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Boogie Kings Newsletter for August 2011

The Boogie Kings had a great gig on August 27th in Opelousas, Louisiana for the Opelousas United Way. The event was a fundraiser and more tickets were sold this year than last year. That was great news for the United Way.

We had to make a couple of changes to our band members. Austin Broussard had to quit because of medical reasons, plus we decided to add one more member. Our primary members now are:

1. Bert Miller – Vocals and co-owner
2. Allen Wayne – Vocals
3. Bryan Leger – Keys and Arranger
4. Bill Leblanc – Bass and Sound
5. Ozzie Hart – Drums and Vocals
6. Earl Taylor – Baritone Sax
7. Sidney Janise – Tenor Sax and arranger
8. Jim Darnell – Tenor Sax and arranger
9. Walter (Dub) Dugas – Trumpet
10. Doug Ardoin – Guitar and Vocals – and Co-owner. Co-owner is why I get to sing a few songs. ☺

Alternates when needed and when available are:

1. Jimmy George – Tenor Sax – A Great friend with a great name.
2. James Spells – Trumpet – A new friend
3. Willie Tee – Tenor Sax and Vocals. Willie and his wife, Gloria, have been our friends for years. “It don’t get no better than that”.
4. Tommy Richard – Guitar. Tommy is a great Guitarist and great friend. We have fun playing side by side when we get the chance. We always play LOPSTOCK together.

Rene’ Theall has been a great source of information for us. Her contacts seem to be limitless. She was instrumental in making contact for our gig in Opelousas, Louisiana and our gig in Tyler, Texas. She is authorized to accept gigs for us. Details of which will have to be forwarded to me or Bert Miller for final negotiations, and for preparing a contract.

October 15th is the date for LOPSTOCK 10. This gig is from 1:30ish PM to 6:00ish PM. It features the Boogie Kings, current and former, and LOPSTOCK charter members. I'm not sure what the gate will be, but last year it was \$10.00. LOPSTOCK is at John (Lapin) Bertrand's camp east of Eunice off hwy 190. Turn North on St. Mary Street at Perry Pitre Ford. Cross the railroad tracks and continue for about one half mile. Turn left off St. Mary's when you see Lapin's red barn.

On New Year's Eve we will be in Tyler, Texas for a great celebration. The party is sponsored by Bill and Eva Sealey of Tyler, Texas, at Centaur Arabian Farms. We will party from December 31st starting at 9:00 PM to January 1, 2012 ending at 1:00 AM. A couple of month ago Bert and I visited with the Sealey's at their Farm. This is a magnificent place. It's worth the drive just to see their layout. They have a wonderful Bed and Breakfast on the premises. They can be reached at 903-570-1740 or 903-561-6926. info@centaurarabianfarms.com and www.centaurarabianfarms.com

I plan to make reservations either before the gig or after the gig just to get away and visit with the Sealey's. There's a BBQ restaurant in Tyler that has some of the best ribs I've ever eaten. Have to have some more of that. 😊

Don't forget, you can buy Boogie King merchandise from Rene'. Her computer is down, so you'll have to call her at 337-258-3834.

Well, that's it for now. I've recovered from shoulder surgery, and I'm back in "Dragon Slaying" form, and can't wait to play again.

Hope to see all of you at all our gigs.

Thanks,

The Boogie Kings www.boogiekings.net

Doug Ardoin