



July 2003

Dear Member:

What a fabulous Memorial Day Weekend it was for the U.S.P.A. Festival and Convention. The Crowds for the entire weekend far exceeded our expectations.

I would like to sincerely thank the Executive Board, Directors, bands and all the people that worked so diligently to make this event successful. I would like to especially thank all of you that attended this great Festival, without you we could not have achieved such a wonderful success.

We do realize there were a few issues that needed to be addressed with the Radisson Hotel, their management has stated emphatically that these issues will be resolved for 2004.

The U.S.P.A. is pleased to announce we will be adding more Polka events this year and in 2004. One will be a dance on Sunday, September 28, 2003 at Hillside Party Center in Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio featuring Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones from 4:00 - 8:00pm. We will also be sponsoring a combined event with the Cleveland Polka Association that will be a Hangover Dance on Saturday, January 3, 2004 at the Hillside Party Center in Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio. We will be featuring the music of Freezedried. Look for the calendar of events within our newsletter.

We are also working on changes for our annual picnic, further details will be in the next newsletter. Don't forget to attend our Turkey Dance in November, and to renew your membership before the dance to avoid waiting in line.

We are in the process of scheduling a dynamic band line-up for the U.S.P.A. Festival and Convention on Memorial Day Weekend in 2004, so place the dates of May 28, 29 and 30, 2004 on your calendars.

Sincerely,

Barb Haselow
President



News & Notes



At the annual Board meeting in June, it was unanimously voted on that the **Band Leader** of each band must be a member in good standing in order to be considered to play for the USPA. This will give us the correct information to contact bands for quotes and for awards information.

USPA Events

The USPA will be holding it's **1st Annual Fall Dance** on September 28, 2003 at Hillside Party Center in Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio. Featuring Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatons. Admission is \$11.00 per person. Doors open at 3:00pm, Music from 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

Don't forget the **USPA's Annual Turkey Dance** on November 16, 2003 at Hillside Party Center in Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio. Featuring Polka Country Musicians. Admission is \$5.00 for USPA members and \$12.00 for non-members. The admission for non-members includes a one year membership to the USPA.

The USPA will be holding a joint **Hangover Dance** with the Cleveland Polka Association on January 3, 2004 at Hillside Party Center in Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio featuring the music of FreezeDried. Admission is \$10.00 per person. The dance is from 7:30 - 11:30pm. Call Barb at (440) 886-6157 or Paul at (216) 228-1134. Tables reserved for 10 or more. Hope to see you there!

**Mark your calendars early for the 2004 USPA Festival and Convention
Memorial Day Weekend
May 28, 29, 30, 2004!**

**If you need further information on any USPA event
please call Barb Haselow at (440) 886-6157**



**Coming Soon!!
official Website of the U.S.P.A.
www.uspapolkas.com**

**The U.S.P.A. now has e-mail for you to send your
comments and suggestions:
uspsmail@aol.com**

Announcing the U.S.P.A. Membership Contest!

Any current U.S.P.A. member who signs up 10 new members by November 15, 2003 will receive two (2) tickets to the night of their choice at the U.S.P.A. Convention in May 2004!
Any current member that signs up 6 new members by Sept. 1 will receive 1 free admission to the USPA dance of their choice in September, November or January 2004.

GRAND PRIZE: – Any current U.S.P.A. member who signs of 25 new members by March 1, 2004 will receive two (2) tickets to the night of their choice at the U.S.P.A. Convention in May 2003 plus two (2) tickets to the Annual U.S.P.A. Awards Banquet

Send the completed forms below to Libby Wendt at the address provided to be eligible!



Send to: U.S.P.A.
Libby Wendt
P.O. Box 450674
Westlake, Ohio 44145

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ E-Mail _____

Referred by: _____

Please answer questions below only if you are a band member, DJ, newspaper reporter, editor or a record producer!

Name of Band _____

Name of Bandleader? _____

Vocalist? _____ Instrument _____

DJ _____ Radio Station _____ City _____ State _____

Days on Air _____ Time _____

Newspaper Reporter _____ Name of Publication _____

Record Producer _____ Name of Company _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

I hereby submit my application for membership in the UNITED STATES POLKA ASSOCIATION and agree to do all in my power to further the growth of this organization and the Polka Industry. I will be governed by the U.S.P.A. Constitution and By-Laws at all times. Membership dues are payable at the rate of \$7.00 per year. All members dues expire July 31st of each year. Make all checks and money orders payable to the United States Polka Association. Mail to the Membership Chairperson

SIGNED _____ Date _____

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 25 – The Polka Family Band will appear at The Mohegan Sun Casino in CT. See their website www.polkafamilyband.com for info.

July 26 - 27 – The Polka Family Band will appear at Lowell Folk Festival in, MA. See their website www.polkafamilyband.com for info.

Aug. 1 – The Polka Family Band will appear at IPA Convention in Chicago. See their website www.polkafamilyband.com for info.

Aug. 2 – The Polka Family Band will appear at The Merryland Ballroom in WI. See their website www.polkafamilyband.com for info.

Aug. 2 – Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones will be at the IPA Convention in Chicago, IL. Call (773) 254-7771.

Aug. 3 – Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones will be at Pat's Oak Manor in Milwaukee, WI. Call 414-764-0302

Aug. 8 & 9 – TBC will be at the Frankenmuth Summer Music Festival. Call (517) 652-2725 for info.

Aug. 8 & 9 – Polka Country Musicians will be at the Summer Music Fest in Heritage Park, Frankenmuth, MI.

Aug. 9 & 10 - Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones will be at the Frankenmuth Music Fest. See the website for info.

Aug. 14-15 – The Polka Family Band will appear at The Summer Music Fest in MI. See their website www.polkafamilyband.com for info.

Aug. 16 & 17 – Polka Country Musicians will be at Conneaut Lake Park, in Conneaut lake, PA.

Aug. 16 – Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones will be at St. Damian Parish in Oak Forest, IL.

Aug. 17 – The Polka Family Band will appear at The Bayway Polish Club in NJ. See their website www.polkafamilyband.com for info.

Aug. 22 – TBC will be at the Erie Church Festival in Erie, PA.

Aug. 23 – The Polka Family Band will appear at St. Sava's in Parma, Ohio. See their website www.polkafamilyband.com for info.

Aug. 23 – Polka Country Musicians will be at the Bayway Polish Home in Elizabeth, NJ from 8pm - 12am.

Aug. 23 & 24 – Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones will be at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Wyandotte, MI.
Call 734-284-9135 for info.

Aug. 24 – Polka Country Musicians will be at the Diamond Polka Fest - Crystal Chandelier, Middleville, NY from 5-9pm.

Aug. 24 – The Polka Family Band will appear at The KP Club Picnic in PA. See their website www.polkafamilyband.com for info.

Aug. 30 – Polka Country Musicians will be at the Northampton Tri-County Fair, Northampton, MA from 2 - 10.

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Aug. 30 – Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones will be Taste of Polonia from 7:30 - 10:00pm.
See the website for info.

Aug. 30 – The Brass Connection will play at the White Oak American Legion at Capitol & Pennsylvania Ave, White Oak, PA. Music from 7 - 11pm. for more info call Mike at (412) 583-0820.

Aug. 31 – Join Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones for their 40th Anniversary at Glendora House in Chicago Ridge, IL.

Aug. 31 – TBC will be at the St. John Cantius Festival in Cleveland, OH.

Sept 1 – The Cleveland Polka Association BYOE Labor Day Picnic. It's a bring your own everything Picnic at St. Sava's Grove 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr. Parma, Ohio. Music by Tower City Drive from 3pm to 7pm. Donation \$6.00 per person. Children under 18 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Sept. 5 & 6 – Polka Country Musicians will be at the Polish Fest in Riverview Park, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Sept. 6 – Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones will be at Harrison Park in Hammond, IN.
Call 219-989-7886 for info.

Sept. 7 – The Cleveland Polka Association presents the Honky Sounds of Stephanie at German Central, 7863 York Rd in Parma, Ohio. (Between Pleasant Valley Rd. and Sprague Rd.) Music from 4 - 8pm. No BYOB. Donation \$10.00 per person. Call 216-228-1134 for more info.

Sept. 13 – Polka Country Musicians will be at Polkamotion by the Ocean, Ocean City Convention Center, Ocean City, MD.

Sept. 12 & 13 – Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones will be at Polkamotion by the Ocean in Ocean City, MD. Call 410-787-8675 for info.

Sept. 12 & 13 – TBC will be at Polkamotion by the Ocean in Ocean City, MD.

Sept. 27 – Jerry Darlak & Buffalo Touch will play at the White Oak American Legion at Capitol & Pennsylvania Ave, White Oak, PA. Music from 7 - 11pm. for more info call Mike at (412) 583-0820.

Sept. 28 – 1st Annual USPA Fall Dance at Hillside Party Center in Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio. Featuring Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones. Doors open at 3pm, Music from 4-8pm. Donation \$11.00 per person. Call Barb at (440) 886-6157 for more info.

Oct. 4 & 5 – TBC will be in Allentown, PA for more info call (610) 262-4008.

Oct. 18 – TBC will be at the Bayway Polish Home in Elizabeth, NJ call (908) 355-3131 for info.

Oct. 19 – TBC will be at the Ludlow P.A.C.C. in Ludlow MA. Call (413) 583-6385 for info.

Oct. 26 – TBC will be at Hillside Party Center for the Cancer Benefit Dance in Cleveland, Ohio.