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BIRTHDAY:

Dec 02 1914 Roebuck "Pops" Staples Winona, MS
Dec 05 1899 Aleck "Rice" Miller aka Sonny Boy Williamson Glendora, MS
Dec 06 1937 Toni Lynn Washington Raleigh, NC
Dec 07 1913 Blind John Davis Hattiesburg, MS
Dec 08 1925 Jimmy Smith Norristown, PA

RIP:

Dec 06 1949 Huddie Ledbetter aka "Lead Belly" New York, NY
Dec 08 1981 Big Walter Horton Chicago, IL

THIS WEEKEND IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

Friday Dec 5th:

MS FREDDYE & BLUE FAZE @ Wicked Witches, Cheswick, PA
CRACKER STACKWELL @ Black Bear Burritos, Morgantown
THE BLUES ORPHANS @ LittleE's, Pittsburgh
SAM LAMONT @ 123 Pleasant St, Morgantown
ADRIAN NILES @ Roadworthy Restaurant & Tavern, West Liberty, WV
MIKE LENZ BAND @ Rascals Saloon, Dover, OH
PAM ROBERTS @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV
BOB THOMPSON QUARTET @ V Club, Huntington

Saturday Dec 6th:

THE CATCH BLUES BAND (and others) Christmas Party @ Overtime, Bellaire, OH
BLUES JUNKIES @ Hilltoppers Pub, Pittsburgh
THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Hock's, Morristown, OH
SAM LAMONT @ Mountain State Brewing Company, Thomas, WV
MOJO THEORY @ The Mudflats, Galena, OH

Sunday Dec 7th:

CBA Blues Jam @ The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH
ANGEL BLUE & THE PROPHETS @ d'vine Wine Bar & Lounge, Wexford PA
Post Mtn Stage Jam w/THE CARPENTER ANTS @ The Empty Glass, Charleston

WHATS HAPPENIN' IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

"DON'T START ME TO TALKIN'"-

This week marks what would have been the 109th birthday of one of the most influential blues musicians of all times. One of our favorites, and many others, ALECK "RICE" MILLER aka [SONNY BOY WILLIAMSON II](#) was born (maybe) on Dec 5th 1899 in Glendora, MS.

In the 1930's he traveled around Mississippi and Arkansas with Robert Jr Lockwood, Big Joe Williams, Elmore James and others playing music. He lived in Twist, AR for a time with Howlin' Wolf's sister Mary Burnett and taught Wolf to play harmonica.

In 1941 he was hired to play the King Biscuit Time radio show, advertising King Biscuit Flour on KFFA in Helena, AR. KFFA began billing him as Sonny Boy Williamson possibly in an attempt to capitalize on the fame of well known Chicago-based harp player and singer John Lee Williamson. Aleck Miller claimed to be the first to use the name. During

the 1950's he recorded for Trumpet Records in Jackson, MS and later Chess Records of Chicago.

During the early 1960's he toured Europe many times and enjoyed living there. When he returned home he continued playing the King Biscuit Time show in Helena. On May 25th 1965 he was late to show up for the 12:15PM showtime. The other members of The King Biscuit Boys, Houston Stackhouse and Peck Curtis became concerned. Curtis went looking for him and found his body in bed at a rooming house where he'd been staying. Possibly dead of a heart attack. He had stayed out very late the night before playing in a local juke joint.

Two years ago we drove out to Tutwiler, MS from Clarksdale to find his gravesite. Actually found some very good directions on the internet (<http://www.deltablues.net/tutwiler.html>) and drove right to it. There along New Africa Road at the edge of the woods was his well-kept head stone. Buried nearby are his sisters Mary Ashford and Julie Barner who died during a house fire in Clarksdale in 1995.

Upon leaving we did what had to be the only right thing to do... leaving a miniature harmonica and miniature bottle of Crown Royal at the base of the head stone...

SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION-

Recently some of you received e-mails from the [Blues, Jazz & Folk Music Society](#) that said were sent by crawlinkingsnake. I know this because I received them too and many of you have asked me about it. Of course being on both list is good. As a hardcore or occasional fan, it's good to support the music everywhere and anywhere... and ya know you can't get too much free information about what's happening in the Blues World around us. Also since many of you are on both e-list, you probably also know that for quite some time crawlinkingsnake wrote the Blues Triangle Update for BJFM, and enjoyed it immensely. But with way too many irons in the fire, something had to go.

So no, BJFM e-mails are not coming from crawlinkingsnake. When I stopped writing Blues Triangle a couple months ago I said for those wanting to continue receiving info via crawlinkingsnake go to WVBS web-site and sign up. Problem is the crawlinkingsnake name and/or address had yet to be removed from the BJFM website. However, I'm sure it will all be corrected soon and thanks for yer patience and understanding... and please continue to support BJFMS, WVBS, PB&JS, CBA, CBS, BSWPA or whoever your local dudes & dudettes might be called... as well as others. And of course if ya want the real-deal, slip-slidin', signifyin' crawlinkingsnake, den ya nos whats ya gots ta do...

"BLUE THURSDAY"-

Not long... the WVBluesSociety Blues Nite Out/"BLUE THURSDAY" goes down next week. Thursday Dec 11th, Umensettters Thirsty Turtle in Parkersburg will host [JOHNNY RAWLS](#). The best Southern Soul/Blues this side of Hattiesburg! Door \$5 and music begins at 7:30PM. Early start due to it being a week night. However, Board of Director member

RoyD has said he will be happy to write excuses to miss work on Friday for those who may be tempted to stay out too late and have too much fun...

Maritza says The Turtle plans to serve up their most excellent Italian meatloaf, garlic/cheese mashed potatoes and green beans for dinner special. Also to all paying customers will be chances for door prizes of t-shirts, hats and CD's. (don't lose yer ticket stub!)

The the famous "blues basket" is offered again. \$1 per chance/6 for \$5. Containing (so far): t-shirts, CD's, autographed posters, bumper stickers, Dec/Jan issue Blues Revue magazine, guitar strap, Hohner Harmonica, Blues Brothers sunglasses, John Lee Hooker blues fan, and more. All contained in a beautiful Blues Revue canvas tote bag. Value... \$150 or more? Also available will be advance tickets for the COREY HARRIS & 5 x 5 BAND concert in Charleston, Sat Jan 13th. Members receive \$5 off ticket cost.

Umensettters Thirsty Turtle is located at 1147 Staunton Ave (WV Rt 47), Parkersburg. Approx 1.3 miles west of I-77 or .6 miles south of US Rt 50. For more information or directions call 304-865-3030

COREY HARRIS IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE-

The WVBluesSociety has partnered with [FOOTMAD](#) to help bring [COREY HARRIS & THE 5 X 5 BAND](#) to Charleston. Harris appears at the West Virginia Cultural Center Theater, State Capitol Complex, Sat Dec 13th. The Cultural Center is located at the corner of Greenbrier St and Washington St East. Admission is \$20 General; \$15 seniors; \$10 students. Tickets available at the box office prior to the concert. Box office opens at 7PM.

Advance tickets are available at Ellen's Homemade Ice Cream, Charleston and Fret 'n Fiddle, St Albans and at Umensettters Thirsty Turtle, Parkersburg during "Blue Thursday" on Dec 11th.

Corey Harris will also bring his Rasta Blues Experience to our friends at [The Wild Bean](#) in Lewisburg, WV on Friday Dec 12th. The Wild Bean is located at 119 East Washington St. Call 304-645-3738 for more.

Thanks to FOOTMAD all WVBluesSociety members will receive \$5 off ticket price for the Charleston concert only.

SEAN CARNEY'S BLUES FOR A CURE-

Featuring [Sean Carney Band](#) w/Jonn Richardson, Trampled Under Foot, Dave Spector & the Bluebirds, Alberta Adams and RJs Rythm Rockers, Patrick McLaughlin, and The Delta Sheiks, Omar Coleman, and Starring Hubert Sumlin and Henry Gray Dec 12-13 @ Whiskey Dick's. Proceeds go to James Cancer Hospital Solove Research Center and the American Cancer Society of Central Ohio.

Blues Profile -JIMI VINCENT-

Birth Date: 12/12/62

Birth Place: Norwalk, Ohio

Bands You Have Played With: Mainly my own for many, many years. The Band I have now has been together since 1989. "The Jimi Vincent Band"

Current Band/Instrument: The Jimi Vincent Band - Lead guitar, Dobro, Harp

Favorite Living Singer: Buddy Guy

Favorite Deceased Singer: Muddy Waters

Favorite Living Blues Musician: Buddy Guy and BB. King

Favorite Deceased Blues Musician: John Lee Hooker

First Record Purchased: Allman Brothers

First Blues Record Purchased: BB King's Greatest

Personal Blues Statement: You gotta live the blues, to play the blues

"MOUNTAINS OF BLUES" AT A GLANCE:

Wed 12/3:

APPALACHIAN JAZZ @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV

open stage w/CRACKER STACKWELL @ The Blue Moose Cafe, Morgantown

Thur 12/4:

LONG TALL DEB & THE DRIFTER KINGS @ Wild Bill's, Marion, OH

"[Cadillac Records](#)" opens in theaters Fri Dec 5th... star studded, major motion picture portrays rise of the famed Chess Records... for a glimpse go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksEzXUtz8M&feature=related>... also a second film is in production... "Who Do You Love" will focus on Leonard Chess, Bo Diddley, Muddy Waters, and Willie Dixon...

17th Annual River City Blues Competition is scheduled for Feb 20th & 21st @ Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH... DEADLINE for acts to apply is Jan 9th... go to <http://www.bjfm.org> for all information...

IZZY & CHRIS coming to Parkersburg... Sat Jan 24th @ Overtime Sports Bar on Emerson Ave aka "The Strip"... they will be in West Liberty the night before at Roadworthy Restaurant & Tavern...

advance tickets for the Sat Dec 13th COREY HARRIS concert in Charleston will be available at Blues Nite Out/"Blue Thursday" on Thursday Dec 11th in Parkersburg... REMEMBER all WVBS members receive \$5 off ticket price for the Charleston show...

Sunday Nov 30th WTAP-TV News 11:00PM nice clip & interview with John Oesterle

during benefit in his honor at The North End Tavern, P-burg...

BJFM Society holding benefit for competition winners traveling to Memphis for the IBC's... "Memphis or Bust" for MOJO THEORY (Columbus) and AUSTIN "WALKIN' CANE" (Cleveland) Jan 10th @ River City Tavern & Grill, Marietta, OH...

great trac on XM Radio this morning: SON SEALS w/A.C. REED ... "Blue Shadows Falling" off the [Alligator Records](#) "Live & Burning" album... recorded @ Wise Fools Club, Lincoln Ave, Chicago (1972?)... had the opportunity to see A.C. Reed in a poor (drunken) performance few years ago, but this certainly wasn't like that one... havta add this to the Christmas List...

NEXT WEEK-

Thur 12/11:

"BLUE THURSDAY" with JOHNNY RAWLS @ The Thirsty Turtle, Parkersburg
THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Wheeling Island Race Track & Gaming Center, Wheeling

Fri 12/12:

APPALACHIAN JAZZ @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV
MEMPHIS CRADLE @ Rascals Saloon, Dover, OH
THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ The Farm House II, ????, ??
COREY HARRIS @ The Wild Bean, Lewisburg, WV

Fri/Sat 12/12-13:

THE BLUE NOTES @ Sam's Uptown Cafe, Charleston
JOHNNY RAWLS @ The Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH
SEAN CARNEY'S "Blues for a Cure" @ Whiskey Dick's, Columbus, OH
THE BLUE NOTES @ Sam's Uptown Cafe, Charleston

Sat 12/13:

COREY HARRIS @ WV Cultural Center, Charleston (sponsored by FOOTMAD w/WVBluesSociety)
JILL WEST & BLUES ATTACK @ Carhops, Dormont, PA
THE BLUES CANNIBALS @ The Hillbilly Inn, Walker, WV
GLENN PAVONE @ Moondog's, Blawnox, PA
LONG TALL DEB & THE DRIFTER KINGS @ Wild Bill's, Marion, OH
2-BLUE @ Taylor Books, Charleston
THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ The Office Lounge/McClure Hotel, Wheeling

COMING SOON-

Fri 12/19: Billy Price & The Nighthawks @ Moondogs, Blawnox, PA

New Years Eve:

DENNIS McCLUNG BLUES BAND @ The Thirsty Turtle, Parkersburg

CODE BLUE BAND @ Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH

HIP POCKET @ Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg

Sat 1/31: 2nd Annual Winter Blues & Jazz Fest, Athens, OH

[THE CLAY CENTER](#) -

1/07 AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' (30th Anniversary Tour of 1978 Tony Award-winning Best Musical)

1/30 DIXIE HUMMINGBIRDS- (force behind evolution of modern gospel music)

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