



BLUES NEWS

June-July 2009

OFFICIAL RAMBLINGS FROM THE PREZ

June 19th brings a special entertainer to our 3rd Friday Blues at the Treehouse. *Watermelon Slim and the Workers* are going to put on a 'show' that Central Illinois blues fans will be talking about for a long time! Just between us...GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY! Details?...On the website noted atop this page, and emailed to everyone! Get our member \$5 discount tickets from Deborah 309/662-0996. Ticket \$10 day of the show. Don't get left out, join or renew now!!

Steve 'The Harp' Blues Band, followed by The Dave Lindsey Trio, have maintained the energy level Mathew Curry & the Cur Few set at the Treehouse. Our Thanks go out to all the musicians and guests that make this a lot of fun. As long as we are thanking folks, I have some to point out. A very special member, Dave Long has relocated, leaving a void in our Board, so Ed and Pam Moore are going to co-chair the Marketing Director. Bob Wills has sold more flashing guitar pins than the rest of us combined! *And* the Illinois Blues Coalition for a wonderful grant to our Education Fund.

Nothin' But the Blues Festival is sneaking up!! **July 17&18!!**

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Ramblin's cont...

If you have not made it over to the River City Blues Societies Wednesday Blues, you have been missing some great music. The Dragon Dome in Pekin is becoming 'the' place to be in the middle of the week. They have a great lineup of blues scheduled for the next couple of months, including a 'Women of the Blues' series. Go to their website and check it out.

www.rivercityblues.com The Insomniacs will keep you up on May 27th!!

We are now holding a combined Board and General Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at the V.F.W. Post 454 in Bloomington. We'd love to have more members join the discussion and help us set the direction for the Society. Drinks prices are the best in town, and then you can slide over to the Eagles and catch Clint Thompson's acoustic jam afterwards. Come on out!!!

Musicians' Brain Waves Are Also in Tune

New German research indicates that when musicians play together, they think together as well. Study author Ulman Lindenberger of the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin and his co-investigators looked at electrical activity in the brains of eight pairs of guitarists. They monitored patterns of brain waves as the musicians played a short jazz-fusion melody together up to 60 times, and published their findings in the journal *BMC Neuroscience*. The study reported that the frontal and central regions of the guitarists' brains synchronized to a high degree. But, more surprisingly, the temporal and parietal regions also showed significant synchronization in more than half of the pairs. These regions may be involved in simply enjoying the music, researchers suggested.

This study highlights one of the great joys of playing music, one voiced by many musicians: a sense of self-transcendence. Playing music together creates a rare chance to step outside of ourselves and our small concerns and join our minds wholeheartedly with others in creating something no individual could make alone. Seen in this light, creating beautiful music is simply a wonderful byproduct of a larger reward - connecting deeply with other human beings.

**You can own a unique guitar sculpture
while helping the Alabama Blues Project!**



Award-winning metal sculptor Steve Davis is fundraising for the blues! His unique guitar designs are custom made to the guitar of your choice and can be used as a wind vane, wall art or stand alone sculpture. Steve will create each original design based on your favorite guitar - Fender Stratocaster, Les Paul, Flying V, or anything else - all he needs is a picture for inspiration!

Steve Davis is kindly donating 10% of each guitar commission to the Alabama Blues Project in support of its educational programs.

For more information, please email Steve at steve@sunheartmetalworks.com or call [Sunheart Metalworks](http://SunheartMetalworks.com) at (205) 758 3772.

The Blues Blowtorch Society Membership Application

Name _____ Start Date _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Would you like to Volunteer? YES! _____ Interest _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPES:	Individual	\$20/yr. _____
	Family	\$25/yr. _____
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The third Thursday
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