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## **Boogie Kings Newsletter for June 2011**

The Boogie Kings didn't have a gig in June, but we made a lot of progress with defining who we are and the songs in our repertoire. Our primary members are:

1. Bert Miller – Vocals and co-owner
2. Allen Wayne – Vocals
3. Bryan Leger – Keys and back-up Vocals
4. Bill Leblanc – Bass and Sound – I don't know, but I bet he can sing, too.
5. Austin Broussard – Drums and Vocals
6. Earl Taylor – Baritone Sax
7. Sidney Janise – Tenor Sax
8. Walter (Dub) Dugas – Trumpet
9. Doug Ardoin – Guitar – and Co-owner. Co-owner is why I get to sing a few songs. ☺

Alternates when needed and when available are:

1. Jim Darnell – Alto, Tenor, and Baritone sax. I consider Jim to be a Boogie King and a charter member of LOPSTOCK. Jim helped me to start playing again.
2. Jimmy George – Tenor Sax – A Great friend with a great name.
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.

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.

August 27<sup>th</sup> is the date for our gig in Opelousas. This is a United Way fund raiser. It is a dinner and dance party. The event is at the Opelousas Civic Center, 1638 Creswell Lane Ext. from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. General admission is

**\$30.00. Reserved Table (seats 8) is \$300.00. Call Susan Fisher at 337-942-7815 for tickets. This is not a formal party. However, the organizers would prefer if the ladies not wear jeans.**

**I just got this from the United Way folks about the dinner. It sounds like a buffet.**

**It's actually heavy hors d'oeuvres, chicken drumettes, roast, rice dressing, eggplant dressing, fruit and cheese trays, chicken salad sandwiches, etc! .....and delicious desserts too! Last year the food was delicious!**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 PM to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 at 1:00 AM. Last month 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](mailto:info@centaurarabianfarms.com) and [www.centaurarabianfarms.com](http://www.centaurarabianfarms.com)**

**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'm recovering from shoulder surgery, and expect to be back in form by August 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Hope to see you at all our gigs. Thanks.**

**The Boogie Kings [www.boogiekings.net](http://www.boogiekings.net)  
Doug Ardoin**