

Photo by Keith S. Clements

On Sunday, April 22 the blues society celebrated the release of the Foree Wells and Walnut Street Blues Band CD *It's A New Day Brother!* at Alumni's Hopps on Market St. The Walnut Street Blues Band (shown above) lead by Michael Wells on guitar and Greg Wells on keyboards performed that evening along with the 10th Street Blues Band. *It's A New Day Brother!* can be purchased at ear X-tacy and most KBS-sponsored events.

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#### **KBS MONTHLY MEETING**

If you are interested in reviewing new blues releases, come on out to the KBS monthly meeting (held the first Wednesday of each month at **7:00 PM** at O'Shea's Irish Pub, 956 Baxter Avenue), and take your pick! We receive promo releases from the major blues labels as well as regional and local bands. If you review a CD, it's yours to keep!

### LETTER FROM THE PREZ

On Sunday, April 22 the blues society hosted a long-awaited CD release party for the Foree Wells and Walnut Street Blues Band album *It's A New Day Brother!* Our thanks to everyone who came out to Alumni's Hopps to hear both the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Blues Band and the Walnut Street Blues Band and help us celebrate this event. I had the pleasure of meeting several KBS members and supporters who have worked hard over the years to keep the blues society going including Perry Aberli and Roger Wolford. Jim O'Neil, cofounder of Living Blues magazine and the man behind Stackhouse Records who helped make *It's A New Day Brother!* a reality, came in from Kansas City. The night would have not been complete without him in attendance. I have enjoyed hearing the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Blues Band before but this was my first time to hear the Walnut Street Blues Band. These guys can really lay it down. Brothers Greg and Michael are certainly doing their part in keeping the Wells family tradition of fine blues music alive and well. And Artie Wells on lead vocals is just phenomenal.

Speaking of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Blues Band they will be playing a Derby Eve gig on Bardstown Road at Rosewood Ave across the street from Ramsi's Café. This is a tradition that goes back to when Fred Murphy played street corners on Bardstown Rd during Derby week. Pen Bogert of 10<sup>th</sup> Street said they haven't been able to play the last couple of years due to rain and other commitments but weather permitting they will be there this year. The music should start around 6:30 pm.

There are several other blues shows in town during Derby Week. The biggest is the free Jonny Lang show on the Great Stage at Waterfront Park on Wednesday, May 2. Sponsored by the Kentucky Derby Festival the show starts at 9 pm. The Chow Wagon also located on the downtown riverfront will host several blues/R&B acts during the week including the Jimmy Davis Band, Robbie Bartlett and V-Groove. Check the KBS calendar for details.

The first local blues festival of the year takes place two weeks after Derby. The Jeffersontown-Crusade Blues Festival will be held Saturday, May 19 in Veterans Memorial Park in J-Town. The free festival features seven bands from noon until 8:00 pm. Bring out a blanket or folding chair and enjoy the music of Big Black Cadillac, Revaneu and Velveeta Jones among others. The night before the Gaslight Inn will host a Blues Bash from 5:00 to 11:00 pm featuring three bands for only \$5. Several blues-related events will be held during the week including a KBS-sponsored blues seminar at the Jeffersontown Community Center on Tuesday, May 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. A free raffle will be held to giveaway a Fender Squire guitar with amp valued at \$200. For more information go to the festival website at www.jtownbluesfest.org or call 639-8750.

The KBS Ramblin' Blues Cruise is set for Saturday, June 2 and will feature seven bands at four different venues. This will be a great night of music, food and camaraderie with your fellow blues lovers so come out and join us on the shuttle as it loops around downtown Louisville. Look for the full page ad in this issue of *Blues News*. You can send us payment via mail or pay online at www.kbsblues.org. Call 724-9971 for more details.

While preparing this month's calendar, I noticed that some local bands are scheduled to play at the International Bar-B-Q Festival in Owensboro, KY the weekend of May 11 and 12. The list includes da Mudcats and the Stella-Vees. Kenny Lee president of the Kentucky Blues Society will also perform that weekend. Kenny's just a multi-talented kind of guy. Go to www.bbqfest.com for more information on the festival.



Gary

# 2007 Kentuckiana Blues Society Ramblin' Blues Cruise Saturday, June 2 < 6:30 - 11:30 pm Four locations < Seven bands < Dinner included

Join us on the blues cruise shuttle as it loops around downtown Louisville making stops at some of the best blues nightspots in town. Payment includes transportation, club admission and dinner.

Blues cruisers must check in between 6:30 and 7:30 pm at Alumni's Hopps or River Bend Winery for dinner before the cruise. After dinner cruisers can board at any of the four locations and catch the shuttle as it continuously loops downtown from 7:30 to 11:30 pm.

Free parking available in the lots next to Alumni's Hopps, River Bend Winery and Zena's. Street parking available in front of all locations.

Alumni's Hopps 800 West Market Your choice of a sandwich (Big Hopps burger, chicken, Philly cheese steak or white fish) and one side (cole slaw, potato salad, green beans, sweet potato casserole, fresh greens, mac & cheese, pinto beans or fries)

River Bend WineryYour choice of thai chili chicken wings, pan seared salmon or120 South 10th Stsmoked duck & poached pear salad

## Zena's Cafe

7:30 Jim Masterson Band 10:00 Rusty Ends

## Alumni's Hopps

7:30 Flipp Syde

Send payment of \$25 for KBS members (\$30 for nonmembers) by May 25 to:

Kentuckiana Blues Society Blues Cruise PO Box 755 Louisville, KY 40204-0755

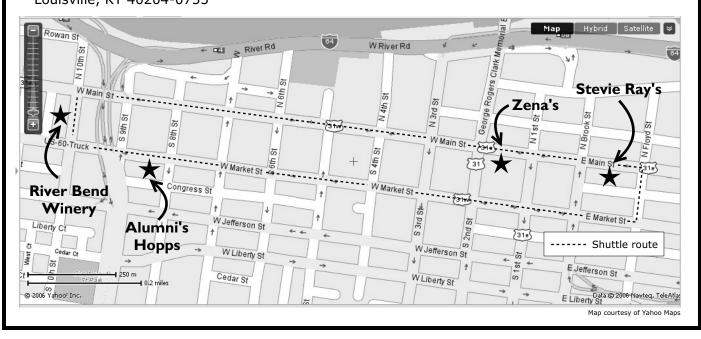
### **River Bend Winery**

7:00 Sheryl Rouse 9:30 Double Dog Dare

### **Stevie Ray's**

7:30 Travelin' Mojos 10:30 Scott Holt

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# **New Music Review**



#### Taildragger My Head Is Bald Live at Vern's Friendly Lounge (DVD) Delmark Records DE782

This DVD is a welcome collection to my blues DVD's. I had no exposure to Taildragger before now, but knew who he was and where he was from (Chicago). Delmark has done it again, bringing some classic old school blues musicians to the average person who may never get to Chicago. An example is the recently released CD, "Michael Coleman's Blues Brunch at the Mart".

This DVD takes you to Chicago for a live performance with good video and audio. Vern's is a very small bar similar to a lot of blues bars that I have visited. How Delmark shot the video they did in such a small place is remarkable.

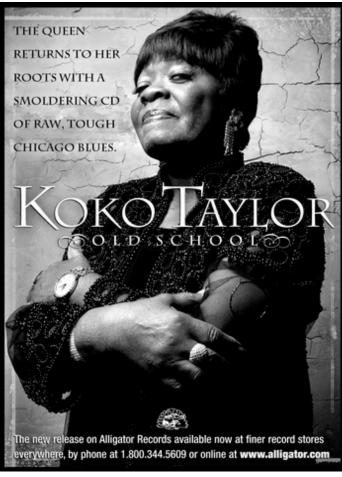
There are Great musicians on the video too. Of course, Taildragger handles all vocals. On guitar is Lurrie Bell, Jimmy Dawkins for one song, and Kevin Shanahan. On harp is the Chicago legend Billy Branch. Bob Stroger is on bass, Kenny Smith on drums and Willie Young on sax.

The music is great as only you could witness live in a bar. Taildragger gives "youngsters" a few words of advice between songs. All of the performers do an admirable job. Lurrie Bell is excellent on guitar and Billy Branch is his normal superb self.

Viewing this DVD is just like being there. If you want to go to a bar in Chicago and see some great musicians playing some great music, you can go there, or you can get this DVD.



Bob Brown



### Habitat for Humanity Benefit

On March 27 Donald and I went to the Elk's Club off Orsmby Lane to see Lamont Gillispie and the 100 Proof Blues Band play for the Habitat for Humanity benefit in memory of Pat Smith. Smith was very much involved in Habitat for Humanity. He and several others were killed in the crash of Comair flight 5191. This benefit was to raise money in Pat's honor and to help keep Habitat for Humanity going strong. Terry Meiners and Rachael Platt were there to introduce different people who knew Pat Smith and were involved with Habitat for Humanity. Some of Pat Smith's family were also there. Terry Meiners introduced Lamont and the band. Spoon (David Witherspoon), Bryon Davies and Dr. Boom were all in attendance. Lamont climbed down off the stage and mixed with the audience singing and playing his harmonica. He is such a crowd pleaser. As always, Lamont and his wonderful band sounded just great!

#### **Phyllis Edmondson**

# **KENTUCKIANA BLUES CALENDAR** May 2007

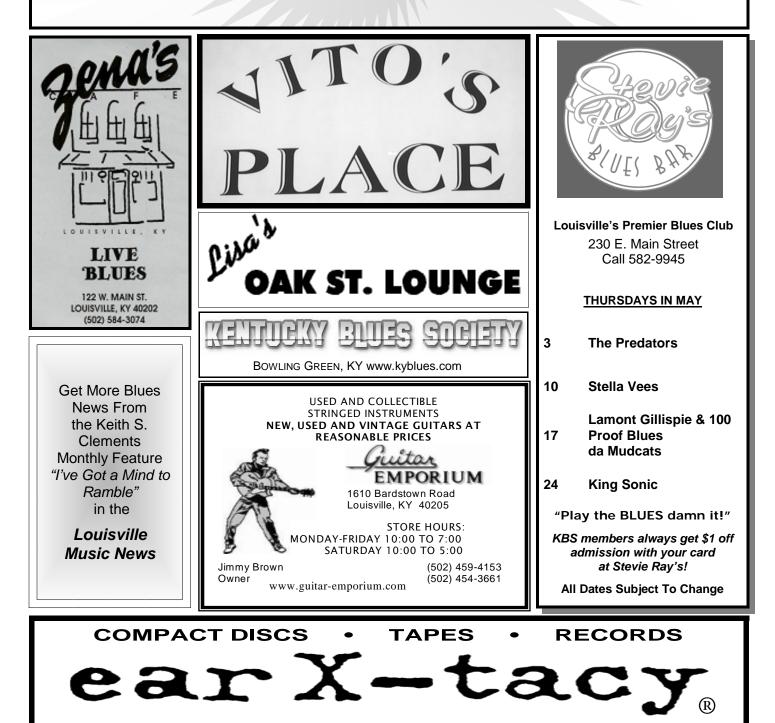
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