



# Lizard Letter

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## Wood's Words

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November is anniversary month for the Lizard Creek Blues Society. We have a great anniversary show planned for November 29, at the Starlite. Too Slim and the Taildraggers are the headliners, with opening band, The Mudd Jugg Blues Band. We are so pleased to have a great blues band lineup. It wasn't always so, if we reference history.



About 14 years ago we had our first show at K C's in Webster City. Well known bluesman Eddie Kirkland was our guest. We had a nice crowd coming based on ticket sales and by 8 pm that night things were looking great, except Eddie Kirkland was nowhere to be found. His band had arrived, but no sign of Eddie, who liked traveling on his own. By show time the band took the stage and began playing the blues. Eventually we announced to the crowd that Eddie was not going to be there, so we hoped they would stay and enjoy his band. About 99% of the crowd stayed, and we had a great party. The next morning I received a phone call from, yep, Eddie Kirkland. Eddie had driven from Lincoln, Nebraska to Des Moines. He could not find K C's, so he got a motel and spent the night in Des Moines. The problem? K C's was on Des Moines Street in Webster City, Eddie was a bit confused. A rather auspicious start for our society, but we quickly rebounded with more shows, with the artists in attendance as well, and we have been on a roll ever since.

At this time it is very important to thank our members and sponsors for their continued support over the last 14 years. As I have said many times, blues fans, especially members and sponsors of our society are our life-blood. Thank you all so much for helping us keep the blues alive. It is truly an American Original!

Cool City Man!

Bob

*Next General Membership Meeting  
Thursday*

*November 21, 2013 @ 7pm*

*New Location!*

*Olde Boston's Restaurant*

*809 Central Avenue*

*Fort Dodge, Iowa*

*\*LCBS meetings are held on the 3rd  
THURSDAY of each month. All members  
are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

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**My apologies for the late  
newsletter,  
Happy Thanksgiving  
Everyone**



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season**

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-  Lizard Creek Blues Society
-  Meeting Minutes
-  October 17, 2013
-  Meeting called to order at 7:04. by President Bob Wood. There was a motion by Nate and 2nd by Mick to dispense with the reading of the July minutes.
-  Treasurer's Report given by Karen Wood including membership count.
-  Preparations for our November 29 show at the Starlite were discussed. Opening band will be The Mudd Jugg Blues Band with the headliner Too Slim and the Taildraggers. Show to start at 7:00. Tickets and posters to be distributed ASAP.
-  Sue Laifersweiler will distribute posters and tickets to vendors. Thanks Sue! To volunteer call Sara @ 571-6391.
-  Our Spring show has been set for March 21 with Crankshaft and the Gear Grinders opening for Trampled Under Foot. More details to follow.
-  There was a brief discussion regarding the LCBS Christmas Party on Thursday December 19. Tim O'Leary is to follow up with Sean Minikis regarding entertainment.
-  There was no Good of the Cause.
-  Meeting adjourned at 7:32

**LIZARD CREEK BLUES SOCIETY  
MEMBER RENEWALS**

Remember to check your renewal date. The date on the address portion of your newsletter shows when your membership is due. The last page of every newsletter contains a membership form for your convenience.

If you have any questions, or corrections regarding your membership, please Email me at [hera\\_c@hotmail.com](mailto:hera_c@hotmail.com) or Call 515-573-2796-leave a message and I'll get back to you.

Thanks! Carolyn

**Family:**

**Steve and Jeanne Gibson**

**Pat and Paula Habermann**

**Dave and Rhonda Schwaller**

**Single:**

**Marianne Carlson**

**Mark Fagen**

**Tim Hooker**

**Thanks for your support!**

**BLUES FANS, MUSICIANS, SOCIETIES  
AND FELLOW MUSIC TRAVELERS:**

This weeks (Nov. 9th) Roots Music Top 50 Blues radio chart has the Tedeschi Trucks Band MADE UP MIND back at #1, Guy Davis's JUBA DANCE at 2nd, Trampled Under Foot's BADLANDS 3rd, the 4th spot is held by Brandon Santini's excellent THIS TIME ANOTHER YEAR and Tony Joe White's HOOBOO moving from TENTH to 5th.

The remaining top ten are held by Buddy Guy, the Rides, John Ginty, Jimmy Vivino & the Black Italians and Moreland & Arbuckle latest.

The Living Blues Magazine Radio chart has NOT changed. Buddy Guy's RHYTHM & BLUES is at #1, Sugar Ray Rayford's DANGEROUS 2nd, BLUES IN MY SOUL by Lurrie Bell 3rd, Smokin' Joe Kubek & B'nois King's ROAD DOG'S LIFE 4th and Shawn Hold & the Teardrops DADDY TOLD ME is fifth.

<http://www.livingblues.com/>

**Sundays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Blue Avenue on IPR Studio One**

Host Bob Dorr presents old school, new generation, historic, and contemporary blues and its derivations including soul, funk, rock 'n' roll, and gospel.

**Sundays from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m.  
Blues Before Sunrise on IPR Studio One**

Host Steve Cushing; The focus of the program is in the first fifty years of recorded Blues - from Mamie Smith's "Crazy Blues," the very first Blues record, recorded in August of 1920, to approximately 1970. This is the period that defined the Blues as America's true root music - the basis for the root of American popular music including Gospel, Jazz, Rhythm & Blues, Soul, and Rock & Roll.

# November

11/22/13 Bob Pace

The Gas Lamp, Des Moines, Ia.

11/29/13 Too Slim & the Taildraggers w/Mudd Jugg Blues Band

Starlite Village - Ft. Dodge, Ia.

11/24/13 The Mighty Wheelhouse

Byron's- Pomeroy, Ia.

# December

12/19/13 7pm Lizard Creek Blues Society Meeting and Christmas Party

Olde Boston Restaurant and Pub Fort Dodge, Iowa

12/20/13 Nikki Hill

The Gas Lamp—Des Moines, Ia

12/21/13 Samantha Fish

The House of Bricks—Des Moines, Ia.

# March 21, 2014

Lizard Creek Blues Society hosts

Trampled Under Foot with

Crankshaft and the Geargrinders opening the show.



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# The 10 Absolute Greatest Blues Guitar Solos Ever

Ted Drozdowski 2008

Yeah, yeah, yeah, this list is all wrong. We left off all your favorites. What about this one? And this one? And this? Think you can do better? Write your own list and send 'em our way. Maybe we'll write another story highlighting your choices. Meanwhile, chew on this:

## 1. "Crossroads," Eric Clapton on Cream's *Wheels of Fire* (1969)

"It's obvious that Clapton is as aware of this live performance's epochal role in his career as the rest of us. He borrowed its title for both his guitar festival and his retrospective box set."

## 2. "All Along the Watchtower," Jimi Hendrix on *Electric Ladyland* (1968)

"Hendrix cut many versions before hitting his mark, but afterwards even Dylan himself adopted Hendrix' interpretation of the song as the standard."

## 3. "Texas Flood," Stevie Ray Vaughan on *Texas Flood* (1982)

"There's not a single guitar note on this track that's less than awesome."

## 4. "The Things That I Used to Do," Guitar Slim single (1953)

"A young Ray Charles was the arranger, but this song and solo are ripped right out of the soul of Eddie Jones, a.k.a. Guitar Slim..."

## 5. "T-Bone Shuffle," T-Bone Walker single (1947)

"It's a chorus of angels channeled through an ES-250."

## 6. "Shine on You Crazy Diamond," David Gilmour on Pink Floyd's *Wish You Were Here* (1975)

"....his accents and chopping chords—they all add up to an elegy for his friend Syd Barrett that's far more profound than anything mere words could express."

## 7. "Whipping Post," The Allman Brothers Band on *At Fillmore East* (1971)

"Gregg Allman's song of struggle first appeared on the band's 1969 debut, but it's the live version—an entire 23-minute side of the original double-LP *At Fillmore East* package—that earned the Brothers their ranking as the best ensemble rock band America's ever had."

## 8. "The Thrill is Gone," B.B. King on *Completely Well* (1970)

What can we tell you that you don't already know?

## 9. "Born Under a Bad Sign," Albert King on *Born Under a Bad Sign* (1967)

"King nailed the solo?.....with so much greasy precision that Eric Clapton lifted it wholesale for Cream without adding a drop of extra weight."

## 10. "The Sky is Crying," Elmore James single 1960

"....his slide breaks?and deliriously heartbroken tone?show how much impact and humanity both rhythm and melody slide playing can deliver."

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### *Mission Statement*

- \*To preserve, cultivate, and support the blues in Central Iowa on all levels and multiple venues.
- \*To provide a newsletter of current blues news and events for members.
- \*To increase awareness of and appreciation for the blues through society sanctioned educational efforts.
- \*To provide a network of association for area blues lovers.

### *Lizard Creek Blues Society Membership Application*

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Company Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*City, State, Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*Website* \_\_\_\_\_

- ◇ Renewal
- ◇ New Member
- ◇ \$25 Single
- ◇ \$40 Family
- ◇ \$100 Corporate

*Make payable to: Lizard Creek Blues Society*

*C/o Karen Wood*

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