

Spread the blues around, say festival organizers

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BIBLE HILL — David DeWolfe wants to paint the town blue this August in preparation for the Dutch Mason Blues Festival.

"It would be really cool if all the storefronts in town actually did some kind of blues display or a tribute to the blues," the festival's artistic director said Wednesday.

"So when tourists come into Truro they know there's an event going on."

But one of the events co-producer's says that shouldn't be a problem.

"The town's blue already, I know that," Jeff Yuill said, referring to the strong Conservative history in the Truro area.

The festival runs from Aug. 8 to 10 at the Truro Raceway. This is the second year the festival has been held in Colchester County following three years in Dartmouth.

The show will include blues, barbecue and bike festivals as it did last year while new additions include a Friday night ambassadors dinner, including different tastes from the south, at the Holiday Inn and a Friday afternoon parade.

The entertainers include Bonnie Raitt, James Cotton, David Wilcox and Hubert Sumlin.

Last year, the festival attracted about

13,000 people during the three-day concert, peaking Saturday at about 8,000. The festival only made about \$500 but making huge profits was never the reason for the event.

"It's all about doing great things in the community," said Yuill. "But we need help... We have huge policing costs, huge security, huge cleanup fees... If everyone gets behind this it can be mega."

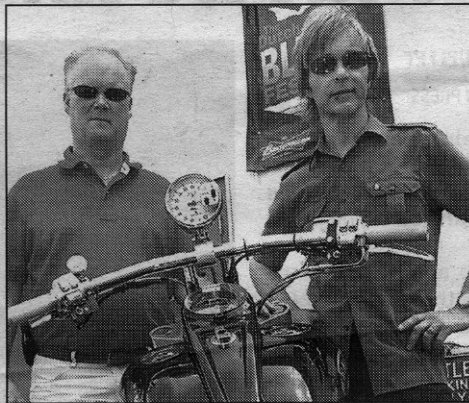
Support can be

financial, in-kind or volunteering.

The festival is receiving national and international exposure through Motorcycle Mojo Magazine, a Bravo documentary as well as videos on YouTube.

Organizers said they have already sold tickets across North America, including to people in Texas, Boston, Rhode Island, British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and even as far away as Russia.

For more information on the festival visit www.dutchmason.com.



Co-producers Jeff Yuill, left, and David DeWolfe held a meet and greet Wednesday for the Dutch Mason Blues Festival. Jason Malloy - Truro Daily News

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