delightful spring afternoon. The residents clearly enjoyed the music with several dancing and singing along for much of the hour. With Memorial Day just around the corner, we included the theme songs from each branch of the Armed Forces to honor the Veterans and their spouses in the crowd ... and each stirred up patriotism amongst the residents.

There were 13 members of the Club who played and sang for the event including Rich Combs, Don Granberg, Paul Mack,Bob Ehrhorn, Tom Brunetti, Larry Risner, Slavka Ruziska, Zennie Bohm, Deb Hodson, Phil and Linda Myers, John Greitzer, and Chris Doan.

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Deb Hodson leads the march for our concluding song "When the Saints go Marching In".



Other News

Mark your calendars now for the Club's annual picnic on August 24. As has become our tradition, the picnic will be held at Bobbie Landers on the Delta. More details will be provided as we are closer to the date.

EBBC Practice Sessions

Practice sessions are scheduled on the 2nd through the 5th Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 30 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill. Come a little early and order a pizza or salad for dinner!

Scheduled Playouts

<u>July 4, 2024</u> for the Orinda Parade. We are still working on details so will clarify plans and times in the next newsletter.

Club Leadership

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