

Benefit for Bryan Lee Friday, February 24th in Bryon, IL

Bryan Lee is a guitar wizard, singer, song writer, blues performer and most of all a good friend of Crossroads Blues Sociey. Bryan underwent back surgery on January 12th to relieve intense pain and allow him to walk and perform normally. He was cleared for surgery but still is a high risk due to lung issues. He has no insurance and his recovery will lay him up for 8 to 12 weeks.

Crossroads has stepped forward with a financial donation as have several of our individual members. We are also holding a benefit blues event at the American Legion Hall in Byron, at 116 Walnut Street just a half block north of the light at IL Route 2/Blackhawk Drive and Walnut Street. The fund-

raiser will be on February 24th and begins at 7 PM. Reverend Rik Raven will perform along with Steve Ditzell, and Barstool Bob Leivis and his band. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

There will be great silent auction items and a 50-50 raffle to help raise money to support Bryan. Rik and Bryan both played at the 2011 Byron Crossroads Blues Festival last August and Rik credits Bryan with resuscitating his guitar career many years ago.

Lee headlined BCBF in 2011 to rave reviews. He also worked with Crossroads in June 2011 at a show in Rockford and per-



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formed three sessions for BITs in 2010 along with an evening show.

Bryan is a great bluesman and he and his wife Bethany have been great supporters of Crossroads. See the flyer inside for more information about this event.