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The Cash Box Kings do the blues just the way you like it! They will be performing Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Stevie Ray's Blues Bar, located at 230 East Main Street in downtown Louisville. The Revelators will open the night at 6:30 PM for an evening of great entertainment. \$10.00 at the door. Oliver's Smokin' BBQ will be available. Come get your blues on!

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Letter From The Prez



KBS President Mark Sneed

Greetings Blues Fans!

We're getting close to the beginning of the outdoor blues festivals. The International Bar-B-Que Festival in Owensboro, KY is May 12th and 13th, and the BBQ Blues & Bikes Festival in Elizabethtown is on May 27th. Also on May 27th, Stevie Ray's Blues Bar will feature the Cash Box Kings from Chicago, IL. I've seen them a few times and have always enjoyed a great concert of Chicago style blues. The harmonica player is amazing and the band is tight. The Revelators will open the show, so be sure to get there early. Please note that Stevie Ray's will not be offering the \$2 discount to Kentuckiana Blues Society members for this show because The Cash Box Kings are playing for the money collected at the door.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a few words about the Stevie Ray's KBS membership discount. First, to make sure everyone is aware that on **most** nights, your **valid membership card** gets you \$2 off admission. (Please don't hassle the help if you don't have your card...we'll be happy to get you a new one if you have lost yours!) The KBS member discount is always at the discretion of the club, however, and there are a few instances where the discount does not apply. One example is when the band is playing for the door. Just like it sounds, the band has agreed to play for **only** whatever the club takes in on cover charges, so there will be no member discount for these shows. This is also a good time to mention that you should try especially hard to support these shows. Invite some friends. We are always hearing about how people would love to see more regional blues shows, but those acts are not going to stop here if we don't show up. Another no-discount situation, of course, would be a fundraiser. Stevie Ray's is often kind enough to allow us to use their venue to raise money for musicians, the IBC, the Animal Care Society, and other worthy causes. Whoever is sponsoring a benefit wants to take in every dollar for the cause, so, once again, no discount applies for these events. Bear in mind that the bands who are performing are also usually donating their time and talent, so please dig deep and know you are helping us help someone in need. I have attended many fundraisers and the support from the blues community and the bands that perform is amazing. I also know the monies raised are much appreciated by the people needing our support and help. Big thanks to all of them, to all of you, and to Stevie Ray's.

We have our festival schedule in this newsletter. I am looking at it and putting in my vacation time. I plan on going to the Handy Festival, the Louisville Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival, Madison's Ribberfest, The Hot August Blues Festival, and the Garvin Gates Blues Festival, and if I can get one or two more in, I will. I really enjoy the festivals and if I was retired and had the money, I would go to many of them around the country. One day though, it just might happen. A festival guide is always available at our table listing events taking place throughout the United States during the calendar year. A new festival, Bourbon and Beyond, will take place September 23rd through the 24th at Champions Park on River Road. The blues performers listed impressed me. They have Joe Bonamassa, Gary Clark Jr., Buddy Guy, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Jonny Lang, and Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue. The promo lists over 25 musical groups and the cost for both days is \$ 119.00. My advice is get your tickets now, the price goes up closer to the concert.

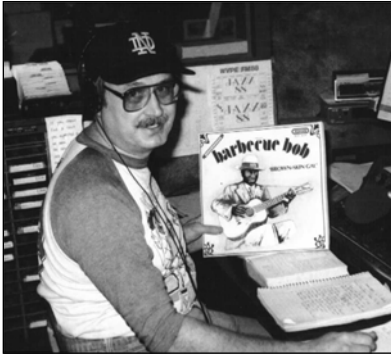
Hope to see you out and about.

Mark

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Back To The Blues



Perry Aberli circa 1980s

So, sometimes you can go home again. On Saturday, April 8, the Original Vegetable Buddies held a benefit for the homeless at the newly opened Vegetable Buddies in South Bend, Indiana. The new club is on the same site as the original VB's and some of the original artwork was brought in to adorn the walls for the event.

The featured talent for the show was Ronnie Baker Brooks with Billy Branch. The opening act was The Moore Brothers, Tommy and Davey, who did a nice acoustic set. I have known Tom for over 40 years and appeared on his radio program on the Notre Dame FM station many times. Ronnie brought a tight band that feature a three piece horn section. The show was dedicated to his dad, Lonnie, who had just passed the week before, and whose funeral was to occur two days after the show. I know it was a difficult performance, but he was playing as much for his dad as the crowd.

I spoke to Ronnie at a pre-show meet and greet and was impressed with his humility and strength in a difficult time. He even obliged me with the obligatory photo (below left).

The set was impressive, although the keyboards were overmiked and tended to be an irritating distraction in an otherwise fine show. However, it was a rude awakening to realize that Ronnie is 50 years old and Billy Branch – one of the “Sons of the Blues,” is 67! Talk about making you feel old! My son did manage a few pics from our seats of both Ronnie (below center) and Billy (below right).



It was a bit of an embarrassment to be introduced to the crowd as the man who brought the Blues to South Bend, and I raised my hand like a shamed schoolchild caught by the nun. Fortunately, it passed quickly.

Another bonus for me at the benefit was to meet up again with two fellow Blues Disc Jockeys from WVPE. Brad Niedbalski and Harvey Stauffer hosted a show that came on after mine on Saturdays. I hosted Back To The Blues and they alternately hosted The Blues Review – and still do some 30 years later. You can check them out on TunedIn Radio on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Brad brought a picture with him of the three of us with Pinetop Perkins at the short lived “Ribs ‘n’ Blues,” a club owned by Blues piano player, Peter Dames (of Peter Dames and the Rhythm Flames – an obscure group that often featured Eddie Taylor, Hubert Sumlin, and Big John Wrencher).



.Here we are, before and after, from 1987 and 2017

It had been over 30 years since I had seen many of the old South Bend Blues Mafia since most of my visits over that time have been to campus combined with family. This time, I came for family and the Blues. And, I took my son and daughter (one of three) who live in South Bend to the show with me.

Thanks for indulging me in my all too brief, real time trip Back To The Blues.

Perry W. Aberli

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RC and the NightShades 3:30

Robbie Bartlett Blues Band 4:45

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Tee Dee Young 9:30

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Kentuckiana Blues Society - 2017 Festival Schedule

Below is a list of this year's festivals in the Kentuckiana area with their corresponding website addresses. These festivals either feature blues music or a variety of music including blues. More information will be available in future Blues News issues and on the KBS website at <http://kbsblues.org/>

- May 12-13 **International Bar-B-Que Festival (Owensboro, KY)**
<http://www.bbqfest.com/>
- May 27 **BBQ, Blues and Bikes (Elizabethtown, KY)**
<http://www.bbqbluesfest.com/>
- May 28 **Blues Between the Bridges (Lexington, KY)**
<http://www.gbusyblues.com/>
- June to Sept. **Mary Ann Fisher Summer Concert Series (Russellville, KY)**
<http://www.russellvilleblues.com/>
- June 2-3 **Germantown Schnitzelburg Blues Festival (Louisville, KY)**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gtownbluesfest/>
- June 2-3 **Muddy Roots Spring Weekender (Brown County, IN)**
http://muddyrootsrecords.com/mr_events/mr_springweekender/
- June 3 **Burdette Blues Festival (Evansville, IN)**
<http://evansvilleblues.com/2nd-annual-burdette-blues-festival/>
- June 10 **Blues Brews & BBQ (Springfield, KY)**
<http://www.springfieldky.org/>
- June 14-17 **Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival (Henderson, KY)**
<http://www.handyblues.org/>
- June 17 **Blues Harborfest (Jamestown, KY)**
<http://lakecumberlandbluesfest.com/>
<http://www.statedock.com/>
- June 24 **Columbus BBQ & Blues Fest (Columbus, IN)**
<https://www.facebook.com/BBQ-Blues-and-Brew-830760556952512>
- July 3-4 **Crescent Hill Art and Music Festival (Louisville, KY)**
<http://www.crescenthill.us/>
- July 21-22 **Louisville Blues-n-Barbecue Festival (Louisville, KY)**
<http://www.louisvillebluesandbbqfestival.com/>

- Aug. 11-12** Cincy Blues Festival (Cincinnati, OH)
<http://cincyblues.org/>
- August 13** Bloomington Boogies: Blues & Boogie Woogie Piano Festival (Bloomington, IN)
<http://bloomingtonboogies.com/>
- Aug. 18-19** Madison Ribberfest (Madison, IN)
<http://www.madisonribberfest.com/>
- Aug. 24-26** Bean Blossom Blues Festival (Bean Blossom, IN)
<http://beanblossomblues.com/>
- Aug. 25-26** Ken Lake's Hot August Blues Festival (Hardin, KY)
<https://www.facebook.com/KenlakeHotAugustBlues/>
<http://www.hotaugustbluesfestival.com/>
- Aug. 26-27** Art in Speed Park (Sellerburg, IN)
<http://artinspeedpark.com/>
- Sept. 8-9** Blues at the Crossroads (Terre Haute, IN)
<http://www.bluesatthecrossroads.com/>
- Sept. 8-9** Lake Cumberland Blues Society Blues, BBQ & Arts Festival (Somerset, KY)
<https://www.facebook.com/lakecumberlandbluessociety>
- Sept. 8-10** Kentucky State BBQ Festival (Danville, KY)
<http://www.kybbqfestival.com/>
- Sept. 8-10** Roots and Heritage Festival (Lexington, KY)
<http://rootsfestky.com/>
- Sept. 15-16** Bands & BBQ at the Point (Carrollton, KY)
<http://www.carrolltontourism.com/>
- Sept. 16** Jug Band Jubilee (Louisville, KY)
<http://www.jugbandjubilee.org/>
- Sept 23-24** Bourbon and Beyond Festival (Louisville, KY)
<http://bourbonandbeyond.com/>
- Oct. 8** Big Rock Jazz and Blues Festival (Louisville, KY)
<http://www.louisvillejazz.org/>
- Oct. 13-14** Garvin Gate Blues Festival (Louisville, KY)
<http://garvingatebluesfestival.com/>

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Friday, June 2

6:30 . . . D Man & The Alley Hounds

8:30 . . . Jimmy Davis Band

10:30 . . . Laurie Jane & The 45's

Saturday, June 3

6:30 . . . The Blue Crawdads

8:30 . . . Mississippi Adam Riggle

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