

THE DC BLUES SOCIETY

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The DC Blues Society (DCBS) is a non-profit section 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to keeping the Blues alive through outreach and education.

Annual Membership:

Benefits? See DCBS website for details. Student \$15 (send copy of student photo id), Individual \$25, Family \$35, Canada \$35 (US), other countries \$50 (US). Contributions (not dues) to the DC Blues Society are tax-deductible. To join the 500+ members, send a check and the Membership Application on page 11 or join online at http://www.dcblues.org/memb/mbr_join.php

Send changes in your name and address and/or membership status to membership@dcblues.org or mail to the DC Blues Society.

Be a part of the DC Blues Society and get involved!

Attend the DCBS Board Meeting on **Wednesday, June 4**

– contact president@dcblues.org for more details. Visit http://www.dcblues.org/memb/mbr_vltr.php for information about all our opportunities!

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The *Capital Blues Messenger* is usually published monthly. It contains information on Society events, blues listings and other items of interest. Submit your events (see below)! Recent issues are also downloadable as PDF files from the Society's website, www.dcblues.org. This issue is © 2008 DC Blues Society.

Cover: Attend these festivals and buy DCBS gear. Fill the wanted positions!

Get in the DCBS Capital Blues Messenger Newsletter!

The deadline for each issue is the 7th of the previous month.

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> Send advertising to ads@dcblues.org

> Newsletter contributions to newsletter@dcblues.org

> Send your calendar listings to calendar@dcblues.org or to

Business card \$20

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1/6 page \$30

1/4 page \$40

1/3 page \$55

1/2 page \$70

2/3 page \$100

Full page \$125

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President's Drum

Is This My Newsletter?

This month's *Capital Blues Messenger* (CBM) has a decidedly different look. We owe a collective thanks to Jazz, Advertising Coordinator, who stepped in and brought this edition to life after Tony suddenly left the editor job. [*We wish Tony well.*] Delivering the Messenger newsletter to you every month can generate more drama than awaiting the baby – daddy -maybe DNA test results on the Maury Show. But here's the Messenger again with a new look and a one-time stand-in editor, and still full of all the Blues news fit to print.

Speaking of CBM newsletter drama, last year the DCBS board made an initial attempt at delivering the Messenger via email. A survey of members showed overwhelming support for the idea, which will allow DCBS to more efficiently and timely deliver the Messenger and save money that can be used to support our *free Annual DC Blues Festival*. [Our 20th Annual Festival is on 30 August at the Carter Barron Amphitheater. See lineup at www.dcblues.org] Technical problems delayed full implementation of email delivery last year. Within the next couple of months we intend to resurrect that plan. You will have the opportunity to opt for continuing to receive a paper copy. Members without email addresses will continue to receive the newsletter by mail.

Felix and Sam'i Agree:

You're who we're looking for!

Sign up to be the DCBS:

- ☆ Membership Coordinator
- ☆ Capital Blues Messenger Newsletter Editor

Contact President@dcblues.org

WE NEED A PERMANENT CBM EDITOR NOW!

If you have desktop publishing skills, the DC region blues audience needs your help immediately. If interested, send me an email at president@dcblues.org. While I'm talking DCBS needs, Mona Kotlarsky, our Membership Coordinator, has resigned. [*Thanks so much Mona for an excellent job fine-tuning our membership process and improving member outreach.*] While Mona will be hard to replace, she must be.



DCBS President, Felix McClairen with DCBS past president & current Jam Master, Sam'i Nuriddin
Photo Courtesy of Ron Weinstock

Bobby's Better

Bobby Parker was released from the hospital and recovered well enough to make an appearance [Editor's note: but was in stitches and really shouldn't have been there but he put on an awesome set!] at the benefit in his behalf. The benefit on 11 May at the Surf Club Live raised over \$1,700 to help Bobby with medical expenses. The amount was likely dampened by the rainy weather and Mothers' Day activities. But the spirits of supporters wasn't dampened as they shook, rocked, and rolled to the music laid down by Terrance McArdle & Jumping Tonight; Memphis Gold; The Mary Shaver Band; Robert Lighthouse; and The Nighthawks. Thanks to the bands, volunteers, and especially the folks who came out on a rainy Mothers' Day to help with a good cause and have a good time. *Bobby can still use your help. Send donations to:*

Bobby Parker Fundraiser 700 P.O. Box 2253, Upper Marlboro, MD 20773

Get Tickets Online

Fred Morser, DCBS Volunteer, has been helping out with the website and enabled the purchase of tickets to most of our upcoming shows. You

will also be able to make your tax-deductible donations to DCBS and become a festival sponsor at various levels of contributions. Of course, you can already renew your annual membership online.

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Bobby "still in stitches" (!) Parker with Ron Weinstock, previous DCBS Newsletter Editor for 20 Years! (We miss you Ron!)
Photo Courtesy of Crawlin Kingsnake

Ron Tells Us About....

Roomful of Blues Headlines Annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival



DCBS Volunteers Needed!

On Saturday, June 21, the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO) presents the free **13th Annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival**. The free festival will be on S. Walter Reed Dr. just north of Columbia Pike in Arlington, Virginia and starts at 1p.m. with a lineup that includes such terrific area performers as:

Memphis Gold, Tom Principato, Melanie Mason Band, Karl Stoll & The Dangerzone, and Danny Blew & The Blues Crew, in addition to headliners, **Roomful of Blues**. The popular street party also features international foods, cold beverages, arts & crafts and other vendors, civic groups, children's activities, and more.

Established on May 14, 1986, CPRO is a coalition of businesses, civic associations, property owners, and individuals working with the Arlington County Government. It works to provide direction and support to improve and revitalize Columbia Pike and its adjacent neighborhoods. It puts on the festival with assistance from many sponsors to keep it free. For more information on CPRO and the festival, check out their website, <http://www.columbiapikepartnership.com>.

Tinner Hill Blues Festival Honors John Jackson with All-Star DC Blues Lineup

The Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation and the City of Falls Church presents the **Tinner Hill Blues Festival** on Saturday, June 14. The Festival takes place at Cherry Hill Park at Falls Church's City Hall with performances starting at 11a.m. Performers for this *free* festival include **Danny Blew & the Blues Crew, Acme Blues Company, Catfish Hodge, Deanna Bogart, Bobby Parker, Nadine Rae & the All Stars and Memphis Gold & Band**. There will also be a special tribute to John Jackson during the festival. Also there will be a '*Front Porch Blues Stage*,' with activities and performances for families and kids **with Sam the Muleman, Boogie Woogie Blues, Choo Choo Charlie and Mike Baytop & Rick Franklin**.

Prior to the Festival on the morning of June 14, there will be some Early Bird Blues as part of the weekly Farmer's Market at Falls Church City Hall. There will be children's blues book readings at the Mary Riley Styles Library and Robert Lighthouse will be performing at George Mason Square at 6p.m. At 6:30p.m. there will be jam session at Shreve McGonegal's Headquarters and Colin Thompson as well as The Joe Poppen Band will be at Bangkok Blues that evening. As part of the Festival Weekend, at Falls

DCBS is Looking for Booth Volunteers

Sell DCBS merchandise and let everyone know about the upcoming DC Blues Festival and spread the word about the great local music scene!

We need some hard-working dedicated volunteers for the **DC BBQ Battle on Sunday, June 22**. You'll need to be able to assist with a variety of tasks, including moving merchandise and equipment and attending to whoever needs whatever throughout the assigned time span. If this is you, contact fest_volunteer@dcblues.org

Do you have a great radio voice and like speaking to crowds? Want to spread the word about DCBS to those crowds while introducing musicians? Contact fest_volunteer@dcblues.org

Church's The State Theatre, Friday evening June 13, there will be a premiere of a documentary, '**John Jackson, A Blues Treasure**' at 7p.m. **Tommy Castro** will appear later at 9p.m. that night at the State (for which there is an admission charge).

There will be more blues at the Dogwood Tavern. **Sunday, June 15**, Ireland's Four Provinces will have a **Blues Brunch** and that night **The Meteors** host the weekly jam at Bangkok Blues. Please note that the shows at Bangkok Blues and Ireland's Four Provinces do have admission charges.

The Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation celebrates the legacy of the first rural NAACP chapter in Virginia and the remarkable African-American legacy in this region. They have been holding an annual festival for years, and featured the late John Jackson and Sonny Warner, among others. This year the event has become a significant blues festival and will be presenting some of the region's top talent. The festival has a diverse lineup that promises some excellent music. The Foundation's website is <http://tinnerhill.net/>.

President's Drum

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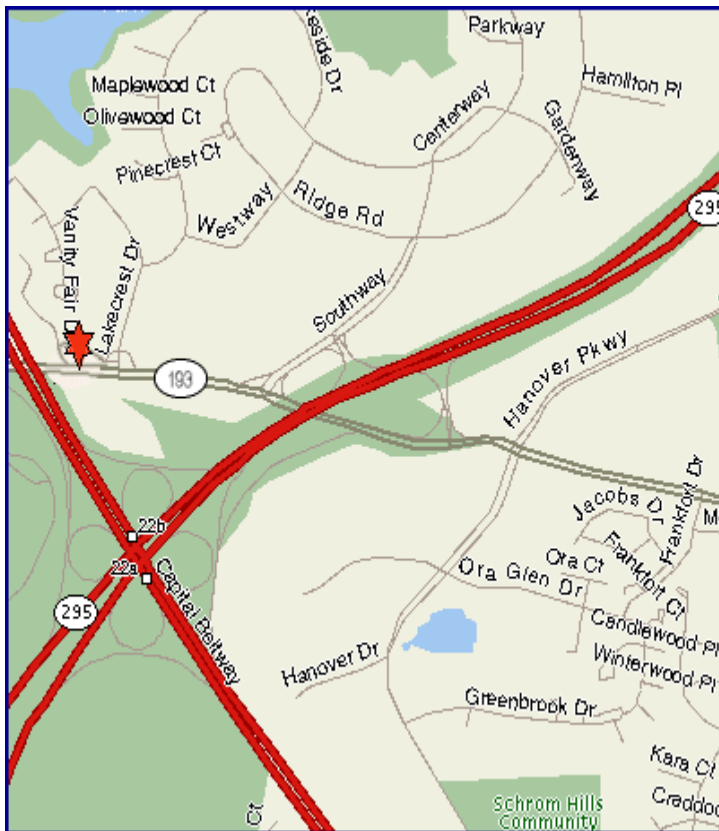
Get your **Advance Only Tickets** now for the Annual Festival fundraiser starring **Guy Davis**. Davis, the son of the legendary acting and literary couple, **Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee**, is an accomplished and acclaimed musician, composer, actor, director and writer. **Read more about Davis at <http://www.guydavis.com/>** Davis will give an exclusive solo performance to help DCBS raise funds to support the **FREE 20th Annual DC Blues Festival** [30 August at the Carter Barron].

Help the Society pay for the *free* annual festival and enjoy an intimate evening with an icon of acoustic blues. Admission includes food and deeply discounted cash bar. **Tickets are only available in Advance!** General admission: \$35; Priority seating \$45, which includes an opportunity to have a photo taken with Davis. Order on line: www.dcblues.org or call 301-322-4808 for tickets.

Blues Always,
Felix



Guy Davis – he's playing the *Chicago Blues Festival* and then heading to California and Texas, but **YOU** can see him here! [Gotta see him just for that look...!] Photo Courtesy of The Roots Agency



American Legion Post #136: From 495 (Washington Beltway) take Exit 22 - A (Baltimore - Washington Parkway - north) to the first exit, Route 193 (Greenbelt Road), bear right (west) on 193. At the top of the bridge you will see a traffic light. Take the second right after the traffic light (Lakecrest Drive). Then, take an immediate left (Legion Drive). It's on the sub-road parallel to Greenbelt Road. The address is 6900 Greenbelt Road., Greenbelt, MD 20770. Telephone: (301) 345-0136.

Festival Fundraiser An Evening with Guy Davis

Enjoy an intimate evening with an icon of the blues!

Friday, June 27, 2008

American Legion Post #136
6900 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Reception 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Performance 8:30 – midnight

Tickets
\$45.00 for **VIP** seating
\$35.00 for **General Admission**

RSVP by June 20, 2008.

Order Form p. 7, www.dcblues.org
or 301-322-4808

Blues Notes



Get Ready for the Battle of the Bands!

The **Blues Foundation** will present the 25th **International Blues Challenge** on February 4-7, 2009 in Memphis, TN.

The world's largest gathering of Blues acts represents an international search by The Blues Foundation and its Affiliated Organizations for the Blues Band and Solo/Duo Blues Act ready to take their act to the international stage. In 2008, 100 bands and 60 solo/duo acts entered, filling the clubs up and down Beale Street for the semi-finals on Thursday and Friday and the finals at the Orpheum Theater on Saturday. *It's the 'American Ido@!' of the blues and you can be a part of it!*

You can buy in Advance: tickets, host hotel information, merchandise and preliminary event schedule will be available at www.blues.org beginning October 1.

Photo Courtesy of Crawlin Kingsnake

Charles "Big Daddy" Stallings won the DCBS IBC Challenge last year and will perform at the **free 20th Annual DC Blues Festival** on August 30 at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre in DC.

The **DCBS Battle of the Bands** is in September.

- Check our full schedule on www.dcblues.org and on p 8.



A Historic Event

Can't volunteer for the DCBS Booth on Sunday, June 8? Go to Surf Club Live to see **Mark Wenner** and **Phil Wiggins** and **Big Boy Little** and **Doug Jay** and MANY more perform at the **Right on Rhythm Harp Homecoming Surf Club Live**: 4711 Kenilworth Avenue Hyattsville, MD 301-345-0136

Mark Wenner of the Nighthawks, wearing his favorite DCBS shirt, performed at the Bobby Parker Benefit with the Nighthawks. (Right & Left)

Photos Courtesy of Crawlin Kingsnake



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Let us know!

Send content to newsletter@dcblues.org

Musicians / Venues / Festivals

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Send these by
the 7th of the
Previous Month!

Bookmark the **DCBS Calendar Current Events** page http://dcblues.org/calend/cal_vnts.php

to Stay Current on Blues Events. You'll have access to all of these!

Crawlin Kingsnake's Weekly Post – CK, DCBS Forum Administrator, posts updates weekly.

Fools Night Out Picks – Scott Mitchell tells you where to find the best dance spots.

Right on Rhythm Daily Calendar – Wayne Kahn can send you updates weekly, including Open Mike Jams.

Festivals and Shows – you can plan a whole year of blues with Marcia's lists!



**20th Annual DC Blues Festival
FUNDRAISER!**

for the *FREE* DC Blues Festival on Saturday, August 30 at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre

Guy Davis

*He's playing the Chicago Blues Festival and then heading to California and Texas, but YOU can see him here!
DCBS – continuing to bring you live blues for 20+ years!*

Friday, June 27, 2007

Reception: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Showtime: 8:30 p.m.

**American Legion Post #136
6900 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770**

Order Now! Tickets are limited.

Fill out the Ticket Order Form or

Order tickets *fast & easy* online at www.dcblues.org

For more ticket information, call 301-322-4808

Ticket Order Form

Tickets will be available at Will Call if payment is received too late to mail tickets.

Please Print Clearly:

Date: _____ Member? (Check here)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Type of Ticket: (Check one) VIP General Admission

Number of Tickets: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

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Davis Fundraiser
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WASHINGTON, DC 20013-7315**

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bar!**

General Admission: \$35

**VIP: \$45
(includes priority seating
and photo-op)**

2008 DCBS Event Schedule

DCBS Hotline 202-962-0012

Tickets (301) 322-4808

Order Online: www.dcblues.org

- 31 MAY **Dr. S.O. Feelgood Band & Show** 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Mirrors Nightclub 33 New York Ave. Washington, DC 20002
Advance: \$10 members; \$12 non-members. \$15 door
- 27 JUNE **Guy Davis Festival Fundraiser** 7:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
American Legion Post #136 6900 Greenbelt Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20770
\$35 Gen Admission; \$45 VIP (includes priority seating and photo-op)
Reception: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Showtime: 8:30 p.m.
- 19 JULY **Fish, Brew, Blues & Bike Contest** 4:00 p.m. - ?
American Legion Post #136 6900 Greenbelt Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20770
Fish served @ 4:30p.m. DJ Dr. S.O. Feelgood & Live Music.
\$12 Admission includes fish sandwich (Dinner – includes 2 sides is extra)
\$10 motorcycle registration fee. 1st place wins \$200 & trophy. 2nd place wins trophy.
- 9 AUGUST **Homemade Jamz Festival Fundraiser** 8:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.
Surf Club Live 4711 Kenilworth Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20781
Advance: \$20; \$25 door. HJ takes stage at 9p.m.
- 30 AUGUST **Annual Festival** 12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Carter Barron Amphitheater
Zach Harmon headlines, IBC winner, workshops, and much more!
Free!
- 30 AUGUST **Lil Dave Thompson @ Festival After-Party** 8:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.
Mirrors Nightclub 33 New York Ave. Washington, DC 20002
Advance: \$10 members; \$12 non-members. \$15 door
- 27 SEPTEMBER **IBC Battle of the Bands Preliminary or Final Round** 8:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.
Surf Club Live 4711 Kenilworth Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20781
Advance: \$10 members; \$12 non-members. \$15 door
- 18 OCTOBER Tentative date for **Battle of the Bands Final Round** (if needed) 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.
Surf Club Live 4711 Kenilworth Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20781
Advance: \$10 members; \$12 non-members. \$15 door
- 15 NOVEMBER **WinnerFest International Blues Challenge Fundraiser**
Featuring Battle of the Bands Competition Winners
8:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Surf Club Live 4711 Kenilworth Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20781
Advance: \$10 members; \$12 non-members. \$15 door
- 20 DECEMBER **Holiday Party** (Band TBD) 8:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
Location TBD
Advance: \$10 members; \$12 non-members. \$15 door

DCBS Members –
watch your email
for chances to win
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tickets!

Sign up for the
Battle of the Bands
before August 1 at
the monthly jams or
at jams@dcblues.org

**Volunteers Needed for the
DCBS Booth! Check**
www.dcblues.org or email
fest_volunteer@dcblues.org
June 7 Greenbelt Blues Festival
June 8 Billtown Blues Festival
June 21 Columbia Pike Festival
June 22 Safeway BBQ Battle
July 11-12 Briggs Farm Festival
Where else should we be?
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Cover \$20 (DCBS Member \$3 Discount - \$17)

Taking It Back to the Juke Joints

The only thing missing is the sawdust and you!
8:00-12:00pm
Saturday June 21, 2008
301-927-2582

GEE's Night Club
3415 52nd Avenue
Cheverly, MD 20781

