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Double the Fun

Longtime favorites Natural Gas share stage with legendary Pat Yankee



Coming in
May

Natural Gas Jazz Band
1:30-5 p.m., May 17, 2009
The Lodge in San Pablo
13233 San Pablo Ave.

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NOJCNC News

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President's Message

Our session in April was enhanced by a larger than usual crowd. **The Fog City Stompers** entertained us in their usual grand manner, performing a combination of old standards and original compositions by leader **Tom Belmessieri**.

Tom, incidentally, has composed more than 30 songs (not all in the Dixieland genre). His already large book of arrangements will grow as he prepares for an all "Bix" CD. This band is not slowing. The interaction among Fog City's instruments is interesting, particularly trumpet and tuba on tunes such as "From Monday On."

With **Rod Roberts** directing things, our jammers carried on in fine form: **Bob Sutherland, Jim Broadstreet, Dana Kemp** on trumpet; **Carol Dutcher, Alex Newman** on clarinet; **Paul Hilton**, trombone; Rod Roberts on piano; **Bruce Stangeland, Jack Wiecks, Ted Shafer** on banjo; **Leslie Thorne**, bass; **Mike Somers**, tuba; **Becky Kesweder**, guitar; **Doug Spencer**, vocals.

The Raffle donors came up with some unique items this month, and we greatly appreciate them. Thanks to **Adam Roderick, Dottie Lawless, Dave Forus, Evelyn Randolph, Ted Shafer, Loyce** and **Don Morrison, Judy** and **Andy Hagans**, and **Marion Mills**.

In May our featured band is the **Natural Gas Jazz Band**. This is one of the longest continuously working trad jazz bands in the country, and with very few changes in personnel. They are extremely entertaining with their mixed lineup of traditional and novelty tunes. **The Gas** has been a staunch supporter on **NOJCNC** over the years, for which we are extremely grateful. This is a band well worth seeing and hearing, and we hope you take the opportunity to do so.

Also in May, the magnificent **Pat Yankee** will do a special set for us, likely including a couple of her "Sophie Tucker" numbers – see details elsewhere of her show next month. Pat has a big following in the Bay Area, having been performing for more than 60 years.

Again, if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for **NOJCNC**, please speak up now. **Pat Campbell** is serving as chairman of the nominating committee, or see **Dottie Lawless** or **Rich Vose** to include your name.

We are pleased that so many have agreed to receive **NOJC News** via e-mail. This is a nice savings for the club, and those who do get it on the 'Net tell us it is much better than the hard copy. Give it some thought if you are online, and if you would like to try it, tell either Dottie or Rich (or email Rich at scousr2@aol.com).

Thank you all for your continued support. We have a chance not only to survive, but to keep going in the manner in which we have all come to expect. See you in May, and bring a friend!

Rich Vose & Dottie Lawless

Featured band: Natural Gas Jazz Band

The band loves its audiences, and the audiences love its blues, stomps, rags, marches and spirituals. Thirty nine years and still going strong is this very traditional mainstay from the San Francisco area, born of inspiration from the great San Francisco groups of **Turk Murphy** and **Lu Watters**. The Gas is popular worldwide, with successful European and Asian tours, cruises, recordings, and visits to virtually every festival in jazzdom.

Later this month will be the 34th consecutive appearance of the Gassers at the world famous **Sacramento Jazz Jubilee**. Then in August, the band will be in Australia on its 18th international tour.

For more, visit: www.ngjb.com.

The band

Phil Crumley, cornet &
leader (pictured)

Bill Carson, trombone

Bob Murphy, soprano sax

Jim Brennan, tuba

Warren Perry, drums

Carl Lunsford, banjo

Rich Owens, piano



Photos by Paul Hilton / NOJCNC



May special guest: Pat Yankee

Ms. Pat Yankee will honor us with a special appearance at **NOJCNC** on May 17, taking the set following the Natural Gas Jazz Band (typically the first jam set). This is a rare opportunity to see and hear Pat in an intimate setting, doing what she does best – singing her favorites. Pat joined us last year in July (for her birthday). Let's make her feel welcome – and see if we can convince her to make it an annual event. (Photo: Pat with **Turk Murphy** in a publicity photo from the 1970s. Credit: **Russ Kelly**.)

NOJCNC opportunities

Love traditional jazz and want to keep it alive in the San Francisco area? The **NOJCNC** board of directors is still considering volunteers and nominations for positions on next year's board, as well as for duties at monthly meetings. We are beginning this effort immediately, and we hope to have several new board members identified by October 2009.

Opportunities to serve on the board and during meetings include:

- **President**
- **Membership Secretary**
- **Newsletter mailing**
- **Music Committee**
- **Sound System Setup** (We need 2 volunteers to take over this job).
- **Staffing the Door** (We need 2 volunteers for this job to ensure that we always have coverage).
- **Raffle Collection** (We need a designated volunteer to sell raffle tickets at each session.)

Please contact **Pat Campbell**, **Dottie Lawless** or **Rich Vose** if you have any questions or if you are interested in helping to run the club.



April Scrapbook The Fog City Stompers



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Briefly

Remember to bring CD's and LPs you are ready to part with – but that you want to see going to a good home – for our music-swap table. Each month there will be a separate table, besides our regular popular table of CDs, devoted to the sale of donations from our very own jazz libraries. Items you would wish to donate for the benefit of the **NOJCNC** will be sold at \$5 each.

The best part of all this is you will probably find others have donated CDs and LPs that you have been looking for. All of us know the agony involved in sorting through one's music and actually parting with a disc or two, but this will allow to tidy up your collection – as well as add some albums for well below the typical cost.

We'd like to stay with the Trad Jazz genre, but that's not a deal-breaker. Bring your donations to **Jack Dutcher** at the next NOJC meeting and they will be attractively displayed for others to see.

On the Airwaves

Sunday
 KCSM (91.1 FM): **Jim Cullum's Riverwalk** (6 pm); **Richard Hadlock's Annals of Jazz** (7 pm); **Mal Sharpe** (9 pm); **Ray Smith's Jazz Decades** (11 pm).

Monday
 KUSF (90.3 FM): **Dave Reffkin's Ragtime Machine** (9 pm).

Friday
 XM Satellite Radio, Ch. 70: **Dave Robinson's French Quarter** (6 pm).

In Search of Live Jazz

San Francisco

Tuesday Pier 23, Embarcadero near Filbert, 5 - 8 pm, 415-362-5125
Rotating pianists: **Virginia Tichenor, Marty Eggers, Frederick Hodges.**

Saturday **Mal Sharp's Big Money in Jazz**, 3 - 6 pm, 415-362-7023
Savoy Tivoli, 1434 Grant Ave.

Peninsula & South

Friday **Clint Baker's Cafe Borrone All Stars**, 8 - 11 pm, 650-344-1462
Café Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

East Bay & East

1st & 3rd Tuesday **Jazzinators** (Youth Group), 7 - 8 pm, Jam set 8 - 9 pm
510-656-9911 Pizza Depot, 43450 Grimmer Blvd, Fremont

2nd & 4th Tuesday **Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band**, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Sunol Jazz Café, Main Street, Sunol, 925-862-2800

2nd & 4th Wednesday **Mission Gold**, 7 – 9 pm, Swiss Park Dance Hall,
5911 Mowry Ave., Newark.

1st Thursday **And That's Jazz**, 7:30-10 pm, 510-522-1300
Speisekammers Restaurant, 2424 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda

Fridays **Ted Shafer's Jelly Roll Jazz Band**, 7 - 10 pm, 510-222-1819
Champa Restaurant, 3550 San Pablo Dam Rd, San Pablo

June 13 **Gateswingers**, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 510-898-1836
33 Revolutions Record Shop, 10086 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito

3rd Saturday **Devil Mountain Jazz Band**, 2 - 5 pm, 925-625-2707
Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd, Danville

3rd Sunday **Joyful Noise Jazz Band**, 5:30 – 7:30 pm,
Champa Restaurant, 3550 San Pablo Dam Rd, San Pablo

North Bay & North

Sundays **Big Money in Jazz**, 3 - 7 pm, (415) 332-1392
No Name Bar, 757 Bridgeway, Sausalito

Every Saturday **Natural Gas Jazz Band**, 2 -5 pm, 415-454-6422
Belrose Theatre, 1415 5th Ave., San Rafael

2nd Sunday **Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society**, 1 – 5 pm
Napa Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscol Ave., Napa

2nd Wednesday **Marty Eggers & Virginia Tichenor**, 5:30 - 8 pm, 415-454-6422
Belrose Theatre, 1415 5th Ave., San Rafael

2nd & 4th Wednesday **Marin Jazz Group**, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 415-456-1011
Mayflower Inn, 1533 4th St, San Rafael

Last Saturday **Gold Coast Jazz Band**, 1 - 4 pm, 707-938-9990
Little Switzerland, 401 Grove St, Sonoma

(For updated listings, visit www.clintbakerjazz.com/raeannslist.html)

NOJCNC Membership

Member	All year	From July 1
Musician	\$10	\$5
Individual	\$25	\$12.50
Couple	\$35	\$17.50
Contributing	\$100	\$50
Sustaining	\$125	\$62.50

(Note: All memberships expire Dec. 31)

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Lynn Schloss, Membership
1871 Stratton Circle,
Walnut Creek, CA 94598-2272

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- * All contributions are tax-deductible
- * Free NOJCNC monthly newsletter
- * Contributing members: Free admission for two to all regularly scheduled events
- * Sustaining members: Free admission for four to regularly scheduled events

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June 21: Cell Block 7

July 19: Uptown Lowdown

Aug. 16: Ted Shafer's
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Sept. 20: Chris Bradley's
Traditional Jazz Band

**(All events at the San Pablo
Moose Lodge)**

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