

SECOND LINE

Newsletter of the Northern Colorado Traditional Jazz Society

A Quarterly Newsletter

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Chairperson's Note:

DID YOU REALIZE YOU WERE PART OF A HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

It's the year 2021, and we've celebrated a quarter/century marker for The Poudre River Irregulars and a vibrant, creative piece of history – right here in Northern Colorado. Thank you to our members and jazz enthusiasts for creating a heart-felt celebration (be it during the blessing of a break in the pandemic) and sharing your love of Traditional Jazz history.

One hundred years ago Traditional Jazz was going strong, especially in New Orleans and in Chicago. The Jazz Age began to slow down somewhat in the 20's and virtually stopped during the economic crash, October 1929.

Some historians say Traditional Jazz and Quilt Making are the two creative art pieces that originated in the United States. Others say that Traditional Jazz began as a blend of the multi-cultural musicians of New Orleans and the African rhythms played there. The musicians went on to Chicago to find recording capabilities. Interestingly, one jazz musician said he didn't want a recording made of his playing because someone might steal his style – think about that!! Where would we be in history without the recordings?

Long LIVE the Traditional style! And YOU are helping Traditional Jazz LIVE LONG in Northern Colorado! A collective YOU are 109 strong in our NoCOJazz Society. There are 109 members who believe in this music to keep our spirits high and to keep the history alive. Now, you didn't realize you were part of a historical society, did you?

Why do we need you as members? I think you know the answer. (*Info on finances below) And YOU need Jazz in YOUR life! One of the bright spots in these pandemic months has been the promise that we could hear lively, jiving jazz to lift our spirits – when the temperature was above 55 degrees on Avogadro's patio! A big THANK YOU to AVOGADRO'S and THE POUDDRE RIVER IRREGULARS for "Keeping ON"

And THANK YOU to all Jazz Society members for believing in what we do! Won't you encourage some friends to join you and to join our Jazz Society? \$30-Family, \$20-Individual. \$5-Student. Sign up at www.NoCOJazz.com or www.prijb.com.

We'll keep the music going at Avo's for you – when the temperature is 55 degrees on the patio! Keep your ear to the JAZZ and your eye on the TEMP gauge for a First Friday GIG!

With Great Appreciation for Your Membership and Support!
Peg Isakson, Chairperson

Where the money goes

Income:

Dues - for general operations and paying a supplement to band members as needed
Donations – for general operations or to a designated project
Tips – for gratuity to musicians only
Gate Admission Fee – for site rental and musicians' pay

Expenses:

Promotions, Printing - general operations are kept at minimum
Musician pay supplement – add \$200-\$300 to the gate per performance for pay to be equitable & reasonable, and to cover mileage when needed
CD Production – approx. \$2,000 during new production
Percentage of "Gate" - to site of the gig and any technical support
Tips and highest percentage of "Gate" - directly to the musicians

The Board is Asking for Your Wisdom

Your NoCOJazz Society Board has a BIG favor to ask.

There are some topics that come up where we'd like to have thoughts and ideas from our members.

Topic 1 – Where and When to have a Mardi Gras party?

A timely topic is "Where and When could we have a Mardi Gras party in 2022?"

We'd like to have 2 or 3 volunteers meet with the Board just 2 or 3 times to share ideas for that topic.

We've been meeting by Zoom and phone call (if you prefer not to use video) and that works quite

comfortably for us. You can participate just as Myrne Watrous, our long-term Board member does, by joining our Zoom meeting with a phone call.

Please send an email or call to chairperson Peg if you will join a small group of members to discuss a Mardi Gras party, probably held late in February. Let's have fun! Mardi Gras 2022 falls on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Topic 2 - Where and When to have High School and College students perform for our audience during the winter months?

We love to give young traditional jazz musicians the opportunity to play before a new, live audience. We do that by inviting them to perform at one of our First-Friday-at-Avo's events. However, performing indoors on the stage at Avogadro's during the winter months is currently uncertain for the future. We don't know when- or if - we'll be able to have indoor on-stage shows at Avo's any time soon.

Let us know if you're interested in helping us find an indoor site where we can have performances in the cold months and invite young traditional jazz musicians to perform for our 109 members and our guests. *We'd like to have 2 or 3 volunteers meet with the Board just 2 or 3 times to share ideas for this topic as well. Please let Peg know if you are willing to participate.*

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Our 25th Anniversary Celebration:

Due to delays caused by the pandemic, we celebrated our 25th anniversary a year late on August 6th in great style with a Meet-and-Greet event at noon complete with speeches, champaign, a special toast, cake, and lots of socializing among the musicians and members. It was great fun. Afterward, we enjoyed another great live traditional jazz concert presented by our Poudre River Irregulars Jazz Band which included lots of historic jazz information and great live traditional jazz. Special efforts were included to recognize our founder Bob Cooke for his founding role and many contributions in bringing our band and jazz society into existence. A great time was had by all.

Loss of Bob Cooke:

A few days before our most recent First-Friday-at-Avo's on October 1st, we got the very sad news that Bob had passed on. It was a good thing that about a year or so ago we sent to him several messages of tribute from current members of the jazz society. We are repeating that effort now with messages to his surviving family members. If you would like to send a tribute, please write it up and send it to Fred at: fwsmithpe@msn.com or by paper mail to me at: 5806 Watson Dr, Ft. Collins, CO 80528. I will see that it is forwarded to his family. At the end of this newsletter, you will find the tribute that we prepared and handed out at the October 1st First-Friday-at-Avo's event.

First Friday at Avo's

Next Date: November 5th, 2021

Later Dates to be announced

Depending upon the weather

Avo's is located at 605 S. Mason, Fort Collins, (970) 493-5555.

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Poudre River Irregulars Jazz Band**

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SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE:

For Facebook: When you're logged in to Facebook, search for "Poudre River Irregulars Jazz". Please "like" our page and "share" the page to your contacts. Your "like" and "share" are very important to spread the word of our Northern Colorado exuberant jazz! Your help is appreciated!

Our Google page: On your device (cell phone or ipad) you can google the band by using "Poudre river irregulars jazz band" in the search box. You'll see that you can click to the new website home page, to Facebook posts by us and to Facebook posts by Avogadro's, KRFC, Denver Jazz Club, and more.



A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO BOB COOKE FOUNDER OF THE POUUDRE RIVER IRREGULARS JAZZ BAND



All members of The Northern Colorado Traditional Jazz Society have *felt the love* through continued decades of musical & spiritual joy begun by our founder, Bob Cooke. At today's jazz performance you will hear a tribute from the Poudre River Irregulars with a musical send-off as Bob "Takes a Closer Walk with Thee" to his rest in heaven.

Bob's legacy of Northern Colorado Jazz will:
Heal the heart and
Make it whole,
Flow from Heaven,
To the Soul.

When you listen to any Poudre River Irregulars Traditional Jazz, know that you're getting back in touch with an old friend of us all.

**A Tribute from Northern Colorado Traditional Jazz Society Members
Avogadro's Number, Fort Collins, Colorado
October 1, 2021*