

Meet Our Cast

THE BARN BURNERS

Staff Band



The Barn Burners consists of some of Central Virginia's most talented musicians.

Legendary steel guitarist Ryland Tinnell is a Viet Nam vet and a 40-year veteran of local legend Teenie

Chenault's band The Country Rockers. A member of our staff band since 2014, Ryland is the only steel guitarist ever inducted into Virginia's Country Music Hall of Fame.

The word 'dynamic' describes our keyboard player, J.W. Belden, a multi-talented and much sought after musician who hails from a Grammy award-winning family. Also a member of our band since 2014, J.W. brings great energy to the stage with his amazing skills on piano, organ and strings. He is currently a member of the super-group Blood, Sweat & Years. As lead guitarist for The Barn Burners, Bob Lawler is a multi-talented musician who adds an incredible versatility to our show. Besides playing lead guitar, Bob is prolific on the banjo, steel guitar, bass guitar, mandolin, fiddle and drums. A musician since the age of 10, He is a veteran of local groups and is currently a member of the alternative country band The Sequels.

A former member of the Robbin Thompson Band, Audie Stanley is a multi-talented musician and singer who currently performs with the local group Honky Tonk Heroes. Besides playing bass guitar for the Barn Burners, he plays guitar and dobro, and takes over on drums when Michael Hockaday is featured as vocalist. As a second-generation Barn Dance performer, Audie's father, Cotton Stanley, was a star on our show during the 1950's with his popular Bluegrass band.

Drummer Michael Hockaday hails from Ruther Glen, VA, and is the newest member of our band. Also a veteran of local bands, he currently enjoys playing music with his talented wife Patsy and their popular group, Patsy and the Country Classics. Michael is also a talented vocalist who is featured on each of our shows.

All five of these incredible musicians are hard-working and dedicated to bringing the best music possible to the Barn Dance, and we are proud to have such an amazing group as our staff band. With so many hot musicians, the Barn Burners are guaranteed to burn the house down!

Meet Our Cast

LEE BLASINGAME

Vocalist, Comedian & Announcer



A native of Hampton, VA, Lee Blasingame is a multi-talented comedian, singer, voice over artist and master of ceremonies. He has been singing for as long as he can remember, and as a comedian he portrayed numerous characters, as well as featured vocalist and emcee as a member of the 1990's cast of the Old Dominion Opry in Williamsburg, VA.

Lee's professional credits also include performing at Busch Gardens and Nashville's Opryland, where he appeared in the production of "Music, Music, Music" with country music legend Brenda Lee. As a voice over artist he has given voice to feature-length animated movies for the Christian Broadcast Network, and has appeared on TV's The New Detectives and The Forensic Files.

With his many comedic characters like Barney the Janitor, Jerry Clower and Elvis, Lee always adds great fun to the Barn Dance. As a featured vocalist, he never fails to deliver a first class performance with his amazing voice. The Barn Dance is always pleased to present this versatile and talented fellow!

