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Basin Street Regulars Presents:
The Friendly Neighborhood Big Band



The Friendly Neighborhood Big Band is a 16-member traveling big band formed in March, 2019. The formation of the band was the brain child of Mitch Latting, David Johns, and Danny Beher. The group is directed by Mitch Latting.

Members of the band reside in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. They have been providing audiences with performances of great jazz standards as well as original jazz tunes. They have access to over 1,000 songs of various composers and arrangers.

The band rehearses most Saturday's, even during this pandemic while observing social distancing. Each time they get together for "rehearsals," they do a lot of sight reading of new music. Sight reading is the practice of reading and performing music that has not been seen or played before. The band members have years of experience playing with various groups and are delighted to be affiliated with the FNBB.

The band has performed concerts at Grace Bible Church in Arroyo Grande, Nipomo Presbyterian Church, Glen Ellen in Lompoc, Atterdag Village retirement community in Solvang, and a neighborhood concert in Grover Beach.

Their show will be Livestreamed from the Cardinal gazebo on Sunday, March 28th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. To catch the show, go to Facebook and search for Basin Street Regulars or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/BasinStreetRegulars/> You will be able to watch as soon as the show goes Live at around 1:50 p.m. You will need to have or create a Facebook page to view this event live on Facebook.

The show will also be streamed on YouTube during, and will also be available after, the event. To access this Livestream or recording, visit <http://pismojazz.com> and click on our YouTube channel link on the Home page, or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/BasinStreetRegulars> You do not need a YouTube account to watch this on YouTube.

Donations will be accepted during this event. Feel free to leave donations at www.paypal.me/basinstreetregulars

If you would like to attend this concert in person, please e-mail Rhonda at jwcardinal@msn.com or call our house at (805)937-8402. We should be able to accommodate a live audience rain or shine; subject to the latest health restrictions. Masks required. Thanks!

The President's Message:*by Sandy Smallwood, President BSR Board*

It's already March! Unbelievable, but we are getting closer to being able to get together in person. Here's hoping the restrictions on gathering will be over soon because we are looking at October and planning the 2021 Jubilee.

Keep an eye on our web site. We are working on a face lift, coming up soon. Let us know if you like it.

It is time again to renew your Basin Street Regulars membership. We depend on and appreciate your support, especially during these difficult times, so please renew on line or send us a check as soon as you can.

Well that's all for now. Stay safe and well!
Sandy

Sunshine

Sandy Smallwood sends sympathy and get-well cards to our members/families on behalf of BSR. If you know someone who needs a little support, please contact Sandy at (805) 773-3750.

**2020 Jazz Jubilee FACE MASKS for sale on website**

Face Masks are available for sale on our Jubilee website. Go to Pismojazz.com, click on "Jazz Jubilee by the Sea" and then click on "Sponsor a Band or Donate". The icon of the face mask will come up. The masks are \$12.00 each. This is an easy and fun way to support this year's event and is sure to become a collector's item! Wear it with pride; explain it to

**Jubilee Corner:***by Rhonda Cardinal, Festival Director — Jazz Jubilee by the Sea***The following is a draft for our Press Release for the Syncopated Times:**

Jazz Jubilee by the Sea 2021 is on track and in work. We have connected with most of our bands with a few more yet to be determined to round out our festival roster.

The bands that we have contacted and are in the process of hiring are: Tom Rigney and Flambeau, Cornet Chop Suey, the Midiri Brothers Septet, Professor Cunningham and his Old School, the Molly Reeves Quartet, Sierra Seven, Blue Street, the New High Street Party Band, the Creole Syncopators, Larry, Dawn and Friends, Crescent Katz, Gino and the Lone Gunmen, and Leyland and Friends.

Our special guests this year so far are Larry Scala, Gary Ryan and Carl Sonny Leyland.

We will have special musical guests during each of our jam sessions ably led by C.J. Sams.

Dance lessons will be offered Friday morning at the Veteran's Hall.

A highly anticipated new band for our festival will be the Holland/Coots Swingin' West Band from Nashville, Tennessee. Our Thursday night show will also be new, featuring the widely acclaimed trio, Groovus (Holland, Coots and Steven Pikal) with special guest Adrian Cunningham. You do not want to miss the only performance of this musical assemblage at our festival.

In addition to some new bands, we will also be trying out some new venues in our neighboring city, Grover Beach. The Grover

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Beach Community Center features wood floors throughout the facility, a generous wood floor stage, kitchen, outdoor area, on-site and street parking and a seating capacity of up to 400 people. The Ramona Park facility, also very nice, is surrounded by a park and will seat up to 200 people. Both of these facilities are close to Pismo Beach and can be accessed via the surface streets. This means that neither the buses nor the driving attendees will need to get on the freeway to shuttle between the sites.

We will have buses again, using the same highly successful bus company from 2019, SLO Safe Ride. Parking is limited at most venues, so we encourage as many as possible to make use of the buses.

Our ticket pricing will be the same as was offered in 2020, pre-Jubilee, early bird \$115 through September 15th, \$120 through October 15th and 3-day \$130 starting October 16th and at the door. Thursday night tickets \$25. Single day badges are available, \$60 for Friday, \$80 for Saturday and \$30 for Sunday. Half price badges will be available on Friday and Saturday starting at 5:00 p.m. We will continue our tradition of \$30 3-day badges for those aged 30 and under - a remarkable value.

In addition to our live in-person shows, we will also offer the opportunity to watch a Livestream of the performances from one of the venues for those that cannot attend in person. The venue location of the Livestream has not yet been determined, but you will be able to watch all of the sets for the selected venue throughout the entire festival. Access to the Livestream will be available for the fee of \$30. A link will be available on our website soon for you to sign up for this service. Please keep checking back at Pismojazz.com to see how to connect to this link. We will also be sending e-mails to our regular Jubilee distribution lists with this information.

We are all very excited to be back in Pismo Beach and Grover Beach, hosting the festival of a lifetime after a long, hard year. We think that many of you are anxious to rejoin us. Although things could change in the

coming months and affect our plans, we will do our best to provide the entertainment and party atmosphere that has come to be associated with Jazz Jubilee by the Sea. We hope that we can all be together to make this happen.

If you want to be part of the planning committee, please contact me at (805) 937-8402 or e-mail me at jwcardinal@msn.com. There is always room for more help and everyone brings something to the table. Our meetings have generally been on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00. I hope to hear from you.

Rhonda Cardinal

Gino and the Lone Gunmen

by Shonda Croly



On February 28 about 50 people gathered at our livestream filming site to watch Gino and the Lone Gunmen. It was sunny, with a cool breeze, and a great day for a concert. This was the first time Gino and his band has done a Sunday Session for us. We introduced them to the Central Coast with two sets in our 2020 Virtual Jazz Jubilee by the Sea Festival. The band traveled all the way from Temecula to entertain us. Gino wore orange tennis shoes that matched his guitar.

They started out with "Hello Information" and "Stuck on You". They rocked, "Walk the Line" and "Blue Suede Shoes." No dancing

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was allowed, but I did see people take measurements of the patio to "Rock Around the Clock" and "Love Potion # 9." It was like 1, 2, 3 to the left, 1, 2, to the right turn around and shimmy. Still have not figured out the cubic feet with those measurements. It is called Covid New Math.

It was like Johnny Cash, Elvis, Buddy Holly and Carl Perkins were in the house. They finished the set with "Blue Bayou" and "Johnny B. Goode." Andrew Verdugo was rocking the bass and Jared Hren on the drums.

Gino Meregillano came on stage alone and sang "It's Only a Paper Moon" and "Lonesome Town." The band joined him for the Chuck Berry tune "You Never Can Tell." The set also had "Good Luck Charm", when they played "Rip It Up" Andrew took his bass out on the grass and planned on standing on it and playing. He could not get his balance on the uneven ground. I have watched him do it before and he is amazing. He did swing it around, which was awesome to watch. Then we heard the train coming and we were off to Folsom Prison. We were "On the Road Again and we "Fought the Law," but we won. We had people watch the show from Colorado, Utah, New Jersey, and Oregon. We would like



February Was (Relatively) Easy

Technical Report by Rhonda Cardinal

With only three members in the band, the February show was easy to mix and film. The show went very smoothly on and off screen. The one issue we had was the result of a decision that Simon and I made when we were setting up; that we should use the WiFi for the outgoing internet connection instead of hard-wiring to the modem. We have plenty of band-width to accomplish this and it has worked well in the past. However, we did not account for other people at the house also viewing the Livestream on the same WiFi connection in order to respond to Facebook and YouTube comments. This rapidly overwhelmed our WiFi circuit and we dropped our broadcast. We quickly resolved this issue by taking everyone else off the WiFi and restarted our show. Simon was able to communicate with our on-line audience to get them going again. We will not make that mistake in the future. Once we were back on-line, the rest of the show proceeded without incident.

Well - live and learn as always.

To see this show, this go to our website, <http://pismojazz.com/> and scroll down until you see the link for the BasinStreetRegulars YouTube Channel. Or go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BasinStreetRegulars/>.

And while you're at it, check out all of our videos, starting with the most recently uploaded.

Our March show will be The Friendly Neighborhood Big Band. See the feature on page 1 for more details.

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Membership

Our 2021 membership is coming along, with **153** members renewing membership, including **45** Silver Members. We still have 158 members from last year that have not renewed. Please pay your dues no later than April 15th to be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Visa Card. We will draw the lucky winner at our April Sunday Session. We would like to welcome our new members Herschel Brown, Bill & Jenene Portune, Gary & Carol Schanz, and Philinda & Robert Stillwell. Last month I forgot to welcome Juliann Hemphill, Jim & Natalie Albrecht and Lee Genet.

When you renew your membership, please send in the membership form, found on our website or in the e-newsletter, with your payment. If you would like me to send you a form give me a call and I will drop the form in the mail to you. If paying on PayPal please let us know if there are any changes in email or phone numbers.

Our BSR Facebook page has 869 followers, and our Jubilee page has 5930 followers. If you have not hit the follow button, please do so; this will help you see all our posts. If there is an event or a change of bands or venues, you will get a notification. Facebook is a great way to see photos of our events, watch the livestream and get announcements of upcoming events. Please let me know if I spell your name wrong. If you need to change your address, email or phone number, please contact me at shamrockshonda59@gmail.com or call me at home 805-937- 2419.

Please remember: **MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE NOW.**

Thank You,
Shonda Croly, Membership Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Rates:

Student \$20, **Single** \$25, **Couple** \$40, **Family** \$50, (these memberships pay \$5 to get into the Sunday sessions), **Silver** \$100 (per person, you get into Sunday Sessions and the picnic for free!)

2021 Silver Members

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| Alice Addison | Perry Dove | Nancy Ragsdale |
| Jim Borland | Michael Dubin | Hugh Robinson |
| James Brandon & Carol Snyder | Linda Dutart | Bill & Carol Rust |
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| Eric & Shonda Croly | Jim & Sharon O'Connor | German VonThal & Fran Courain |
| Joe Crook | Bill & Jenene Portune | Fran Willey |

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Tip Jar during our Sunday show. I do not know who donated on site, but we thank you. The people who mailed in tips or donated on PayPal here is your Shout Out: Fred Felch, Marianne Morgen, Joe Crook, Alfredo Montelongo, Jack & Barb McCown, Thomas Harais, Ray Olszewski, Claudia Taden, Gary Parkinson, Sharon McMahan, Frances McGrew, and Melody Mize. If you would like to donate to us, you can do so at www.paypal.me/basinstreetregulars or you mail donations to: BSR Tip Jar PO Box 356, Pismo Beach, CA 93448



Hugh Robinson, left, of Nipomo gave his motor home to Billy Tosch after Tosch lost his RV in a fire in Paso Robles.
Photos by David Middlecamp
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Paso Robles man lost his home in an RV fire. Then came a life-changing gift

Reprinted from the SLO Tribune (edited for space)

Just a week ago, Billy Tosch thought he'd lost everything when a sudden fire reduced the RV he called home to a blackened frame and ash.

Little did Tosch know, however, his fortunes would completely change in a matter of days, thanks to the kindness of strangers from throughout San Luis Obispo County brought together by social media and a Tribune story.

On Friday, the good will all came together in a touching moment, when Tosch received a replacement RV from a Nipomo resident. The donation of a fully outfitted and working home on wheels brought Tosch to tears. "I think it's the most beautiful thing in the world, I really do," Tosch said. "I thought I lost everything. I'll have this the rest of my life. This is my home."

Tosch's story of loss took a heartwarming turn when he received a gift motor home from **Hugh Robinson** of Nipomo.

On the evening of Feb. 26, Tosch's previous RV, his home of two years, caught fire and burned to rubble before his eyes in a matter of minutes.

The vehicle was parked in the Paso Robles Walmart parking lot when flames sparked in the front seat. Tosch was walking his dog, Sadie, at the time, and he smelled smoke when he returned.

Tosch tried to put out the fire himself, before he was forced to crawl to safety as flames engulfed the vehicle. The Fire Department tried to save the RV, but the fire destroyed the vehicle and nearly everything Tosch owned.

"I had the shirt on my back, literally, just what I had on," he said on Friday. "And I didn't even have time to grab my guitar."

Shortly after the fire, social media united a community of people determined to help Tosch. Elizabeth Denny, drove by the fire that Friday evening and later started a GoFundMe page to help Billy. "I started that, and it just took off like wildfire," Denny said on Friday. The GoFundMe raised \$3,500 in less than 48 hours. Denny, Flint and the those who donated to the GoFundMe were able to collect money and supplies for Tosch, but he still needed a place to live.

Enter **Hugh Robinson** of Nipomo, who had a 1992 RV in storage that he wanted to give to Tosch. After reading The Tribune's story, Robinson reached out to the newspaper, which connected him to Denny and Flint.

After retiring in the early 1990s, Robinson said he and his late wife traveled many miles in the RV, making cross-country drives to visit family. Now in his 90s, Robinson said he likely shouldn't be driving the RV anymore, anyways. "I'm glad Billy will get good use out of it," he said.



Basin Street Regulars Sunday Sessions for 2021

Programs subject to change at any time. Currently held as livestream on Facebook and YouTube or for limited live attendance at Jeff and Rhonda Cardinal's residence with prior arrangements (see page 1). Will return to Vet's Hall in Pismo Beach when safe to do so.

March 28th - The Friendly Neighborhood Big Band

April 25th - Dave Stuckey and the Hot House Gang

May 23rd - TBD

June 27th - Jump Jax

July 25th TBD

August 29th - the Clint Baker Jazz Band and BSR BBQ (tentative)

September 26th - TBD

October 22nd-24th - Jazz Jubilee by the Sea

November 21st TBD

December 19th Royal Garden Swing Orchestra



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(Three Rivers, CA) Apr. 9-11 (CANCELLED)

Jazz in the Olympics

(Port Angeles, WA) (POSTPONED)

Fresno Dixieland Festival (Sounds of Mardi Gras)

(Fresno, CA) Jul 15th - 18th

Evergreen Jazz Festival

(Evergreen, CO) July 23-25

Bix Jazz Festival

(Davenport, IA) Aug. 5-7, 50th Anniversary

Hot Jazz Jubilee

(Sacramento, CA) Sept. 3-6 (cancelled)

Redwood Coast Music Festival

(Eureka, CA) Sept. 30 - Oct. 3

Colorado Springs Jazz Party

(Colorado Springs, CO) Oct. 2-3

Jazz Fest at Sea

(Caribbean Cruise) Oct. 3-10

Sun Valley Jazz Festival

(Sun Valley, ID) Oct. 13-17



Jazz Jubilee By The Sea

(Pismo Beach, CA) Oct. 22-24

Arizona Classic Jazz Festival

(Chandler, AZ.) Nov. 4 -7

Suncoast Jazz Festival

(Clearwater, FL) Nov. 19- 21

San Diego Jazz Fest & Swing Extravaganza

(San Diego, CA) Nov. 24 - 28

Jazzdagen Mexican New Years Cruise

(San Diego, CA) Dec. 26—Jan. 2



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