

## **A Tribute to Joe Rossi**

**Dear friends in music,**

**It is with the very heaviest of hearts that I have to inform you that one of our most loyal, hard working, big hearted, funny folks has left us. Joe Rossi passed away this weekend from complications after a motorcycle accident last weekend.**

**If you did not know Joe then that was your loss. Joe gave selflessly to the effort to keep good old-fashioned folk music alive in our community. He has had his hand in the festival for many years and often times it was me and Joe and Fred and one or two others who ended up with the dirty end of the the job...post festival clean up. Joe could be counted on like no other. Even as he battled some pretty daunting health issues (issues he would not talk about unless really persuaded) he got out there in the hot sun and busted his butt from start to finish. He also worked year-round for our effort. How many hundreds of signs did he create for the festival...?**

**If you knew him then you loved the guy as did I. I guess such things are inevitable, we all have to go sometime, but Joe will be missed deeply and remembered long. Joe and Pup and that two-wheeled rumble machine!**

**With sadness through my being,**

**Paul**

**Paul Linser, President  
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