



March 2009
Newsletter

2009 Bash Highlights



Pictured above, your 2009-2010 Officers: Treasurer Jody Murray, Secretary Deb Cheatham, Vice-President Jeff Bryden , Robert Benson (scholarship winner) and President Lou Morris.

Robert Benson was chosen by the music department of Casper College as the recipient of Wyoming Blues and Jazz Society’s Ray Patterson Memorial Scholarship. We were pleased to award him \$500 towards this semesters costs. Robert showed off his talents on the drums later that evening, jamming with some of our great local musicians.

Rock n’ Roll Susie started out the evening, with JD’s following. With two bands instead of the usual three, there was time for a really good jam session before it got too late. A nice taco bar was served by the Wonderbar. Door prizes were generously donated by Starla Mammon of Westside Women’s Clinic, Sam Gale of Gale Chimney Service and Candye Kane.

Special thanks to Janie Wait for organizing a great, hardworking group to decorate so nicely for the Bash. And thanks to all of you who braved the weather to attend that night!!

Raffle Winner-the lucky winner of our raffle for the 4 night trip to the New Orleans Jazz fest was Cory McDaniel . Thanks to all of those who purchased a ticket, hopefully he will write a report for the next newsletter. Have a great time Cory!

Moving on - A fond farewell to Sheila Ross, one of our most dedicated supporters. Thanks for all your help in having your store as a ticket outlet, helping out whenever asked and supporting the Blues and Jazz Society in so many ways. Your smiling face at almost every event , will be missed.

Please note: all shows at the Attic will be non-smoking, by majority request

Concerts scheduled March 21st and May 16th

Sat. March 21st - we present Smokin' Joe Kubek featuring Bnois King, at the Attic
Join the fun for some true Texas blues! These two have been playing together for 20 years. Check them out on www.alligator.com



Sat May 16th Candye Kane and her band return by popular demand. If you missed her in January, you missed a great show! Get your tickets early though, she draws a big crowd. See www.candykane.com for more info.

Tickets will be on sale on the website and outlets for the shows as soon as we have secured sponsorships.

If you are interested in sponsoring, or know someone who would be, contact Lou at 259-8725. Packages start at only \$100, and we are including a private, pre-concert, "meet and greet" the artist for the sponsors of these two shows.

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## Upcoming Summer Festivals — recommended by Mike and Starla Mammon

**Greely Blues Jam, Greely Colorado June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**This years headliners: Charlie Musselwhite, Marcia Ball, Walter Trout, Ronnie Baker Brooks and more! Tickets are \$20 each before March 31, \$30 after or at the gate. Call 970-356-5000. Friday night party downtown with lots of free music too.**

**Grand County Blues Festival**

**Tab Benoit, Tommy Castro, Jimmy Hall, Zac Harmon, Deanne Bogart and more. June 26-27 in Hideaway Park, downtown Winter Park. [www.grandblues.org](http://www.grandblues.org) - tickets TBA.**

**Mile High Blues Festival**

**Denver — August 8-9, featuring John Hammond, Rick Estin and the Nightcats, Reba Russell, the Delta Sonics, Bernard Allison, Curtis Salgado, Jimmy Thackery, Edne Bent, Ryan McGarvey and more. [www.coblues.com](http://www.coblues.com)**

# Wyoming Blues and Jazz Society now 10 years old!

Looking back, it is hard to believe that the very first show was held in 1999! We should all be grateful to the founders and the hard work they have done to establish the Society, and to ensure that it has stayed afloat. The jams and concerts have become integral and most enjoyable parts of our social lives.

A big thank you to each and everyone who has contributed to the success of the WBJs over the past 10 years. Just by paying membership dues, purchasing a concert ticket, making a small or large donation, or helping with the concerts and mailings, you have been a part of it.

Only with your continued support can we keep bringing the music! Encourage others to become members, attend concerts and take an active role as a member.

We are hoping to secure a “big” artist for a fall show to commemorate 10 years, if you have suggestions or connections, please let us know. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings, held at 4 P.M., the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month in All That Jazz (in the Parkway).

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Speaking of the Parkway:

When it became public knowledge that the Parkway Plaza Hotel was sold, many people were concerned that the new owners would not continue to support the Society. However, we have been assured that they will.

Our jam sessions and membership meetings at All That Jazz are welcomed, and on the same schedule as in the past.

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## **Movin' on**

A fond farewell to Sheila Ross, who is leaving Casper for a warmer climate. We will miss your smiling face that was at almost every concert. Your help in having your store, Simply Sheila, as a ticket outlet, recruiting new members and supporting the Society in so many ways has been greatly appreciated. Goodbye and good luck Sheila !

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Member Participation Needed

Do you have an hour to spare helping out at one of the next shows to work the door or help sell T-shirts or cd's?

Would you write a brief review of one of our shows for an upcoming newsletter? Or have festival news or reviews to contribute?

Just talking up our shows, encouraging friends, family and co-workers to attend and to join the Wyoming Blues and Jazz Society is helpful. Let's get bigger crowds and more members!!!!

Our website, wyobluesandjazz.org, is your best source of current information, links to local venues and band schedules.

If you are not receiving the email notifications and reminders, and would like to, please send your information to membership@wyobluesandjazz.org

Do you have a WBJs T-shirt? Short sleeves (\$15) are available in gray, long sleeve (\$20) in navy or black, and we have a few button down “dress” shirts in black (\$30). See Lou at the jam, at one of the upcoming shows, or call me at 259-8725. Limited quantities available.



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