



Special Edition Newsletter!

Members, we need you! We always need you, but especially now!!

Election for new officers will be held at our meeting on September 5, 2004 at the Parkway (All That Jazz) at 4:00 PM. The offices of President and Secretary will be open, and a motion has also been made to elect a Vice-President. Jody Murray has agreed to continue on as our Treasurer if so elected. Thank you Jody!

Nominations for people to fill these positions will be presented and discussed at the regular meeting on August 1, 2004 at Parkway's All That Jazz at 4:00 PM. Your input and participation would be greatly appreciated, so please come and take part in the process! Remember our business meetings are always open to all of our members.

In addition to the standard offices needing to be filled, Nancy Taylor has had to become less involved in the running of activities for WBJs. It has been discovered that it will take a village and a lot of teamwork to take over what she's been doing for the organization all of these years. We will list committees accepting help and contacts on the website and in the next newsletter.


Did you know that Wyoming Blues & Jazz Society held its first concert in 2000? In the last four years, we have sponsored 12 concerts, three small shows, approximately 60 jams, developed and coordinated a scholarship fund, and run WBJs booths at numerous festivals. That is an impressive amount of dedication and work! Heartfelt gratitude is extended to our steadfast core members who put so much effort into those achievements. Nancy and Jody Taylor, Mike and Starla Mammon, Barton York, Jody Murray, Mark Leonard, and Ray Patterson have worked especially hard on these endeavors from the very first meeting. Next time you see one of them, please be sure to tell them how much we appreciate them and their hard work! Even such committed devotees can be overworked and burned out, so please give us a hand in keeping things running smoothly. Of course, all of that hard work would be for nothing if it were not for our talented musicians, and generous patrons, so we extend many thanks to them as well.



WBJs JAMS CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!

SUNDAY - AUGUST 15 - 4:00-8:00PM - HOSTED BY
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This is the summer to have the blues! Be sure to check out some of the blues festivals. A more complete listing is available on our website as well as www.bluesfestivals.com and www.bluesfestivalguide.com

MAGIC CITY BLUES

Billings, Montana

August 13 & 14

Big Head Todd & The Monsters

The Fabulous Thunderbirds

Chris Thomas King, Blues Cousins & More!

www.magiccityblues.com

TRINIDADDIO

August 28

Big Jack Johnson and Junior Johnson

Toni Lynn Washington

John Mooney & Others

www.trinidaddio.com

DEADWOOD JAM

Sept 17 & 18

Usually has a great lineup!

www.deadwoodjam.com

TELLURIDE BLUES & BREWS FESTIVAL

Sept. 17, 18 & 19

KING BISCUIT FESTIVAL

Helena Arkansas

October 7, 8 & 9

Mike & Starla go to this one annually & give it rave reviews!!

Check out our new and improved website@ www.wyobluesandjazz.org

Thank you Page Fagan for all of your hard work on that project!!

Our next issue of the newsletter will be a regular edition and include reviews of the Pinedale and Grandby blues festivals!

Let us know what your Blues bands are up to & when! We'd like to include that on our schedule. Please contact Starla Mammon 234-2384 with your updates!

Advertisements are also welcome!

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If you, or somebody you know, would like to support our newsletter, please contact Janie Wait 266-4062.

If you have any other submissions or suggestions, please contact Dorothy Brown @ 266-4241 or Rolland Juarez @ 267-7852.

Would you rather receive your newsletter electronically? If so, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Robin Rowe @ 237-6160.

More next time!!

We look forward to seeing you August 1 @ 4 PM and September 4 @ 4:00 PM at All That Jazz in the Parkway Plaza!!



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COMING TO THE WONDER BAR AUGUST 27 & 28 **BRYAN LEE**

Don't miss him. Having seen him in New Orleans and having all of his CD's is a sure sign of his incredible talent. If you love the blues you just can't miss him. Even though it'll be way past my bedtime I'll be there both nights!! Nancy Taylor



Born in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, as a kid Bryan would lie awake at night listening to faraway southern radio stations that played the music of blues greats the likes of B.B. King, Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters and Elmore James. Bryan remembers thinking, "I don't understand this music, but that's where I want to be." Now years later, Bryan understands. "When I have problems in life, I need to pick up my guitar and play."

Bryan played his way from Wisconsin across the Northwest, driving hundreds of miles for "no money." Now and then he'd have a chance to meet some of the musicians that originally inspired him, and that kept him going. Once, after opening for Muddy Waters, he told Waters that he was honored to be in the presence of a living legend. "He got up, walked over and said 'Bryan, one day you'll be a living legend, because you *are* a blues man'." Bryan remembers.

Bryan eventually settled in New Orleans. For 15 years, he made a name for himself in the Big Easy, playing five nights a week at the Old Absinthe House Bar on Bourbon Street in the heart of the French Quarter. The place was usually packed, but was especially full during Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest and Sugar Bowl week. He has managed to acquire fans all over the world. Live At The Old Absinthe House was # 3 on the international Blues Charts in 1998.

Among those he's met and jammed with at "The A Bar" are Eric Clapton, Sting, Cyndi Lauper, Little Richard, Jimmy Page and Kenny Wayne Shepard. In fact, Kenny Wayne performed in front of his first live audience at the age of 13 with Bryan. And they remain close today. Kenny credits Bryan as being his "godfather in the blues" on his first CD **Ledbetter Heights**.

All good things must end, and so did the Old Absinthe House Bar. The owners decided to convert the blues club into a daiquiri bar. Bryan's days as a regular were over. So after consulting with his guitar, he decided to hit the road again. And even in his mid-50's he's still learning. Opening for Kenny Wayne Shepard he was delighted to find out how much younger crowds appreciate his music. "We take no prisoners. We have to just totally kill. We make a statement, that's the bottom line."

Bryan Lee has been giving the blues his all since his early days as a musician. He has to; it's in his blood. "I didn't choose the music, the music chose me." While some people look for a cure for the blues, Bryan knows the truth: for him, playing the blues is the surest cure there is. And we, as listeners, reap the rewards.

Other shows at the Wonder Bar include:

Aug. 6 Jimmy Van Zant Doors open at 8 pm \$10

Aug 7 Tyrin Benoit (Tab's Brother) 9 pm \$3.00

Aug. 11 Zen Tricksters—Grateful Dead Jam Band—9 pm \$5.00

Aug. 13 & 14 Rockin Jake 9 pm \$3.00

Aug. 20 & 21 Paul Galaxy and the Galactics—Rockabilly—9 pm \$3.00

Aug. 27 & 28 Bryan Lee 9 pm \$3.00

Sept. 10 & 11 Trainwreckers 9 pm \$3.00

Sept. 24 & 25 Blue Jack 9 pm \$3.00