

GRAYBEARD 2026

Band Goal – become Lock 3 worthy

Song Selection Criteria

- Hoppin/Fun - Gets people off their seats (think Rialto)
- Mass appeal
- Lean toward modern yet retain our older stuff

Booking Criteria (case-by-case exceptions to be evaluated by band for approval)

- When required to bring our own sound, no farther than about a 35 min drive for farthest band member
- No 4 hr gigs
- No indoor gigs May 1 - Labor Day
- No less than \$500 – exceptions Corner Cafe, M&M, Medina 4th July.
- Frequency
 - Avoid October due to competing with patrons watching sports
 - Avoid period week before Thanksgiving through New Years Day
 - None during Lent and Holy Week
 - Jun, Jul, Aug – max 2/month g our
 - Sep and Nov – 1st half only and max 1/month
 - Jan, Feb, Apr – max 1/month
- Venue type – larger, lucrative, resume builders, following-builders

Sound

- Purchase 18 channel mixer board – eliminate separate drum and keyboard systems
- Use with Bills array and possibly Chris' monitors
- Use Chris' electric drum set in small venues
- Explore use of IEMS with ultra-low latency
- Test Chris effects blend pedal for Chuck's mic

Best Practices

- Consistently have vocal practices
- Craft a blurb about our social media for use during performances
- Engage crowd with tidbits/fun-fact about songs and members
- Upon booking a gig, when possible, create a FB event and share with venue
- After a gig seek to play again next year
- For any flat fee-paying venue that we play more than once a year, offer a bulk discount
- Do not mix in slow sets or stretches – go “full out”
- Maintain 1/week 2-hour practice (first hour old stuff, last hour new)
- Increase frequency of practices as needed as we approach a gig and then reduce as needed during stretches of frequent gigs
- For new songs, come prepared to rehearsals
- Talk to MedinaRec's Jeff Stein for additional connections to other large venues

2026 Gigs in queue

Corner (inside)

Vortex (inside)

Youngstown Bowling Alley (inside)

Mitch's place (inside)

2026 Gigs With Active Invites By Owners/Facilitators

Tail Gators (2 – outside)

Medina Rec (outside)

Rialto (inside)

Tavern at Indi (inside)

2026 Name Presently in Hat

Good Time III (offshore)

2026 Other Venues Meeting Criteria Yet To Be Contacted

City gigs – Akron, Stow, Talmadge, Glen Willow, Solon

Clutch (inside)

Finny's Norton (outside)