

# Grapevine



## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MEMPHIS BOP CLUB

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Dear Members,

On Sunday, June 4, the River City Boppers and the Memphis Bop Club co-sponsored what I hope can become an annual event, the First Annual Unity Picnic and Dance held at Eugene Lucchesi's Timberhill Ranch. The food, refreshments, music, fellowship, and games (especially the softball game won by your Bad News Boppers) was enjoyed by all and you couldn't have asked for a more perfect day. As Jim White wrote in a previous River City newsletter "There is a renewed spirit of friendship and fellowship between our clubs " and judging by the turnout, nothing could be more true. Many thanks to Darlene and Jim White, Debbie and Johnny Gaia, Jane Egan, Judy and Johnny Deming, Nell and Tommy Stephenson, Brenda Archer, Dot Smith, Diane Werne, Henry Holland, Mike Biggs, Glenda Martin, Larry Leatherwood, Monta Lunamand, Kent McDaniel, Tom Claypool, Eugene Lucchesi, the Bop-N-Qrs, and, I hope I didn't leave anyone out, everyone involved with the preparation and details of this fine event. I am very much looking forward to our next one.



On Saturday, July 22, the Memphis Bop Club will be going back to Fitzgerald's Casino for a "Back to the Fifties" dance. Buses will be departing at 6:00 PM from Cactus Rose and returning at midnight. Space will be limited, so be sure to sign up early to assure seating on the buses. The evening will include music, dancing, and a free food buffet. Additional information concerning this event will be announced at our dances as it becomes available.

Also on July 22, a group of Memphis Bop Club members will be at Big Springs National Park in Van Buren, Missouri for our annual float trip. If you are interested in attending, contact Glenda Martin or myself for information.

Do not be offended if a member of the staff at Cactus Rose asks to see your membership card at the door on Friday nights. They have been instructed to do so by the management. Be sure to check the expiration date on your membership card and-renew your membership if it is about to expire. Remember, if you forget your membership card or if you are not a current member, admission will be \$5 at the door.

Until next month, keep on dancing and having fun.

*Butch*

Butch Morgan, President

## **MEMPHIS BOP CLUB**

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761-4388

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795-0217

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867-3232

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767-7212

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363-5501

FROM THE •

Thanks to each person who helped call the Bop Club Rooster for the Picnic. Billy Wright, Joe Cecil, Larry Shank and Linda Holland. also, thanks to everyone who was willing to help. I called one page prior to going to Texas and by the end of the page, I had nearly lost my voice, so next time friends I'll remember to only ask you to call half a page. Thanks so very much for your help. the picnic was great, I missed part of it as my plane didn't get into Memphis until 2:12 and Gerald and I didn't get out to the picnic until a few minutes after 3:00. The food was very good, Music by Dr. T was GREAT and the socializing was FANTASTIC. Certainly was good seeing some friends I had not seen in a long long time. Thank each of you for your concern for Tammy and the boys. She is doing fine after her surgery and plans to bring the boys (Billy and Ryan) to Memphis for camp for three weeks, during which time she should have her final surgery. Again "Thank you" for your concern and prayers for our family during this time. It is so wonderful having friends who care and give you the support the clubs have given to our family over the past year and a half. I love you all and Thank God each day for my extended FAMILY.

### **TRIVIA CORNER**

#### **THE YEAR WAS 1965**

- The Grammy Song of the Year was "THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE"
- January 20th, 1965 Alan Freed, The man who coined the phrase "ROCK N' ROLL" dies of Uremic Poisoning at the age of 42.
- The World's Biggest air-conditioned Arena THE HOUSTON ASTRODOME, open for business
- The Boston Celtics beat the L.A. Lakers 4 games to 1 and are crowned N.B.A. Champs
- The F.B.I. arrests David Miller, The first person charged with Burning his Draft Card.

#### **THE TOP 5 SINGLES OF 1965**

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. HELP!            | THE BEATLES                 |
| 2. WOOLY BULLY      | SAM THE SHAM & THE PHARAOHS |
| 3. YESTERDAY        | THE BEATLES                 |
| 4. GET OFF MY CLOUD | THE ROLLING STONES          |
| 5. HELP ME RHONDA   | THE BEACH BOYS              |

- On Monday, Feb. 15th Nat "King" Cole dies of cancer at the age of 45

## THIS N' THAT



Brenda & Ray Collins, and Dot and Gerald Smith went on vacation to Leavenworth and Seattle, Wa. The scenery there is breathtaking. The mountains were still covered with snow and not just the high ones. It was somewhat chilly and the rivers were swift with runoff from the melting snow. In Seattle, they visited the Space Needle and ate lunch there. Also, visited Pike's Market, took a boat tour to an Indian Village where they dined on baked salmon and were entertained by the Indians with a story and dance. It was a great and fun trip for everyone.



Butch Morgan and Glenda Martin spent six days in Michigan. It was raining and cold but she did get to see her son. Thank goodness they made it home safely before the truck broke down. At least it wasn't 700 miles away. The home coming was to find her waterbed had a hole and leaked on her carpet. What a vacation.

Larry and Sherrie Sawyer just returned from vacation in Texas. They spent time in Del Rio where Larry and Sherrie met and later married there. Nice to see you back.

Barbara Cooley recently spent some time in St. Louis with her son. Some of their adventures were a Cardinals game. She has also spent time with Wayne in Hot Springs.

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Congratulations to Jane and Joe Szulewski on the birth of their granddaughter, Brittany Alise born April 30th.

Congratulations to Kent and Barbara McDaniels on the birth of their granddaughter, Emily Carol born May 28th,

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Bud Moore and Patty Gracy were married May 31st in Panama City where they spent their honeymoon. Congratulations to our newest couple.

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### Sick

Larry Bennett suffered a heart attack on Thursday, June 1st and underwent Angioplasty surgery on Friday. He is doing well and we pray he will continue to get better.

Cowboy Bill's horse decided to lay down and in the process rolled over on him. He had broken ribs and internal damages. We are so glad to see you better and back to dancing again.

We wish a speedy recovery to Monta Lunamand who has been in bed suffering from a ruptured disc. Get better soon.



## Dance

Congratulations to Andy Ghattie. Tami Ledbetter for completing Bop Lessons. Remember you have to attend 3 out of 4 lessons to graduate. We had several more that took lessons but couldn't attend each lesson.

I would like to thank the instructors that went to Christ United Methodist to teach the "singles" group Bop Lessons: James Roberts, Joyce Kiser, Don Bonds, Dot & Gerald Smith, Andy Ghattie, and Tami Ledbetter.

I would also like to thank the instructor that have helped so far this year with lessons: James Roberts, Joyce Kiser, Don Bonds, Dot & Gerald Smith, Brenda & Dwight Archer, Frances Bogue, and Travis Burnette.

\*\*\*Remember we will not have any Bop lessons until September. Watch the Newsletter for dates and places.

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Please check your membership card and the date on your newsletter to make sure the dates correspond. If you have any questions or need to correct this please call Dot Smith at 363-4999

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Kay Brown  
Andy Ghattie  
George Hodges  
Tami Ledbetter  
Bill Martin  
Bert Silverstein**

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Be the first on your block to get your Bop Club T-shirt. Hurry up and don't miss out. Please see Larry Sawyer or call him at 358-6307.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....



JOHN GULBIN ..... July 2  
RUTH ANN JOHNSON ..... July 4  
MONTA LUNAMOND ..... July 6  
PRES. BUTCH MORGAN ..... July 12  
ANDY GHETTIE ..... July 13  
SHIRLEY ASHCRAFT ..... July 19  
LYNDA GHETTIE ..... July 20  
LARRY GERO ..... July 23  
DIANE CANTU ..... July 26  
GLENDA MARTIN ..... July 28

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## RENEWALS

Mike & Carol Coolican  
Bill Warren  
Linda Hamlett  
Wayland Stepp  
Jim & Darlene White  
Gerald Voss  
Kent & Barbara McDaniel  
Jackie Johnson  
Andrew Capatino  
Diane Cantu  
David & Jacqueline Hooper  
Henry Koukal  
Billy Wright  
Roger Cranford  
Richard Tate  
Archie Arkin  
J.R. Spain  
Imogene Acree  
Dan & Betty Forrester  
Larry Bennett  
Val McKee  
Paul Canada  
Robert Houston

**Best Dressed**

# The Original Memphis Bop Club proudly presents

**Bop Contest**

**\$**

## Back to the Fifties at Fitzgeralds

**Wear your poodle skirt, letter sweater or  
Bop Club T-Shirt, but don't miss out!**

**Saturday, July 22**

**8:00 p.m. til Midnight**

**at**

**Hula Hoop Contest**

**\$**

**Fitzgeralds**  
CASINO  
TUNICA

**\$**

**Enjoy skits, exhibitions and dancing to our own DJ, and its all:**

### FREE

**Evening includes: Transportation, \*Free Admission to Fitzgeralds,  
Free Dance, Free Food Buffet, Two complimentary drink tickets**

**With a wee bit of luck from the Irish, you might win  
DOOR PRIZES or one of many CONTEST Prizes**

**Elvis Look-A-Like Contest**

**Shag Contest**

**\*Transportation via bus departing promptly at 6:00 p.m. from  
Cactus Rose at the Holiday Inn and returning promptly at midnight.  
Space is limited, so sign up on Friday nights at the door**

**\$**

### Join us for a great time SIGN UP NOW

**Contacts:**

**\$**

**Memphis Bop Club**

**(901) 363-5501**

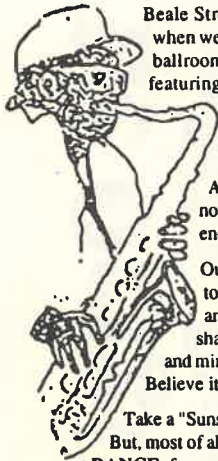
**Twist Contest**



# BOPPIN' ON BEALE ST.

**JULY 26-30, 1995**

*"The Cradle Of Rhythm 'N' Blues"*



Beale Street is the MUSIC, and Memphis is the PLACE!! If you loved us before - believe when we tell you - you ain't seen nothin' yet!! Where else can you find a party boasting a main ballroom with over 2500 square feet of custom built dance floor; fabulous night clubs featuring live Rhythm & Blues music and our very own nationally-acclaimed disc jockeys from across the country; and dancers from everywhere!! We are the "BIG DANCE" - Mid-America's musical melting pot!!

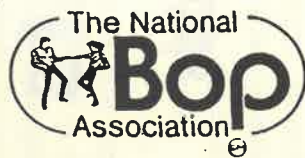
"Boppin' on Beale Street" is the home of the Fourth Annual National Bop Association Convention. Our clubs extend from Florida in the south to Michigan in the north - and all points in between. The association is growing by leaps and bounds and encompasses dance styles including but not limited to bop, swing, and jitterbug.

Our guests travel from Seattle to Miami, New York to San Diego, and from New Orleans to Chicago. The shaggers come from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Florida and many other states who have embraced this dance style! Swing dancers, boppers, and shaggers enthusiastically converge on this town to dance to the sounds of Beale Street; mix and mingle at our "Crossroads of Dancing"; and see old friends and meet new ones. Surprises??? Believe it!!!

Take a "Sunset Cruise" with us down "Ole Man River", play golf, see Graceland, or take a workshop. But, most of all, bring lots of shorts, comfortable dancing shoes, and come ready to DANCE, DANCE, DANCE, from noon 'til the wee hours of the morning!

Come join us again for this unique event - "Boppin' on Beale St." - where the different dance styles from across the country come together under our common denominator - the love of the music in the place where it all began - BEALE STREET!!

## HOSTING THE FOURTH NATIONAL BOP ASSOCIATION CONVENTION



Sponsored by the River City Boppers of Memphis

FOR INFORMATION CALL: JANE EGAN 901/755-1269

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wed., 7/26	9 am - 6 pm	Registration/Hospitality
	6 pm - 2 am	Kick-Off Party - BEALE ST.
Thurs., 7/27	9 am - 6 pm	Registration/Hospitality
	Noon - 3 am	"Boppin' on Beale St."
	6 pm - 9 pm	Sunset Cruise - Memphis Queen
Fri., 7/28	8 am -	Golf Tournament
	9 am - 9 pm	Registration - Tenn. Hall
	Noon - 3 am	Dancing - Tenn. Hall
	Noon - 3 am	"Boppin' on Beale St."
Sat., 7/29	9 am - 9 pm	Registration - Tenn. Hall
	9 am - Noon	Workshops
	10 am -	D.J. Hospitality
	Noon - 3 am	Dancing - Tenn. Hall
	Noon - 3 am	"Boppin' on Beale St."
Sun., 7/30	9 am - 11 am	Farewell Breakfast
	Noon - 6 pm	"Boppin' on Beale St."

## SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Beale Street Nightclubs - Free Admission
- Tennessee Hall - Peabody Hotel
- Fantastic Entertainment
- Sunset Riverboat Cruise
- Workshops with
  - Mary Ann Nunez
  - Jackie McGee & Charlie Womble
- Golf Tournament
- Free Beer on Draft and Screwdrivers all day Wednesday and Thursday.
- Lavish Hospitality Suites
- Featured D.J.'s to include:
  - \* Doug Brown - Nashville
  - \* Larry Huff - Birmingham
  - \* Gene Reeves - Atlanta
  - \* Dave Roby - St. Mary's, GA
  - \* Judy Collins - N. Myrtle Beach
  - \* Butch Metcalf - High Point, NC
  - \* Sid Pruitt - Winston-Salem, NC
  - \* Kenny Wetzel - Anaheim, CA

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation LITTLE ROCK BOP CLUB, INC.

I would like to take the following Workshop(s):

- (please circle) **Mary Ann Nunez** **Jackie McGee/Charlie Womble**  
Swing **Carolina Shag**

I would like to order the following tickets:

- \_\_\_\_\_ # Event Tickets at \$30 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ # Event Tickets at \$35 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ # Cruise Tickets at \$13 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Note: Please send self-addressed, stamped envelope with check made payable to River City Boppers to: Jane Egan, P.O. Box 38946 Germantown, TN 38183-0946. ALL TICKETS WILL BE MAILED!

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TICKET SALES	
Advance Ticket Purchases (Before June 15)	\$30.00
Ticket Purchases (After June 15)	\$35.00
One-Day Tickets	\$17.50
Advance tickets purchased will be mailed and then exchanged at Registration for wristbands. Tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE, but may be transferred.	
Wristbands must be worn for admission to the Tennessee Hall and for free admission to participating Beale St. clubs.	

- Ramada Convention Center  
160 Union, Mphs., TN 38103  
901/525-5491  
\$79/night/1-4 persons
- Radisson Hotel  
185 Union, Mphs., TN 38103  
901/528-1800 - Airport Shuttle  
\$85/night/Sgl. or Dbl.
- Day's Inn Hotel  
164 Union, Mphs., TN 38103  
901/755-1269 (Only)  
\$65/night/1-4 persons
- Peabody Hotel  
149 Union, Mphs., TN 38103  
901/529-4000  
\$110/night/1-4 persons
- Brownstone Hotel  
300 N. Second, Mphs., TN 38105  
901/525-2511 - Shuttle to Beale St.  
\$62/night/1-4 persons
- Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza  
250 N. Main, Mphs., TN 38103  
901/527-7300 - Main St. Trolley  
\$79/night/Sgl. or Dbl.

When making hotel reservations. YOU MUST MENTION "BOPPIN' ON BEALE ST." The Ramada, Radisson and Day's Inn Hotels require a three-night minimum stay, and will be strictly enforced. There is a 48-hour cancellation policy.




# BAD NEWS BOPPERS WIN 14-8



WE HAD A GREAT TIME FRIDAY NIGHT WITH THE WOMENLESS BEAUTY REVIEW. OUR FIRST PLACE WINNER WAS LARRY LEATHERWOOD. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO ALL THE PARTICIPATED.



# July 1995

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2 B, B & B Dance Contest Up the Street	3	4 <sup>TH</sup> 	5 Up the Street	6	7 Cactus Rose 8:00	8 River City NCO Club
9 B, B & B Dance Contest Up the Street	10 Board Meeting 7:00 Cactus Rose	11	12 Membership Meeting 7:30 Up the Street	13	14 Cactus Rose 8:00	15 River City NCO Club
16 B, B & B Dance Contest Up the Street	17	18	19 Up the Street	20	21 Cactus Rose 8:00	22 Tubing Trip Fitzgeralds RC NCO Club
23 B, B & B Dance Contest Up the Street	24	25	26 Up the Street RC Boppin on Beale	27 RC Boppin on Beale	28 Cactus Rose 8:00 Boppin Beale	29 Boppin on Beale
30 B, B & B Dance Contest Up the Street	31					

\*\*\* BEACH, BOP AND BLUES

THE MEMPHIS BOP CLUB  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
MAY, 1995

CASH IN BANK	\$ 2316.21	
PETTY CASH	100.00	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	2207.09	
ENDING BALANCE AS OF 4-30-95		\$ 4623.30

INCOME

RENEWALS	\$ 321.00	
MISC INCOME	2.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 323.00

EXPENSES

SALARIES	\$ 500.00	
FOOD	71.79	
POSTAGE	38.40	
TELEPHONE	26.23	
STATE OF TN-PRIV TAX	20.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 656.42

CASH IN BANK	\$ 1982.79	
PETTY CASH	100.00	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	2207.09	
ENDING BALANCE AS OF 5-31-95		\$ 4289.88

*Memphis Pop Club,*

*Thank you  
all for a wonderful  
birthday. You always  
make me feel so  
special. Your  
friendship and love  
mean a lot to me.  
You are my family.*

*Donna*

THE GRAPEVINE is the official newsletter of the Memphis Bop Club and is published for the benefit of its members. Our purpose is to keep you informed of 50's and 60's happenings in the Memphis area so you will know where to go to hear and dance to the music we all love. The GRAPEVINE is published monthly in Memphis, Tennessee. Copyright 1987, the Memphis Bop Club

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