

Mountains of Blues



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THIS WEEKEND IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

Friday Nov 14th:

Pam Roberts- El Gran Saobr, Elkins, WV

Bill Lupkin w/The Workers- Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH

Joe Bundy & Lady D "History Alive" (Bessie Smith)- Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Charleston

No Bad Juju- Mountaineer Racetrack, Chester, WV

Micah Kesselring- Millstone BBQ, Logan, OH

Bob Thompson Quartet- The V Club, Huntington

Jovino Santos Neto Quartet- Wellington's of Scarlet Oaks, Charleston
Steve Himes- Taylor Books, Charleston

Saturday Nov 15th:

Sam Lamont- Mountain State Brewing Company, Thomas, WV
The Dave Martin Band- The Brewery, Marietta, OH
Cracker Stackwell- Black Bear Burritos, Morgantown
BSWPA Christmas Party- Rhythm House, Bridgeville, PA
The Catch Blues Band- Pick's, ???? , ??
Ray Fuller & the Blues Rockers- Mudflats, Galena, OH
Rosie Ledet- Cultural Center Theater, Charleston
Sweaty Betty Blues Band- The Hop House, Greentree, PA
Sam Lamont- Mountain State Brewing Co, Thomas, WV
Ms Freddie & Blue Faze- Blind Pig Saloon, New Kensington, PA
Steve & Steve Blues Band- Creekside Sports Bar, Hurricane, WV

Sunday Nov 16th:

Columbus Blues Alliance Blues Jam- The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH
WVBS Board of Directors meeting- Days Hotel, Flatwoods, WV

WHATS HAPPENIN' IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

HIP-HIP-HOORAY DUSTY & VAL!

Many of us in the West Virginia Blues Society and other societies thru out the country know Dusty and Val Scott of [Dusty Blues](#) . Residents of Pittsburgh, you may see them anywhere and everywhere, especially during festival season. Always eager to help when ask to give of their time, be it photographing, judging, or whatever. Now they have been rewarded for their efforts. On Feb 7th they will be the recipients of [The Blues Foundation](#) 2009 Keeping the Blues Alive (KBA) Award in Memphis, TN. Congratulations Dusty & Val, we're proud of you...

THE ZYDECO SWEETHEART IN CHARLESTON-

Saturday Nov 15th [ROSIE LEDET & THE ZYDECO PLAYBOYS](#) will be at the [West Virginia Cultural Center Theater](#) , State Capitol Complex. Presented by [FOOTMAD](#) Concert Series. Door: \$20 general admission; \$15 seniors; \$10 students. Festival seating only - first-come-first served. Season tickets will also be available at this concert. Doors open at 7:30PM. The Cultural Center is located at the corner of Greenbrier St and Washington St (East), Charleston.

BILL LUPKIN WITH THE WORKERS IN POMEROY, OH-

[The Court Street Grill](#), Pomeroy, OH will feature classic harp driven 1950's Blues with [BILL LUPKIN](#) this Friday Nov 14th. Joining him will be Watermelon Slim's band, [THE WORKERS](#) .

CHICAGO BLUES PARTY IN MARIETTA NEXT WEEK-

Friday Nov 21st the Blues, Jazz & Folk Music of the Mid-Ohio Valley presents an evening of Chicago Blues w/[CHICO BANKS](#) & [TORONZO CANNON](#) . Music begins at 8:30PM at

the Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH. This will be BJFMS 2nd annual Chicago Blues Party. Tickets are \$15 members and \$20 non-members.

SOUTHERN SOUL/BLUES COMING TO PARKERSBURG-

Special "Blue Thursday".... The WVBluesSociety was able to hook up [JOHNNY RAWLS](#) with Umensettlers Thirsty Turtle in Parkersburg for a rare Thursday night performance aka "Blues Night Out"/BLUE THURSDAY on Dec 11th. Plans are coming together at this time for an early performance with music starting at 7:30PM in the newly renovated, beautiful backroom at the Turtle. The Thirsty Turtle is located at 1147 Staunton Turnpike (WV Rt 47), P-burg. Approx 1.3 miles west of I-77 Staunton Ave/Rt 47 exit and/or 0.7 miles South of US Rt 50 Staunton Ave/Rt 47 exit. The WVBS plans on door prizes and raffle to go with JR's great Southern-Soul Blues. Johnny Rawls latest CD has been #1 on nearly every Blues Chart in the country since August. "[Red Cadillac](#)" has been called his "best" recording ever. We're certain he will have some available for this Blue Thursday Special! Get up off the couch, get on down to the Turtle, hear some of the best good ol' fashioned blues and soul this side of Hattiesburg...

QUOTE-

"The ones in power, write the history; the ones who suffer write the songs." UNKNOWN, but repeated by Cobbler John, BJFM Society

QUICK REVUE OF MOANIN' MICHELLE MALONE @ COURT STREET GRILL (thanks Chilipepper)-

When I heard her described as "Raw, magnificent, dirty and low down as any blues you'll ever want to hear", my ears shot up and I Coopered it down to Jackie's Court Street Grill to listen to [Michelle Malone](#). I was not disappointed. She started acoustic then cranked it up like going from first to fifth gear on Route 50. The healthy sized crowd responded and the house rocked. She played a soulful blues harp as well. My favorite song was "The Highway is My Home" which described the tough, fun, lonely and exciting life of a bluewoman living on the road. Many thanks to Jackie for "keeping on" and I look forward to hearing Bill with Slim's Workers next week! - Chili

BLUES PROFILE/"Mike Roeder"-

Birth Date: 09/06/61

Birth Place: Wheeling, WV.

Bands You Have Played With: To many to remember

Current Band/Instrument: The Catch Blues Band/lead guitar

Favorite Living Singer: Eric Clapton

Favorite Deceased Singer: Billie Holiday

Favorite Living Blues Musician: Eric Clapton

Favorite Deceased Blues Musician: Blind Willie McTell

First Record Purchased: The Allman Brothers Band Live at the Fillmore

First Blues Record Purchased: Eric Clapton Just one Night

Personal Blues Statement: Anyone can play the blues but it takes a certain breed to live through the blues.

THE JAZZ CORNER-

Great to catch the [BRUCE DeMOLL GROUP](#) @ [Blennerhassett Hotel](#), Parkersburg last week during Sunday Brunch. Along with some cool jazz was some excellent grub. Rick makes a mean waffle. Now need to return for a Martini Monday evening. Martini Mondays in Spats Lounge of The Blennerhassett Hotel features Bruce with friends for 2 hours of excellent piano jazz 5:00-7:00PM

There's more cool jazz this weekend w/[JOVINO SANTOS NETO QUARTET](#) at Wellington's of Scarlet Oaks, Poca/Charleston Friday Nov 14th. Sponsored by the [Charleston Jazz Series](#), music starts at 6:30 and runs until 8:00PM. Also STEVE HIMES at Taylor Books in Charleston from 7:00 'til 9:30PM this Friday and the V-Club, Huntington next Saturday Nov 22nd. Open question to anyone who might know, "What has happened to RACHEL FRANKS?" We used to see her a lot doing great vocals with THE BLUE NOTES as well as COMPARSA LATIN JAZZ but not for quite sometime now.... [BOB THOMPSON UNIT](#) is at the V-Club, Huntington this Friday Nov 14th. Bob can also be found each Tuesday (we think?) at The Sound Factory, Charleston 8:00-midnight. The Al Jeter Jazz Series presents MANHATTAN JAZZ QUARTET at the [Greenbrier Valley Theatre](#), Lewisburg Sunday Nov 16th. On Saturday Nov 29th GVT will host the WEST VIRGINIA JAZZ ORCHESTRA & TONY NALKER.

The Marshall University 12.0 Jazz Ensemble was recently selected to perform at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland in July 2009. In addition, the group will play at the Jazz à Juan festival in Juan les Pins, France.

Next week [ROB MASTEN & APPALACHIAN JAZZ](#) @ El Gran Sabor in Elkins, Wednesday Nov 19th. Rob is part owner and manager of this fine venue located just off Rt 33 at 413 Kerens Ave, Elkins. They have a long list of native micro-brews and outstanding Latin American eats. Also next week [DAVID WELLS](#) from Vienna, WV will be doing a clinic at Poca Middle School, Poca, WV on Tuesday Nov 12th. Just last week his recording of "Bahamas Blues" from the CD "Friday Afternoon" went from #34 to #28 on [Smoothjazz.com](#). Another excellent internet broadcast for some of the best jazz anywhere go to "all that JAZZ" w/Brian Parker at <http://www.jazz-radio.fm/home1.php>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Nov 12 1906 Bukka White Houston, TX
Nov 15 1927 Clayton Love Mattson, MS
Nov 16 1873 w.C. Handy Florence, AL
Nov 16 1931 Hubert Sumlin Greenwood, MS
Nov 17 1904 Jack Owens Bentonia, MS

"MOUNTAINS OF BLUES" AT A GLANCE:

Tue 11/11:

IZZY & CHRIS @ Bocktown Beer & Grill, North Fayette, PA

Wed 11/12:

BLUE RIDGE BLUES SOCIETY 'Blues Jam' @ Blue5 Restaurant, Roanoke, VA
open-stage w/guest host IZZY & CHRIS @ The Blind Pig, New Kensington, PA

Thur 11/13:

TINSLEY ELLIS @ Moondogs, Blawnox, Pa

THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Wheeling Island Race Track & Gaming Center, Wheeling

look for [THE STEVE & STEVE BLUES BAND](#) in Hurricane, WV this Saturday Nov 15th... located 1/2 way between Huntington and Charleston, they're booked at The Creekside Sports Bar...

the [BISCUIT ROLLERS](#) via Shenandoah Valley region of The Commonwealth report it's been a great year for them... BR's competed in Appy Blues Comp '07 and dun good... Kelly says they played over 10 festivals in '08, released a new CD "Southbound Freight Train" and played on NPR... they want to thank all friends and fans...

the [JON JUSTICE BAND](#) has been nominated for a Cincinnati Entertainment Award in the "Best Blues Band" category... you can vote for the band by following <http://www.citybeat.com/cincinnati/best-of-18-cea-music-nominees.html>, you do not need to vote in every category...

reading material in [North End Tavern](#), P-burg... Oct/Nov issue [Mid-Atlantic Brewing News](#) article written by our friend John Yevuta. John says, "I had high expectations for the Snowshoe Blues & Brews Fest held Aug 15-17 and they were exceeded." John the owner and manager of the fine Barista's Cafe & Pub in New Martinsville, is well versed in both blues and brews. Also a cool photo of our buddy Reef, brewmeister at the NET...

[Blues Society of Western PA](#) Christmas Party Sat Nov 15th @ Rhythm House, Bridgeville, PA. Admission \$7 for two band from 7-1:30 and a buffet from 9-10PM

"when did Etta James die?"... ibbluesman brought something to our attention last week... hmmm, no Etta James is NOT DEAD!... as was printed in last weeks "Blues Profile"... (thanks ib)

next week-

Fri 11/21:

THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Down on Main Street, Wheeling

LUKE JIVETALKER @ The Empty Glass, Charleston

CHICO BANKS & TORONZO CANNON @ Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH

Sat 11/22:

RUTHIE FOSTER @ Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg, WV

coming soon:

JOHNNY RAWLS @ The Thirsty Turtle, Parkersburg Thur 12/11
Charleston Blues Society "Jukin' @ Clo's" @ Clo's Uptown Eatery, Charleston 11/29
Columbus Blues Alliance "Blues for Tots" Benefit @ The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH Sun
11/30

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