

Dear Hall Members,

I am sorry that this is a bit late coming out but I have been out of commission for the last month. I underwent major bowel surgery on April 20th and I spent over 3 weeks in hospital. I was then released and after only 4 days at home I was back in emergency where I was re-admitted and spent another week. I was sent home again 2 days ago. I think I am making progress so I am going to condense the column into 2 parts with the May entries first followed by what news I have of June.

The last time I picked up the guitar was on April 18th at the Hall of Fame Grand Opening at the Fredericton Motor Inn and I was one proud fella! What a fantastic turn out and great concert by my fellow Hall of Famers! I am enclosing some photos of the day's events below as well as the link to the rest of the photo album at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Hgjwvy6g2JeG9e5j7>



President Ivan Hicks and Vivian Hicks playing some welcome tunes in the lobby



Left to right: Hall members John Jeffries, Wanda Grant (2023 inductee) and Bev Gaston



Left to right: Ribbon cutting ceremony with Ivan Hicks, Fredericton Mayor Kate Rogers, Lieutenant Governor Brenda Murphy, Gerry Taylor, Dwane Drost and Jeff Carr



Hall members Ivan Hicks and Allison Inch thrilling the crowd with some great fiddle tunes.



Hall Member Dwane Drost performing a country classic at the post-ceremony concert with fellow members Ivan Hicks, Allison Inch, Gary Morris and Tim Wallace (2023 inductee)



Hall member Dwane Drost escorting the Lieutenant Governor Brenda Murphy into the hall

There are many more photos to see if you follow the link provided above!

Here is an official thank you from President Ivan Hicks:

Hello Hall of Fame Members,
Re: Grand Opening

Just would like to say THANK YOU to all those who worked on the planning committee, well done!

To all the members who sent greetings and to those who attended the event yesterday, it was like "old home week"!

To all those who participated in the various activities throughout the afternoon, you had your best foot forward!

To our Executive Director Linda Gaston who kept a careful eye on all the details ensuring that everything went smoothly.

The afternoon was complete with the arrival of our very own Gerry Taylor and his wife Carol. We were so pleased to have them with us.

With sincere thanks
Ivan

In other exciting news the Hall of Fame will be hosting a series of fund raising concerts around the province with the first one being held in Woodstock on July 15 at the McCain Centre more information to follow as the date approaches!

And here is the official poster for our 40th Anniversary Gala in Fredericton on October 14, 2023:



Anniversaire 40 Anniversary Gala

Hosts/Hôtes: Brent Buchanan, Mavis O'Donnell & Dwane Drost

October 14 Octobre, 2023

Fredericton Inn - 1315 Regent St., Fredericton NB

Meet & Greet, Banquet & Induction Ceremony - 3:00pm
Rencontre sociale, banquet & cérémonie d'intronization

Concert - 8:00 pm
featuring/en vedette Hall of Famers

Late Night Jam - Fredericton Inn - 11:00pm

Inductees/Intronisées
Joyce Boone Wanda Grant
Tom Hoyt Sam Johnston Tim Wallace

Church Service with Gospel Music: Sunday, Oct 15th - 11:30am
Gibson Memorial United Church - 183 Gibson St. Fredericton NB

Free Live Music Series Oct 9-13th
Watch our website & Facebook for info.

www.nbcmhf.com

TICKETS
\$85

Gala Package (includes all events)
Contact Sandra Reed: 506-472-0355
sanreed101@gmail.com
(e-transfer available)



Hall member Randy Vail is hosting a reunion of his band Lost Highway and it will be organized as a fundraiser for a friend, Rob McLaughlin, who is going through cancer and as always country music artists step up to the plate and what a line-up Randy has for this show! Here is the poster for all the details:



Enjoy an Afternoon of Music with

***RANDY VAIL & THE LOST HIGHWAY
REUNION BAND***

WHERE: Belleisle Regional High School

WHEN: June 25th at 1:30 pm – 5 pm

ADMISSION: Free Will Offering at the Door

***100% of the proceeds will go to
Rob McLaughlin & Family
To help ease the financial burden during
Rob's battle with cancer***

FEATURING:

Randy Vail John Somerville Mike McNamara
Joyce Boone Steve Lyons Jennifer Hazen-McNamara
Anna Marie Golding Doug Boone (Sound & Lights)

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:

Allison Inch Joe Ness Fred Shaw Austin McInnis
Hugh & Gordie Snyder John Ness Clayton & Donna Colpitts

To help raise additional funds, there will also be:
Silent Auction – Contact Mike Sherwood at 506-432-0906
Bake Sale – Contact Verna Graham at 506-485-2247
50/50 Draw – Contact Kim Giddens at 506-485-1800

Below is a note from Hall member Nigel Mullen on what is happening in his neck of the woods this summer:

I am booked to play pedal steel with two local country bands at the Ritchie Wharf this summer. All the gigs are from 6:30 til 8:30 in the evening. The Bands I am playing with are my own band, 'The Four Dollar Bill Band' and another good country band called, 'The White Rapids Jammers'. We will be playing good danceable country music and no doubt mix in a few old rock and roll numbers to keep folks on their feet. We may even tell a few (clean) stories to round out the evenings. There is no admission charge to the Ritchie Wharf but they do sell 50/50 tickets to help pay their expenses. If any of you Hall of Fame members get to attend our gigs in Miramichi, please come up to the stage and say hello as I really enjoy seeing familiar faces. Anyhow, here's the dates we'll be at the Wharf this summer:

- Jun. 6/23 White Rapids Jammers
- Jun. 12/23 4 Dollar Bill Band
- Jun. 27/23 White Rapids Jammers
- Jun. 30/23 4 Dollar Bill Band
- Jul. 7/23 White Rapids Jammers
- Jul. 12/23 4 Dollar Bill Band
- Jul. 30/23 White Rapids Jammers
- Aug. 2/23 4 Dollar Bill Band
- Aug. 8/23 White Rapids Jammers
- Aug. 16/23 4 Dollar Bill Band
- Aug. 18/23 White Rapids Jammers

Thanks for the information Nigel, sounds like it's going to be a good time at the Ritchie Wharf this summer!

I realize this combined column is a little out of sorts, I am still not quite up to snuff! July's column will be back on track, I just wanted to get something out for continuity.

Many thanks to everyone who sent notes of 'get well' and 'best wishes' and a very special thank you to Mr. Allison Inch who came to the hospital most evenings to visit, I couldn't ask for a better friend.

See you in July!
Reg Gallant
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