

SUNCOAST HARMONICA CLUB
NEWSLETTER #3
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This is the third newsletter of our young and still informal club. SPAH does list us as a SPAH club on that Web Site and the Suncoast Blues Society has let their members know we exist and provided a point of contact. We currently have 14 “members” who have expressed interest in the club. Since we have no dues or other formal requirements to be in the club I have included anyone who asked for information on the membership list. If at anytime you wish to be deleted just let me know.

There is a lot of Harp activity going on in November and December.

KIM WILSON AND THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS

Kim Wilson and the Fabulous Thunderbirds will be at the State Theater in St Petersburg (727 895-3045, 687 Central St) on November 3rd. I stand or sit in awe every time I hear Kim play. He is amazing. Last I heard tickets were only \$9.95 in advance.

www.fabulousthunderbirds.com

HARPER

I have not seen Harper in person but the sound samples off his website are interesting. He is a Blues harp player from Australia. . He will be at the Ringside Café on November 26.

www.harper.biz

CHARLIE MUSSLEWHITE

The Blind Boys of Alabama and Charlie Musselwhite are at the Tampa Theatre on Friday, Nov. 18. It sounds like several of us may go and perhaps meet before or after for dinner or drinks or whatever. Please let me know if you are going. I know that Linda and I will be there. Mark said he thought he would go and I think Doug was planning on it.

www.charlie-musselwhite.com

www.blindboys.com

15th SUNCOAST DIXIELAND JAZZ CLASSIC HARMONICARAMA.

Tryouts Nov.18 and five finalists on Nov. 19. The event is held at the Marriott Suites Resort, on Clearwater Beach on Friday and the Saturday set will be played at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach, Florida. They are across the street (Blvd) from each other. Perhaps we could have a meeting around there. Please let me know if you are going and I will try to set something up for us to meet.

www.jazzclassic.net/

SATAN AND ADAM

Those of us who were at the Jacksonville Jam Camp received this from Adam Gussow. I wouldn't miss this one for anything.

I wanted to let you know about a gig that I've got in the Tampa Bay/St. Pete area, one month from now. We're all familiar with blues-world hype, but this particular show is truly a once-in-a-decade opportunity.

My partner of twelve years, Sterling "Mr. Satan" Magee, is one the comeback trail. Not only has he begun playing guitar again, after a lapse, but with help from friends of his in the St. Pete blues community, he has built a whole new one-man-band percussion contraption. He's been gigging once a week, getting stronger every week, and making himself into a local legend.

On Friday, December 2nd, the Suncoast Blues Society is hosting a benefit concert to raise money so that the Boca Ciega adult home, where Sterling currently lives, can buy a nice new bus. The evening is being billed as a celebration of Sterling's rebirth as a musician.

And I am flying down from Mississippi and will be there, at his side, blowing harp.

This is the first time that he and I will have performed as Satan and Adam, with his full percussion setup, since 1999. Five long years. I don't know when and if it will happen again. This may be the beginning of our rebirth as an occasional club and festival attraction, or it may not. He's not quite the explosively energetic guy he was five years ago, but only two years ago he'd bottomed out and literally could not play a note on guitar. (I was there and saw this.) Now he is clearly on his way back.

I've said this before, but I'll proudly say it again: when Mr. Satan was in his prime, he was hands-down the greatest one-man blues band America has ever seen. Dr. Isaiah Ross and Jesse "Lone Cat" Fuller didn't come close.

I can't guarantee just what sort of music we'll be making at the Gulfport Casino on December 2nd. Things may be a little uneven, or they may be incredible. But I CAN guarantee that we will both be there, on stage, together, making the best music we have in us. If you saw us live in the old days--or you've heard any of our CDs--you know how much music we two guys are capable of cranking out. One way or another, this will be a night worth remembering.

For more information, go to the following webpage and look on the right hand side, about halfway down:

<http://www.suncoastblues.org/>

I've given your email addresses to Kevin Moore, who works at the facility where Sterling lives. He may send you an email, too, letting you know about this show.

I hope to see some of you guys there.

as ever,
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SEMINAR WITH JASON RICCI AND MICHAEL PALOQUIN

The following is paraphrased/updated from the last newsletter.

The seminar with Jason and Michael, along with Jason's New Blood Band lead guitar-Shawn, is firm and will be on the 6th of December. They have the following schedule in this area:

Dec. 7 and 8—Ringside Cafe in St Petersburg

Dec 10-11-- Cocoa Beach

Dec 12-13—Fort Myers

This date is actually better for us because it is an off day for the band and as Michael and Jason said, "We'll be doing it for the love of it and won't worry about the time we put in." Originally we were talking about a 2-3 hour session so I think we can get a pretty full evening with these two. We could probably start at 5:00 or 6:00 PM and go until they are fed up with us. **We will need a place to hold it so if anyone can donate their home or another site that would help.** My wife and I would be glad to do it but we live

in Hudson and that might be too far for many of you to come. Please let me know what you think. We could also check with Ringside or Skippers too. They might be glad to have our business.

Right now it is looking like the cost for each of us will be \$70-\$75. The final cost will be determined by the hotel rates for the band and how many we can get to attend. Please also let me know what topics you might like covered. These two coached at Jon Gindick's Del Mar Jam Camp in October. Bill and I were both there.. They teach from beginning through advanced levels so none of us need to worry about fitting in. Those of you who have heard Jason know that he is considered to be one Harmonica's newest and brightest stars. Michael doesn't come this way too often and is a West Coast Phenom. See their Web sites for more info on these two talents.

www.jasonricci.com/

www.harpsax.com/

I have the following 12 members listed as attendees from previous emails.

Mark, Gus, JP, Brian, Doug, Bill, Dewey, Linda, Brian, Chip, AJ and Jan

Please let me know if there are any changes.

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