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Posting: Local rock bands of the 60's	Posting 1
Poster: John Boudreau	
Date: 30 November 2006 3:47 AM	
A buddy of mine from Willi who also lives in Japan , Ralph Cabit , and I are trying to remember the names of local rock bands of the 60's . Between us we've come up with only The Destructions ; The Twilights ; and Mortician and The Ushers . I know there were a bunch more from Columbia , Coventry and Willimantic . Anybody ? Musicians names you remember would also be cool !	
Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's	Posting 2
Poster: Fred Masterton	
Date: 30 November 2006 8:02 AM	
Stonedhenge, Nostalgic Tuba - both from Mansfield.	
Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's	Posting 3
Poster: John Boudreau	
Date: 30 November 2006 5:21 PM	
Thanks for posting Fred . I don't remember either of those bands , but maybe my buddy Ralph does . I'll ask him . Speaking of Mansfield and Ralph , back around 1965 a guy from Mansfield came over to Ralph's house to play/audition for a band , and he left his microphone stand behind . The guy's name was Peter Thorkelson ...later known as Peter Tork of The Monkees !	
Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's	Posting 4
Poster: John Boudreau	
Date: 30 November 2006 5:25 PM	
BTW , some of the bands I was in : Zeppelin Moored ( before Led Zep came along ) Everlasting Luv ; Rejected Society ; Hope Valley ... We played at Ray's Roller Rink ; UCONN ; Coast Guard Academy ; Stafford Town Hall ....	
Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's	Posting 5
Poster: Mick Seretny	
Date: 2 December 2006 6:01 AM	
John: All I can remember right now is Mike and David Fosters bands, Grey Controversy and Truk. And who could ever forget local recording artists, Skippy Dunham and The Madisons !?	
Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's	Posting 6
Poster: John Boudreau	
Date: 2 December 2006 10:22 PM	
Mick , Thanks for posting ! I knew you'd come up with a name or two . Grey Controversy - yes ! I couldn't recall that one . Who was in that band besides the Fosters ? I'd really appreciate any musicians name you might remember . You remember the Jolly Green Giant ? Lewis was his last name . He had green dyed long hair .	
Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's	Posting 7
Poster: John Boudreau	
Date: 3 December 2006 2:11 AM	
Just heard from Mike Foster . There was a band from Columbia called The Monks with Steve Simpson on guitar and John Kowalski in drums .	
Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's	Posting 8
Poster: Nancy Harrington	
Date: 3 December 2006 10:22 PM	
Mick- remember the Cavemen?	
Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's	Posting 9
Poster: Nancy Harrington	
Date: 3 December 2006 10:42 PM	
Mick, your	

brother says PYAH-PYAH - poppa DION

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's Posting 10  
 Poster: Steve Starger  
 Date: 4 December 2006 5:37 PM

John,

I knew Peter at Windham High in the 50s, until E.O. Smith was built and he did his last two years there. I was in a "psychedelic" band in 1967-68 called NGC-4594, which formed in Storrs and moved to New York the spring before the "Summer of Love." The members were all people I'd met at UConn -- Chas Mirsky on guitar (deceased), David Bliss on piano, Dan Shanok on bass, Minty Collins on flute and mouth harp, and Bob De Vos on drums. David did most of the writing -- brilliant, jazz-rock stuff with "acid" influenced lyrics. We put a single out on Smash Records (a subsidiary of Mercury Records) in 1967.

I remember the Grey Controversy pretty well. Dave Foster's still out there doing it, with the Mohegan All Stars.

Steve S. happy-to-be-alive former rocker

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's Posting 11  
 Poster: John Boudreau  
 Date: 6 December 2006 5:16 PM

The spacey name certainly fits the kind of music you were doing !

I heard from Michael Foster the other day , and he jogged my memory a bit concerning band names and names of local musicians . Mike is still playing . Check him out here :

<http://www.soundclick.com/Avalanche>

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's Posting 12  
 Poster: John Boudreau  
 Date: 7 December 2006 5:59 AM

Steve ,

BTW ...I'd LOVE to hear what you guys were up to back in the 60's ...Have anything on CDR or tape or ?

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's Posting 13  
 Poster: Steve Starger  
 Date: 7 December 2006 2:56 PM

John,

NGC 4594 is actually the name of a galaxy (NGC stands for New Galactic Catalog or something like than. It's the way astronomers catalog new galaxies). Yes, we were doing some pretty spacey music back then. I have a CD of some tunes we did for a demo session for Mercury during the summer of '67. I could probably burn a copy for you. It literally is music from another space and time.

I really don't know Michael Foster but I heard him play a number of times many years ago! He's mighty good! I'll check out the web site.

Steve

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's Posting 14  
 Poster: John Boudreau  
 Date: 8 December 2006 2:39 AM

Steve ,

I knew that ( for some strange reason ;) ...) hence the use of the " spacey " adjective ...haha...

I would LOVE to receive a CDR of some tunes man ... definitely . I have a tape here which I could copy , but I think I'll ask my good buddy Ralph ( guitarist in the band ) - who is also here in Japan - to make a CDR for you . I'll email him now . We did underground covers and a few originals . Just kids with little to no formal musical training ...We learned from the records ! Garage band for sure ! You can email me @

[sonor23@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:sonor23@yahoo.co.jp)

and we can exchange addresses . Cool !

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's Posting 15  
 Poster: Steve Starger  
 Date: 8 December 2006 1:12 PM

John,

Thank you for doing that. I'll e-mail you with my address. Hopefully, the CD I have will be burnable. I had some trouble with it when I first received it but I'll muck around and see what I can do. Speaking of those days, I was also in a horn band called Sunship (the name's a tribute to John Coltrane) in the 70s. We recorded an album on Capitol titled "Into the Sun." The sound is more Chicago than, say Earth, Wind and Fire, but the next version of the band (after the record deal ran its course) dove headlong into funk covers and some originals. We toured the Northeast and Canada and the Maritimes for a couple of years. Great players, lots of fun, glad it's over.

Steve

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's  
 Poster: John Boudreau  
 Date: 8 December 2006 6:48 PM

Posting 16

Steve ,

My buddy says he'll burn you a CDR of the stuff we recorded in a Columbia garage back in 68-69 on our rhythm guitarist's reel to reel deck .

Q : Were any of you guys living in Coventry before you left for NYC ? My pal Ralph :

" I wonder if these guys were living on Coventry Lake. There was a country cottage...some musicians. Ray and I...perhaps Dick...we were getting our first hits of acid there. All I remember is that they were ahead of us. Long hair...Indian garb, beads, incense, mystery... "

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's  
 Poster: Steve Starger  
 Date: 12 December 2006 3:11 PM

Posting 17

John B.,

Re Coventry Lake: If your buddy is talking about the fall of 1967 and winter of '68, that could have been us. We became known in Storrs as "The Tribe." Very weird times. The band had broken up at that point and we were all about to go off in different directions. Here's a link, by the way, to a site about NGC 4594; lots of pix from those days. Maybe you'll recognize somebody.

I just copied your e-mail address and will send you m\y home address. Haven't tested the NGC CD yet but I will.

<http://ngc4594band.blogspot.com/>

Steve S.

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's  
 Poster: Michael Foster  
 Date: 20 May 2007 1:20 AM

Posting 18

Howdy everyone...

Michael Foster here...writing from North Palm Beach, Florida. I found this site and thread through a "google" someone had made from our Soundclick Artist Page. I've read the posts here...and might be able to help a bit with some names.

Jolly Green Giant: That was Carlton Lewis. I was friends with both of his brothers...Bobby Lewis and Doug Lewis (Doug was about five years older than me)...two very cool guys..."trendsetters" back in the day. I don't know what happened with Bobby. I believe Carlton died in the 70's of a drug overdose... (he had a band with a guitarist named "Dobie" can't remember Dobie's last name, but he had a VOX Super Beatle Amp) and Doug died of a cerebral hemorrhage during the early 70's as well (an old injury when he hit a diving board...he was an "All New England Diver" for WHS Swimming Team).

I was actually in "Mortician and The Ushers." Band personnel: Jimmy Clairmont vocals, Chris Malek Lead guitar and Vocals, Wayne Nichols Rhythm guitar and Vocals, Brian Vertifuille Bass, Billy Arsenault Drums, and Michael Foster on keyboards and vocals.

The MONKS...John Kowalski Drums (Hung himself at age 17) Steve Simpson Bass, Billy Hodis Guitar, David Foster Vocals. I can't remember the other guy.

The LANDAUS: Kenny Bedard, Lead Guitar...Mark Marrotte, Rhythm Guitar and Vocals...Buster Bedard, Bass, Roger Harbeck, Drums Mark Foster Vocals.

GOD'S CHILDREN: Mark Foster Vocals...Michael Foster Keyboards and Vocals, Roger Harbeck, Drums...Joey Giordano Lead Guitar...Mark Giordano, Bass.

THE DESTRUCTIONS: Jeff Ziska, Drums...Keith Despathy, Bass...Lenny Bridenstein (sp?) Lead Guitar...Lee McLeod, organ...(possibly replaced by Peter Bartlett on organ...it's all a bit fuzzy" LOL) Suzanne Foster, Vocals.

GREY CONTROVERSY: Jimmy Cavar, Lead Guitar...Don Capetta, Bass...Leo Bergeron, Sax, Guitar, Vocals...Mark Foster, Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Percussion...Gene Melendreras, Drums (Replaced by Tommy Dion about three years into the band's five year life) David Foster, Vocals...Michael Foster, Hammond B-3, Piano, Guitars, Vocals, Vibraphone, Vocals, Musical Director.

A couple of other guys I remember who were pretty serious musicians include Joey Santa Lucia (drums) and Gary Piontek (guitar)...Ralph Cabot, guitar...as well as John Beaudreau (drums) who seems to be a regular here.

I know I'm forgetting a few bands...and people...but it's a start anyway.

AVALANCHE is going strong...I would hope that a few of you take the time to listen to what we are doing these days. We were voted the 2005 ARTIST OF THE YEAR at SongPlanet.com and one our latest tracks was nominated for BEST TRACK OF 2006 at Soundclick...which has over 335,000 bands registered there...and over 2.4 million songs on site. I will be in the Willimantic area all of June to record new music with the band which consists of myself, Mark and Barry Easton and Michael Corsini (Eight To The Bar) at ROUGH CUT STUDIO (Mark and Barry's studio in Eastford). I'll try to stay up on this site from time to time...it's pretty kewl to see all the folks here that I know.

See ya...

Hugs...Mike

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's  
Poster: John Boudreau  
Date: 22 May 2007 8:42 PM

Posting 19

Mike ,

Great to see you here man ! And thanks for all those names .

I was in band once ( 1966 ) with Mark Sauve who lived right next door to Jeff Ziska so I knew The Destructions quite well . He had a couple of dynamite looking sisters ! Hehe...Lenny used to teach guitar at the NE Institute of Music on Railroad Street . The singer's name was Paul Pashishnik ( sp. ? ) . A good looking guy whom the girls used to swoon over .

Remember class day 1970 ? You , Ralph , Gary Piontek , Brian Vertefeuille ( sp ? ) and John Kowalski and I on dual drum sets ?

BTW . John Kowalski couldn't have been 17 as I was 18 in 1970 when he committed suicide and I believe he was a year older than I ( didn't he repeat a grade ? ) .

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's  
Poster: Michael Foster  
Date: 26 May 2007 11:12 AM

Posting 20

Hi John...

Well you may be right.

I don't claim to have a perfect memory. But I was pretty good friends with John...and if he did play Class Day with us (I don't remember too much about that day LOL) he died shortly afterwards. I didn't remember him graduating at all. At the oldest...he was 18 when he hung himself in his Dad's barn in Columbia. I remember he had a 1969 Maroon Plymouth GTX 440 that I remember being in...when he was driving 140 MPH on Route 87 in Columbia. I was totally freaked being in the car. He had a "death wish" for sure.

Paul Pashishnik...yep...I forgot about him, too. He was a quite the character back then.

Cya...

Mike

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's  
Poster: John Boudreau  
Date: 27 May 2007 11:33 PM

Posting 21

I'll bet you rememeber Jeff Ziska's sisters ! LOL !

One was a brunette and the other dirty blonde and they were movie star gorgeous . I believe they were his step-sisters . Come to think of it , Mark Sauve's sister Gail wasn't too shabby either !

Didn't Jimmy Cavar play with The Twilights ?

There was also a band from Coventry that were quite popular . Was it Tommy Day and the ===== ? Anybody remember ?

Posting: Re: Local rock bands of the 60's  
Poster: John Boudreau  
Date: 28 May 2007 6:52 AM

Posting 22

Mick Seretney - thanks for the info man . Tommy Dae and The High Tensions ! And let's not forget the Tensionettes ! LOL !