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From The Desk Of Our President

Myrna Murphy

Hello NKBMA members ! Our summer is winding down and it would great if everyone was able to achieve what they planned to do this year. The good news is there will always be good Bluegrass music to listen too and good Bluegrass shows to attend.

Many thanks to all of the Musicians that supported us this year as well as the members that supported our association. We hope to see everyone at our NKBMA picnic in September.

NKBMA President

Myrna Murphy

An afternoon with Chris Hill of Feller & Hill By Ron Simmons

Chris Hill just left my house after some lunch and a good hard listen to the new CD called “Feller & Hill Again”. Most are familiar with the craft of laying down tracks for an album, so I tried to concentrate on the thought process behind the music. This new CD is somewhere between what you may know as Bluegrass and Roots Country Music. It is out on Tom T. And Dixie Hall’s label called “Blue Circle”. Chris said, and I paraphrase, “Bluegrass is just another part of country music that earned the name Bluegrass when they described what Bill Monroe was playing”.

So if you understand that Bluegrass is Country, you can understand and fully appreciate this leading edge CD by Feller & Hill. Tom Feller, by the way, is a nephew of the famous Holt family of “The Boys From Indiana”. Now we call that a good pedigree in my tree.

I asked Chris if there was a recording that pulled him into the Bluegrass/Music field that set his life course. I was surprised but understood his choice of “Matterhorn” with Eddie Adcock playing banjo. *Continued pg. 4*



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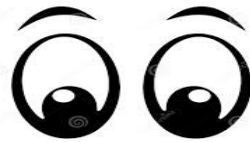
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Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association



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A Fine Day At The Brown County Bluegrass Festival

by Steve McCain

Hello Bluegrass fan! Steve McCain reporting from the fun filled stands of the Brown County Bluegrass Festival on August 22

This year for the most part, the weather cooperated with Don Morgan as he brought some of the best Bluegrass music around to the stages of Brown County.

While I missed the Thursday evening show, I heard that IIIrd Tyme Out put on another great show. As I pulled into the show on Friday I was able to hear the likes of our friend Missy Werner, the hard driving Night Flyer, the always entertaining Feller and Hill, the Bluegrass staple James King and the hard working Marty Raybon working over-time kept playing well into the night.

Saturday, laid way for even more great music. I just sat there in the sun and baked like a turkey and smiled every minute. My wife thinks I'm crazy but it is hands down fun.

Along with the music I saw a lot of NKBMA members and friends. Gene Thompson was running around as normal, I sat and talked with Joann Herald and Judy Pickett catching up on all the bluegrass news.

Brown County is one of those festivals that you feel at home with and I hope they are around for many years to come. Next year they will be holding their 25th annual festival. What a milestone.

Hope to see you there next year!



Early Morning Shot Getting Ready For The Fun



Feller and Hill Putting On A Great Show

Pictures From The Past

Who recognizes some of these pictures from the past ? These pictures were taken back in 2005 when the NKBMA was just getting started. Bluegrassers hungry for the music would meet at the GMC dealership on Rt. 18 in Florence to jam and listen.

Many friendships and even bands were started at this very garage. It is sometimes hard to believe the NKBMA is going on 10 years of helping to keep Bluegrass music alive in Northern Kentucky. We hope they are around for a long time.



An afternoon with Chris Hill of Feller & Hill

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That lineup including Charlie Waller and John Duffey was to become as famous as any group of pickers in the business. His taste in great entertainers is sound. Chris's ability as a showman and entertainer is well known in our area and is now being appreciated all over the country.

After working with the late Gerald Evans, James King and Karl Shiflett, you do learn what it takes to relate to a crowd. Chris is a very observant leader and respects his audience. "After all, they buy your CD's if they like you" and I think Feller & Hill have a lot to like.

Feller & Hill is as Chris describes a business and to that end the decision to walk that fine line between the old roots country sound and down home Appalachian Bluegrass was made by them as a direction for the future of their musical partnership. Tom Feller wrote a tune on the CD called "The Ballad of Buck and Don", which reminisces about Buck Owens and Don Rich. No folks, it's not a Ralph Stanley style tune, but if you put aside that tradition for a moment and listen to the words and the licks they are playing, you will be reminded that at one time all of this music was fun to listen to. { I think I'll look for those old 8 tracks I buried in Gene Thompson's back yard. } Chris and Tom also covered as a tribute to Conway and Loretta, a song that is

topping the charts called "A Never Ending Song of Love". Where's my telecaster when I need it? Some of the 12 tracks have great supporting help from Mr. Cleveland's fiddle and even a track with Ms. Vincent. Yeah, that's right, some high cotton as far as doing a CD these days.

Feller and Hill even do a track called "Slaughter on 10th Avenue" which for you music lovers that never heard of the "Ventures", (of "Walk Don't Run" fame) is done in a slightly Hispanic flavor. If you dislike versatility, good music, tight vocals, good recording standards and neat arrangements, this CD will make a fine mini frisbee. Otherwise, this is a fine CD from two young men who grew up in our neighborhood, and are becoming a "tremor in the force".

Just some quick notes that all interviewers ask, so that you don't think I missed a chance, here goes:

Chris plays a Gibson RB250, 1964 vintage.

Chris's favorite festival is "Bean Blossom"

If he didn't play music, what would he do? "no clue"! (His quote)

Anyone help with your business model? Rhonda Vincent (neat huh!)



What about a Feller & Hill Prevost Limo? Just bought one, ready soon!
What's next? A sideline Country Album and a new Bluegrass Album
Health? Good right now as long as he doesn't go clogging (inside joke)
Happy? I didn't ask Chris that question....I didn't have to. He is.
Handsome and single? Yes (I threw that in because he'd like that!)

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Ron Simmons



Feller and Hill latest CD
released this past April

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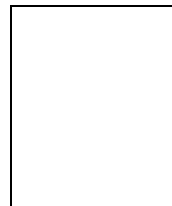


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| Are you wearing that? | You sure look good in brown! | WOW! Look at you! | Here, have some wine. | SAFER |
| What are you so worked up about? | Could we be overreacting? | Here's my paycheck. | Here, have some wine. | SAFEST |
| Should you be eating that? | You know, there are a lot of apples left. | Can I get you a piece of chocolate with that? | Here, have some wine. | ULTRA SAFE |
| What did you DO all day? | I hope you didn't over-do it today. | I've always loved you in that robe! | Here, have some wine. | ULTRA SAFE |

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