

Mountains of Blues



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The WVBluesSociety (<http://wvbluessociety.org>) 'lectric bluesletter 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 "bluesletter" is a service to our "blues friends" wherever you may be. Bluesletter is an attempt to CONNECT & INFORM of happenings in and at times outside our area. We never use your e-mail address 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 news in the future let me know. If you do NOT want to receive any future updates please reply with, Please No More.

BIRTHDAY:

Dec 29 1927 Matt "Guitar" Murphy Sunflower, MS

Dec 30 1928 Bo Diddley near McComb, MS

Dec 31 1930 Odetta Gordon Birmingham, AL

Jan 01 1901 Johnny Young Vicksburg, MS

Jan 02 1939 Little Smokey Smothers Tchula, MS

Jan 04 1942 Precious Bryant Talbot County, GA

RIP:

Dec 30 1977 St Louis Jimmy Oden Chicago, IL

THIS WEEKEND IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

Friday Jan 2nd:

SOUL SATYRE @ The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH

APPALACHIAN JAZZ @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV

LADY D (12PM) @ Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Charleston

LADY D (9PM) @ Catawba Sports Bar, Chesapeake, WV

SOULVILLAGE @ The New Papparazi, Pittsburgh

THE DIABLO BLUES BAND @ The Blue Parrot, Charleston

Saturday Jan 3rd:

SUGAR FOOT STOMPERS @ Mountain State Brewing, Thomas, WV

THE COLIN JOHN BAND @ The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH

SWEATY BETTY BLUES BAND @ Wightman Community Building, Squirrel Hill/Pittsburgh

THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Wheeling Island Showroom, Wheeling

THE JON JUSTICE BAND @ The Brewery, Marietta, OH

Sunday Jan 4th:

CBA Blues Jam w/WILLIE POOCH @ The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH

WHATS HAPPENIN' IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

PASSING-

"PETE 'LUV YOU MADLY' MAYES" Pete passed away in his sleep Tue Dec 16TH. He was 70.

Born in Double Bayou, TX in 1938. Pete played guitar with greats like Junior Parker and Bill Doggett. Fronted his own band, the Houserockers, for 40+ years. Owned the historic Double Bayou Dancehall, which once served as a regular venue for Amos Milburn, Lightnin' Hopkins, Big Joe Turner, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown and many others. It was there at just 16 years old, he first heard T-Bone Walker and was put on the path his life was to take. During the past 15 or so years, when he enjoyed a period of rediscovery.

His few recordings are best represented by "For Pete's Sake" on Antone's Records, released in 1998. Also "Live! At The Double Bayou Dance Hall," which was recorded at the venue he owned and maintained up until two years ago. Go to [Houston Blues Society](#) for more.

"ROBERT WARD" Born Oct 15, 1938 Died Dec 25, 2008 American blues and soul guitarist. Known for founding the Ohio Untouchables, the band that later would become the Ohio Players. Raised in Georgia, he moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1960. Disappeared from the music scene sometime in the 70's after working as a session player for Motown. He ran into some problems and spent a year in jail during which one of his prison mates was Major Lance.

In the early 90's he came back into the spotlight when he was "rediscovered" by Black Top Records and released his first full-length album "Fear No Evil" in 1991. Released 2 more albums in the next 4 years for the label. After the label folded in the late 90's, he

signed with Delmark Records to release "New Role Soul" in 2000. For more go to <http://www.macon.com/198/story/568158.html>. Thanks to Bill Wax of Sirius/XM radio for playing a selection of Robert's songs on Monday Dec 29th.

"WILBERT 'JUNKYARD DOG' ARNOLD" The planet's, funkiest drummer passed away at 8:10AM Monday (Dec 29th) at University Hospital, New Orleans. He grew up in New Orleans, his early years at the Magnolia at Washington & LaSalle Streets, he absorbed the sounds and rhythms and became the most astute young protégé of the early funk rhythm masters.

Despite several years of health problems, Arnold never stopped. He continued to play and perform most recently at Ray's Boom Boom Room on Frenchmen St with both he and his wife Marilyn sharing the vocals for a raucous, joyful and memorable experience for anyone in attendance. He died while surrounded by family and friends including his wife and children, his long time partner Jack Cruz, and former band-mates Walter "Wolfman" Washington, Tom Fitzpatrick, Tom Worrell and other longtime friends who have kept vigil by his bedside in the last couple of weeks. For more <http://www.macon.com/198/story/568158.html>.

BANDS TO SEE/PLACES TO BE, NEW YEARS EVE-

DENNIS McCLUNG BLUES BAND @ The Thirsty Turtle, Parkersburg
BILLY PRICE @ Stage 3, New Castle, PA
SOULVILLAGE @ Lakeview Resort, Morgantown
NO BAD JUJU @ Wisp Resort, McHenry, MD
BARRELHOUSE BONNI @ Cafe Cimino, Sutton, WV
CODE BLUE BAND @ The Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH
NORM NARDINI @ Moondogs, Blawnox, PA
APPALACHIAN JAZZ @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV
DAVE CHISOLM BAND @ The Mudflats, Galena, OH
THE BLUE NOTES w/JAN BANKS @ Whitewater Grille, Marriott Town Center, Charleston
RUSS WILSON & HIS MIGHTY, MIGHTY MEN @ Blue5 Restaurant, Roanoke, VA
GARY BELLOMA & THE BLUE BOMBERS @ Holiday Inn Meadowlands, Washington, Pa
DC BLUES SOCIETY PARTY @ Surf Club Live!, Hyattsville, MD
and a couple other *cool* ones-
PRESTON SHANNON @ Ground Zero Blues Club, Memphis
SUPER CHIKIN @ Ground Zero Blues Club, Clarksdale
B.B. KING'S ALL-STARS @ B.B. Kings Blues Club, Memphis
BIG JACK JOHNSON @ Red's Lounge, Clarksdale
MAGIC SLIM & THE TEARDROPS w/JOHN PRIMER @ Buddy Guy's Legends, Chicago

ROAD TRIP THROUGH THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE BLUES-

Everybody likes a good road trip especially when it incorporates something of interest... like the blues. We've been on our share of road trips before... football games, the beach, mountains, Memphis and The Delta. Of course they're all fun but now I can look forward to our trips to Mississippi with even more anticipation.

Thanks to a Christmas gift from my sons, I have my own copy of *Roger Stolle* and *Jeff Konkel's* new DVD. "[M for Mississippi](#)" was 2 years in the making, it became available in October. If you get your own copy, don't waste your time searching for footage of B.B. King or from the vault video of Muddy Waters or John Lee Hooker. During its 90 minutes there's little mention of the past blues greats that came out of Mississippi. This is a documentary about *today's* blues located within the Delta and the hill country of the Magnolia State. It takes the viewer into a world that the majority of Americans don't even know exist. The world of the real, under the radar, 21st century Mississippi bluesman.

[Living Blues](#) magazine calls it one of the most important blues events of the year. One thing is certain "M for Mississippi" is a *BIG DEAL*. There's little I can say about it that's not already been said by others, only they say it better. One thing I can say is of the artists I'm familiar with featured on the DVD, and they are just as I know them... honest and unflappable.

Thanks Roger and Jeff for the completion of "the project" aka "M for Mississippi", A Road Trip Through the Birthplace of the Blues.

LADY D BENEFIT-

Sat Jan 3rd *LADY D* with other Charleston area musicians will appear at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Charleston, to help raise money to send Lady D to the Obama inauguration. Her song "Go Higher" was the winner for the song to be used at the inauguration (<http://obamamae.ning.com>) on Jan 19th. Benefit begins at 12:00 noon 'til 6:00PM, door \$5.

MEMPHIS OR BUST-

Sat Jan 17th WVBS along with [The Blue Moose Cafe](#) in Morgantown will sponsor a fundraiser for this year's Appalachian Blues Competition winners.

SAM LAMONT (solo/duo) along with *Ms FREDDYE & BLUE FAZE* (band) won the competition held at Christopher's Banquet Center in Fairmont, Oct 4th. They will carry the banner for WVBS and travel to Memphis the weekend of Feb 6-7 to compete in the International Blues Challenge (<http://www.blues.org>) on Beale Street.

Making the trip to Tennessee is not cheap. The "Memphis or Bust" benefit is held to help offset some of the expenses. Plans are for raffles and a 50/50 drawing along with a "blues jam" after the show. Showtime is set for 8:00PM... \$6 door... with all other donations eagerly accepted.

The Blue Moose Cafe serves import and domestic beers and wine along with great food. The menu can be seen online. Located in downtown Morgantown just off High St at 248 Walnut St. Call 304-292-8999 for more.

MAHAJIBEE BLUES NEWS-

All members of WVBluesSociety are offered a 'buy one get one free' discount on tickets at Hard Rock Cafe, Pittsburgh Sun Jan 18th. Showtime for *Mahajibee Blues* with *The East Ends Dukes* and *Adrian Niles* is 7:00PM. Admission is \$5 advance, \$8 at the door. For more info contact Pat at ptevis3278@aol.com or call 412-303-7592.

Also Pat tells us their song "Little Man" has been included on Big City Rhythm & Blues (<http://www.bigcitybluesmag.com>) magazine CD Sampler #5. The sampler is given free to all subscribers.

Thanks Mahajibee and congratulations!

Blues Profile -MIKE LYZENGA

Birth Date: 4/17/56

Birth Place: *Chicago, IL*

Bands: *The Blue Mist circa 1966 with Paul Callicoa & others*

Westwind circa 1976 with Larry Endicott

Danny & Mike circa 2000 with Danny Adkins

Current Band: *Blues Crossing*

Favorite Living Singer: *James Taylor (Steamroller Blues)*

Favorite Deceased Singer: *Robert Johnson*

Favorite Living Blues Musician: *Buddy Guy*

Favorite Deceased Blues Musician: *Jimi Hendrix*

First Record Purchased: *The Monkees*

First Blues Record Purchased: *can't remember first!*

LAST Blues Record Purchased: *A Tribute to Blind Alfred Reed*

Personal Blues Statement: *'if you make a mistake then make it twice'*

"MOUNTAINS OF BLUES" AT A GLANCE:

no rest for the weary... take 2 Tylenol, 1 Alki-Selser and quickly get over yer New Years revelry so you can go see [THE JON JUSTICE BAND](#) @ The Brewery in Marietta, OH this Sat Jan 3rd... Jon Justice Band took 2nd place at this years Appy Blues Comp in Fairmont... just a very short whisker behind the first place finisher... for a crawlinkingsnake review of their latest CD "The Rebound" to to Gary Miller's BLUES SOURCE website @ <http://www.bluessource.com>.

master of Delta Blues, Piedmont Blues & everything else [JASON RING](#) will be in Canaan Valley Sat Jan 17th @ [White Grass Cafe](#)... located across and just north of main entrance to Canaan Valley State Park... turn off WV Rt 32 onto Freeland Road... approx 1+ mile on right...

Overtime Sports Bar, Parkersburg has available advance tickets & reserve seating for [IZZY & CHRIS](#) on Sat Jan 24th... Overtime is located at 4542 Emerson Ave (the down under place)... stop by and see Alison or Todd... also look for their cool IZZY & CHRIS posters around town...

The Blues Chef tells us: "No, *Albert Castiglia* was not with *Sandra Hall* when she played Court Street Grill." (thanks Chef)

[Randolph County Community Arts Center](#) 2009 season tickets are available... located at corner of Park St and Randolph Ave, Elkins... future concerts of interest- *THE DIXIE HUMMINGBIRDS* Feb 21st, *CEPHAS & WIGGINS* May 16th... for more e-mail to info@randolpharts.org. or call 304-637-2355...

DEADLINE/DEADLINE/DEADLINE- Jan 10th is the last day for applications to 17th River City Blues Competition... competition scheduled for Feb 20th & 21st @ Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH... go to <http://www.bjfm.org> for more...

check out <http://www.hittinthenote.com>.

Athens County (Ohio) Communication & Visitors Bureau tells us more information will be coming soon on the 2009 Winter Jazz and Blues Fest (Jan 31st)...
<http://www.athensohio.com/events/index.php?page=16&item=2858> (thanks Laura)

NEXT WEEK:

Mon 1/5-
"Jazz Night" @ The Brewery, Marietta, OH

Tue 1/6-
[COLIN JOHN](#) @ The Brewery, Marietta
"Jam Night" @ Mountain State Brewing, Deep Creek Lake, MD

Wed 1/7-
"Open-mic" w/*CRACKER STACKWELL* @ The Blue Moose Cafe, Morgantown

Thur 1/8-
[DEB CALLAHAN](#) @ [The Purple Fiddle](#), Thomas, WV

Fri 1/9-
[LADY D](#) @ Maxwell's Sports Bar, Beckley
LUKE JIVETALKER CD Release Party @ V Club, Huntington
[CHRIS SMITHER](#) @ The Bottling Works, Romney
[CRACKER STACKWELL](#) @ Black Bear Burrito, Morgantown
BLU RAZOR BAND @ Jay's Sports Bar, Canonsburg, PA

Sat 1/10-
CRACKER STACKWELL @ Mountain State Brewing, Thomas, WV

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