

The WVBluesSociety (<http://wvbluessociety.org>) 'lectric bluzletter aka "Mountains of Blues in the Mountain State" is a semi-weekly newsletter of blues information in the Mountain State and beyond. Brought to you by the West Virginia Blues Society the "bluzletter" goes out as a service to our "bluz friends" wherever you might be. The bluzletter is an attempt to CONNECT & INFORM of the happenings in and at times outside our area. We never use your e-mail address for anything without your consent, and no one has access to our e-mail list. If you know of someone who would like to receive our 'lectric bluzletter in the future let me know. If you do NOT want to receive any future updates please reply with, Please No More.

**\*BIRTHDAY:**

Aug 18 1922 Luther Allison Widener, AR  
 Aug 18 1928 Barkin' Bill Smith Cleveland, MS  
 Aug 19 1936 Little Johnny Christian Cleveland, MS  
 Aug 22 1923 Edward P Harris aka Carolina Slim Leasburg, NC  
 Aug 22 1931 Roscoe Shelton Lynchburg, TN  
 Aug 22 1917 John Lee Hooker Vance, MS

**\*RIP:**

Aug 15 1958 Big Bill Broonzy Chicago, IL  
 Aug 16 1977 Elvis Presley Memphis, TN  
 Aug 17 1984 Hammie Nixon Jackson, TN  
 Aug 19 1959 Blind Willie McTell Milledgeville, GA

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**WHATS HAPPENIN' WITH "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES"\***

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**\*ACCIDENT-**

Dustin Smith, drummer for the Jimi Vincent Band was in a bad motorcycle accident on Monday night. Dustin is also the son of band leader, Jimi Vincent. He is suffering from numerous broken bones in his face and has been taken to Columbus to begin reconstructive surgery. As of today (Wed) Dustin is in critical condition. Notes of encouragement may be sent to [SRbluesman@aol.com](mailto:SRbluesman@aol.com) - Sam Romagnoli will pass them on to Jimi and Dustin. Ron See, the band manager, is asking all Blues societies and blues lovers in general, to consider hosting benefits or making direct donations c/o Ron See/Jimi Vincent, 868 Hoover Road, Mansfield, OH 44905. Any financial contributions will help defray Dustin's medical expenses.

**\*PASSING-**

Guitarist/vocalist Phil Guy, the younger brother of the legendary Buddy Guy, passed away today at St. James Hospital in Olympia Fields, IL, after a battle with kidney and liver cancer. He was 68. Born April 28, 1940 in Lettsworth, Louisiana, Phil learned to play guitar as a child. He followed in Buddy's footsteps, playing after him with Baton Rouge artists Big Poppa and Raful Neal. He recorded as accompanist for his brother in 1957, for Raful Neal around 1958, and for Slim Harpo in the mid-60s. He joined his brother's band in Chicago in 1969, and has been based there ever since. He has worked and recorded with many of the city's leading artists, such as his brother, Junior Wells, Byther Smith, and Jimmy Dawkins. Phil began focusing his efforts on advancing his own musical career during the 80's and he developed a solid reputation as a tough, electrified Chicago blues guitarist. He toured all around the world; and though he never achieved the fame or recognition that his brother did, he was considered a star in his own right.

**\*FOOTHILLS BLUES & ARTS FEST-**

This week Friday & Saturday, Aug 22nd & 23rd the "Foothills Music Foundation" will present the 2008 Foothills Blues & Arts Festival (<http://www.foothillsmusic.org>) somewhere near Harrisonville or Pomeroy, OH, or both. For complete directions check the website or call 740-742-2341. This year features a great lineup with Jared Sheets & MUDFORK BLUES, IZZY & CHRIS, RAY FULLER & THE BLUES ROCKERS, JOHNNY RAWLS w/DESTINY RAWLS, BOB MARGOLIN and much-much more. Free tent and RV camping is available on site. You can e-mail to reserve RV spots, and unlimited tent camping. Personal coolers are permitted. but please no glass bottles... and it's all FREE!

**\*BROADSIDE OF THE BARN-**

If you live in the northeast region of Ohio or happen to find yourself there next week... then make plans to check out this event. According to our old buddy Scott Streszoff of Snakebite Sound this is THE EVENT of the season. And he may just be right. Scott has been telling us for quite sometime that we need to come to "Mike's Barn" (<http://www.mikesbarn.com>) located somewhere out near Elyria, OH. According to Scott, maybe just the coolest place for the blues (and more) to be found anywhere. On Sunday, Aug 31st Mike's Barn will play host to the 3rd annual "Broadside of the Barn" (<http://www.mikesbarn.com/broadside.html>) with music beginning at 7:00pm. I have heard the recording of the 1st Broadside and if the 3rd is anything like it then sho' nuf' gots ta be good. Particularly liked MS BUTTERSCOTCH and also KRISTINE JACKSON. Scott can be reached at [snakebitesound@prodigy.net](mailto:snakebitesound@prodigy.net) for still more information.

\*Quote Dennis DeVito of CATS ON HOLIDAY: "I used to ask Colin Dussault why he would play out at that place for free. He just told me to wait until I tried it. That it was a real special vibe. As close as he'd ever come to playing roadside juke joints in the Deep South. And then we played there..." "If you don't like that scene," DeVito said, "you don't like music."

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**THIS WEEKEND WITH "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES"\***

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**\*Friday Aug 22nd:**

FOOTHILLS BLUES & ARTS FESTIVAL- Harrisonville, OH  
The Eldorado Kings- Sassy Marie's, Pittsburgh  
Colin John [acoustic]- City BBQ Cleveland Ave, Columbus  
Steve & Steve Blues Band- Tomahawks, St Albans, WV  
Kelly Richey Band- The Thirsty Ear, Columbus  
Woody Pines & the Lonesome Two- The Purple Fiddle, Thomas, WV  
Midnight Blue- Rascals Saloon, Dover, OH  
The Blue Notes- Tri-State Racetrack & Gaming Center, Cross Lanes, WV  
JB Tenney- Jabberwock's, Elkins, WV  
Big Daddy & the Hoodoo Men- The Brewery, Marietta  
Delyn Christian & the Fret Shop Band- The Mudflats, Galena, OH  
Men of Leisure- Fat's Bar & Billiards, Columbus

**\*Saturday Aug 23rd:**

FOOTHILLS BLUES & ARTS FESTIVAL- Harrisonville, OH  
Strange Brew- Tatters Bar, Cowansville, PA  
Al Smyth's FBNCC- The Thirsty Ear, Columbus  
Dave Iglar Band- Grapeville Fire Dept. Grapeville, PA  
Lady D- The Bottling Works, Romney, WV

Miss Lissa and Company- The Mudflats, Galena, OH  
Jill West & Blues Attack- Elwood City Moose Club, Elwood City, PA  
Code Blue Band- Classics, Gahanna, OH  
The Blue Notes- Tri-State Racetrack & Gaming Center, Cross Lanes, WV  
Billy the Kid & the Regulators- Kelly's Riverside Saloon, Bridgewater, PA  
The Brighton Blues Band- Larry B's, Westerville, OH  
Angel Blue & the Prophets- Franks Pub, Bethel Park, PA  
Dave Martin & Friends- The Brewery, Marietta  
Double Barrel- Jay's Sports Lounge, Columbus  
Steve & Steve Blues Band- Tomahawks, St Albans, WV  
Delyn Christian & The Fret Shop Band- Cementos, Columbus  
Ian Arthurs Band- Warehouse Cafe, Pittsburgh

\*Sunday Aug 24th:

Andrian Niles- Roadworthy Inn, West Liberty, WV  
Patrick Scanga- Paparazzi's (South Side), Pittsburgh  
John Hammond [Mountain Stage]- Cultural Center Theater, Charleston  
Long Tall Deb & the Drifter Kings- Papa Boo's, Buckeye Lake, OH

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Friday 8/29:

Liz Pennock & Dr Blues @ The Brewery, Marietta  
Randy McCallister @ Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH  
Dennis McClung Blues Band @ Black Bear Tavern, McHenry, MD

Saturday 8/30:

Sam Lamont @ Tanglewood at String Swing, Friendly, WV

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COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE\*

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\*Thursday 8/21:

THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Wheeling Island Racetrack & Gaming Center, Wheeling  
LADY D @ Taste of Appalachia Beckley, WV

\*word on the street: remember when Jake & Elwood went into the soul food restaurant and tried to convince Matt "Guitar" Murphy to leave Arthea Franklin because they were getting the band back together... and Aretha screamed out "You better think! think about what yer trying to do to me!"... but it still wasn't enuf to keep Matt there with her... and soon he was in the Bluesmobile heading for Chicago?" well..... Bobby Daughtery aka "LITTLE BOBBY SOUL" is putting together another band... Little Bobby, formally of THE JIVE FIVE and later NO JIVE has been dealing with "the itch" to play again... Both bands played great harp driven blues throughout north-central WV and the Mid-Ohio Valley and we all been missing 'em... although they don't yet have a name for themselves, they have been rehearsing... we's lookin' forward to it!

\*one of the coolest spots anywhere just opened a 2nd place... both in Clarksdale. check with Gary Miller at <http://www.bluessource.com>

\*the West Virginia Blues Society is planning the 2nd APPALACHIAN BLUES CHALLENGE for Saturday, Oct 4th @ Christopher's Banquet Center in Fairmont... go to <http://wvbluessociety.org> for more.

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