

THE BONANZA STEAMERS

History

The "Bonanza Steamers" have become a traditional part of the famous Threshers Reunion each Labor Day at Rollag, Minnesota. The group has also become very popular for performances at Bonanzaville U.S.A. at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds in West Fargo, North Dakota. In fact, "Bonanza Steamers" derive their name from a popular tourist attraction.

Ever since their start in 1954, the "Bonanza Steamers" have been getting together to "Play Time Music, Just for Fun." That has always been and always will be their motto. All five of "Bonanza Steamers" are proud to say that they are teetotalers, and so, they are very selective about where they play. In addition to the Rollag Threshers Reunion and Bonanzaville U.S.A., "Bonanza Steamers" prefer to play for residents of nursing and retirement homes, as well as members of senior citizens clubs in Minnesota and North Dakota.

It's hard to believe it when you listen to their songs, but only one member of the band can play the music. Four of the "Bonanza Steamers" derive their excellent sound from playing by ear, and all demonstrate a true love for the music they play.

The "Bonanza Steamers" had a lot of fun making this tape, and they hope that you'll enjoy it many years to come. Whenever the band is in the area, we hope you'll make a point to see them. "Old Time Music, Just for Fun."

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SIDE ONE Accordion Waltz • Gray's Polka • Westphalia Waltz •
Scottish in G • Sweet Bunch of Daisies • Silver Bells • Rusty's Dance
• Under the Double Eagle "March" • Goose River Waltz • Twinkle
Tow Polka • Greet the Folks Back Home

SIDE TWO Five Foot Two • Nid Elven • Red Wing • Nye Fishers
Valsen • Saturday Nite Waltz • Lars Scottish • Owl Waltz • Bond
Waltz • Kentucky Waltz • Casey's Old Time Waltz • God Bless
America

Some old time choices may have been
influenced by recordings of The MN Scandinavian

L.L. 5

Ensemble
played on Fargo radio
1975 + KFSD