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WHATS HAPPENIN' IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

LAST "TRUE" WV JUKE JOINT?-

Once upon a time (1967) in a land not so far away (Institute, WV) there was a bar known as Browns Park. Just down WV Rt 25/Fairlawn Ave from the main entrance to West Virginia State College (it was still a college then, not yet a U) before you get to Shawnee Golf Course, was what might have been the last "true" juke joint in West Virginia. Institute and West Dunbar being predominately African-American communities; Browns Park was an African American business. It probably was not all that well thought of by many of the more affluent citizens in Institute but it did seem to do a rather thriving business. A place where the locals seemed to

spend time and not so much of the college crowd. I don't think I was ever in the place more than a couple times. Never felt threatened at any time but it just wasn't a place where a couple white boys like myself and John Keifer (from Dunbar) would spend a lot of time in 1967-68. Besides we we're more interested in going to [The Checkmate](#) in Charleston or over to Kanawha City to [The Sherwood](#). But like many others, I was aware that if the need came up for a pint of whiskey or half-gallon Vin Rose', it probably could be had at [Browns Park](#) just about day or time.

During my time living in the dorm at State there was an occasional mention of "live" music in Browns Park. Again it was something I never witnessed but only heard about. A mention of some rather top quality acts? But like said, never saw it, only heard about it.

The question I've asked others before but have never got much response... does anyone else recall [Browns Park](#) and was there anything to the stories about the live music? After I left State it was still there and still operating. It also was there I believe well into the 70's but I don't know much after that. The building today is no longer standing and Rt 25 is pretty much bypassed due to I-64. However, surely somebody out there reading this can remember something. Perhaps someone/somewhere in the Kanawha Valley? Let us know if you have some memory of possibly one of the last "true" juke joints anywhere around in our neighborhood.

"BLUE MONDAY" @ THE COURT STREET GRILL-

David Whiteis, [Living Blues](#) says of [CEDRIC BURNSIDE & LIGHTNIN' MALCOLM](#): "True to their roots, the two purvey a stripped-down, in-your-face version of north Mississippi juke-rocking blues... a deep-blues intensity that sounds mined from the black Delta earth itself." "The legacy of R.L. Burnside and his colleagues is in good hands."

Monday Feb 9th the "juke joint duo" will make their final stop north of the Mason-Dixon Line before heading south to Charleston, SC. Showtime is 9:00PM at [The Court Street Grill](#) in Pomeroy, OH.

The road to Pomeroy:

Tue 2/3 IOTA- Arlington, VA

Wed 2/4 KClinger's Hanover, VA

Thu 2/5 Terra Blues New York, NY

Fri 2/6 Treasure Lake Ski Lodge Dubois, PA

Sat 2/7 Rosedale Legion Hall Rosedale, MD

Also: Saturday Feb 14th

The Annual Court Street Grill Valentine's Day Dinner:

Starters--

Lobster Bisque, Antipasta Skewers, Seafood stuffed Portabella Mushroom

Entrees--

Served w/Tossed Salad, Fresh Baked Bread, Mixed Vegetables and Dessert, Poached Salmon over Rice with Mustard-Dill Sauce, Prime Rib Au Jus with Fresh Horseradish and Twice Baked Potato

"I PAINT BLUES & JAZZ 'CAUSE I CAN'T PLAY IT"-

Dane says he's a painter of blues and jazz because he can't play the music. But if he 'was' able to play guaranteed it

would be outstanding too. You often find Dane Tilghman of [Tilghman Enterprises](#) at blues festivals around the Mid-Atlantic Region. We last talked with him and checked out his really fine work in Wheeling last summer. Operating out of Coatesville, PA he does get around. Doing great pencil, acrylics and watercolors of not only music but also a lot of history. His Luther Allison painting was the official t-shirt design for the 2008 Pocono Blues Festival. He has also helped out the WVBS on a number of occasions with his work. Check out this short clip on Dane via "Experience Delaware" at <http://switchboard.real.com/player/email.html?PV=6.0.12&&title=Delaware%20Tonight&link=http%3A%2F%2Frealserver2.why.org%3A8080%2Framgen%2FDEtonight%2Fthursday.rm%3Fstart%3D00%3A16%3A38>

MIGHTY "R"-

There has been and continues to be many very good blues, R&B, soul bands out of the Columbus, OH area. But was there ever any better than MIGHTY "R" & THE VELVET KINGSNAKES? Dun it again... got out some old CD's the other evening and there was my copy of "Harps, Rhythm & Soul" that Quincy gave me maybe 10 or 12 years ago... great stuff. We first saw them playing Bogie's in Parkersburg late one night while returning home from River City Blues Fest. After doing a little checking about who did what in the band, about the only thing we're sure of is that Rick Calura played guitar. Rick who we believe plays with Willie Pooch occasionally still remains a favorite of many today here in the Mid-Ohio Valley. Also believe he has a new band but don't anything about it yet. Also fairly certain Darryl Jumper on drums; York Proctor on bass. Perhaps Rolando Matais doing vocals? But not sure about Darryl Smith and Yogi Cowan... anybody know anything?

2ND ANNUAL ATHENS CO. WINTER JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL-

A slightly different but great event in 2008 held through out downtown Athens, OH. Saw Mark Pender play a fantastic set with Old School Union? at Jackie O's Pub last year. Truly as good as it can get! However, this year the event has been moved to *Nelsonville*.

Fri Feb 6th features Old School Union @ The Eagles; Kathy Farmer @ The Majestic; Bobby Carson @ The Mine and R&B Station @ The Elks in downtown Nelsonville.

Saturday morning MARK PENDER will host a free Young Musicians Workshop for local Jr & Sr high students. Held at Stuart's Opera House from 9:00AM-3:00PM. Mark will be joined by members of R&B STATION for workshop sections covering all instruments. Students should bring their own instruments. A free lunch will be provided. To register contact Matt Burgio at mburgio@alexanderschools.org.

Saturday night Feb 7th at Stuart's Opera House features [MARK PENDER](#), [ALEX GRAHAM](#), [BOBBY CARSON](#), [KATHY FARMER](#) and [R&B STATION](#) For more go to <http://www.athensohio.com/jazzfest>

15TH ANNUAL BLUES FOR FOOD SHOW-

Sunday Feb 8th The 15th Annual Blues For Food Show to benefit the [Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#) will be at [Domenico's Ristorante](#), Cranberry Township, PA. Music begins at 1:00PM 'til 7:00PM featuring The Rhythm Hawks, Eugene & the Nightcrawlers, Jimmy Adler Blues Band and many others. \$10 door, kids under 12 free. Domenico's is located at 20550 Rt 19 North, Cranberry Twp. Call 724-776-6455 for more.

QUOTE:

"Go Stillers!... and they did." JOHN YEVUTA, [Barista's Pub](#), New Martinsville

WHAT DO YOUR DUES DO?-

Dues to the West Virginia Blues Society helps provide operating cost for everything from the *Appalachian Blues Competition* (Fairmont) to the *Charlie West Blues Fest* (Charleston) the "*Diamond Teeth Mary*" Memorial Fundraiser (Huntington) to the *Blues Nite Out Series* (Wheeling/Parkersburg/New Martinsville/Elkins/Fairmont/etc) and more. In 2008 the WVBS spread the blues nearly statewide from Wheeling to Huntington to Elkins and many spots in between. If you haven't renewed yet please do so soon. If you are not yet a member... why not?

Also remember the WVBS is always looking for volunteers. Soooooo, step up to the plate, pay your dues, volunteer your services at an event near you... or just pull the winning ticket for the "blues basket" or door prizes...

Membership and benefits can be taken care of thru the website at <http://wvbluessociety.org> for \$20, family \$35, friend \$100, Ex. \$150 and Corp. \$500. "Git 'er done y'all"

Blues Profile -ROY DENTLER-

Birth Date: 08/21/55

Birth Place: Pottstown, PA

Bands you have played with: *Stone Myth, Demagogue, Armed & Dangerous, Mid Life Crisis, Uncle Heavy & a Ton of Blues, The Groove Junkies*

Favorite Living Singer: *Delbert McClinton*

Favorite Deceased Singer: *Steve Marriott*

Favorite Living Blues Musician: *last one I heard*

Favorite Deceased Blues Musician: *Ray Charles and Muddy Waters*

Favorite Blues Band: *Last one I heard*

First Record Purchased: *In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida or Henry the VIII, Herman's Hermits*

First Blues Record Purchased: ?

Personal Blues Statement: *Sing the blues!*

THIS WEEKEND IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

Friday Feb 6th:

MISS FREDDY & BLUE FAZE @ IBC's/Beale St, Memphis

SAM LAMONT @ IBC's/Beale St, Memphis

NO BAD JUJU @ Jay's Sports Bar Canonsburg, PA

TODD BURGE @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins

SIMPLY IRA @ Ricky D's, Parkersburg

THE NIGHTHAWKS @ Nightcat, Easton, MD

WOODY PINES @ The Purple Fiddle, Thomas, WV

THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Wheeling Island Showroom, Wheeling
WINTER JAZZ & BLUES FEST @ various venues, Nelsonville, OH
J.B. TENNEY @ 88 Club, Buckhannon
DEBBIE DAVIES @ Blue5 Restaurant, Roanoke, VA
CRACKER STACKWELL & SOUP CAMEL @ Blue Moose Cafe, Morgantown

Saturday Feb 7th:

MISS FREDDY & BLUE FAZE @ IBC's/Beale St, Memphis
SAM LAMONT @ IBC's/Beale St, Memphis
JILL WEST & BLUES ATTACK @ Doublewide Grill, Pittsburgh
CRACKER STACKWELL @ Mountain State Brewing Co, Thomas, WV
HARPER BRIGGS @ Blue5 Restaurant, Roanoke, VA
WINTER JAZZ & BLUES FEST @ Stuarts Opera House, Nelsonville, OH
JUBAL KANE BLUES BAND @ The Empty Glass, Charleston
THE NIGHTHAWKS @ Sully's, Chantilly, VA
THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Undo's Club T&C, Wheeling
THE BLUES CANNIBALS @ Rendouvouz Club, Lubeck/Parkersburg
SCOTTY BRATCHER BAND @ The House of Crave, Columbus
DEBBIE DAVIES @ The Ellington, Lynchburg, VA

Sunday Feb 8th:

BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO @ Mountain Stage, Charleston
Post Mountain Stage Jam (10PM) @ The Empty Glass, Charleston
"Blues For Food" @ Domenico's Ristorante, Cranberry Township, PA

Monday Feb 9th:

CEDRIC BURNSIDE & LIGHTNIN' MALCOLM @ The Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH

BIRTHDAY:

Feb 03 1974 Jason Ricci Portland, ME
Feb 07 1934 Earl King New Orleans, LA
Feb 07 1934 Curtis Ousley aka King Curtis Fort Worth, TX
Feb 09 1962 Catfish Keith Chicago, IL

RIP:

Feb 08 2005 Jimmy Smith Phoenix, AZ

"MOUNTAINS OF BLUES" AT A GLANCE:

check this out <http://www.pandora.com/?af=788e21605f448529425ba2910f7abf8b> (thx Donna)

Wed Feb 4th-

"Open-mic Nite" w'CRACKER STACKWELL @ [Blue Moose Cafe](#), Morgantown...
APPALACHIAN JAZZ @ [El Gran Sabor](#), Elkins...

Thur Feb 5th-

Eli Cook Monster Blues Jam w/BLUES FARM @ [Uncle Charlie's Smokehouse](#), Crozet, VA
SHAUN BOOKER @ [Vonn Jazz Lounge](#), Worthington, OH

Traveling to Memphis?... check "Latest 25th International Blues Challenge (IBC) News Here" at <http://www.blues.org>...

U.S. ARMY BLUES Tue Feb 10th @ [Carnegie Hall](#), Lewisburg

The [Blue Ridge Blues Society](#) presents the Winter Blues Bash & Benefit Wed Feb 11th. Featuring [THE FAT DADDY BAND](#) at [Blue5 Restaurant](#), Roanoke, VA... showtime is 7:00PM call 540-904-5338 for more info...

Thur Feb 12th LADY D "Bessie's Blues" @ [Mountain State University Academy](#), Beckley...

"Winter Blues Are Back!" the [DC Blues Society](#) presents pre-Valentine's Day Dance with the return of [LIL' DAVE THOMPSON](#) Fri Feb 13th @ [Surf Club Live!](#), Hyattsville, MD... \$10 members--\$12 non-members...

Sat Feb 14th-

JIMMY ADLER @ [Roadworthy Restaurant & Tavern](#), West Liberty...
2-BLUE @ [Taylor Books](#), Charleston

Sunday Feb 15th, THE WIYOS @ [The Purple Fiddle](#), Thomas, WV...

THE DIXIE HUMMINGBIRDS:

Fri Feb 20th- [The Smoot Theater](#), Parkersburg
Sat Feb 21st- [Randolph Co. Community Arts Center](#), Elkins

Mid-Ohio Valley [BJFM Society](#) 17th Annual River City Blues Competition Marietta, OH... Fri Feb 20th features 6 acts beginning at 8:00PM. *Sat Feb 21st* 10 acts will compete beginning at 12:30PM. A dinner break will be approx 6:00PM with the finals starting at 8:00PM all at the [Lafayette Hotel](#), Marietta.

Line-up for the Mar 20-21 River City Blues Fest has been announced, Headlining on Friday night will be NICK MOSS & THE FLIPTOPS and EDDIE "THE CHIEF" CLEARWATER on Saturday.

word on the street- Ms [SHEILA RAYE CHARLES](#), daughter of 'Ray' may possibly do a couple numbers during the River City Blues Competition "After Jam"...?

[Union Hall Theater](#), Chesterhill, OH host WILLIE PHOENIX & JESS KAUFFMAN *Sat Feb 28th...*

[Columbus Blues Alliance](#) "Traditional Acoustic Blues Fest" *Feb 28th* @ [Holiday Inn Worthington](#).

Use code "CBA" to reserve your room...

2ND ANNUAL CHARLIE WEST BLUES FEST *Sat May 16th* @ Oakes Field, South Charleston, more info soon...

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