

## CAJUN ZYDECO CONNECTION - NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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### ===== ROSIE LEDET AND THE ZYDECO PLAYBOYS IN HUNTSVILLE AT CROSSROADS CAFÉ THIS SUNDAY! =====

Just a reminder... Zydeco's sweetheart, **Rosie Ledet**, will be playing at the **Crossroads Café** in downtown Huntsville (115 Clinton Ave, (256) 533-3393) **this Sunday Nov, 18<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00pm (doors open at 7:00, show starts at 8:00). Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door or online (for an additional \$2 convenience fee) at [www.crossroadsmusic.biz](http://www.crossroadsmusic.biz) or from Box office: 513-6733. Crossroads is a bar, but they have separate smoking and non-smoking areas (main bar area is non-smoking).

***From the PepperFest Website:*** Easily the queen of southwest Louisiana's rootsy Creole Zydeco scene, Rosie Ledet is a rare woman in a male-dominated genre. Her sound is built on hoarse, repeating squeezebox riffs, and the family band takes their punchy rhythms on the road for as many as six weeks at a stretch. In fact, Rosie says, they're gone more than they're home. The group features Rosie's husband, Morris, on bass and accordion; nephew Corey Ledet on drums; father-in-law Lanice Ledet on rubboard; and guitarist Kent August.

Rosie's female perspective adds interesting twists to her largely original repertoire. "I try to give a woman a voice," she explains. "They seldom get one in this kind of music." She began writing poems and stories at age 12, and she still draws from some of the material she penned years before she ever picked up an accordion.

A recent mention in The Wall Street Journal served as a reminder that Rosie's musical career has taken her completely by surprise. "I still can't believe it," she says. "It's scary in a way, 'cause I never expected it, but it's good, I'm glad. I'm lucky."

With a heavy touring schedule ahead, odds are good the band will be playing somewhere near you. "Look out for us, 'cause we'll be around," Rosie says.

**Directions:** Take I-565 to Memorial parkway (Highway 231), take the Clinton Ave. Exit and head east (toward downtown). Crossroads is about 10 blocks ahead at 115 Clinton Ave. 35801 (at the intersection with Jefferson, across from the municipal parking garage). 533-3393. Box office: 513-6733 for advance ticket sales.

===== 2008 CZC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE =====

Well friends, the year is drawing to a close and its time to renew your CZC Membership for next year (or join if you're not already a member). Here are some great reasons to join or renew your membership today!

1. The CZC needs your financial support and your attendance at dances to continue. Your membership makes it possible for CZC to bring the best Cajun and Zydeco bands available to Huntsville.
2. There is \$2 off every CZC dance (including the Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Holiday dance and the 5 Jan 08 Thomas "Big Hat" Fields Zydeco dance). Despite yearly increases in the cost of bands, hall rental and other various operating expenses, we have made every effort not to increase the cost of dances. We pledge to continue the cost of admission for our members at \$10 for dances with bands and \$6 for CD dances.
3. Membership entitles you to discounted (or free) admission to all KREWE events (Krewe is the social arm of CZC) events, and invitations to member-only events. Krewe events include: the Ditto Landing Krewe Kruiise, Naomi's Shrimp Boil and Rug Dance, CZC events at Panoply, and other events.
4. Tax deduction for 2007 (or 2008). CZC is non-profit organization. Become a Supporting Member (\$50) or Patron (\$100). Any contribution (including the basic membership dues) is tax deductible.
5. Dues have been maintained at \$30 per year since CZC was founded in 1995. The 2008 CZC Board is working to be good stewards, using your dues to pay only essential operating expenses and to offset any financial loss to bring in the very best bands.

Just open the attached membership form or go to [www.czdance.com](http://www.czdance.com) and click on **Membership** to print out a membership form. Mail your membership application & dues to: CZC MEMBERSHIP c/o Ron Sumera, 26 Revere Way, Huntsville, AL 35801 or bring it to the membership table at the next dance.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in a fun, growing music and dance association!  
**Help keep great Cajun and Zydeco music and dance coming to Huntsville!**

===== 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CZC HOLIDAY DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION =====

Announcing the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CZC Holiday Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction! Join your CZ dance friends and celebrate the season at **Southern Elegance Dance Studio** on Sunday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 9:30pm. Dance to the amazing Creole sounds of **Dennis**

**Stroughmatt!** Dine on your holiday potluck favorites! And fill your Christmas shopping list early by bidding on items at **The CZC Silent Auction!**

CZC will be providing light finger foods, soft drinks and coffee for your enjoyment. We ask that everyone bring a potluck plate of finger food/snacks to share. Note that there is no bar at Southern Elegance so but you can BYOB if you want to have alcoholic beverages. Jeans & boots are fine but if you want to dress up in your holiday finery, that's good too.

Starting at 6:00, we'll clear the floor and dance to the Creole fiddling styles of **Dennis Stroughmatt and Friends!** Dennis, well known to us as the front man for his band Creole Stomp, is one of the few remaining practitioners of the Creole style of fiddling. His fiddling style has been described as "jaw dropping" by Dirty Linen magazine. For our dance, he will team up with some of his many musical friends, playing traditional Cajun and Creole favorites for our listening and dancing pleasure.

Throughout the evening, Silent Auction items will be on display around the dance studio for folks to look over and bid on. Auction winners are announced at the end of the evening. All who have taken part in the past agree, the Silent Auction is a fun and exciting way to raise money for future CZC events and a wonderful opportunity to pick up some great items for yourself or those on your Christmas list.

It all adds up to a Cajun Christmas to remember! Don't miss it! Admission is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members (no advance ticket purchase is required this year!)

**Directions:** From the Parkway: Turn East onto Drake Avenue; south (right) onto L& N Drive which is the first light (just before the railroad tracks); driveway is the first turn on the right from L&N. Southern Elegance is on 2nd floor on the east side of the building.

## ===== SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS =====

We are looking for item donations for this year's CZC Silent Auction. Examples of items donated for the auction in the past have included:

- large limited edition Jim Gray matted and framed lithograph
- 3 Fenton Art Cranberry Glass pieces
- a set of 5 Yoga classes at the Yoga Center of Huntsville
- original Stained Glass Window pieces
- a gourmet Mexican Dinner for 6
- a gourmet Cajun Dinner for 6
- dance lessons
- power tools
- Swarovski Crystal
- Lake Guntersville condo rental
- drawing set
- framed art prints
- certificate for massage

All items donated to CZC are tax deductible and the money raised from the auction is used to help fund more fun-filled CZ events for the coming year! These auctions have always been a big success and a lot of fun for all who took part. Please contact Patsy Thrasher: 683-3638, [Patsy@hsvneo.com](mailto:Patsy@hsvneo.com) with your donations and/or questions.

===== CZC LOCAL CZ DANCE CALENDAR =====

 denotes CZC Dance

- Nov 18 (Sun): **Rosie Ledet** at **Crossroads Café**, 8-10 pm. 533-3393, \$7 cover.
- Nov 28 (Wed): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **Eagles Lodge**, 7 - 8:30pm. Free
- Dec 6 (Thu): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **House of Brews**, 6:00-7:30pm. Free
-  Dec 9 (Sun): **CZC Holiday Dance and Silent Auction** featuring **Dennis Stroughmatt and Friends** at **Southern Elegance Dance Studio (Note change of location)**. If you have donations for the auction (items or services) contact Patsy Thrasher: 683-3638, [Patsy@hsvneo.com](mailto:Patsy@hsvneo.com)
- Dec 12 (Wed): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **Eagles Lodge**, 7 - 8:30pm. Free
- Dec 20 (Thu): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **House of Brews**, 6:00-7:30pm. Free
- Jan 3 (Thu): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **House of Brews**, 6:00-7:30pm. Free
-  Jan 5 (Sat): **First CZC Dance of 2008** featuring **Thomas "Big Hat" Fields** at the **Knights of Columbus Hall**, 8-11 pm, free beginner Zydeco basics lesson at 7:15. \$10 members, \$12 non-members.
- Jan 9 (Wed): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **Eagles Lodge**, 7 - 8:30pm. Free
- Jan 17 (Thu): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **House of Brews**, 6:00-7:30pm. Free
- Jan 23 (Wed): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **Eagles Lodge**, 7 - 8:30pm. Free
- Feb 7 (Thu): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **House of Brews**, 6:00-7:30pm. Free
- Feb 13 (Wed): Cajun/Zydeco Night at **Eagles Lodge**, 7 - 8:30pm. Free
-  Feb 16 (Sat): **CZC Annual TARDI GRAS Dance!** featuring **T-Broussard and the Zydeco Steppers** at the **Knights of Columbus Hall**, 8-11 pm, free beginner Zydeco basics lesson at 7:15. \$10 members, \$12 non-members.

===== CZ EVENTS OUTSIDE HUNTSVILLE =====

For more info. on Birmingham events, see the ACME website: [www.acmedance.org](http://www.acmedance.org)

- ★ Nov 16 (Fri) - **Roddie Romero & the Hub City All-Stars** (Cajun/Zydeco), ACME Dance, Birmingham 8 - 11 p.m. \$12

- ★ **Dec 7 (Fri) - Jambalaya Cajun Band, ACME Dance, Birmingham, 8 - 11 p.m. \$12.**
- ★ **Jan 4 (Fri) - Thomas "Big Hat" Fields and His Foot Stompin' Zydeco Band.**  
Concordia Club, 8 - 11 p.m. \$12.
- ★ **Jan 25 (Fri) - Cajun Band TBA. Concordia Club, 8 - 11 p.m. \$12.**
- ★ **Feb 15 (Fri) - T-Broussard & the Zydeco Steppers. Concordia Club, 8 - 11 p.m. \$12.**
- ★ **Feb 22-23 - Beale Street Zydeco Festival, Memphis**
- ★ **Feb 24 - Creole Crawfish Festival in Horn Lake, near Memphis. "Website coming soon."**
- ★ **Feb 29 (Fri) - Ray Abshire & Friends (Cajun). Concordia Club, 8 - 11 p.m. \$12.**
- ★ **Mar 21 (Fri) - JJ Caillier & the Zydeco Knockouts. Concordia Club, 8 - 11 p.m. \$12.**

===== DIRECTIONS =====

**Knights Of Columbus:** From South Memorial Parkway (heading south), take Drake Avenue exit. Turn right onto Drake Avenue. Turn left at the next traffic light (about 100 yards) from Drake onto Leeman Ferry Road. The Knights of Columbus Hall is about 1/4 mile down Leeman Ferry Road on the left, behind the Kroger's.

**Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge** is located at 2500 10th Street. The lodge faces Bob Wallace Avenue between Jordan Lane and Triana Blvd.

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See you on the Dance Floor!

Martin Dahm & Rebecca Zurn  
For the Cajun/Zydeco Connection of Huntsville

CZC promotes Cajun and Zydeco dance, music and culture in Huntsville and North Alabama. We host dances featuring live Cajun and Zydeco bands, teach and promote Cajun and Zydeco dance classes and workshops and do anything we can to bring that special "joie de vivre" to Huntsville. To auto-subscribe to this newsletter, send an email to [czcnewsletter-subscribe@czdance.com](mailto:czcnewsletter-subscribe@czdance.com). To unsubscribe from this newsletter, send an email to [czcnewsletter-unsubscribe@czdance.com](mailto:czcnewsletter-unsubscribe@czdance.com).