

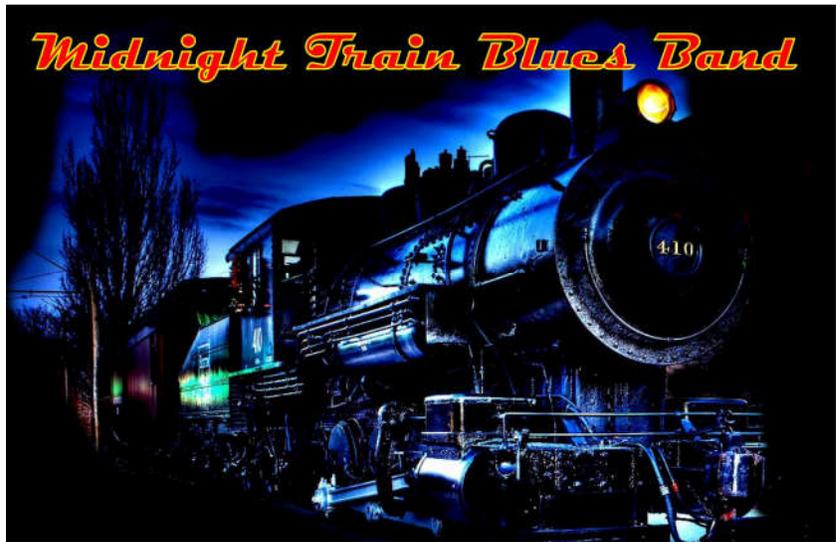
Blues Band Born in a Jam

Sept 23, 2016 – Port Townsend, WA: Port Townsend’s electrified blues jam has given birth to a new band, the Midnight Train Blues band. “Chicago Bob’s Gently Amplified Blues Jam” has been held monthly at the Highway 20 Road House in Port Townsend since November, 2015, and the Midnight Train was formed as musicians met at the jam and found compatible talents.

“Jams and open mikes are a great way to meet other musicians,” said “Chicago Bob” Longmire, one of the founding members of the Midnight Train. “We were lucky to find such a cohesive combo, and we’re having a great time with each other. Everyone else in the room seems to be having fun too.”

The Midnight Train began as a lead band for the Gently Amplified Blues Jam, which is nearing its one-year anniversary. They’ve also started playing as a performing quartet.

“We’ve had a great reception from the Road House and the other clubs around here,” said Barb Dawson, pianist for the band. “It’s especially fun when people jump up to dance at the Blues Jam and at our other gigs.”



The Midnight Train Blues Band includes “Chicago Bob” Longmire, guitar and harmonica; Barb “Lulu” Dawson, piano; Tamahra Martin, “The Pompitus of Percussion;” and “Five String Glen” Hellman, bass.

The band plays a lot of blues classics and good time tunes selected for maximum fun, danceable rhythms and musical interest. Chicago Bob was part of the Chicago blues scene for over 40 years, and everyone in the band has been playing most of their lives.

The Midnight Train will be playing for a dance at the Highway 20 Roadhouse in Port Townsend (2152 W. Sims) starting at 8pm on Saturday, Oct 8, and will be hosting the Blues Jam starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, also at the Roadhouse. The Blues Jam is free, and there is a suggested \$5 donation for the dance. The Roadhouse has a full food and drink menu.

You can contact the Midnight Train Blues Band by email at bob@longmire.org.