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#### BIRTHDAY:

Oct 18 1934 or 37 Jessie Mae Hemphill Senatobia or Como, MS  
Oct 18 1906 Johnny "Geechie" Temple Canton, MS  
Oct 18 1926 Chuck Berry St Louis, MO

#### RIP:

Oct 12 1974 Pink Anderson Spartansburg, SC  
Oct 19 1988 Eddie James "Son" House Detroit, Michigan  
Oct 19 1984 Buddy Moss Atlanta, Georgia

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## **WHATS HAPPENIN' IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":**

### **BLUESCRUISE ON THE OHIO RIVER-**

[Rubel's Sternwheelers](#) of Parkersburg presents "Blues, Brews & BBQ Cruise" on Saturday Oct 18th. Featuring THE BLUES CANNIBALS from Cambridge, OH. The BC's have been playing great blues in the Mid-Ohio Valley area and beyond for quite some time. Organized by Dennis Tarman and BJFM Society Board Member- John Gifford in 1996. Peggy Noyes the caterer for Rubel's Sternwheelers is providing the menu. Cost of \$25 per person includes Pulled Pork BBQ, Red Beans & Rice, Memphis Slaw, Corn Bread and Pecan Bars. Also a cash bar serving all legal beverages. Boarding will start at 7:30PM. The boat will push off from Point Park, Parkersburg at 8:00PM. Point Park is located in the lower end of town outside the flood wall at the confluence of the Little Kanawha River and Ohio Rivers. Return docking is planned for 11:00PM. For more details contact Peggy Noyes @ 304-210-7732

### **COMPETITION RAMBLINGS (A thru Z)-**

- a. Thanks to Rob Masten! Rob advised me to see SAM LAMONT @ El Gran Sabor during Augusta Blues Week in July. After his set that night in Elkins I quickly told him to be sure to enter the competition... hope ya knock 'em out in Memphis Sam!
- b. *"Ironman Award"* has got to go to Roy and Jason for their post-event work taking down and packing up stage equipment. Spider and I didn't do nearly as much as them but were still exhausted after getting to bed around 2:45AM...
- c. dat young lead guitar player with B A BLUES TRIO was fantastic!
- d. *nobody* loves hats any more then me. But Dick, about that Derby?... hey, wait what am I saying? Of course I love it... just like Sonny Boy Williamson II!
- e. *"most gracious host award"* goes to Larry & Butch of Christopher's
- f. FATT LAPP BLUES BAND- true Chicago shuffle style blues!
- g. Sally- most excellent barmaid "honey"...
- h. picked up Fall 2008 copy of [Billtown Blues Association](#) quarterly publication... very nice and see our judge Tom Butler photo inside along with his better half, Lori... hope y'all made the 5 hr trip home safely and can make it to Clarksdale.
- i. good to talk with Huntington resident Jason... 'ol P-burg boy and bass player for B A BLUES TRIO. He's now playing with 3 different bands!
- j. Sue from Keyser... we missed ya!
- k. *"shortest drive from home award"*- Ken Bays of Blues Revue, maybe 5 minutes?
- l. crowd picked up considerably after WVU-Rutgers game
- m. Spider & crawlinkingsnake had a Tanqueray in honor of JOHNNIE JOHNSON... still Fairmont's most famous blues artists.
- n. great to see Frater Pell...
- o. hey Butch, the cabbage rolls were excellent!

- p. congratulations to Bill from New Martinsville... winner of the "Blues Basket"... He joined WVBS while at Barista's in May during Blues Night Out/"Delta Blues Night with IZZY & CHRIS
- q. good to see/hear Wheeling's CATCH BLUES BAND again... along with John Banco on sax.
- r. Cincinnati's JON JUSTICE BAND keeps gettin' better & better & better & better...
- s. got to get to Blue Moose Cafe in Mo-town soon to see CRACKER STACKWELL...
- t. great to see and chat with the [Rascals Saloon](#) folks from Dover, OH!
- u. was that a beautiful big#@! white limo or what!
- v. nice of BILLY THOMPSON (winner DC Blues Society Battle of Bands) to drive to Fairmont and play during the break. Billy will soon be moving into the Berkley Springs area.
- w. great story about The Rudy Ballerina! thanks FP...
- x. welcome to all the new members that joined during the evening
- y. sure appreciated the appreciation from MISS FREDDYE & THE BLUE FAZE BAND. Good luck on Beale Street and I'm a wearin' my new T-shirt with pride... cause *"Blues is more than just a Faze!"*
- z. let's do it all again next year!

### **UNION HALL THEATER-**

One of the very best shows we were witness to this past year was in the tiny hamlet of Chesterhill, OH. [The Union Hall Theater](#) in beautiful southeastern Ohio hosted their first "Ribs, Rhythm & Blues" thing with COLIN JOHN, IZZY & CHRIS and WOODY PINES... along with some outstanding food from Lou Garrett of Cheri's Diner... and the homemade pies from Mary Louise Carpenter, Arita Rae Ellis, Terry Fleming, Robin Horner and Elma Stirgwolt were out of this world. Fact is, we were just talking about it last week during break with Colin John at The Brewery in Marietta. All agreed that sometimes everything (venue/crowd/atmosphere/moon, stars & planets/food/etc) just comes together naturally like on that day in June... yes it sho 'nuf did. The Union Hall Theater has now announced the dates for "Ribs, Rhythm & Blues" II. On Saturday June 6th 2009 if any y'all are anywhere near the area, make it a point to go to Chesterhill. Not at all hard to find from Parkersburg/Marietta. If it's anything like 2008, ya ain't gonna be disapointed.

### **CARNEGIE HALL-**

Nestled in the Allegheny Mountains, [Carnegie Hall](#) is one of only four Carnegie's in the world. For 25 years, Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg has operated as a regional center for the visual and performing arts. Such notable performers as Taj Mahal, Gillian Welch, and Issac Stern have performed on this historic stage. Carnegie Hall has now set dates for the 2009 "Rhythm, Blues & All That Jazz Weekend"... event will cover 3 days on June 25-26-27. Look for [RUTHIE FOSTER](#) on Saturday Nov 22nd.

## **BORDER STATES-**

[BETTY LaVETTE](#) @ [Stuart's Opera House](#) in Nelsonville, OH Sat 11/8

[Blues Society of Western PA](#) Christmas Party Sat 11/15 @ Rhythm House, Bridgeville, PA w/FELIX & THE HURRICANES and KILBORN ALLEY BLUES BAND

[Blues, Jazz & Folk Music Society](#) 2nd Annual Blues Party w/CHICO BANKS & TORONZO CANNON @ Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH Friday 11/12

[Baltimore Blues Society](#) announces JOE BONAMASSA @ Ram's Head Tavern, Annapolis, MD Monday 10/20

[Pittsburgh Blues Connection](#) 2008 "Rhythms of Life" Concert supporting the [The Sonny Pugar Memorial, Inc.](#) @ The Pepsi-Cola Roadhouse, Burgettstown, PA Thur 10/16

[Blue Ridge Blues Society](#) announces THE DEREK TRUCKS BAND @ [The Jefferson Center](#), Roanoke, VA Fri 10/24

[Columbus Blues Society](#) announces 12th Annual Blues for Tots Charity Concert & Auction @ Thirsty Ear Sun 11/30... also benefit for DUSTIN SMITH, drummer for THE JIMI VINCENT BAND involved in a motorcycle accident this summer severely damaging his head and face @ Buck's Bar & Grill, Lexington OH Sat 10/18

## **QUOTE:**

I'm as nervous as a Mississippi frog in the middle of the freeway with his hopper busted... (unknown)

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## ***THIS WEEKEND IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":***

### **Friday Oct 17th:**

The Catch Blues Band- Mountaineer Bar & Grill, Wheeling  
No Bad Juju- Rhythm & Brews, Morgantown  
The Bluestones- Rascals Saloon, Dover, OH  
Luke Jivetalker- The Empty Glass, Charleston  
Jille West & Blues Attack- American Legion, Plum, PA  
Pam Roberts- El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV  
The Ministers of Soul- Blues BBQ Co.- Roanoke, VA  
Sam Lamont- Riverstone Ale House, Morgantown  
2-Blue- Chimney Corner Cafe, Ansted, WV  
Guitar Shorty- Moondog's, Blawnox, PA

### **Saturday Oct 18th:**

Chizmo Charles & Rhythm Aces Jam- Intermission Lounge(5-8PM), Pittsburgh  
Chizmo Charles- Franks Pub(9:30PM), Bethel Park, PA

The Blues Cannibals- "Blues Cruise the Ohio" Point Park, Parkersburg  
Sean Carney Band- The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH  
Fat Daddy Band- Blue5 Restaurant, Roanoke, VA  
Benefit for Dustin Smith\_ Buck's Bar & Grille, Lexington, OH  
Blue Line Highway- Black Bear, Morgantown  
Ruff House- Auggie's Roadhouse, Washington, PA  
Blues Crossing- Huntington Homecoming & Apple Butter Fest, Huntington  
Colin John Band- The Brewery, Marietta, OH  
Jesse Ray Carter- Blues BBQ Co.- Roanoke, VA  
Billy Price Band- Phillip's Lounge Arnold, PA  
The Catch Blues Band- Pick's, ????, ??  
Mojo Theory- Mudflats Bar & Grill, Galena, OH

### **Sunday Oct 19th:**

Columbus Blues Alliance Blues Jam- The Thirsty Ear, Columbus  
Marshall Petty Groove- Cafe de Paris, Charleston  
Miss Freddie & Blue Faze- Vandergrift Ocktober Fest, Vandergrift, PA

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### **"MOUNTAINS OF BLUES" AT A GLANCE:**

#### **Wednesday 10/15:**

ROB MASTEN BAND @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins  
CRACKER STACKWELL @ Blue Moose Cafe, Morgantown

#### **Thursday 10/16:**

THE NEW CONNECTION @ Sam's Uptown Cafe, Charleston  
SCOTT PERRY TRIO @ Blue5 Restaurant, Roanoke, VA  
"Rhythms of Life" Concert @ The Pepsi-Cola Roadhouse, Burgettstown, PA  
COLIN JOHN @ The Mudflats, Galena, OH

thanks to Randy Magee... Randy contacted us this week to say the dates for the 2009 [Highway 61 Blues Festival](#) in Leland, MS will be June 6-7... always the first Sat & Sun in June.

go to <http://www.dustyblues.com> for photos of the WVBS Appalachian Blues Competition and a whole lot more (thanks Dusty & Val)

25th Annual International Blues Challenge tickets are now on sale. Go to <http://www.blues.org/> for information about everything from lodging to t-shirts... the IBC weekend starts on Wed 2/04/09

WVBS Board of Directors is now in the process of working out a date & site for next meeting... sometime early next month? in Flatwoods?

[HOMEMADE JAMZ' BLUES BAND](#) will appear on NBC "Today Show" Friday 10/17... 3 siblings ages 16, 14 & 10 won 2nd Place at the 2007 International Blues Challenge in Memphis... had the good fortune to see them last year in Mississippi and they ain't no novelty act...

FRANK HUTCHISON of Logan County, WV probably the first white man to record the blues.... Nov 9th will mark the 63 anniversary of Hutchison's death in 1945 Dayton, OH. Miner's Blues: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P25MzynOHM>(thanks Dave)

Chili Pepper brings to our attention... the Oct 2008, issue #197 of [LIVING BLUES](#) is out and names [JOHNNY RAWLS](#) "Red Cadillac" as the #1 blues song in the nation... cool!

a benefit to help raise funds for DUSTIN SMITH. Dustin the drummer for [THE JIMI VINCENT BAND](#) and Jimi's son was involved in a terrible motorcycle accident that broke nearly 90% of the bone structure of his face... 3 months since, Dustin is improving but it will take time... concert along with auction @ [Bucks Bar & Grille](#), Lexington, OH (approx 1 hr north of Columbus, near Mansfield) Sat, 10/18. For more- call Jeff Schendell 419-908-8091 (thanks Sam)

WOW...100% on this weeks Blueswax quiz! (1)John Lee Hooker born where?- CLARKSDALE (2)Whos nickname Pigboy Crabshaw? ELVIN BISHOP (3)What is 706 Union Ave? MEMPHIS STUDIOS (one you better know Austin Walkin' Cane) (4)Who played guitar with Paul Butterfield Band? MICHAEL BLOOMFIELD.

check out SouthernSoulRadio @ <http://www.southernsoulradio.com/#>

**next week:**

Wednesday 10/22: MOANIN' MICHELLE MALONE @ Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH

**Friday 10/24:**

PATTY SPADARO @ Roadworthy Restaurant & Lounge, West Liberty, WV

NO BAD JUJU @ Headliners, Bridgeport, WV

Front Porch Showcase- St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Hurricane, WV

ALVIN JETT & PHATT NOIZ @ Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH

THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Big C's Lounge, Middlebourne, WV

DENNIS McCLUNG BLUES BAND @ The Purple Fiddle, Thomas, WV

**Saturday 10/25:**

SOUP CAMEL @ Blues Moose Cafe, Morgantown

THE BLUES CANNIBALS @ Joyce & Ted's, Walker, WV  
MISS FREDDYE & BLUE FAZE @ Rock-A-Fellas, Sarver, PA  
DENNIS McCLUNG BLUES BAND @ Rhythm & Brews, Morgantown  
THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Elm Grove Eagles, Elm Grove, WV

**coming soon:**

10/31 JIMMY THACKERY @ Moondogs, Blawnox, PA  
11/22 RUTHIE FOSTER @ Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg, WV

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crawlinkingsnake