

Julie's Newsletter

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Hat Party – Galaxie Supper Club

We had our annual hat party at our final Wed. night dance at the Galaxie Supper Club in Barnesville, MN in October before leaving for our winter tour. What a way to end our summer season for our local folks back home.

Everyone came with their favorite, goofiest, or fanciest hat to show off and try to win a special prize. Drawings and special prizes were given

out to many of the guests there. Here are just some of the special people and their hats!!



Fun Bus Trips to MN Ballrooms

I took two bus trips to two of the MN ballrooms that we work regularly at this year.

The first one was in August to the beautiful Medina Ballroom. Don Roers was there to greet the people who started by eating a great meal at Robert's Restaurant.



We had a great time at the dance and also on the road while on the bus.



The second trip was to the oldest active ballroom in MN – the Withrow Ballroom in Hugo, MN. This is another ballroom that has a very active dancing crowd and always a great place to work.



Another great group of fans came along, being picked up between Fargo and Alexandria. Thanks to all our fans.



Upcoming Special Events:

- Southwest Polka Party @ Orleans Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada – Feb. 14th, 15th, 16th
- See 2012 Winter Schedule
- See 2012 Summer Schedule
- White Rose Festival – Speedway Events Center – West Fargo, ND – May 11th & 12th

Cruise Update



Here is my latest cruise news!! The cruise we had planned for Alaska for the summer of 2012 has been cancelled.

But cruise lovers – a new venture is in the planning stages right now. I've been approached by my Texas followers to consider taking a cruise from Galveston, Texas.

I just came back to AZ

from our annual trip to Texas last week and there was a lot of interest for this.

So, I am very excited to announce the preliminary plans for a week long cruise to the Western Caribbean in January of 2014.

Since cruise ship itineraries aren't yet out

for 2014, no details are available yet. But if you're interested to get more info when the time comes, probably late this spring, let me know and we'll get it to you. More info will come to my email fan club people via a special email.

So mark your calendars for January, 2014 to go cruising with us to the Caribbean!!!

Winter Tour half way gone already!

Well we've been in Arizona since Nov. 1st and we are already half way through our winter tour. We've doubled our time down south this year and it's been wonderful to have more time to relax in the earlier months.

Our first dance was at Apache Wells and it was sold out, so that was a good way to start our season. We appreciate the folks that come down early and supported us.

New Year's Eve was quite an experience for us. We worked at a big ballroom which was Mesa Regal. Wow - what a crowd. There were over 500 people there. And the place was decorated simply beautifully. We certainly brought in the New Year with a big bang.



We want to give special thanks to Don Gudac and Richard Smith for joining Hugo and I that night. They did a fabulous job.

We just got back from our very successful Texas tour. Our trip into the Rio Grande valley is always fun and a great way to see all the great folks who winter there.

Now we're starting the second half of our season here in Mesa/Apache Junction and are very excited about this season.

Jerry Kahle has joined us here in Mesa for about seven weeks and will also be making the trip up to Las Vegas for the Southwest Polka Party. He plays alto & tenor sax, clarinet, trumpet, banjo, guitar and bass wind synthesizer - a man of many talents for sure.

Our 4th musician is Don Gudac who is an outstanding lead & rhythm guitar and banjo player. He adds great vocals as well and even a blues harp on a couple of tunes.

I am so blessed to have these two musicians working with Hugo and I. Hope you can come see us – check out our winter tour schedule on the web.



White Rose Festival – West Fargo, ND

I am very excited to announce the first annual “White Rose Festival” to be held at the Speedway Events Center in West Fargo, ND. This event will appeal to dancers and non-dancers alike.

Friday’s events will kick off at noon with the sounds of the Barry Boyce Band from Omaha, NE. Barry has a very young, energetic group that will keep your toes tapping. Alternating with Barry will be Ray Sands & the Polka Dots from the Rochester, MN area. The Polka Dots have been in existence for over 60 years and work with a big 8 piece orchestra. You will enjoy listening to these two great bands as well as dancing to their music.

Dancing will continue until 6 pm. Music will stop for a social hour from 6 to 7. There will be a sit down dinner served around 7 pm. As supper is finishing up, we will be doing something different for this area - putting on a dinner show. My White Rose Band will be hosting the show along with the help of Ray Sands & the Polka Dots. We are in the planning stages for the dinner show and are very excited to bring you something new for your listening and dining pleasure.

Dinner Show reservations are already being sold, as Friday’s activities will have reserved seating. There will be a limited number of dinner show tickets available. For your reservation, whether it be for a single, couple, or a whole table of 8, send a check for \$30.00/person to Julie Lee, PO Box 321, Fargo ND 58107. This will cover all of Friday’s events including six hours of dancing, a sit-down dinner and dinner show. The dinner show tickets must be bought in advance. No dinner show tickets will be available at the door. Your seat will be there waiting for you no matter what time you arrive that day. If you wish to come just for dancing that day, the cost will be \$15.00 and you can get those tickets at the door.

Saturday will be a day of dancing and listening to the music of Barry Boyce, Ray Sands & the Polka Dots and my four-piece White Rose Band alternating from noon to 9pm. There will be a wide variety of music sure to have something to please everyone whether you are a dancer or just a music lover. Cost for Saturday’s music festival will be \$15.00 for nine hours of dancing to three great bands and will be available at the door.

There are three motels in West Fargo which are listed on the flyer. In addition, there are many, many hotels in Fargo within about five miles of the Speedway Events Center which is located at 680 Main Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078. There is a large parking lot where RV’s can park without hookups. For those who would like hookups for their RV, the Red River Valley Fairgrounds are just a few blocks away.

I hope you will consider coming to our debut dinner show and “White Rose Festival” coming to you next May 11 & 12, which is Friday and Saturday of Mother’s Day Weekend. What a great Mother’s Day gift to give your mom or wife!

Please check out the flyer for more details. Get your reservation in early by calling me at 701-367-9696. Now that 2012 is here, the tickets are moving faster so don’t wait too long to get yours. Hope to see you there!!



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Corn Palace

The Corn Palace Committee has decided to discontinue having the Corn Palace Polkafest, which has been held the middle of September each year.

While it makes us sad not to go back to this great venue, we have so many great memories of this wonderful place in Mitchell,

SD. We have been one of the "regulars" there for many years and we will truly miss going there.

We want to thank Mark Schilling and all the folks at the Corn Palace for providing a great place for us to work and the people to dance all these years. They have been truly great people to work for and with.

The White Rose Band has a DVD which was filmed at the Corn Palace in 2005, which is a great way for us to remember this great fest. You can get your copy by sending \$25.00 to me at: Julie Lee, PO Box 321, Fargo, ND 58107.

Our best wishes to all the great folks at the Corn Palace and our thanks for many great years there!!

About Me...

I've said it many times, I have the greatest job in the world – doing what I love, being able to perform my music in all corners of our country and meeting some of the greatest people while doing it.

Keep dancing everyone and if you don't dance,

maybe you can come to listen and just "be with your friends."

It is so enjoyable to be able to provide people with music that makes them smile and forget their troubles for a short time. God Bless you all!

- Julie Lee

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