

Reno Blues Society

Spring 2021 Newsletter

President's Message

Hopefully, everyone is safe and healthy and getting vaccinated as we try to get past Covid-19. We should be back to somewhat normal by this summer if everything continues to improve so we will be working on a Back to Normal Dance we will have this summer sometime, details to be determined. The rest of our event schedule could include a late summer membership party at a member's house (site and date to be determined) and a Veteran's Benefit Dance probably Saturday, Nov. 6 with proceeds helping local nonprofits that serve veterans. Stay tuned as things develop.

Area Events' Update

The Eldorado has listed all the regular area summer events beginning with Hot August Nights Spring Revival May 21-22, Street Vibes Spring Rally June 4-6, then **BBQ, Brews & Blues June 11-12** (if it goes, we'll have a booth there with merchandise to buy and you can renew your membership or join there, as well). Hot August Nights is tentatively set for Aug. 3-8 (GSR has the Guess Who Friday the 6th and The Commodores Saturday the 7th, tribute bands rest of HAN week; no acts listed for Nugget outdoor arena yet) along with, Reno Air Races Sept. 15-19, Street Vibrations Sept. 23-26, and Italian Fest Oct. 9-11. Reno River Fest in Wingfield Park is scheduled for May 8-9, 2021 on the renoriverfestival.com website. No Bluesday schedule for summer Tuesdays at The Village in Squaw Valley yet according to their website but being in California, the restrictions and protocols are different than Nevada. Keep checking their website for updates. And Artown for the month of July is going forward with most of their events at Rancho San Rafael Park so booths, seating and folks can be spread out better. Smaller events will be held at Wingfield Park and Bartley Ranch.

Local Music Scene

Peavine Taphouse is now having bands on Saturday nights so our treasurer and band liaison, Dennis Ratto, is trying to get a blues band in there as the RBS Board approved last summer to help get blues bands into venues by paying \$100 per date from our music grant fund. We will see how the band things goes and maybe one Saturday a month it can be a blues band that we'll help promote. Fat Cat Bar and Grill in midtown is also doing bands on Friday and Saturday nights and they still book solo and duo acts there as does Engine Urban Winery on Victorian Avenue. Midtown Wine Bar is doing solo acts on Friday nights and is open Wed-Sat; not sure when they will start booking bands again. We'll keep our eyes and ears tuned for other venues starting music.

RBS Merchandise for Sale on our Website

Be on the lookout for our logoed merchandise being for sale on our website, www.renobluessociety.org. Photos of the items with sizes and colors will be up there soon and you can order and pay through our PayPal link at the top of the merchandise page and then we will mail it out to you.

Keepin' the blues alive,

Jamie Klund, President
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