

## “BROTHER T-BONE” TO EMCEE FLATLAND BLUES FESTIVAL

Tony “Brother T-Bone” Hornberger, Dodge City, will be the emcee for the Third Annual Flatland Blues Festival being held June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the County Fair Grasslands and Memorial Park in Russell, KS.

Brother T-Bone, former president of the Western Kansas Blues Society, is the host of “Friday Night Blues” on High Plains Public Radio with studios in Garden City and has emceed Summertime Blues Boogie several years for the WKBS. Hornberger’s full time job is as a gravedigger for the City of Dodge City. He says, “There must be a blues song about that somewhere!”

Hornberger’s first exposure to the blues was in 1980 while living in Houston, TX. He’s been “hooked on the blues” for over twenty-five years and has been a radio host for almost ten years, expanding the programming from two to four hours on HPPR. He regularly attends the W.C. Handy (Blues Music) Awards in Memphis where he accompanies regional bands and has met many of the award winners including the legendary John Lee Hooker.

Brother T-Bone encourages people to come out to the Flatland Blues Festival and give the blues a listen. He says, “The people of the blues are as genuine as the music is and the music is actually pretty basic stuff. Nothing over the top. The song's message is easy to understand since all of us get the blues about something. But I believe that the misconception about the blues is that it's sad music. Not true. The blues can make you happy too.”

Fans of the blues may purchase tickets on-line using PayPal this year by visiting the festival website at [www.flatlandblues.com](http://www.flatlandblues.com) .