



Voice of the Wet Mountain Valley



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Thanks for Making 2016 a Success!

KLZR: Getting Better All the Time

2017 Events Calendar

Spring Open House, May 27
Rock 'N' Soul Jam, June 17
Taste of the Valley, June 25
Wine Tasting Tips, August 6
High Peaks Music Festival, Sept. 9
Winter Open House, Dec. 2

In 2016, KLZR debuted three new programs, *Teen Takeover*, a monthly Friday night music show with teen DJs from Custer County High School; *Valley Views*, a weekly interview show featuring community leaders, nonprofits, artists and local folks, hosted by Gary Taylor; and *Wet Mountain Valley Dry Goods*, a show built around vignettes from around the valley hosted by Nicole Parsons.

Programming has been dynamic over this past year. We realigned our daily schedule in April and in December. New Show added include “Monday Night Opera” “Old Time Radio Show” and the “Sunday Classics” rebroadcast. New daytime DJs added include Sally Barnes, Sandy Dalton, Bob Huestis, and Cameron Kessler. We are pleased to have 8-10 straight hours of DJ’ed music on Fridays. We’ve updated the Community Calendar, reintroduced local poetry with Words on the Wind, and we have broadcasted original drama.

Inside KLZR: Behind the Scenes with Gary Taylor



Thanks to all of the volunteers, members, underwriters and donors 2016 was a banner year. We are on track being one year into our three year strategic plan. We were pleased to have filled two key positions with Lois Smith as Volunteer Coordinator and Cathy Snow as Membership Coordinator, who brought a new membership plan.

Stronger community engagement continues to be our prime focus. KLZR sponsored events include two Taste of the Valley events, High Peaks Music Festival with the additional Premier concert, Halloween, and two Open Houses with live music. In addition, a new event, the Rock n Soul festival, was announced for June 17, 2017. KLZR also partners with Garrett Carlson to support the “Summer in the Park” concert series at The Feed Store Amphitheater.

Behind the scenes the Green Studio is up and running, the Library Maintenance Plan was completed, bill boards were added, the website was updated, and the Volunteer Handbook was completed.

To cap off a successful year KLZR was featured in Colorado Central Magazine and the station raised \$17,900 in the 2016 Spirit Campaign – kudos to you!

Thanks to all for allowing us to continue to bring community radio to the Wet Mountain Valley.

DJ Backchat: Voices You Know



David Niemeyer is the host of “Sunday Classics” (airing 8:00-10:00 Sunday evening, with encore performances on Wednesday, 8:00-10:00 pm). The show is known for a broad musical mix as well as David’s lively commentary. As David says “When the radio station asked me to do a Classical Music program I thought that I had died and gone to heaven. My collection of classical music recordings is almost evenly split between Vinyl LPs and CDs, over 1400 albums in all. What is the sense in having all that music if I can’t share it with other people?”

What does it take to produce one program? It takes approximately 8 hours to select the music that will fit into the time slot, do the research, write the scripts, and assemble the program. He plays everything from the earliest medieval period, around the year 1100, to present day. In just the last year alone he has played music from over 130 different composers.

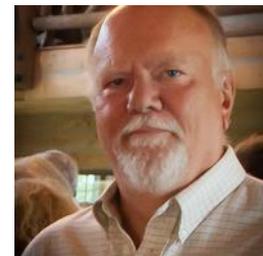
David says the biggest challenge is learning how to pronounce the names of the composers and the pieces, especially the French and Slavic names.

His interest in the genre started young. "Believe it or not - I guess when I was around 5 years old - I received a box, a cube actually, which contained 8 bright yellow vinyl classical 45 RPM records. After that I began gathering Vinyl LPs. Speaking of vinyl, I would say that one third of my vinyl collection comes from thrift shops since I began broadcasting Sunday Classics."

David is currently in the sixth year of the program, working on his 278th show. "Thanks to KLZR I'm sharing my classical music with the whole valley!"

Volunteer Spotlight: The Real Power at KLZR

AJ Biggerstaff lists the radio station as one of the main reasons for moving to the valley. He had been streaming the station in Denver, and new valley resident Bob Reed, said "AJ, you should live here - you could be on the radio!" Music's been a big part of his life ever since his father, a member of the signal corps turned a set of tank headphones into audio headphones and he heard his first album "The Young Lions", the 1958 movie soundtrack with Marlon Brando.



AJ has quickly become a key cog in the KLZR machine. He is valued equally in front of, as well as behind, the mic. His made-for-radio voice can be heard on Friday's "Rockin' the Range", Tuesday's "2nd Street Blues", and the "Friday Weekend Kickoff", just to name a few. He has broad musical tastes but when pressed about a favorite genre and favorite artists he lists rock along with Bob Seger, the Allman Brothers, Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn. He has trained numerous DJs to allow them to take over the evening "Music Your Way" spots as well as being the #1 recruiter of new DJs for our important, and growing, daytime spots.

As a member of the Program Committee, AJ tirelessly continues to help tweak and improve our weekly schedule. He recommended major overhauls in April and again in December last year. His diverse musical interests have led to the addition of Opera, Old Time Radio Classics, 50's/60's Rock, and Soul Jam, just to name a few.

Since arriving at the station, AJ has become a fixture in the studio, cleaning up and updating the digital library of over 50,000 songs, bringing the library files into compliance with new regulations, and adding billboards to the shows. These jobs require a combination of technical skills mixed with substantial perseverance. AJ is one of the key people in keeping the radio on the air.

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