



President's Message

by Chris Doan

Summer is half over already but the best is yet to come! Yes, our annual Family Picnic is just a month away and I hope you will be able to attend. It will be held on Saturday, August 23 for EBBC Members and family at Landers Landing on the Delta. If you have not attended one in the past, Bobbie Landers hosts the event at her summer home on the water in Discovery Bay. The main course will be grilled on the deck and accompaniments and dessert will be pot luck assignments. Oh yes, and bring your banjos for a little fun before we head home. It's great fun so please plan to come with your spouse or significant other.

We do need an accurate headcount so we have enough food so please let Bob Malucelli know that you are coming. He will provide details and directions once he knows you are coming.

Stephen Foster

by Rich Combs

I recently found Oh! Susanna! running as an ear worm, and it made me think of Stephen Foster. Courtesy of Wikipedia I learned...

Born in 1826, he had no formal musical training but began to write songs as a young boy. His influences seem to have been sentimental songs sung by his sisters; from Black church services he attended with the family's servant Olivia Pise; from popular minstrel show songs; and from songs sung by Black laborers at the Pittsburgh warehouse where he worked for a time. He wrote over 200 songs, none of which resulted in much of a financial reward, and he died in 1864 after many years in debt.

Songs we would recognize include Beautiful Dreamer, Camptown Races, Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair, My Old Kentucky Home, Oh! Susanna! and Old Folks at Home (Swanee River). Some more obscure, but interesting titles are: Way down in Ca-i-ro, Was My Brother in the Battle?, There are Plenty of Fish in the Sea, Ring, Ring de Banjo, Parthenia to Ingoma, My Wife Is a Most Knowing Woman, Lizzie Dies To-Night, Kissing In the Dark, If You've Only Got a Moustache, and the list goes on.

I mistakenly thought that Daisy Bell was also written by Foster, but found that it was written in 1892 by Harry Dacrem a British songwriter. Either way, here I come, with a banjo on my knee. Rich

Playouts for your Calendar

Aug 23 is our Annual Family Picnic at Lander's Landing on the Delta starting at 10:00 am. We need an accurate headcount in advance so please RSVP to Bob Malucelli at dmalucelli@att.net. Details will be provided by separate email.

Sept 5 - Pleasant Hill Senior Center entertaining seniors enjoying an annual barbecue lunch. We will play between 1:00 and 2:00 pm/

Oct 9 - Kensington Memory Care in the afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. They enjoyed us so much earlier this year that we are invited back.

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.



Orinda Parade

July 4, 2025



These pictures are worth a thousand words so only a few additions. The weather this year was delightful, the parade crowd enthusiastic, and the banjo players had fun. What more could we ask for?





Jim Frances 90th Birthday

June 22, 2025

Outdoors in June and perfect weather as the East Bay Banjo Club entertained Jim Frances's guests during his 90th birthday party.



Club Members Handbook

As a Club Member, you probably have an old paper copy of the EBBC Member Handbook tucked away in a file someplace. The Handbook has been updated with a copy now posted on the Club website (www.eastbaybanjo.org) under the "Club Info" tab. The Handbook is filled with information about the club ... take a look!

Club Leadership 2025

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